

OUR WORDS BEAR WEIGHT

You may find that our words and our stories bear weight

It is true - and intentionally so

For the Mind is a Muscle - and when challenged to lift

That muscle will naturally grow

As a boy I consumed "Reader's Digest" magazines

The Anecdotes and Stories were fun

My Grandma subscribed - she saved them for me

And I thoroughly devoured every one

"Increase Your Word Power" was my favorite spot

These words were oft over my head

I challenged myself to read through each one

Perusing them right before bed

Uncommon words precisely defined

Explained and then readied for use

But one should take care when employing such words

Lest their use should become an abuse

If one makes a habit of using "big words"

To impress to embarrass or demean

One may develop a fool's confidence

And be labeled thereafter as mean

Our words and our syntax define who we are

And we're judged by what others may hear

As we have the choice of which word to use

We can choose to be pompous or clear

When our stories contain an uncommon word

Its concept is often required

And we try to include a definition for each

With a meaning that we have acquired

When the kids see a word - unfamiliar to them
Look for the notes we have written
Or teach them to look up the word on their own
And hope through the process their smitten

Smitten with a love for the language
Challenged to learn and to grow
Curious and confident to try something new
And excited to expand what they know

rhymezone.com is a tool one may try
For Definitions, for Synonyms, for Rhymes
Type in your word and the category required
It works for me most of the time

As our children will encounter many trials in life
Our purpose is to help them to "reach"
Our stories are fun - they will entertain
But more so - we hope they will teach

Many of our stories have questions attached
If not you can make up your own
We hope you will share your insights with us
And relate how your family has grown

We could have recorded our stories
But prefer that you read them out loud
Let your voice ring in your kid's memories
Instead of a voice from the "cloud"

For if we can inspire - one family - one child
We have the obligation to try
To unlock potential beyond simple norms
And to help them to reach for the sky



"REACH": To extend as far as - to gain with effort