

Vocabulary Journal



Reading Skills

- Clarifying words or phrases as seen in context of novel
- Organizing vocabulary acquisition through a graphic organizer

Overview of the “Vocabulary Journal” Strategy

Students acquire and retain knowledge of vocabulary in various ways. An effective method is through a vocabulary journal. In this lesson, students will clarify unfamiliar words or phrases by listing them on a chart in their journals. They write what they perceive is the definition by reading and recognizing clues within the sentence or surrounding sentences. They note the type of context clue they used in order to derive the meaning of the word or phrase. This activity should be introduced and applied in conjunction with the lesson on idiomatic expressions.

Activity for the “Vocabulary Journal” Strategy

Prepare the students for this activity by reviewing how to clarify for meaning when confronting unfamiliar words or phrases within the context of the novel *Wish You Well*. Then have them maintain a vocabulary journal as they read the novel, using and filling out copies of the following blackline master.

Vocabulary from the Novel *Wish You Well* by David Baldacci

Words are listed by chapter in their order of their appearance.

Chapter 1

embedded
apportioned
skittish
alchemy
volatile

Chapter 2

emboldened
conciliatory
crypt

Chapter 3

enigmatic
executor
ecclesiastical

Chapter 4

enthralled
incantations
craggy
catatonic
incriminate
pedantic

Chapter 9

effusive
ferrotypes
drugget

Chapter 10

facet
pungent
accommodation

Chapter 11

taunting
feigned
antagonist

Chapter 12

illumination
moniker
dubious

Chapter 15

clapboard
scintillating
audacity

Chapter 5

penepain
shrouded
trestle

Chapter 6

rankling
assiduously
portico
pediment
ostensibly
chastened

Chapter 7

gambrel
portal

Chapter 8

proximity
perplexed
reincarnations
dormant
grimace

Chapter 18

immense
caliper
remotely
conciliatory
macadam

Chapter 19

vigilant
ridgeline

Chapter 23

plummeted
phosphorus rock

Chapter 24

vaudeville
gramophone
carbide

Chapter 29

maelstrom
concussive

Chapter 31

bludgeoning
gape

Chapter 32

extraction
prowess

Chapter 33

thrashed
rousted