

FOR THIRD GRADERS**WORDS THAT DESCRIBE ***

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THIS *carretela* driver is not kind to his horse. He does not give him enough grass to eat or enough water to drink. Neither does he give him enough rest.

He strikes his horse with a heavy whip if he does not move fast enough, or if he cannot pull a big load.

Sometimes his horse falls down in the street. Then the cruel driver beats him with the whip and tries to make him get up.

The poor horse always does his best, and tries to do what his master wishes. But he is weak from lack of good food and rest. So he cannot always work well.



RAMON likes to see his toy bank grow heavier and heavier. He is a thrifty boy. Every day he drops a coin in it.

Whenever he receives some money from his father or mother, he does not spend it all. He puts a part of it into his bank.

He is learning to save his money. This is a good habit for a boy to learn.

When Ramon becomes a man he will not spend his money foolishly. Perhaps he will be a rich man.

* Read each story; then make a list of the words which describe.

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ONE day two small boys, Juan and Pedro, were playing in their yard. Pedro picked up a stone and threw it at Juan.

The stone missed Juan and struck the window glass of their neighbor's house. The glass was broken.

Pedro was an honest boy. At once he went to their neighbor's house and told what he had done.

"You are a good boy," said the owner of the house. "You need not pay for the window. It was an old window which I was going to replace."



MARIA is a helpful girl. She always sweeps the floor of her home. That helps her busy mother.

She takes care of her baby sister, too. Little sister likes Maria.

Maria has learned to do other useful things. She often washes the dirty dishes for her mother. She can cook a few simple dishes, and sometimes she prepares a meal.

She has learned to sew and to mend torn clothing. She often does the mending for her tired mother.

Maria is only ten years old. Her mother is proud of her, for she is learning to become a useful girl.

"Mother's helper" is what her father and mother call her.

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