

Vocabulary Connections Resources

Important Words to Know and Understand in Maniac Magee Word List

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Maniac Magee
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Befuddled (page 35)
Unable to think clearly; very confused

Dumbfounded (page 87)
Very shocked or surprised

Finicky (page 38)
Requiring a lot of care or attention

Hoarse (page 178)
Having a harsh or rough sound or voice

Knack (page 101)
An ability, talent, or special skill needed to do something

Languished (page 111)
To continue for a long time without activity or progress in an unpleasant or unwanted situation

Marauding (page 152)
Traveling from place to place to attack others

Pulpit (page 51)
A raised platform where a priest or minister stands when leading a worship service

Repertoire (page 97)
All the things that a person is able to do

Wiseacre (page 65)
A person who says or does things that are funny but also annoying

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Word and Definition Sorting Cards

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Befuddled is a/an noun/verb/adverb/adjective Definition of Befuddled : _____	Dumbfounded is a/an noun/verb/adverb/adjective Definition of Dumbfounded : _____	Finicky is a/an noun/verb/adverb/adjective Definition of Finicky : _____
Befuddled looks like this: _____	Dumbfounded looks like this: _____	Finicky looks like this: _____
Befuddled reminds me of: _____	Dumbfounded reminds me of: _____	Finicky 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 Maniac Magee

Directions: Circle the correct spelling of each word in the box. Then write each correct word to complete the following sentences.

- The _____ thieves robbed one village after another.
- I have some _____ plants that require water and sunlight everyday.
- Always remember to include your _____ of skills when writing your resume.
- The audience was _____ when the magician walked on stage and then left without performing his tricks.
- My ninety-year-old grandmother was _____ by the smartwatch I gave her.

Directions: Write your own sentence using your favorite word in the box.

Name: _____

Answers will vary.

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Word Games and Answer Key

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

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Vocabulary Word Extension Activities

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Name: _____

Directions:

- Write a word from your reading that is new to you in the first column.
- Read the sentence before and after the sentence where the word appears. Write what you think the word means in the second column.
- Explain why you think your definition makes sense based on the context clues in the text.
- Write the dictionary definition.
- 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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