Making New Words

Dr. Seuss is one of the many authors who makes up his own words (like Lorax) to create better description and rhyme in his stories. Here is a list of his made-up words from The Lorax. While reading the story, see if you can figure out what the words mean by how they are used. This is called defining by context.

1. Grickle-grass__________________________________________________
2. Lerkim_______________________________________________________
3. Snuvv________________________________________________________
4. Gruvvulous____________________________________________________
5. Miff-muffered_________________________________________________
6. Moof________________________________________________________
7. Whisper-ma-Phone____________________________________________
8. Slupp________________________________________________________
9. Once-ler_______________________________________________________
10. Snergelly_____________________________________________________  
11. Bar-ba-loots__________________________________________________
12. Rippulous____________________________________________________
13. Thneed_______________________________________________________
14. Snarggled____________________________________________________
15. Cruffulous____________________________________________________
16. Smogulous____________________________________________________
17. Humming-fish________________________________________________
Use your imagination to make up a few words of your own to describe Truffula trees and the trees near where you live.

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