Key Words/Ideas for Pre-Teaching Cabuliwallah

Cabuliwallah – a fruit seller

What is a father-in-law?

Vexed – means ‘cross’

Prattle – another word for babies non-stop chatter

Embarked – means started on

Contrived – made up

Involuntarily – couldn’t help it

Turban – an Indian head dressing

Precarious – uncertain, chance of collapsing

Clung – held onto

Demur – objection

Impending – something bad about to happen

Judicious – well-judged

Bribery – a gift to win favour

Quaint – old fashioned and attractive

Nasal – through the nose

Witticism - a funny statement

New-fangled – modern

Discomfited - embarrassed

Intervene – prevent

Conquest – a prize to win (usually in war or of mountains)

Sturdy – strong

Formidable – powerful or capable

Conjure - Magically appear

Vivid – extremely clearly

Timid – shy

Merchandise – things to sell

Queer – strange

Improbably – unlikely

Dread – fear

Persisted – continued

Indefinite – lasting for an unknown amount of time