

Vocabulary Connections Resources

Vocabulary Connections How Santa Got His Job
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Grade Level: 3 / Guided Reading Level: O

Important Words to Know and Understand in "How Santa Got His Job"

Autograph
The signature of a famous person

Chimney
A part of a building through which smoke rises into the outside air

Discourage
To make (someone) less determined, hopeful, or confident

Fire
To dismiss (someone) from a job

Hire
To give work or a job to (someone) in exchange for wages or a salary

Postmaster
Person who is in charge of a post office

Proof
Something which shows that something else is true or correct

Ringmaster
A person whose job is to introduce the performers in a circus and to talk to the audience between performances



Soot
A black powder that is formed when something (such as wood or coal) is burned

Suspense
A feeling or state of nervousness or excitement caused by wondering what will happen

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Word and Definition Sorting Cards

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Autograph is a/an noun, verb adverb, adjective Definition of Autograph: 	Chimney is a/an noun, verb adverb, adjective Definition of Chimney: 	Discourage is a/an noun, verb adverb, adjective Definition of Discourage:
Autograph looks like this: 	Chimney looks like this: 	Discourage looks like this:
Autograph reminds me of: 	Chimney reminds me of: 	Discourage 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 How Santa Got His Job

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

Word Bank
postmaster, fire, chimney, hire, discourage, suspense

- The store supervisor must _____ a staff who is not performing his job.
- The company will _____ a branch manager for the new store.
- I will not let my failure _____ me from achieving my dreams.
- Some children believe that Santa Claus comes in through the _____.
- My grandfather was once responsible for the entire mail organization in our city. He was a _____.

Directions: Use a vocabulary word from the Word Bank to write your own sentence.

Name: _____

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Answer Key for Santa Got His Job

Directions: Use the correct vocabulary words from the Word Bank to complete the sentences below.

1. The store supervisor must **fire** a staff who is not performing his job.

2. The company will **hire** a branch manager for the new store.

3. I will not let my failure **discourage** me from achieving my dreams.

4. Some children believe that Santa Claus comes in through the **chimney**.

5. My grandfather was once responsible for the entire mail organization in our city. He was a **postmaster**.

Directions: Use a vocabulary word from the Word Bank to write your own sentence.

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Word Games and Answer Key

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Draw a picture of the word. Write the word in the box below.

A new word that I learned from this book is: _____

It means: _____

Name: _____

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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.

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

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