

Dear Teacher,

Thank you for registering for the 2011 WordGirl Definition Competition!

The event is a great way to engage students with vocabulary words in an entertaining and interactive context and have fun in the process! During the 30-minute live webcast, your class will play along, in real-time, by submitting answers online during the webcast—and may even be called out during the event! And, as Scholastic's official Ambassador of Summer Reading, WordGirl will kickoff the Scholastic Summer Challenge to get students excited about books and reading all summer long!

To help prepare your students for the Definition Competition, please provide them with the attached reproducible, practice activities so they may become familiar with the problem and question formats that will be asked during the live webcast. The attached activity sheets provide students practice with:

- Understanding the meaning of words
- Using textual context clues for correct word usage
- Leveraging visual context clues to define words
- Drawing on existing vocabulary knowledge
- Presenting vocabulary words in multiple and interesting contexts

By participating in the Definition Competition, your class and school will be automatically entered for a chance to win fabulous books and WordGirl prizes!

Tune-in to see if you're a winner!*

Please join the webcast a few minutes before the start time as it will begin promptly at

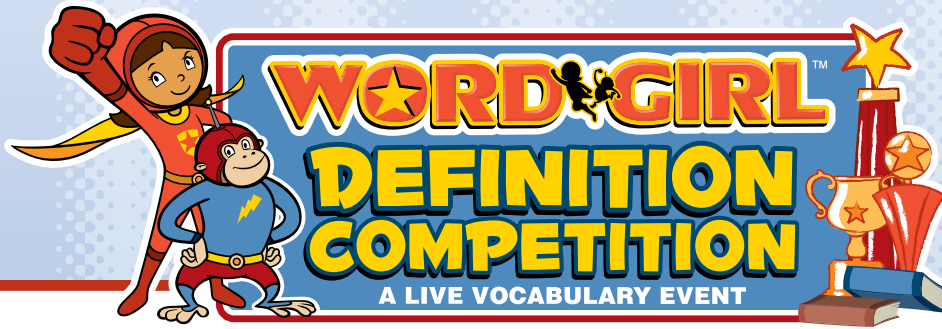
1:00 PM ET/ 10:00 AM PT. Good luck!

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TEACHER'S ANSWER KEY

WORKSHEET #1:

1. c
2. a
3. b
4. d
5. a

WORKSHEET #2:

1. d
2. a
3. c
4. a
5. a

WORKSHEET #3:

1. Dilemma
2. Hoax
3. Oodles
4. Zeal
5. Abrupt
6. Mimic
7. Calamity
8. Precipitation
9. Mischievous
10. Frolic
11. Savor
12. Brooch
13. Envious
14. Investigate
15. Swelter

Bonus Question: Mischievous

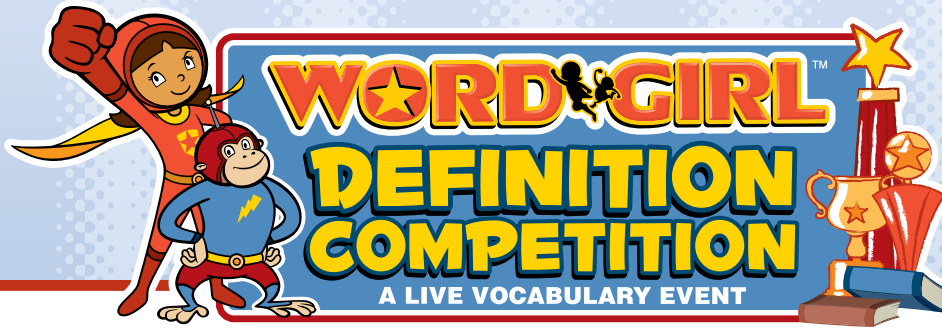
WORKSHEET #4:

1. b
2. d
3. c
4. a
5. d
6. d

WORKSHEET #5:

1. a
2. b
3. c
4. a
5. b





WORKSHEET #1

name _____

DIRECTIONS: Read the sentences below. Circle the correct meaning of the underlined word from the answer choices provided.

1. Becky Botsford is a vocabulary whiz – she knows every word in the dictionary!

Whiz means:

- a) A chef b) A teacher c) An expert d) A writer

2. Tim and Sally Botsford are oblivious that their adopted daughter Becky and WordGirl are the same person even though they look alike.

Oblivious means:

- a) Unaware b) Awestruck c) Peeved d) Frantic

3. Captain Huggy Face is WordGirl's sidekick and he helps her defeat evil villains everyday.

Sidekick means:

- a) Apprentice b) Companion c) Rival d) Sibling

4. TJ, Becky's little brother, irks his big sister by creating WordGirl bobblehead dolls and selling them at her battles.

Irks means:

- a) Teases b) Avoids c) Imitates d) Annoys

5. WordGirl's favorite catchphrase is "Worrdd Up!"

Catchphrase means:

- a) A popular saying b) A definition c) A net d) A rant

Bonus:

Write a sentence using one of the words above.



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WORKSHEET #2

name _____

DIRECTIONS: Read the sentences below. Circle the word that best completes each sentence.



1. Seymour Smooth is a con artist and uses his game show “Wishful Thinking” to _____ people into giving him money.

- a) Observe b) Restore c) Assume d) Scam



2. Ms. Question, _____ people by blasting them with question marks to distract them so she can carry out her crimes.

- a) Confuses b) Motivates c) Recycles d) Abandons



3. Mr. Big, a scheming businessman, introduces a _____ product called “The Thing that Does Stuff”, to scam unsuspecting customers.

- a) Melodious b) Arrogant c) Vague d) Hilarious



4. A spoiled brat, the Birthday Girl grows into _____ monster who terrorizes the city when she doesn't get her way.

- a) An Enormous b) An Antsy c) A Friendly d) A Weak

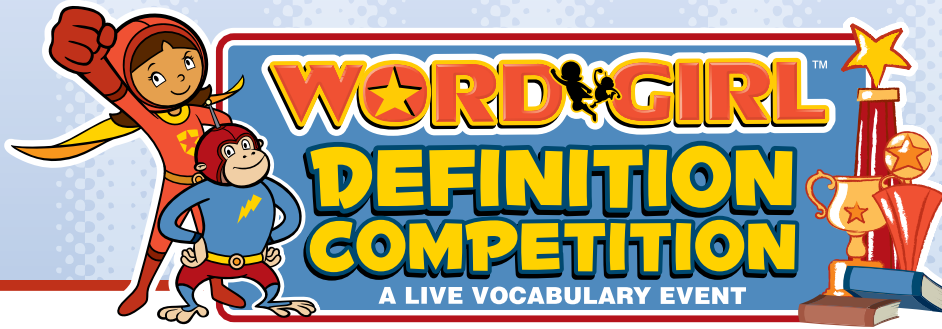


5. As Mayor of the Day, Nocan the Contrarian caused much _____ in the city as he did the exact opposite of what the people of the city requested.

- a) Chaos b) Charm c) Opportunity d) Rubbish

Bonus:

“Dash” is an action word that means to move quickly. Write a sentence using the word “Dash”.



WORKSHEET #3

name _____

DIRECTIONS: Each word in the Word Box matches a definition below. Write the word that matches the definition on the line provided.

Abrupt	Brooch	Calamity	Dilemma	Envious
Frolic	Hoax	Investigate	Mimic	Mischievous
Oodles	Precipitation	Savor	Swelter	Zeal

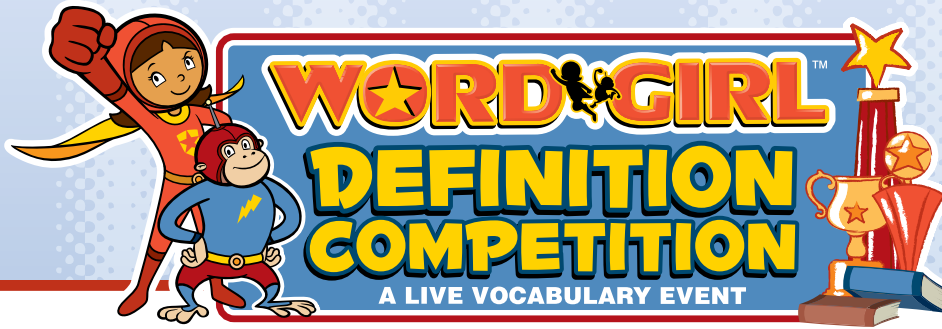
1. Choice between unfavorable options _____
2. A scam _____
3. A large quantity _____
4. Enthusiasm _____
5. Unexpectedly sudden _____
6. To imitate _____
7. A big disaster _____
8. Rain or snow _____
9. Naughty _____
10. To play happily _____
11. To enjoy _____
12. A jewelry pin _____
13. To want what someone else has _____
14. To observe or inquire _____
15. To feel uncomfortably hot _____

Bonus:

Complete the following sentence with the correct word from the Word Box.

Tobey, who secretly has a crush on WordGirl, sometime devises _____ plans and schemes to impress her.





WORKSHEET #4

name _____

DIRECTIONS: Read the word and then carefully look at each picture, which will provide clues to the meaning of the word. Circle the correct meaning of the word from the answer choices provided.



1. QUARTET

Quartet means:

- a) Two
- b) Four
- c) Six
- d) Eight



2. COMPETITION

Competition means:

- a) A party
- b) A Job
- c) A Quest
- d) A game between rivals



3. CANDIDATE

Candidate means:

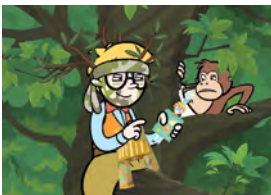
- a) An idea
- b) A photograph
- c) A person who seeks office
- d) A promise



4. PERPLEXED

Perplexed means:

- a) To be confused
- b) To be sad
- c) To be funny
- d) To be inquisitive



5. CONCEAL

Conceal means:

- a) To squint
- b) To sob
- c) To show
- d) To hide

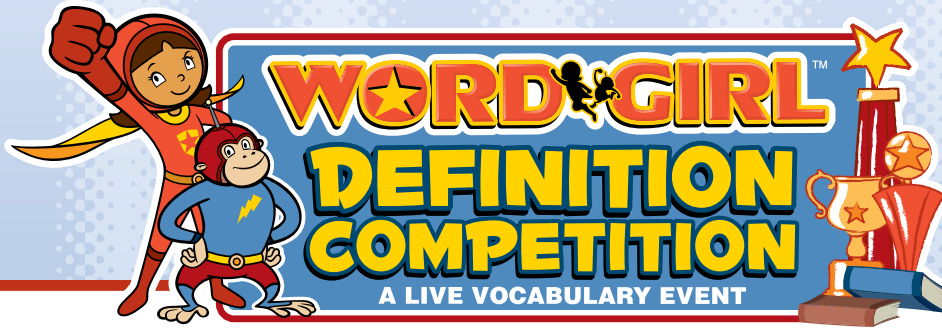


6. LIMELIGHT

Limelight means:

- a) Tangent
- b) Happiness
- c) Confusion
- d) Attention





WORKSHEET #5

name _____

WordGirl is a big fan of reading books because reading more helps to grow your vocabulary.

DIRECTIONS: Read each description. Circle the book that matches the description using the underlined vocabulary word as a clue.

1. A fairytale about a princess who is cursed into a deep slumber only to be awakened by a kiss from her true love.
a) Sleeping Beauty b) Cinderella c) Rapunzel
2. A classic about a loving spider that spins words like radiant in her web to save a pig named Wilbur.
a) Babe the Gallant Pig b) Charlotte's Web c) Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
3. A comic book about a hilarious superhero created by two silly, grade-school pranksters.
a) Diary of a Wimpy Kid b) Bone c) Captain Underpants
4. A science series about exploration and discovery that takes children on field trips led by a zany teacher named Ms. Frizzle.
a) The Magic School Bus b) Encyclopedia Brown c) The 39 Clues
5. An adventure book series about two siblings named Jack and Annie who go on magical missions to explore history.
a) Babysitters Club b) Magic Tree House c) Goosebumps

