

READING LITERATURE

Vocabulary Challenge

ADDRESSED COMMON CORE STANDARDS:

CCSS Reading: Literature

- **RL.2.2** Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral.
- **RL.3.2** Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures, determine the central messages, lesson, or moral, and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text.
- **RL.3.5** Refer to parts of stories, dramas, and poems when writing or speaking about a text, using terms such as chapter, scene, and stanza; describe how each successive part builds on earlier sections.

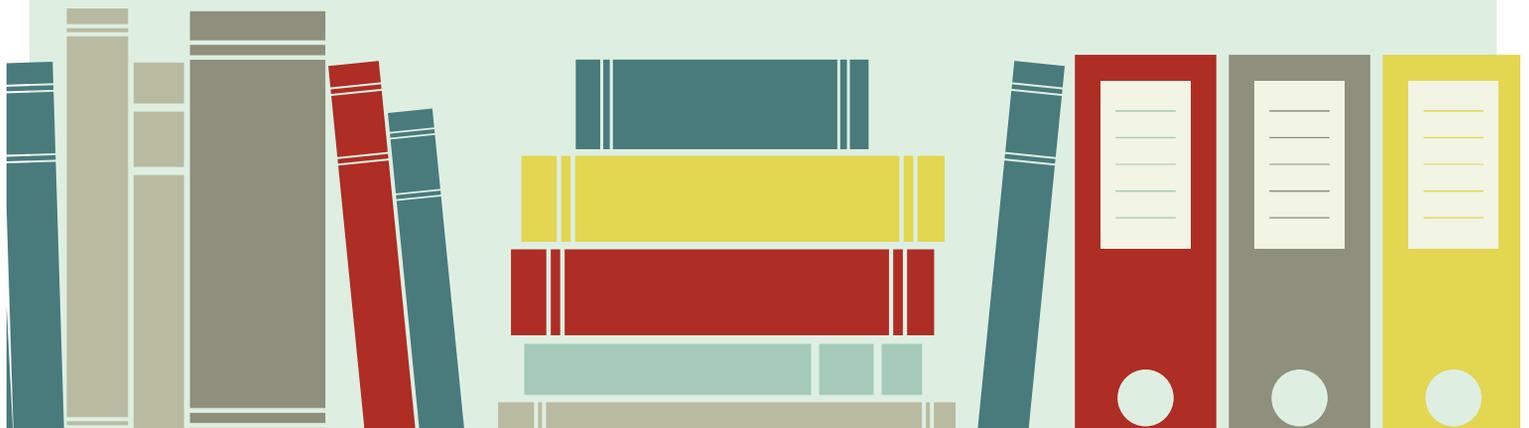
Time Allocation: 15-20 minutes

Materials:

- Visual: Types of Tales Vocabulary Challenge
- Vocabulary Word and Definition Cards: copied on card stock and cut apart

Procedure:

1. Prepare the materials before class. They work best if the words and definitions are copied on different-colored card stock.
2. Introduce the lesson by telling the students that they will be participating in an activity that involves vocabulary words used in the study of literature.
3. Display the visual and read it to the students.
4. Distribute the Types of Tales Vocabulary Challenge cards. Half of the students receive the word cards and the other half the definition cards. Tell students that each card includes a hint.
5. Instruct the students to get out of their seats and find the match to their card. Tell students to start by finding someone with a different-colored card. Once they have found their match, they are to indicate success by completing some action, such as holding the cards over their heads or sitting on the floor.
6. Check for understanding by having the students read their words and definitions to the class.



TYPES OF TALES

Vocabulary Challenge



People tell stories for many reasons. They may want to share an experience, teach a lesson, or just entertain. There are also different types of stories and special words that explain the way stories are organized.

Your goal is to match a literary term with the correct definition. You are to find the person who has the match to your card as quickly as possible. The hints provided will help you make sure your match is correct. Be prepared to share your term and definition with the class.

VOCABULARY WORD

Drama

matches with a definition containing two sentences

Folktale

matches with a 9-word definition

Myth

matches with a 10-word definition

Chapter

matches with a 12-word definition

Legend

matches with a 16-word definition

Scene

matches with a 2-sentence definition

Fairy Tale

matches with a definition containing quotation marks

Poem

matches with a 16-word definition

Stanza

matches with a 14-word definition

Fable

matches with an 11-word definition

Moral

matches with a 6-word definition

Tall Tale

matches with a definition that contains examples

TYPES OF TALES

Vocabulary Challenge

DEFINITION

This is a story that is acted out in front of people. It is also known as a play. (matches with a 5-letter word)

A story passed down from one generation to another (matches with an 8-letter word)

A traditional story that explains how something came to be (matches with a 4-letter word)

A section of a book that usually has a number or title (matches with a 7-letter word)

A story from the past that people believe to be true but that has no evidence (matches with a 6-letter word)

A part of a play. This part happens in one place at one time. (matches with a 5-letter word)

An imaginary story about magical beings and places that often starts with "Once upon a time" (matches with a 2-word vocabulary word)

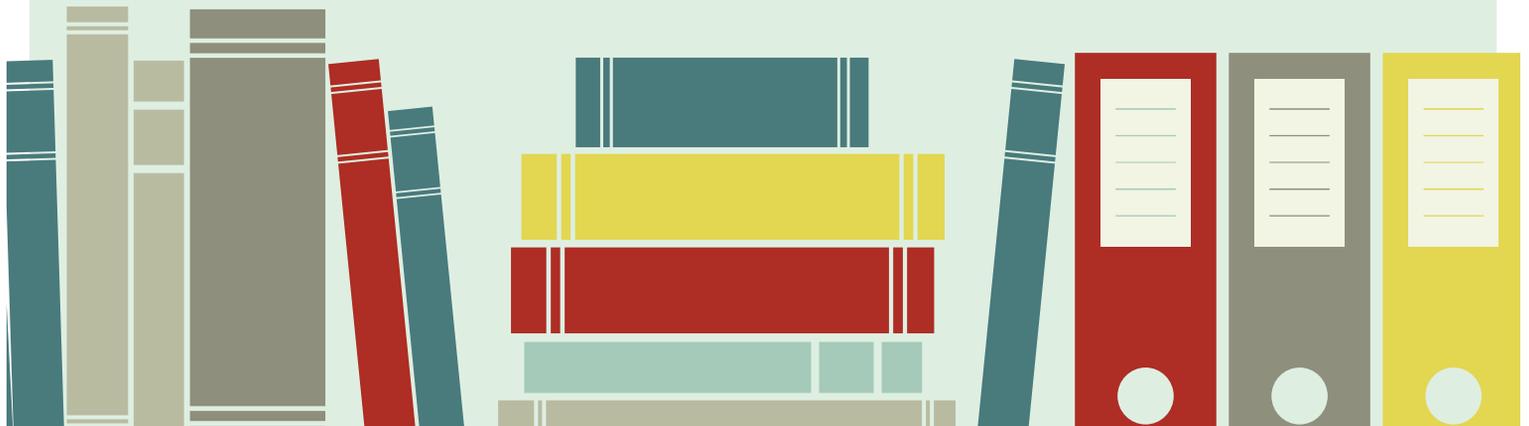
A piece of writing that expresses an emotion or idea that often has rhythm and rhymes (matches with an 4-letter word)

A group of lines in a poem similar to a paragraph in a story (matches with a 6-letter word)

A short story, usually with talking animals, that teaches a lesson (matches with a 5-letter word)

The lesson learned in a story (matches with a 5-letter word)

A story where the hero does unbelievable things. Examples include the stories of Paul Bunyan and Pecos Bill. (matches with a 2-word vocabulary word)



TYPES OF TALES

Vocabulary Challenge ANSWERS

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VOCABULARY WORD

DEFINITION

Drama matches with a definition containing two sentences	This is a story that is acted out in front of people. It is also known as a play. (matches with a 5-letter word)
Chapter matches with a 12-word definition	A section of a book that usually has a number or title (matches with a 7-letter word)
Fairy Tale matches with a definition containing quotation marks	An imaginary story about magical beings and places that often starts with "Once upon a time" (matches with a 2-word vocabulary word)
Fable matches with an 11-word definition	A short story, usually with talking animals, that teaches a lesson (matches with a 5-letter word)
Folktale matches with a 9-word definition	A story passed down from one generation to another (matches with an 8-letter word)
Legend matches with a 16-word definition	A story from the past that people believe to be true but that has no evidence (matches with a 6-letter word)
Poem matches with a 16-word definition	A piece of literature that expresses an emotion or idea that may be written in rhyme (matches with an 4-letter word)
Moral matches with a 6-word definition	The lesson learned in a story (matches with an 5-letter word)
Myth matches with a 10-word definition	A traditional story that explains how something came to be (matches with a 4-letter word)
Scene matches with a 2-sentence definition	A part of a play. This part happens in one place at one time. (matches with a 5-letter word)
Stanza matches with a 14-word definition	A group of lines in a poem similar to a paragraph in a story (matches with a 6-letter word)
Tall Tale matches with a definition that contains examples	A story where the hero does unbelievable things. Examples include the stories of Paul Bunyan and Pecos Bill. (matches with a 2-word vocabulary word)

INFORMATIONAL TEXT

Vocabulary Round Table

ACTIVITY DIRECTIONS

Addressed Common Core Standards: CCSS Reading: Informational Text

- **RI.K.5** Identify the front cover, back cover, and title page of a book.
- **RI.1.5** Know and use various text features (e.g., headings, tables of contents, glossaries, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text.
- **RI.2.5** Know and use various text features (e.g., captions, bold print, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text efficiently.

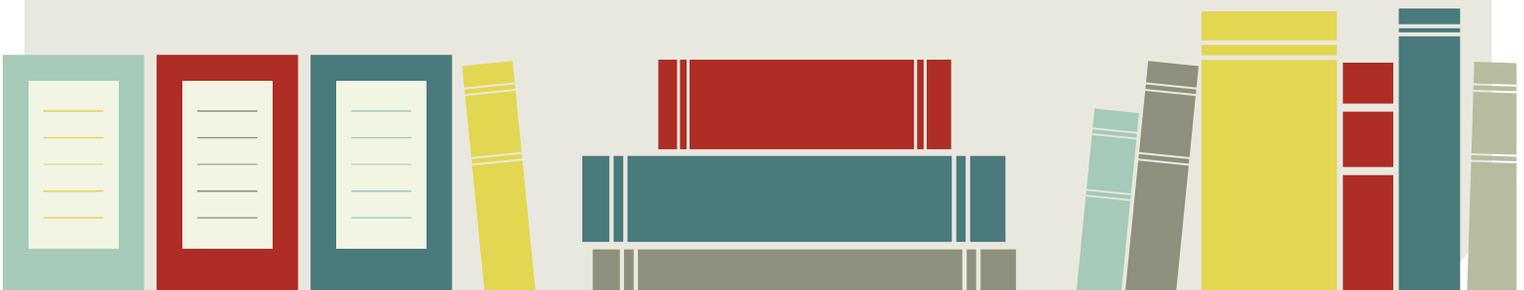
Time Allocation: 15-20 minutes

Materials:

- Instructional Text Vocabulary Round Table cards copied on card stock and cut apart, with Questions on one color and Answers on a different color
- Copy of Parts of a Book Round Table Questions and Answers for teacher use

Procedure:

1. Give each student one Question card and one Answer card (make sure they do not match).
2. Introduce the activity by saying to the students, “Today we will be doing an activity that will help us identify the words that describe the features in an instructional text. If you pay attention to the questions and answers on the cards, you will learn some important vocabulary words.”
3. Choose a student to be the first to read her Question card to the class. (Follow along on a master copy of the card sheet. Depending on students’ reading levels, you might need to assist students in reading the cards.) The student holding the correct Answer card raises his hand. That student reads the answer out loud. If it is the correct answer, the same student reads his Question card out loud, and the process continues. For example, if the first student reads, “What is the name of a book called?”, the student with the card that says, “The name of a book is called the TITLE of the book” replies to the class. That student then reads his Question card.
5. Conclude the lesson by asking the students to inspect an informational text and see if they can identify the various parts that were introduced on the round table cards.



INFORMATIONAL TEXT

Vocabulary Round Table

QUESTIONS

Question:

What is the name of a book called?

Question:

What do you call words that are printed in thick, heavy lines?

Question:

What do you call a list of book titles in the back of a book?

Question:

What is the writer of a book called?

Question:

The list of the chapters or stories in a book is called what?

Question:

An alphabetical list of subjects found in the back of the book is called what?

Question:

The page in a book that tells the title, author, and publisher is called what?

Question:

What do you call the line of text above a section of a book?

Question:

What is the dictionary at the back of some informational books called?

Question:

What is the name for the brief description that is sometimes found under an illustration?

Question:

A line of text under a heading that gives more information

Question:

What are the names of the simple pictures on a computer screen that help you locate information?



INFORMATIONAL TEXT

Vocabulary Round Table

ANSWERS

Answer:

The name of a book is called the **TITLE** of the book.

Answer:

Words on a page that are printed in thick lines are written in **BOLD PRINT**. This makes them more noticeable.

Answer:

A **BIBLIOGRAPHY** is a list of book titles and materials the author used to produce the book.

Answer:

A person who writes a book is called the **AUTHOR** of the book.

Answer:

A list of a book's chapters or stories is called the **TABLE OF CONTENTS**.

Answer:

The alphabetical list of subjects found in the back of a book is called an **INDEX**.

Answer:

The **TITLE PAGE** tells the title, author, and publisher of a book. It is often found at the beginning of a book, but not always.

Answer:

A **HEADING** is a line of text that describes what the section below it is about.

Answer:

The dictionary found at the back of some informational books is a **GLOSSARY**. It lists and defines the important words in the book.

Answer:

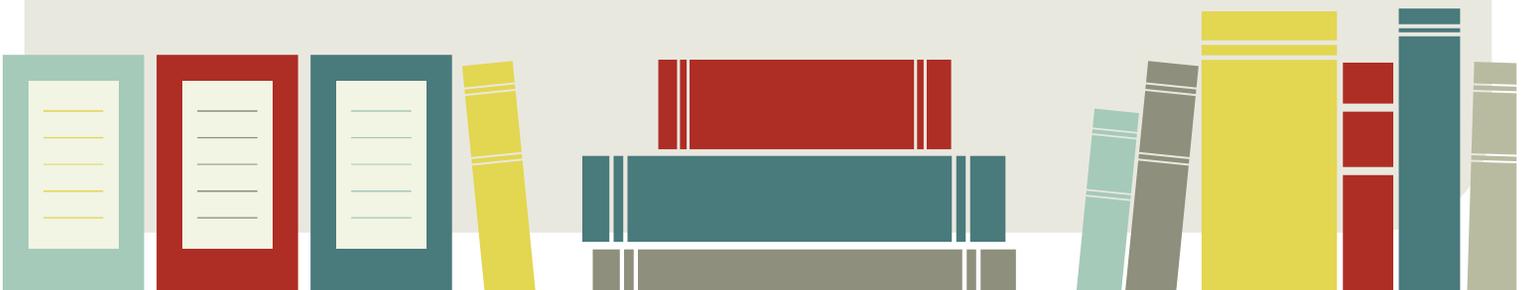
A **CAPTION** is the name of the brief description found under an illustration.

Answer:

A **SUBHEADING** gives more detailed information than a chapter heading and tells you what you are going to read next.

Answer:

The simple pictures on a computer screen are called **ICONS**. They help you locate information.



INFORMATIONAL TEXT

Vocabulary Round Table

ANSWERS

QUESTIONS

ANSWERS

First Question Asked: What is the name of a book called?	The name of a book is called the TITLE of the book.
Question: What is the writer of a book called?	A person who writes a book is called the AUTHOR of the book.
Question: The page in a book that tells the title, author, and publisher is called what?	The TITLE PAGE tells the title, author, and publisher of a book. It is often found at the beginning of a book, but not always.
Question: What is the name for the brief description that is sometimes found under an illustration?	A CAPTION is the name of the brief description found under an illustration.
Question: What do you call words that are printed in thick, heavy lines?	Words on a page that are printed in thick lines are written in BOLD PRINT . This makes them more noticeable.
Question: The list of the chapters or stories in a book is called what?	A list of a book's chapters or stories is called the TABLE OF CONTENTS .
Question: What do you call the line of text above a section of a book?	A HEADING is a line of text that describes what the section below it is about.
Question: A line of text under a heading that more information is called what?	A SUBHEADING gives more detailed information than a chapter heading and tells you what you are going to read next.
Question: What do you call a list of book titles in the back of a book?	A BIBLIOGRAPHY is a list of book titles and materials the author used to produce the book.
Question: An alphabetical list of subjects found in the back of the book is called what?	The alphabetical list of subjects found in the back of a book is called an INDEX .
Question: What is the dictionary at the back of some informational books called?	The dictionary found at the back of some informational books is a GLOSSARY . It lists and defines the important words in the book.
Question: What are the names of the simple pictures on a computer screen that help you locate information?	The simple pictures on a computer screen are called ICONS . They help you locate information.