

AN EFFECTIVE LINCING STORY

An effective LINCing Story is short and simple and helps you take advantage of what you already know by associating the meaning of the Reminding Word with the meaning of the new word.

An Effective LINCing Story

ALWAYS

- Includes the Reminding Word or some form of the Reminding Word.
- Links the Reminding Word to the meaning of the new word.
- Is short and simple.

SOMETIMES

- Includes *both* the Reminding Word and the new word.
- Is funny and/or bizzare.

NEVER

- Includes only the new word.
- Is so complex that it takes a lot of mental energy to remember it.
- Is long like a paragraph.
- Includes words you don't understand.

EXAMPLES

FLOURITE: a purple mineral used to make steel hard. Reminding Word: FLOOR.
LINCing Story: "My knee turned purple when it hit the hard, steel floor." *(Story helps you think of steel and the color purple.)*

DECREE: to make a decision and force it on others. Reminding Word: DECIDE.
LINCing Story: "The dictator decided to force everyone to pay higher taxes." *(Story helps you think of a decision being forced on others.)*

SHIVAREE: a noisy song sung to a newly married couple. Reminding word: SHIVER.
LINCing Story: "The married couple shivered when the guests sang the shivaree outside their window." *(Story reminds you of both a song and a married couple.)*

NONEXAMPLES

FLOURITE: a purple mineral used to make steel hard. Reminding Word: FLOOR.
LINCing Story: "The floor was messy." *(Story does not help you think of steel or the color purple.)*

DECREE: to make a decision and force it on others. Reminding Word: DECIDE.
LINCing Story: "He decided to go to town." *(Story does not help you think of forcing a decision on others.)*

SHIVAREE: a noisy song sung to a newly married couple. Reminding word: SHIVER.
LINCing Story: "They shivered at the shivaree." *(Story does not help you think about a song or a married couple.)*