

Vocabulary Connections Resources

Important Words to Know and Understand in The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind Word List

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The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind
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Grade Level: 3 / Guided Reading Level: P

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Bearings
A machine part in which another part turns or slides

Gale
A very strong wind

Generator
A machine that produces electricity

Gushing
To flow out very quickly and in large amounts

Maize
Corn

Scan (Scanned)
To look at something carefully usually in order to find something

Scorched
To damage something by making it extremely dry

Sulked
To be angry or upset about something and to refuse to discuss it

Surged
A sudden increase in the amount of electricity that is flowing through an electrical circuit

Valley
An area of low land between hills or mountains

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Bearings is a/an noun, verb, adverb, adjective Definition of Bearings: Bearings look like this: Bearings remind me of:	Gale is a/an noun, verb, adverb, adjective Definition of Gale: Gale looks like this: Gale reminds me of:	Generator is a/an noun, verb, adverb, adjective Definition of Generator: Generator looks like this: Generator reminds me of:
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Word Games
with Words from The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind

Directions: Read the clues and put the answers into the puzzle.

Across

- A very strong wind is called a _____.
- We use a _____ when we have a brownout.
- A word that means to look through or check.

Down

- An area of low land between hills or mountains.
- Also known as corn.
- A synonym of pouring out.

Directions: Complete the sentences using the words from the Word Bank.

scorched surged sulked

- He _____ for a week after losing his puppy.
- Last night, lightning struck the power lines and that's why the electricity _____.
- The hot weather _____ the plants.

Name: _____

Answer Key:
Across: 2. generator, 3. scan
Down: 1. valley, 2. maize, 3. scorched

Word Games and Answer Key

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

Name: _____

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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	✓

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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