

Vocabulary Connections Resources

Vocabulary Connections Giraffes Can't Dance By Giles Andreae Grade Level: 2 / Guided Reading Level: M

Important Words to Know and Understand in "Giraffes Can't Dance"

Bold
Not afraid of danger or difficult situations

Buckle
To bend or collapse from pressure

Clot
A foolish person, or animal

Clumsy
Moving or doing things in a very awkward way

Elegant
Showing good taste; graceful and attractive

Entranced
To fill someone with delight and wonder

Miracle
A very amazing or unusual event, thing, or achievement

Shoots
The part of a new plant that is just beginning to grow above the ground

Sneer
To smile or laugh at someone or something with an expression on your face that shows dislike and a lack of respect







Reel
A lively dance originally from Scotland

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Word and Picture Sorting Cards

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Clumsy is a/an	Elegant is a/an	Entrance is a/an
noun/verb/adverb/adjective	noun/verb/adverb/adjective	noun/verb/adverb/adjective
Definition of Clumsy:	Definition of Elegant:	Definition of Entrance:
Clumsy looks like this:	Elegant looks like this:	Entrance looks like this:
Clumsy reminds me of:	Elegant reminds me of:	Entrance 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 Giraffes Can't Dance

Word Bank
bold clumsy reel miracle

Directions: Complete each sentence below using the vocabulary words in the Word Bank.

- I was so _____ that I knocked over my glass of milk.
- The stunt man made a _____ move when he jumped off from a building.
- It's a _____ the he survived his heart surgery.
- My Scottish Grandmother taught me to dance the _____.

Answer Key
reel miracle

Directions: Graph the number of vowels in each of the words below.

BUCKLE					
CLOT					
ELEGANT					
ENTRANCED					
SHOOTS					
SNEER					

Name: _____

Word Games and Answer Key

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A new word I learned in the book is: _____

Name: _____

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Vocabulary Connections Name: _____

Vocabulary Word Extension Activities

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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