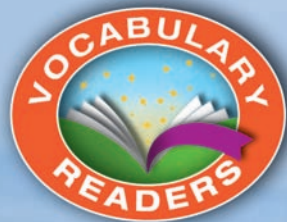


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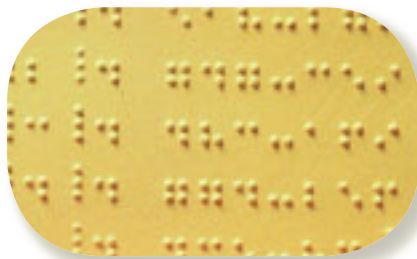
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Some people need help  
to see and hear.

It may be hard for them to hear  
or hard for them to see.  
But special tools help them.



Some people are born deaf or blind. Other people may get sick, and the **illness** hurts their eyes or ears.



- ▶ This boy cannot see, so he uses a special cane.
- ▶ He hears the **motion** of the cars, so he stops.
- ▶ When the cars stop, the boy can cross the street. He uses the cane to stay safe.



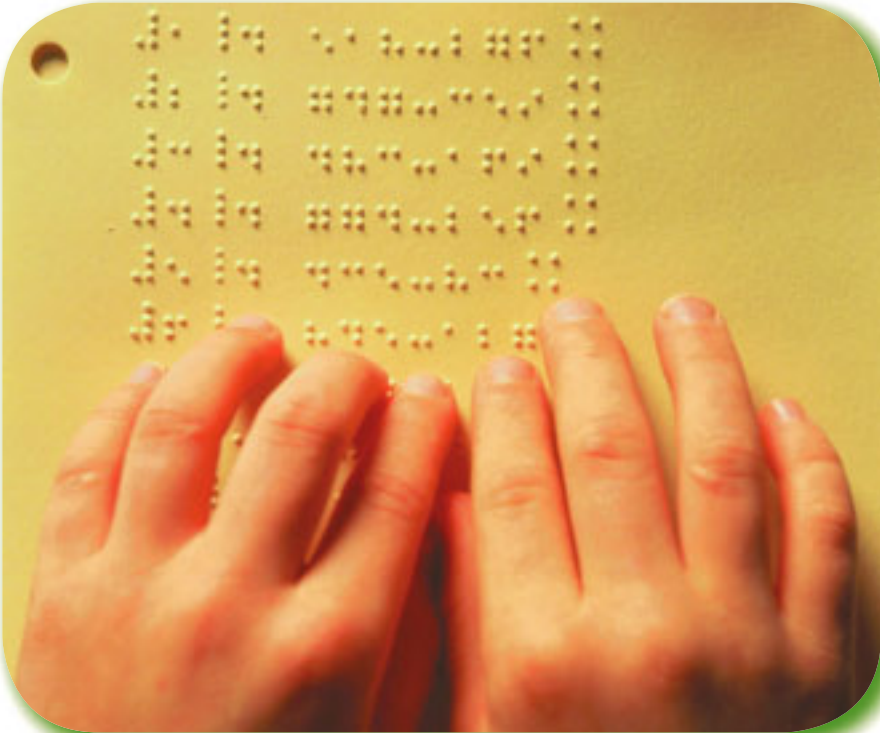
- ▶ This girl cannot see, so she uses a special dog.
- ▶ The dog stops at the crosswalk. When the cars stop, the girl can cross the street.
- ▶ She may give the dog a treat for his good **behavior**. She uses her dog to stay safe.



- ▶ This boy cannot see, so he uses a special way to read.
- ▶ He moves his fingers over dots on a page.
- ▶ He uses his **knowledge** to read the special dots.



- ▶ These special dots are called Braille.  
The dots are bumps.
- ▶ Each letter is made of dots.  
And each word is made of letters.
- ▶ Blind people read the letters  
by feeling them.





- ▶ This girl cannot hear.  
She uses her hands  
to make letters and words.
- ▶ She watches other people  
talk with their hands.
- ▶ She **imitates** new words to  
learn them.



- ▶ People who cannot hear have a special way to watch TV.
- ▶ There are words on their TV. When they are **curious**, they can read the words.



- Some people use special tools to help them see or hear.
- Thanks to these tools, they do not live in darkness and silence.



# Responding



## TARGET VOCABULARY **Word Builder**

The suffix *-ness* at the end of words usually means “being \_\_\_\_\_,” as in **darkness** or “being dark.” Copy the chart. Add words ending in *-ness* and their meanings.

Word	Meaning
darkness ?	being dark ?



## **Write About It**

**Text to text** This book is about people who cannot hear or cannot see. Think of another book about a person who cannot see. Write a few sentences about that person.



### TARGET VOCABULARY

behavior  
curious  
darkness  
illness

imitated  
knowledge  
motion  
silence



### TARGET STRATEGY

**Summarize** Stop to tell important ideas as you read.



Which word is sometimes used to describe a monkey?

**Level:** J

**DRA:** 18

**Science**

**Strategy:**

Summarize

**Word Count:** 266

## 2.3.14 Build Vocabulary

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