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This is **skims**.

Describe **skims**:

This is a **dragonfly**.

Describe **dragonfly**:
This is a **gnat.**

Describe **gnat:**

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This is a **mosquito.**

Describe **mosquito:**

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This is **blur.**

Describe **blur:**
“Dragonfly” Vocabulary Snapshots - continued

This is **flicker**.

Describe **flicker**:

This are **flies**.

Describe **flies**:

These are **outspread** wings.

Describe **outspread**:
“Dragonfly” Vocabulary Snapshots - continued

This is a **dock**.

Describe **dock**:

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This is a **stained-glass window**.

Describe **stained-glass window**:
“Dragonfly” Vocabulary Snapshots - continued

This is a pond. (A)

Describe pond:

This is a pond. (B)

Describe pond:
Dragonfly
By Georgia Heard

It skims the pond’s surface,
Searching for gnats, mosquitoes, and flies.
Outspread wings blur with speed.

It touches down
And stops to sun itself on the dock.

Wings flicker and still:
Stained-glass windows
With sun shining through.
Vocabulary Snapshots

Sparklers

by

Mark Vinz

This is a **sparkler**.

Describe **sparkler**:  

This is **twirling**.

Describe **twirling**:  

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“Sparklers” Vocabulary Snapshots - continued

These are loops.  
Describe loops:

These are grownups.  
Describe grownups:

These are lawn chairs.  
Describe lawn chairs:
“Sparklers” Vocabulary Snapshots – continued

This is a glow.

Describe glow:

These are bare feet.

Describe bare feet:
This is **slippery grass**.

Describe **slippery grass**:

This is a **porch light**.

Describe **porch light**:
“Sparklers” Vocabulary Snapshots – continued

This is **Independence Day**.

Describe **Independence Day**: 
Sparklers
By Mark Vinz

Twirling our frantic loops and circles,
We cried out look! to the grownups
Watching from their lawn chairs,
Afraid they’d somehow miss the
Giddy slash of every turn and leap
Until the last glow died and we went back,
Warned each time about burnt hands
And bare feet flying in slippery grass.
Again! We shouted, and ran as far
Beyond the porch light as we dared,
For this was Independence Day
And we were too busy to listen,
Writing our names in thin air.
Vocabulary Snapshots

clothesline

by

Ralph Fletcher

This is a clothesline.

Describe clothesline:

This is an orange towel.

Describe orange towel:
“clothesline” Vocabulary Snapshots - continued

This is **pinned**.

Describe **pinned**:

This is a **breeze**.

Describe **breeze**:

This is **puff up**.

Describe **puff up**:
This is the wind lifting.

Describe wind lifting:

This is horizontal.

Describe horizontal:
clothesline
By Ralph Fletcher

There’s an orange towel and two white t-shirts pinned at the waist all trying to dry themselves in the breeze.

Filled with air the two t-shirts puff up with sudden bodies real and muscular which vanish when then wind dies.

The wind lifts the towel until it lies horizontal as if trying to screw up the nerve to let go and fly
Vocabulary Snapshots

kitten
by
Valerie Worth

This is a **kitten**.

Describe **kitten**:

This is **arched stiff**.

Describe **arched stiff**:
“kitten” Vocabulary Snapshots - continued

This is **leaps**.

Describe **leaps**:

This is **pounces**.

Describe **pounces**:

This is **nose level**.

Describe **nose level**:
“kitten” Vocabulary Snapshots - continued

These are **hind legs**.

Describe **hind legs**:

This is **cactus clawed**.

Describe **cactus clawed**:
kitten
By Valerie Worth

The black kitten,
Arched stiff,
Dances sidewise
From behind
The chair, leaps,
Tears away with
Ears back, spins,
Lands crouched
Flat on the floor,
Sighting something
At nose level,
Her eyes round
As oranges, her
Hind legs marking
Time: then she
Pounces, cactus-
Clawed, upon
A strayed
Strand of fluff:
Can anyone
Believe that she
Doesn’t ask us
To laugh?
Vocabulary Snapshots

hose
by
Valerie Worth

This is a **hose**.

Describe **hose**:

This is **squeeze water**.

Describe **squeeze water**:
“hose” Vocabulary Snapshots - continued

This is a **silver rod**.

Describe **silver rod**:

This is **mud**.

Describe **mud**:

This is a **diamond chain**.

Describe **diamond chain**:
This is a **rainbow**.

Describe **rainbow**:
hose
By Valerie Worth

The hose
Can squeeze
Water to
A silver rod
That digs
Hard holes
In the mud,

Or, muzzled
Tighter by
The nozzle,
Can rain
Chill diamond
Chains
Across the yard,
Or, fanned
Out fine,
Can hang
A silk
Rainbow
Halo
Over soft fog.
This is **raining**.

Describe **raining**:

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This is a **drop in a puddle**.

Describe **drop in a puddle**:
“A Writing Kind of Day” Vocabulary Snapshots - continued

These are **tiny circles**.

Describe **tiny circles**:

These are **ripples**.

Describe **ripples**:
A Writing Kind of Day
By Ralph Fletcher

It is raining today,
a writing kind of day.

Each word hits the page
like a drop in a puddle,
creating a tiny circle

of trembling feeling

that ripples out
and gathers strength
ringing toward the stars