

Name _____

Story Word Hunt Answer Key

Target word appearances:

- **happy** - 2 times
- **blue** - 2 times
- **friend** - 2 times
- **play** - 2 times

Counting questions:

1. **happy** - 2
2. **blue** - 2

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill focus:**
 - Builds **sight word recognition** and early **vocabulary awareness** in connected text.
 - Strengthens **tracking print** and careful reading of a short, simple passage.
- **Before the activity:**
 - Preview the **Target Words** on the board. Read each word and use it in a quick, oral sentence.
 - Point out that students are going on a "word hunt" to find these words hiding in the story.
- **During the activity (differentiation and support):**
 - For emerging readers, read the story aloud once, then again more slowly as students follow with their fingers.
 - Allow some students to highlight or underline the **Target Words** in the list before they begin hunting in the passage.