

Vocabulary Connections Resources

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Important Words to Know and Understand in "Holes"

Canteen (pg. 118)
A small container for carrying water

Despair (pg. 171)
No longer having any hope

Fungus (pg. 102)
A living thing such as a mold that lives on dead or decaying things

Increments (pg. 167)
A small amount by which something is made greater or larger

Leeches (pg. 178)
A type of worm that attaches itself to the skin of an animal and sucks its blood

Palindrome (Stanley's name)
A word or phrase that reads the same backward and forward, such as dad

Refuge (pg. 142)
Shelter or protection from danger or trouble

Ward (pg. 183)
A child protected and cared for by a court

Warden (pg. 51)
An official in charge of a prison

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Step by Step Directions: 1. Cut on the dashed line. 2. Fold on the solid line.

Word and Definition Sorting Cards

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Canteen is a/an **Despair is a/an** **Fungus is a/an**
noun verb noun verb noun verb
adverb adjective adverb adjective adverb adjective

Definition of Canteen: _____
Definition of Despair: _____
Definition of Fungus: _____

Canteen looks like this: _____
Despair looks like this: _____
Fungus looks like this: _____

Canteen reminds me of: _____
Despair reminds me of: _____
Fungus reminds me of: _____

I saw this word in _____
I saw this word in _____
I saw this word in _____

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Word Games with Words from Holes

Directions: Complete the sentences below by using the vocabulary words from the Word Bank.

Word Bank
canteen despair fungus increment
leeches palindrome refuge ward

1. Stanley has grown an _____ of three inches since last year.

2. I learned that _____ does not need sunlight in order to grow.

3. He fell into _____ after losing his father.

4. My friend goes to church as his _____ in times of trouble.

5. Examples of _____ are kayak, rotor, noon, and civic.

Directions: Pretend you were one of the boys at Camp Green Lake. Use the back of this page or a separate piece of paper to write a journal entry about your day. Try to use all of the words in the word bank to tell about your day.

Name: _____

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Word Games and Answer Key

Vocabulary Connections Name: _____

Directions: Select a word from your reading that is new to you and write it in the box below. Then fill in the blanks to connect the new word to words you already know.

New Word _____

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A new word that I learned in this book is: _____
It means: _____
It is used: _____

Name: _____

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Personalized Vocabulary Bookmark

Vocabulary Connections Name: _____

Directions: 1. Write a word from your reading that is new to you in the first column. 2. Read the sentence before and after the sentence where the word appears. Write what you think the word means in the second column. 3. Explain why you think your definition makes sense based on the context clues in the text. 4. Write the dictionary definition. 5. Place a check mark in the last column if the dictionary definition matches what you thought the word meant.

Word	What I Think the Word Means	Context Clues	Real Definition	✓

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Vocabulary Word Extension Activities