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Haas the Great Blue Heron Vocabulary

A Guide for Students and Educators

Rigorous vocabulary can be learned within the context of this story both during the read and in follow up classroom conversations. Even the youngest learner enjoys learning new words in a story such as this.

Aquatic birds	Birds that live on or near water.
Allantois	The thin layer within the shell.
Adventures	An exciting experience, especially exploring.
Bird	A warm-blooded, egg laying bird having feathers, wings, & can usually fly.
Boring	Not interesting or exciting.
Brilliant	Full of light, shining, or bright in color.
Chick	A word referring to a baby heron.
Clutch	The group of eggs in the nest.
Common Tern	This bird has long narrow wings, with a long slender bill. They are pale gray with a black cap.
Cove	A small, sheltered bay.
Egg Tooth	A special tooth near the end of the bill that helps the chick crack open its egg.
Embryo	The developing chick inside the egg.
Enormous	Very large in size.
Great Blue Heron	A large wading bird in the heron family.
Habitat	The natural home for a plant or animal.
Hatch	To emerge from the egg.
Migration	Flies south until finding open unfrozen water and food.

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Mighty	Being very large in size, quantity or having great power.
St. Lawrence River	A large river in North America connecting the great Lakes with the Atlantic Ocean.
Webbed Feet	A foot with toes connected by skin that helps with swimming and walking on soft wet ground.

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