

Vocabulary Connections Resources

Important Words to Know and Understand in *I Survived the Attacks of September 11, 2001* Word List

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Climax (necessary to this lesson)
The most exciting and important part of a story, play, or movie that occurs usually at or near the end.

Dispatcher (pg. 47)
Someone whose job is to talk by radio with people in vehicles (such as police cars, ambulances, or taxis) in order to send them to a particular place.

Fanatic (pg. 30)
A person who is very enthusiastic about something.

Massive (pg. 50)
Very large and heavy.

Paramedic (pg. 61)
A person whose job is to provide emergency medical care to sick or injured people who are being taken to a hospital.

Plot (necessary to this lesson)
A series of events that form the story in a piece of fiction.

Staging (pg. 55)
A temporary raised platform that a person can sit or stand on while working.

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Climax is a/an
noun verb
adverb adjective

Dispatcher is a/an
noun verb
adverb adjective

Fanatic is a/an
noun verb
adverb adjective

Definition of **Climax**:

Definition of **Dispatcher**:

Definition of **Fanatic**:

Climax looks like this: _____

Dispatcher looks like this: _____

Fanatic looks like this: _____

Climax reminds me of: _____

Dispatcher reminds me of: _____

Fanatic 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 *I Survived the Attacks of September 11, 2001*

Directions: Complete each sentence by choosing the correctly spelled vocabulary word. Then write the word on the line provided.

1. James is a basketball _____ because he goes to every one of his favorite team's games.
fanatic fanatic fanatic

2. Alex ate a _____ cheeseburger and got a stomach ache.
massive massive massive

3. A _____ person who has been trained to give urgent medical care to people.
paramedic paramedic paramedic

Directions: Match the vocabulary word to its definition.

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Name: _____

Answer Key
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1. _____ because he goes to _____ games.
fanatic

2. _____ cheeseburger and got a _____ stomach ache.
massive

3. _____ person who has been trained to give _____ medical care to people.
paramedic

_____ is the most exciting and important part of a story, play, or movie.

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Word Games and Answer Key

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A new word that I found in this book is: _____

It means: _____

It reminds me of: _____

Name: _____

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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

Visualize
Draw a picture to illustrate the meaning of the word.

Connect to Your Life
When or where have you seen it, heard it, felt it, smelled it, or tasted it?

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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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