

# The Wind in the Willows

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Kenneth Grahame's gentle classic follows the misadventures of Mole, Rat, Badger, and the boastful Mr. Toad along an idyllic English riverbank, celebrating friendship and the pleasures of nature.

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## Power Words

#	WORD	DEFINITION
1	<b>swaggering</b>	verb 1 to walk or move in a proud or arrogant manner; strut; 2 to be loud and conceited; boast; brag.   <i>"Toad went swaggering through the village in his motoring coat, tipping his cap to everyone he passed."</i>
1	<b>adventurous</b>	adj. willing to take risks or try new things.   <i>"Mole had never felt adventurous before the river, yet now he could not imagine returning to his dark hole."</i>
1	<b>boastfully</b>	adv. 1 inclined to brag; 2 exhibiting selfimportance   <i>"Toad spoke boastfully of his driving skills even as the magistrate read out the lengthy list of charges."</i>
1	<b>companionable</b>	adj. friendly and sociable; suitable for companionship.   <i>"They walked in companionable silence along the frost-edged path, needing no words to feel perfectly understood."</i>
1	<b>contentedly</b>	adv. accepting one's situation or life with equanimity and satisfaction   <i>"Mole sat contentedly beside Rat, watching the water voles and deciding he had never been so perfectly happy."</i>
1	<b>hospitable</b>	adj. welcoming guests and being friendly.   <i>"Badger's underground home was wonderfully hospitable, its long warm passages lined with larders and comfortable armchairs."</i>
1	<b>impetuous</b>	adj. acting quickly without thinking carefully.   <i>"Toad's impetuous nature meant that every new passion consumed him entirely before breakfast the following morning."</i>
1	<b>indignantly</b>	adv. in an angry and scornful manner   <i>"Toad spluttered indignantly at the suggestion that he had ever driven recklessly, adjusting his motoring goggles with pride."</i>
1	<b>meander</b>	v. to follow a winding course or path.   <i>"The companions would meander along the towpath for hours, in no hurry and with nowhere particular to be."</i>
1	<b>obstinate</b>	adj. stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or chosen course.   <i>"Toad was entirely obstinate on the subject of motorcars, dismissing every warning his friends patiently offered him."</i>
1	<b>placidly</b>	adv. 1 in a quiet and tranquil manner; 2 in a placid and goodnatureed manner   <i>"Rat sculled placidly upstream, trailing one paw in the cool water and humming a tune to no one."</i>
1	<b>recuperate</b>	v. to recover or regain health or strength after an illness or injury.   <i>"Mole was sent to recuperate by the fire after his frightening ordeal in the Wild Wood's deep snow."</i>
1	<b>reprehensible</b>	adj. deserving blame or criticism for a wrongdoing.   <i>"Badger declared Toad's behaviour thoroughly reprehensible and insisted that a stern intervention could no longer be delayed."</i>
1	<b>reverently</b>	adv. in a way that shows deep respect.   <i>"Mole and Rat stood reverently at the river's edge at dawn, sensing something ancient and holy in the stillness."</i>
1	<b>tranquil</b>	adj. peaceful and calm without disturbance or worry.   <i>"The tranquil river slipped past the willows, carrying nothing more urgent than a fallen leaf toward the weir."</i>