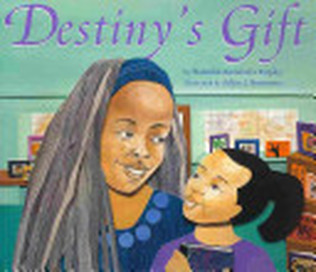
Destiny’s Gift

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**Summary:** Destiny loves words and her favorite place in the world is Mrs. Wade's bookstore. On Saturdays, Destiny helps Mrs. Wade at the store and at the end of the day they relax together, drinking tea and reading. One Saturday, Mrs. Wade does not seem her usual self and Destiny learns that the bookshop is about to close. Destiny is determinednot to let this happen. As she rallies the community to help keep the store open, she also creates an imaginative journal for Mrs. Wade that captures the warmth and special magic of the store forever.

**Vocabulary Words**

1. block: the section of the street between two other streets

2. spreading: stretching something out

3. raise: to collect

4. figure: to work out by thinking

5. contacted: got in touch with someone

6. customers: people who buy something at a store

7. afford: to be able to pay

8. earn: to get something by working

**Spelling Words**

1. lay

2. real

3.trail

4. sweet

5. today

6. dream

7. seem

8.tea

9. treat

10. afraid

11. leave

12. bait

13.screen

14.speed

15.paint

16. please

17. yesterday

18. explain

19. raise

20. earn

**Learning Links:**

[**http://www.spellingcity.com/MsShipton/**](https://www.spellingcity.com/MsShipton/)

**Genre**

Realistic fiction

**Target Skill**

Understanding characters

**Target Strategy**

Analyze/evaluate

**Vocabulary Strategy**

Antonyms

**Fluency**

Reading rate

**Phonics**

Common vowel pairs

*ai, ay, ee, ea*

**Essential Question:**

Why is volunteering good for a community and its people?