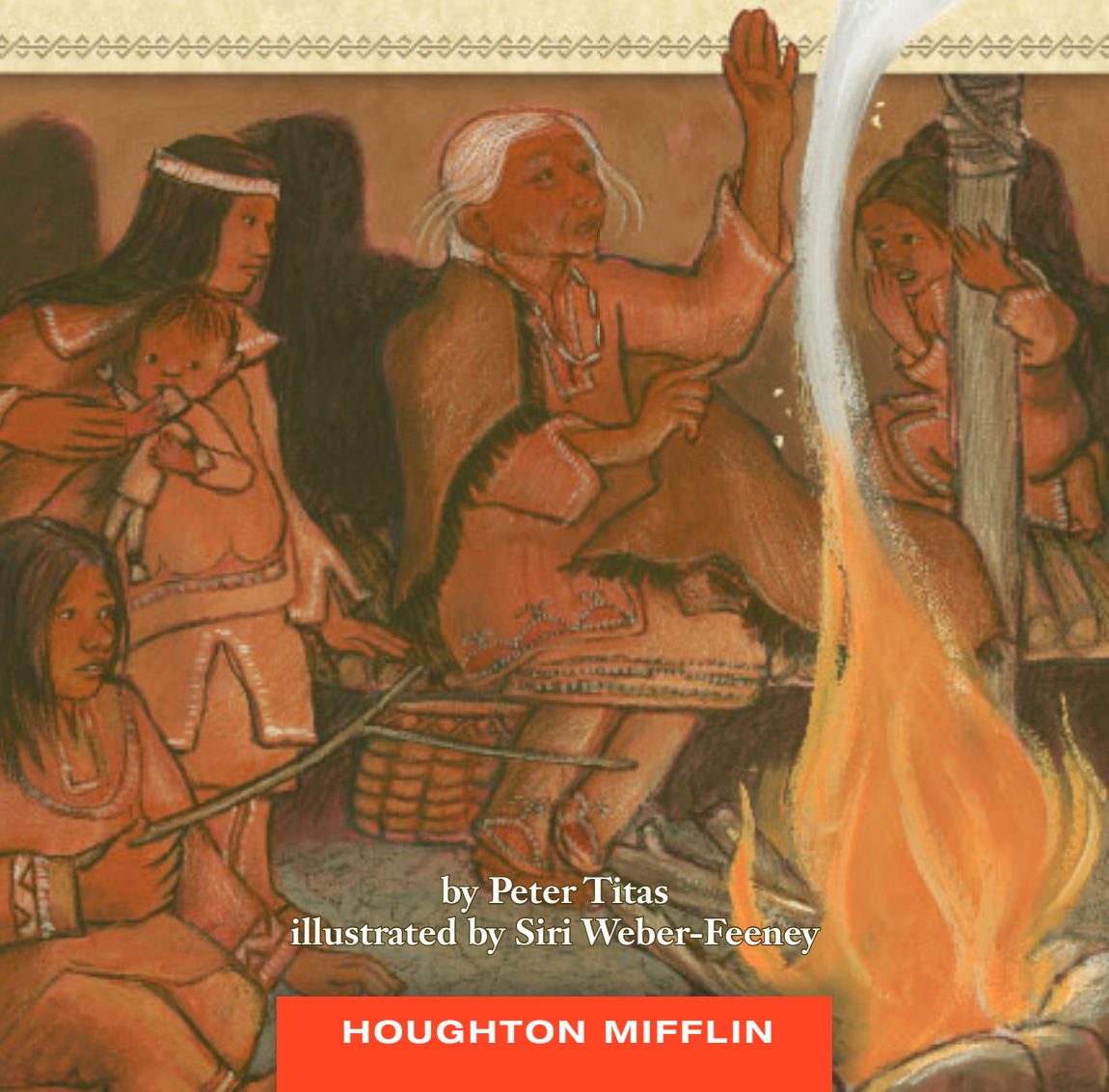
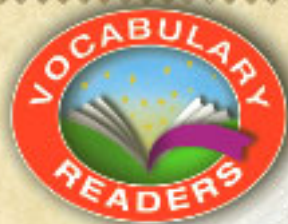


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▶ Native American people have many stories.

▶ Some of the stories have been told over and over.

The old stories are still told today.

They are called folktales.



- Some folktales were first told around a campfire.
- Smoke from the fire curled up in the direction of the sky as people listened to the stories.



- ▶ Folktales can teach a lesson. Some folktales teach that it's wrong to **brag** and **tease**.
- ▶ In one folktale, a bear brags, and a squirrel teases him.



- ▶ The bear gets angry, chases the squirrel, and claws his back.
- ▶ The claw marks on the squirrel **heal**, but they leave stripes. From then on, the squirrel is known as a chipmunk.



- ▶ Other folktales tell how to solve problems.
- ▶ In one folktale, Mole builds such a big hill that animals cannot get to the pond to drink. Fox tells Mole that she must move her hill.



🔊 Instead, Mole makes her hill so big that it can't be moved.

🔊 Fox then asks Mole to dig a tunnel through the hill.

This will make a path toward the pond so the animals can drink.

Mole digs the tunnel and keeps her hill.



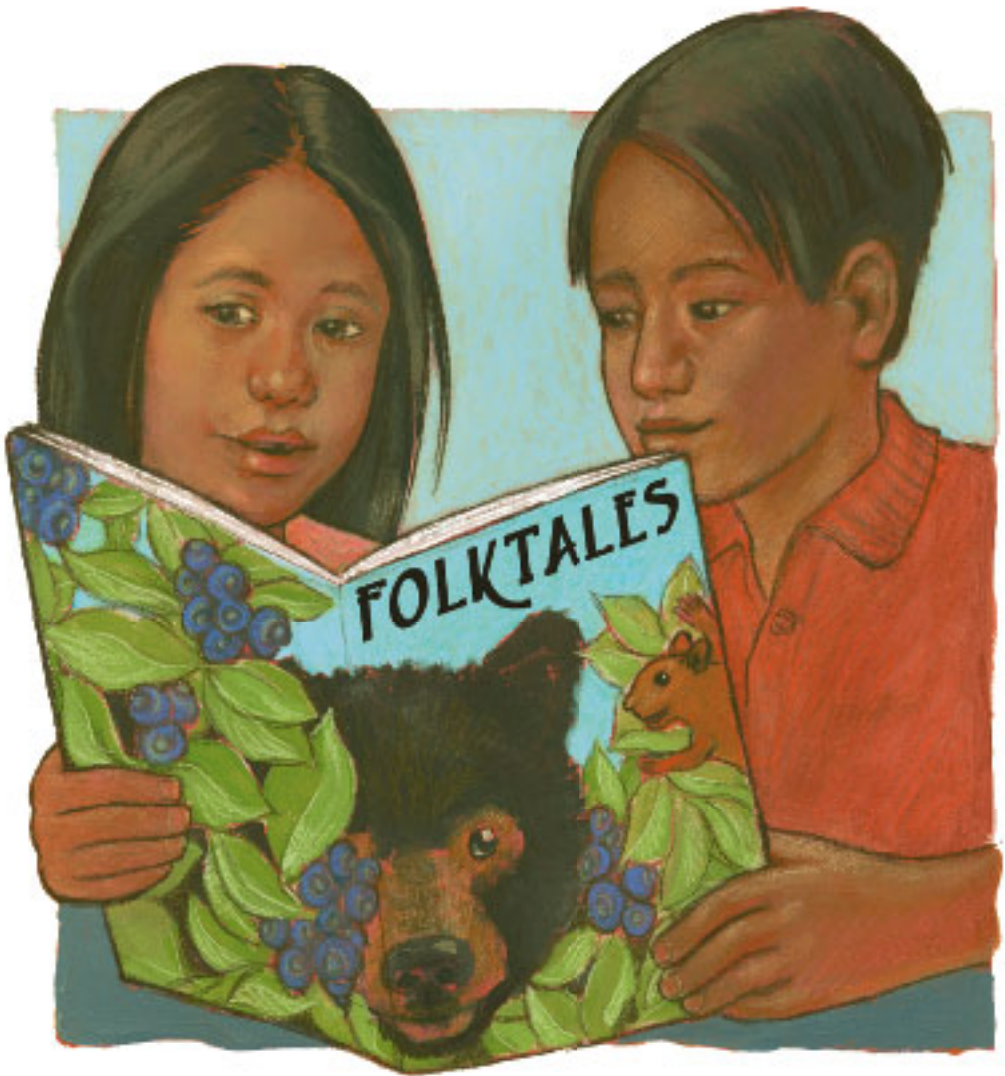
- ▶ Another Native American folktale tells about a smart coyote.
- ▶ Coyote feels sorry for people because they are so cold. They have no way to warm themselves.



- ▶ So Coyote steals fire from the Fire Beings.
- ▶ He brings fire down from the heights of a mountain. Then he gives it to the people, and they use it to keep warm.



▶ People still like reading and listening to stories.
Sharing folktales is fun!

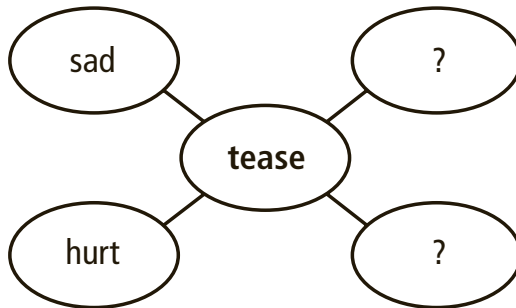


Responding



TARGET VOCABULARY **Word Builder**

What words describe how people feel when they are **teased**? Make a word web around the word **tease**. Copy this word web and add more words.



Write About It

Text to World Some folktales show that teasing hurts people's feelings. Write a few sentences about how people feel when they are teased. Use one or two words from the Word Builder.



TARGET VOCABULARY

brag

curled

direction

healed

height

tease

toward

tunnel



TARGET STRATEGY

Summarize Stop to tell important ideas as you read.



Which vocabulary word describes north, south, east, and west?

Level: J

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Summarize

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2.2.9 Build Vocabulary

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