

**HW Wonder: Vocabulary 2** (Pages 100 – 216)

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Use context clues in the sentences provided to determine the meaning of the vocabulary words. (You may use a dictionary, if needed.)  
Then use the word – correctly – in your own sentence.

Vocabulary	Context: Quote from the Story	Meaning	Application: Use the word in your own sentence
valid	<i>"Although I think hitting a child would be <b>valid</b> grounds for expulsion in other schools, I agree such extreme measures aren't warranted here."</i>		
ensure	<i>"We have known the Will family since our boys were in kindergarten, and are confident that every measure will be taken to <b>ensure</b> this doesn't happen again."</i>		
retrospect	<i>"In <b>retrospect</b>, and having now seen the child in question at various school functions and in the class pictures, I think it may have been too much to ask of our children to be able to process all that."</i>		
transition	<i>"We think the <b>transition</b> to middle school is hard enough without having to place greater burdens or hardships on these young, impressionable minds."</i>		
stringent	<i>"At the very least, I am somewhat troubled that this child was not held to the <b>stringent</b> application standards (i.e. interview) that the rest of the incoming middle-school students were."</i>		
resolute	<i>"Please know we have asked Jack if he felt any undue pressure about any of this, and the answer was a <b>resolute</b> 'no.'"</i>		
pathetic	<i>"This lie was so <b>pathetic</b> that people were actually laughing about him behind his back."</i>		
taciturn	<i>"You're moody and <b>taciturn</b> and secretive."</i>		