

# The Last Word

## All Mixed Up

Michelle was reading *Come Out and Play, Little Mouse* by Robert Kraus (Mulberry Books). She read, “My big brother’s (pause) bus-ee” and stopped, knowing it didn’t make sense. I praised her for trying the sounds and asked what would make sense. She easily read *busy*. Then she said, “The u says /i/, the s says /z/, and the y says /e/. It’s all mixed up except for the b!”

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## Avoiding Confusion

I was doing the C.A.P. assessment with my student, and he thought *Stones* was hilarious. He was chuckling and saying how the book was mixed up. Then he burst out with, “I want to take this book home! Everybody will be confused!!”

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## Same But Different

One of my students lives with his grandparents. He is a precious, quiet little boy. One day, he was telling me about helping his grandfather paint the outside of their house, and he wrote the story in his journal. The next day, I said, “Levi, did you guys finish painting your house?” He replied, “Yeah, but Granddad said he needs to put on another jacket.”

Anonymous

WRITING VOCABULARY OBSERVATION SHEET

Date: 8/23/13

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ TEST SCORE: 10

Recorder: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ STANINE GROUP: 4

(Fold heading under before child uses sheet)

car + eh  
I a m a m d a d y e s  
m a r i e c l a y  
c a r w y a t t  
A a d  
N o c a n s e e

## The Importance of Marie Clay

Some students write the names of their siblings or their pets during the Writing Vocabulary task, but not this one! Looks like Carter was thinking about Marie Clay during the 10-minute Observation Survey test to write as many known words as possible.

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