

# Vocabulary Words

## Unit 4 Week 3



Exploding Ants  
by Joanne Settel

Vocabulary Word	Meaning
critical	being important to the outcome of a situation
enables	gives ability, power, or means to: makes able
mucus	a slimy substance produced in the nose and throat to moisten and protect them
scarce	hard to get; rare
specialize	to develop in a special way
sterile	free from germs