

Old Mr. Toad Vocabulary

- Scorn – thinking something or someone is worthless or despicable
- Amble -- walking in a slow, relaxed way
- Indignant – angered or annoyed
- Hastily – doing something in a hurry
- Envy -- jealous
- Feeble -- lacking physical strength
- Anxious -- worried
- Smug – having too much pride in yourself

- Jack **ambled** down the street, humming a song, smiling in the sun. He was on his way to his friend's house for a birthday party. Suddenly he stopped. He had forgotten a present! Now he started feeling very **anxious**. What was he going to do? He decided he better go get a present. He **hastily** returned home and searched for a present. He didn't know what else to do, so he grabbed his stack of baseball cards and put them in a paper bag. He ran out of the house and down the street. He was huffing and puffing and had to sit because he was so **feeble** from running so fast so far. Joe was already at the party.
- (The actor has to be Joe now.) Joe took one look at Jack's bag and felt very **smug**. "That's your present?" he said **scornfully**. "What? Did you bring him your lunch?"
- (Now the actor can be Jack again.) Jack was **indignant**. He knew it wasn't the best looking present, but he still thought it was a good present.
- (The actor can be the birthday boy or not. It doesn't matter.) Soon their friend started opening presents. He opened Joe's first. It turned out that their friend already had one. Joe was upset that he wasn't more excited about it. He opened Jack's bag last. His eyes grew wide. He jumped up and started saying how great it was. He couldn't believe Jack had given him so many. Jack was really happy he had brought them, but Joe was **envious** that Jack had brought the best present.