School Wide Vocabulary from Charlie Bumpers vs The Teacher of the Year

Chapter 1 panicked

Definition: to cause a person to feel extreme fear

I panicked and started shoving stuff under my bed.

Chapter 2 pronounce

Definition: to make the sound of a word or letter with your voice

Everyone calls her Mrs. L because her last name is so hard to pronounce.

Chapter 3 miraculously

Definition: very wonderful or amazing like a miracle

I pulled out the shoebox and opened the lid a crack, hoping that maybe the clerk had been wrong and had miraculously found a black pair in my size.

Chapter 4 queasy

Definition: having a sick feeling in the stomach

I woke up on the first day of school feeling queasy.

Chapter 5 gawking

Definition: to stare at someone or something in a rude or stupid way

I wondered if I was going to have to throw one at him to make him stop gawking at them.

Chapter 6 buenos dias

Definition: "Good morning"; a greeting in Spanish

"Buenos dias", Samantha said in a loud voice, so everyone could hear how smart she was.

Chapter 7 hoarse

Definition: having a harsh or rough sound or voice

"Charlie! Charlie!" he shouted in a hoarse voice.

Chapter 8 moldy

Definition: covered with mold- a soft substance that grows on the surface of damp or rotting things

Once I said, "Today the entire third grade threw up from eating moldy chicken fingers."

Chapter 9 blurt

Definition: say something suddenly and without thought

Why does he always blurt out stuff without thinking?

Chapter 10 superintendent

Definition: a person who directs or manages a place, department or organization

The superintendent was like the king of all the schools!

Chapter 11 catastrophe

Definition: a terrible disaster

As soon as we sat down for dinner, she blurted out the whole story of my hallway catastrophe.

Chapter 12 grumbled

Definition: to complain quietly about something

"I don't see why he's racing, too." grumbled Darren.

Chapter 13 cocoon

Definition: a covering usually made of silk which some insects make around themselves to protect them as they grow.

Alex had wrapped him up in toilet paper like a cocoon and Hector was still pulling it off his arms and legs.

Chapter 14 judgement

Definition: the ability to make good decisions about what should be done.

"You've got to use better judgement", he went on saying.

Chapter 15 whooping

Definition: a loud enthusiastic shout

Soon everyone on the playground was whooping and shrieking and pointing at my shoe on the roof.