

# WORDS AND PHRASES

## task cards

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What does the word herculean mean in this story?

4th Grade

#### Words & Phrases Challenge

1. Underline the context clue you used to determine the meaning of the word.

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#### Words & Phrases

Hudson was fascinated by dinosaurs. He collected small dinosaur figures and stuffed a watch shows about dinosaurs. Most were dinosaurs. Everything about it ate, and lived was exciting to learn.

What does the word fascinated mean?

- a. Confused
- b. Terrified
- c. Extremely interested
- d. Not excited

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#### Words & Phrases

I was born different, but I like to think my differences make me special. I was born missing part of my hand, but I have learned how to do everything everyone else can do anyway. I visited the local animal shelter and discovered a tiny fluffy puppy who was missing one front paw. I pet him gently and showed him that my hand was different too, as I said, "Hey buddy, we are in the same boat!" I knew right in that instance that he was the perfect dog for me.

What does the phrase in the same boat mean in this story?

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## 12. Words & Phrases

I know, it was not the best idea, but when I took my skateboard to the park, I was rolling outside the community center. The doctor said I had broken my arm and I needed to wear a cast. I was a lot less skater than I was before.

What is the best word to describe the skateboard?

- a Unattractive
- b Confused
- c Decorated
- d Colorful

## 11. Words & Phrases

Jamie was a soccer player, but he was not the Wildcat. He was a member of the arms. Jamie was around the lion fan.

What is the best word to describe Jamie?

- a Unattractive
- b Confused
- c Decorated
- d Colorful

## 10. Words & Phrases

Keisha hopped on the elevator and finally stopped. On the way, she could hear the opposing team. She heard Jamie's name.

What is the best word to describe Keisha?

- a Unattractive
- b Confused
- c Decorated
- d Colorful

## 9. Words & Phrases

I heard a loud knock. A beautiful older woman with diamonds and emerald jewelry in her eye, "Holland?" she asked. I said, "Princess Holland, you are not my mouth-dropped open. I was not."

What is the best word to describe the woman?

- a Unattractive
- b Confused
- c Decorated
- d Colorful

## Words & Phrases Challenge

- Underline the context clue you used to determine the meaning of the word.
- Sort the words by type of context clue (definition, example, synonym, antonym, word part.)



# Ways to Use Task Cards

1. **Centers**
2. **Scoot:** Pass out one card for each student. Set a timer and say, “scoot!” when the timer goes off. Students move seats to the next card. They continue to rotate until they are back at their original seat.
3. **Scavenger Hunt:** Hide cards around the room. Students search for cards and answer them.
4. **Jenga:** Number Jenga blocks. Students stack the blocks, then take turns pulling blocks. Students answer the corresponding number card.
5. **Whole class practice:** Teacher displays card on the projector. Students answer on mini white boards.
6. **Exit Tickets:** Give each student a task card at the end of the lesson. Have them answer on a sticky note.



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For my Adventure Scouts troop, it was cookie-selling season! We would sell our cookies door to door, outside of grocery stores, and to our friends and family. I love selling these cookies! Almost everyone I asked bought cookies. My scout leaders say I have the Midas touch because I have made the most money for my troop, and I can sell almost anything to anyone!

What words best help you understand what the phrase Midas touch means? (Choose all that apply)

- a. "Made the most money"
- b. "We would sell our cookies door to door"
- c. "Sell almost anything to anyone"
- d. "Adventure Scouts troop"



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## Words & Phrases

I had just wanted to wear it for a short time while she was gone. Earlier in the afternoon, I had noticed my sister's emerald necklace hanging in her jewelry box. It was so beautiful. A few hours later, I reached to my necklace to take it off and put it back before she came home from her soccer game, but it was gone. I had lost it! I searched everywhere, up and down, left and right, in the nooks and crannies, over and under. I left no stone unturned. Then, there it was, sitting right there in plain sight on the couch. Phew! That was a close one.

What does the phrase no stone unturned mean in this story?

- a. To look under stones for an object
- b. Do everything possible to find something
- c. To lose something under a stone
- d. To clean and organize a space



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## Words & Phrases

Mrs. Bell walked into the Pets & Paws Club meeting with her head hung low. She had been the teacher leader of the club for ten years, and now she was going to have to deliver some very sad news. The school did not have the money for Pets & Paws to continue, and they were going to have to shut down the club. When she delivered the news, the classroom erupted into chaos, total confusion, and disorder. The students cried, asked questions, and wondered what would happen to all the pets they took care of. Mrs. Bell knew one thing for sure. They had to find a way to save the club.

What words best help you understand what the word chaos means? (Choose all that apply)

- a. Total confusion
- b. Disorder
- c. Head hung low
- d. Delivered the news



# Answer Key



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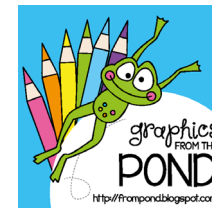


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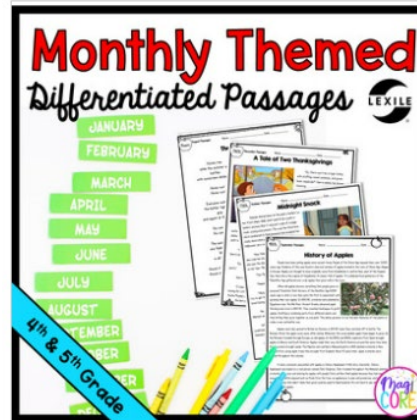


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