

Vocabulary Connections

Important Words to Know and Understand in *The Polar Express*

Barren

An area with very few plants or other living things

Conductor

A person who collects money or tickets from passengers on a train

Lean

Thin, strong and healthy

Nougat

A sweet candy that usually contains nuts or pieces of fruit

Paced

To walk back and forth across the same space again and again

Polar

Related to the North or South Pole

Prance

To walk in a lively and proud way while taking high steps

Reindeer

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<p>Barren looks like this:</p>	<p>Conductor looks like this:</p>	<p>Lean looks like this:</p>
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Word Games

with Words from **The Polar Express**

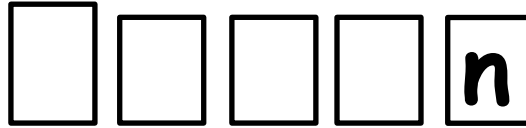
Directions: Find each vocabulary word in the word search below. Then color the blank spaces to reveal a hidden image.

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BARREN
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NOUGAT
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Hidden Image:



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Word Games Answer Key

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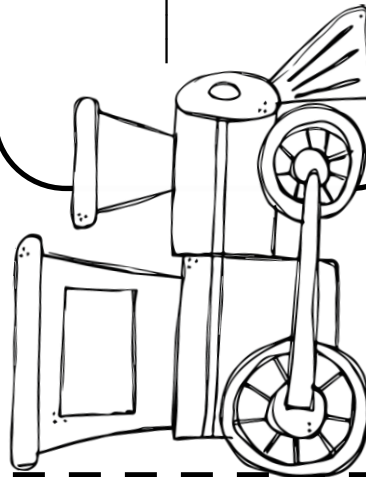
By Chris Van Allsburg



A new word that I learned in this book is:

It's like...

It means...



Name:

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4. Add Your Vocabulary Card to Your Notebook or Use It As A Bookmark.

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			
Cripple			
A person or animal that is impaired in some way.	She saw to it that I tried to walk every day. "So's that mean-lookin' leg don't go stiff on you and cripple up," she'd say.		
Dictionary Definition Look up the word in the dictionary. Copy the dictionary definition.	Original Sentence Copy the sentence in the book where the word appears. Book Title: <u>Pink and Say</u>	Visualize Draw a picture to illustrate the meaning of the word.	
Lame Dismember Injure	Help Support Strong	The bird was a cripple because its wing was broken.	I saw a person in a wheelchair with a crippled leg.
Synonyms What words have nearly the same meaning?	Antonyms What words have the opposite meaning?	Make It Your Own Use the word in a new sentence that shows what it means.	Connect to Your Life When or where have you seen it, heard it, felt it, smelled it, or tasted it?

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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	✓

Common Core State Standards Correlation

The Polar Express Lesson Plans, Resources, and Activities

The lesson plans, resources, and activities for use with *The Polar Express* correlate with the following English Language Arts Common Core State Standards for third grade.

Vocabulary Lesson Plan and Resources

Language

L.3.4a – Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

L.3.5b – Identify real-life connections between words and their use (eg, identify people who are *friendly* or *helpful*).

L.3.6 – Acquire and use accurately grade appropriate conversational, general, academic, and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal spatial and temporal relationships (eg, *After dinner that night we went looking for them*).