

**The Velveteen Rabbit**  
**By Margery Williams**

**Summary:** The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams is a classic tale of a child's love for a toy. Popular for generations, it's a great Christmas read that can easily be enjoyed at other times of year.

**Vocabulary:**

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| splendid   | snubbed    | insignificant | sateen   | mechanical |
| succession | rustling   | referring     | swagger  | parcels    |
| disabled   | shabby     | expression    | clasped  | hustle     |
| brigands   | bracken    | evidently     | thicket  | disinfect  |
| rubbish    | threadbare | fronds        | familiar |            |

**Before Reading Activities:**

1. Distribute a student glossary prepared from the unit's vocabulary words and meanings.
2. Call on individual students one at a time to contribute oral sentences demonstrating their knowledge and comprehension of the chosen vocabulary term.
3. Create one set of large index cards with the individual terms printed on them. Create another set featuring the companion definitions. Place the word cards in a column on the left side of board in random order. Do the same on the right side of the board with the definition cards.
4. Using the glossary resources as a reference, work together as a class to properly pair the sets of vocabulary cards.
5. Discuss any ideas the students may have about possible predictions of story events, characters and elements.
6. Assign buddy reading of the story.

**After Reading Activities:**

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