

# Vocabulary Connections Resources

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The Tale of Despereaux  
By: Kate DiCamillo  
Grade Level: 5 / Guided Reading Level: U

**Important Words to Know and Understand in "The Tale of Despereaux"**

**Clout** (pg. 128)  
A hit especially with the hand

**Coda** (pg. 270)  
An ending part of a work of literature that is separate from the earlier parts

**Fate** (pg. 127)  
The things that will happen to a person

**Indisputable** (pg. 43)  
Impossible to question or doubt

**Minstrel** (pg. 104)  
A musical entertainer in the middle ages

**Outrage** (pg. 56)  
Extreme anger

**Perfidy** (pg. 45)  
Not being loyal

**Portentous** (pg. 167)  
Giving a sign or warning that something usually bad or unpleasant is going to happen

**Quest** (pg. 218)  
A long and difficult journey made in search of something

**Tribunal** (pg. 35)  
A kind of court

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## Word and Definition Sorting Cards

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**Indisputable is a/an**  
noun/verb  
adverb/adjective  
Definition of **Indisputable**:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Minstrel is a/an**  
noun/verb  
adverb/adjective  
Definition of **Minstrel**:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Outrage is a/an**  
noun/verb  
adverb/adjective  
Definition of **Outrage**:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Indisputable looks like this:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Minstrel looks like this:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Outrage looks like this:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Indisputable reminds me of:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Minstrel reminds me of:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Outrage reminds me of:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I saw this word in** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Interactive Vocabulary Notebook Cards

**Word Games**  
with Words from **The Tale of Despereaux**

**Directions:** Read the clues below to identify the missing letters of the vocabulary words. Then find the words in the puzzle below.

**Answer Key**

**Tale of Despereaux**

By the missing letters of the vocabulary words below.

**E** Another word for unquestionable

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**A** An extreme anger

**E** A synonym of destiny

**Y** Another word for disloyalty

**L** A singer and musician in medieval times

**A** A separate passage of the end of something such as a book

**T** You might get this when you are misbehaving badly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Word Games and Answer Key

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A new word that I learned in this book is: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Personalized Vocabulary Bookmark

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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?

**Vocabulary Connections**

**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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