



## ***Berry and The Shadow Dweller* Vocabulary**

Repetition in reading storybooks often leads to children acquiring new vocabulary by cementing the vocabulary in the child’s memory.

This Bug Club book contains curriculum-linked vocabulary drawn from a specific subject area. Children will become familiar with new words that they may not be able to read independently through engaging with a story that they love. This book contains the following set of Geography vocabulary:

<b>Word</b>	<b>Child-friendly definition</b>
valley	A valley is a low area of land between mountains and hills.
source (of a river)	The source of a river is where the river starts. The water might come from snow and ice melting in the mountains, or a lake or an underground stream coming to the surface.
bank (of a river)	A river’s bank is its side or edge. Sometimes it is high and steep, and sometimes it is low and sloping.
waterfall	A waterfall is a place where water from a river or stream falls down a cliff face or steep mountainside. The water is sometimes very powerful and can be dangerous.
current (of a river)	A current is a flow of water. In a river, this is always in one direction. In the sea, it is back and forth with the tide.
mouth (of a river)	The mouth of a river is where the river finishes and the water goes into another river, the sea or a lake.
meanders	If something meanders, it follows a winding path rather than travelling in a straight line. Rivers and people can both meander.
channel (of a river)	A river channel is the dip in the earth that a river flows along. The shape of the channel decides where the river will flow.
tributary	A tributary is a stream or small river that flows into a larger river or lake.
bed (of a river)	A river’s bed (or ‘riverbed’) is the ground underneath a river.

	Sometimes a river may have dried up, leaving the bed just as hard mud.
floods	A flood happens when there is too much water (because it has rained very heavily) and the water escapes from rivers, ponds or lakes. The sea level could also rise to cause a flood. In a serious flood, water might flow onto roads and into houses, and cause a lot of damage.
spring (water spring)	A spring is a place where water flows naturally out of the ground.

Have short discussions with your child as you encounter the curriculum-linked vocabulary about the meaning of the word and how the word is used in the story. Try and link the word back to an experience or something familiar for example, floods, *do you remember when we saw the floods being reported on the TV a little while ago?*