



# STARS Dictionary for Challenging Vocabulary



*It was suggested that I create a dictionary for a few of the more challenging terms used in Flower Friend. The (unofficial) definition used below only covers the meaning of the term as it relates to its context in the book. For the full definition, please refer to your favorite dictionary.*



*If you have any questions about a word that is (or is not) covered in this dictionary, please feel free to let me know by emailing me at this email address: Courtney@StarkeySTARS.com*

**Besppectacled** – wearing glasses

**Compassionate** – feeling kind and loving sympathy for someone in need and wanting them to feel better

**Critical** – thinking or saying something that is judgmental (in a negative manner)

**Generate** – to create or produce or make something

**Graciously** – courteous and kind (in a gentle and sweet manner)

**Meditation** – sitting quietly while allowing your mind to focus on the rhythm of each inhale and exhale of your breath (this definition is very simplified and sounds rather boring, but mediation is really quite relaxing and trains your mind to be more focused, which is great for reducing mental distractions)

**Perception** – viewing things as you *think* they are, but not necessarily how they *actually* are (this happens because everything you think goes through the filter of your mind, which is different from anyone else's mind... this means each one of us has our own unique perception of reality)

**Protagonist** – the main character of the story (in Flower Friend the main character is the girl named Violet)

**Radiant** – glowing in an energetic and joyful manner

**Reciprocate** – to give something in return for what you have received from the giver

**Relatively** – how something seems when compared to something else

**Subjective** – when the way you feel about something is based on your opinion (which is formed by your perception – see definition above) rather than based on objective facts

