**1. The Tale of The Red Dog**

**sparkle**  
[vi.] (~ with sth) to shine brightly with small flashes of light.  
Her jewellery sparkled in the candlelight.

**townsfolk**  
[n. plural] people who live in the towns, not in the countryside; the people who live in a particular town.  
The farm holidays are for townsfolk who would like a taste of countryside.

**giggle**  
[vi. vt.] to laugh in a silly way because you are amused, embarrass or nervous.  
The girls giggled at the joke.

**wag /**wQg**/**  
[vt.] a dog moves its tail from side to side

**sniff**  
[vt. vi.] to breathe air in through the nose in order to discover or enjoy the smell of sth  
The dog sniffs the surroundings.

**perk up**  
[phrasal verb] (*informal*) to increase, or to make something increase in value, etc.  
His ears perked up when other animals is approaching.

**trait**  
[n.] a particular quality in your personality.  
Awareness of class is typically British trait.  
personality trait.

**mannerism**   
[n. C.] a particular habit or way of speaking or behaving that sb has but is not aware of.  
nervous mannerism

**trot**  
[vi. vt.] (of a person or an animal) to run or walk fast, taking short steps.   
The dog trotted into the schoolyard.

**tilt**  
[vi. vt.] to move or make something move into a position with one side or end higher or lower than the other.  
Suddenly the boat tilted to one side. (*intransitive verb*)  
Hist hat was tilted slightly at an angle. (*transitive verb*)

**frailty** /'feIlti/  
[n.] weakness or poor health.  
Increasing frailty means that she was confined more and more to bed.

**bond**  
[n. C.] something that forms a connection between people or groups, such as a feeling of friendship or shared ideas and experiences.  
The agreement strengthened the bonds between two countries.