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Word Wizard: You are ready to bring out the magic in the author's words. You'll be searching for new, interesting, strange, puzzling, or unfamiliar words. You should jot down such words while reading; then look them up in the dictionary. In the group, you'll help the members find and discuss these words. You might even ask them what they think the meaning is!

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