Building vocabulary knowledge

Good readers notice words. They especially notice words they don’t know the meaning of. They know it is important to find out what these words mean.

They also know that you can use the words around the word you don’t know – the context – to help you work out what the word means.

The more words you know the easier it is to understand the text!

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I’ve seen that word before but I’m not sure what it means. It says here “Shakespeare was a prolific playwright, having written over 36 plays in his lifetime.” That’s quite a lot of plays. I think prolific must mean producing lots of something.