

Speedy Vocabulary Answer Key

Passage 1: The Hidden Cave

1. narrow → D. Thin or tight in width
2. spacious → A. Wide and open
3. damp → C. Slightly wet or moist
4. awe → B. A feeling of wonder or amazement

Passage 2: The Busy Market

1. vibrant → A. Full of energy and color
2. crowded → B. Filled with too many people or things
3. savory → C. Having a salty or spicy flavor instead of sweet

Teacher's Guide & Notes

- **Purpose:** This activity blends **fluency practice** with **vocabulary development**. Students improve speed and accuracy in reading while also deepening their understanding of descriptive words.
- **Implementation:**
 1. Time students for **1-minute reading** of the passage.
 2. Immediately direct them to complete the **Vocabulary Match** in under a minute.
 3. Reinforce fluency with **expression**; highlight how bolded vocabulary can change tone or meaning in the passage.
- **Differentiation:**
 - Struggling readers: read the passage once together as a class, then repeat individually.
 - Advanced readers: write their own sentence using one of the matched vocabulary words.
- **Extension Idea:** Collect all bolded words from the week's passages to build a **classroom word wall** or mini-dictionary.