The Babe and I
Robust Vocabulary
Day 1

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Skim

• To *skim* the surface of something means to move quickly over it, barely touching it.
• Would a stone that *skims* the water sink or skip across the water?
**Span** is the distance between two points.

How do the life spans of two animals such as an elephant and a mouse compare?
contribution

• If you help your family reach its goal, you make a contribution to your family.

• Which would be a contribution to your family: washing the car, or playing baseball?
initiative

• When you take *initiative*, you make the first step in doing something without being told what to do.

• Do you take the *initiative* when you set up a garage sale, or when you collapse on the couch?
• If you are in the *midst* of something, you are in the middle of it.

• Give an example of when being in the *midst* of something might not be a good thing.
shabby

• *Shabby* means something that is old and worn out.
• Which baseball glove below would you consider to be *shabby*? Why?
dazed

• If you are **dazed**, you are confused and cannot think properly.

• If someone seemed **dazed**, would you ask them to take you to the store? Why or why not?
elevated

- Something that is *elevated* is lifted up.
- What is *elevated* in this photograph?
embarrass

• If you *embarrass* someone, you make that person feel uncomfortable or ashamed.

• If something *embarrasses* you, are you likely to feel comfortable or uncomfortable? Why?
collapses

• When something **collapses**, it falls down because it is not well supported.

• Would you want to watch while an old bridge **collapses**? Why or why not?