

Vocabulary Connections Resources

Vocabulary Connections
 Trombone Shorty
 By: Troy Andrews
 Grade Level: 4 / Guided Reading Level: R

Important Words to Know and Understand in "Trombone Shorty"

Gumbo
 A thick soup made in the southern U.S. with meat or seafood and usually okra

Hometown
 The city or town where you were born or grew up

Inspiration
 Something that makes someone want to do something or have an idea about what to do or create

Instrument
 A tool or device used for a particular purpose

Microphone
 A device into which people speak or sing in order to record their voices or to make them sound louder

Musician
 A person who writes, sings, or plays music

Neighborhood
 A section of a town or city

Nickname
 A name (such as "Moose" or "Lady Bird") that is different from your real name but is what your family, friends, etc., call you when they are talking to you or about you

Performance
 An activity (such as singing a song or acting in a play) that a person or group does to entertain an audience

Trumpet
 A brass musical instrument that you blow into that has three buttons which you press to play different notes

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Gumbo is a/an noun/verb/adverb/adjective Definition of Gumbo: Gumbo looks like this: Gumbo reminds me of:	Hometown is a/an noun/verb/adverb/adjective Definition of Hometown: Hometown looks like this: Hometown reminds me of:	Inspiration is a/an noun/verb/adverb/adjective Definition of Inspiration: Inspiration looks like this: Inspiration reminds me of:
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Word Games with Words from Trombone Shorty

Directions: Use the vocabulary words in the Word Bank to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

- John's _____ for his beautiful painting was his mother.
- His mother gave him the _____ "buddy" when he was a baby.
- Michael Jackson was an American _____.
- The dancer was nervous before her _____ on Saturday night.
- My favorite musical _____ is the clarinet.

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 PERFORMANCE
 TRUMPET

WORD SEARCH
 Z J U R H W G T U Z E V B
 U M B B T O R O B M U G T
 X Q W E T U G D C U V
 Q L A M W A E A M A N C
 E E J P B W P T Q U I K
 Z R E D Z A Q H U O C C F
 P T A B L L X Z B K W C
 Z U P K Q K O P A K C N P
 O P M U Z Z U Q R N A G
 R W N Y Q Z Z I K J M H A
 B K N T H L E O R D E C C
 T A H H A C X G D A N K W
 I F X Y V X F M P E C O T

Directions:
 1. Underline the 2-syllable words in the Word Bank.
 2. Then, find the words in the word search.

Answer Key
 Trombone Shorty

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Name: _____

Word Games and Answer Key

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.

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:
 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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A new word that I learned in the book is: _____

Name: _____

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