

A Vocabulary Parade is Coming!



based on the book:

Miss Alaineus, A Vocabulary Disaster

written and illustrated by Debra Frasier

In this story, Sage, our heroine and a very word-smart fifth grader, publicly confuses the word “miscellaneous,” for the person, “Miss Alaineus.” She is **devastated** (*wasted, ravaged*), **ruined** (*destroyed*), **finished** (*brought to an end*), by this embarrassing mistake. But Sage transforms her mistake with a creative leap when she arrives on the Vocabulary Parade school stage as *Miss Alaineus, Queen of All Miscellaneous Things*—and thereby proves that her mother was right. There **IS** gold to be found in every mistake!

This very same Vocabulary Parade is coming to our school! Soon each student will be selecting a word which will become a costume. Put your thinking caps on! How would you show the word **ADRIFT**? or **SHORTSIGHTED**? or **ZIGZAG**? From A to Z, consider the entire dictionary your playground! A Costume Design Sheet will be coming home soon. Your student will be asked for their selected word, a definition, a sketch of their costume, and a supply list. Help us make vocabulary building into a Parade of Words!

Mark your calendars!

You are invited to be
an honored guest at
our Vocabulary Parade!

Date: _____

Time: _____

Where: _____

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100 Vocabulary Words to Spark Costume Ideas!

abdomen	egghead	lackadaisical	separate
abundance	elasticity	lightning	shortsighted
accomplice	error	litter	sinister
adrift	extravagant	luminous	tendrils
agitation	feast	midnight	threefold
agony	ferocious	monarch	throng
air	flexible	monstrous	tidy
aircraft	fortification	noteworthy	transparent
annihilate	fruitless	nourishment	tremendous
appendage	ghastly	obstacle	tributary
arrow	gigantic	outskirts	unearth
assemblage	gyrate	pierce	unequal
blizzard	headstrong	polestar	useless
blockhead	heroic	ponderous	utterly
bookworm	horizontal	proboscis	vacant
brilliant	identical	protuberance	vain
busybody	illuminate	quiver	vaporize
cascade	inflammation	radiant	vigilant
cavity	join	regal	web
celestial	killjoy	rejoin	workload
cheerful	king snake	retract	writhe
closefisted	knothole	rickety	x-ray
collision	knuckleball	satellite	xylem
dangle		scale	yoke
decoy			zany
disguise			zigzag
divergent			

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More Words for Vocabulary Parade Costume Consideration!

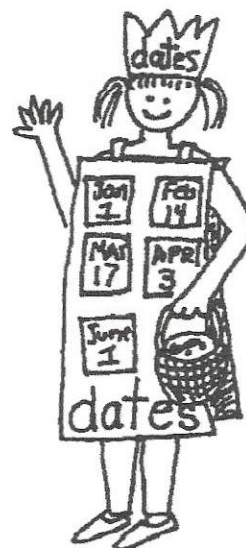
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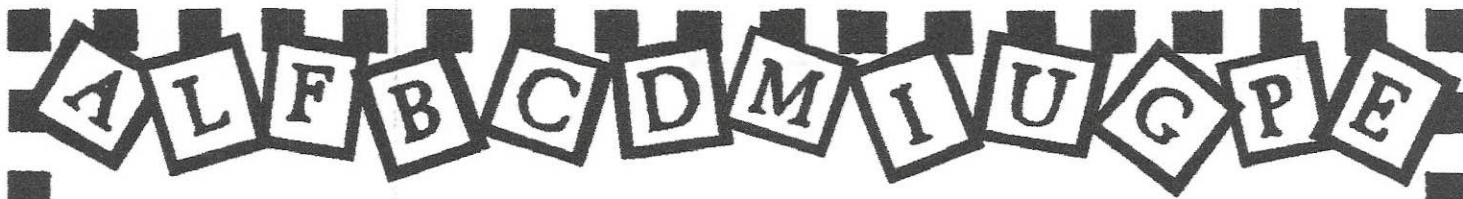


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upstairs
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vivid
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vortex
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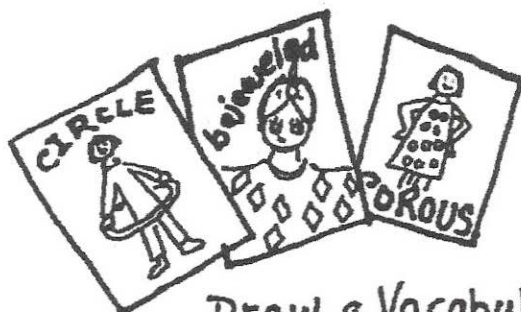


Below you'll find all twenty-eight of the defined words included in Miss Alaineus: **A Vocabulary Disaster.** Reprint this page enough times to provide at least one word OR definition to each participant. Cut words and definitions into separate slips. Mix them up and have each person secretly choose one slip. Set a time limit and have each participant who has a word pair up with the participant having the proper definition for that word. (*Keep it short and quick – maybe three minutes.*) When a pair is made, the two participants should sit at once. When all words are reunited with their meanings, have each team read its word and definition. (*Expect some chaos OR propose a no-talking-only-reading rule while searching.*)

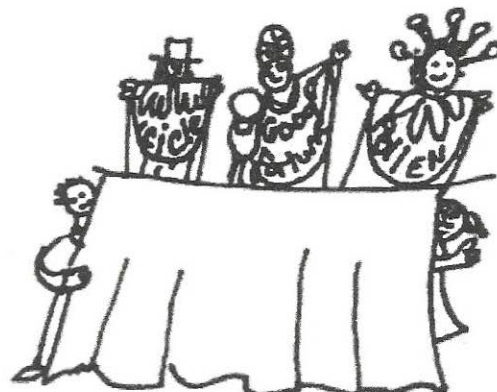
catastrophe	a momentous tragedy
disaster	an event bringing great misfortune
triumph	a true success
daunted	discouraged or disheartened
calla	a cup-shaped lily growing in the Tropics
forest	a thicket of trees
star (r)	a luminous celestial object seen as a point of light in the sky
(Mrs.) page	a single side of a printed sheet of paper usually found bound in a book
pride	an unduly high opinion of oneself
goeth	Old English for "to go"
ancestor	an ancient relative long dead
museum	a building for exhibiting objects about art or history or science
cliff	a high, steep face of rock
dinosaur	a prehistoric, extinct reptile, often huge
grinned	to draw back the lips and bare the teeth, as in a very wide smile
sage	one who shows wisdom, experience, judgment
miscellaneous	1. consisting of various kinds or qualities, 2. a collection of unrelated objects
humbled	aware of one's shortcomings, modest, meek
devastated	wasted, ravaged
ruined	destroyed
finished	brought to an end
gold	a bright yellow precious metal of great value
mistake	something done, said, or thought in the wrong way
impossible	not capable of happening
knew	to apprehend with certainty
wildly	in a manner lacking all restraint
astonishment	great shock and amazement
mysterious	full of mystery, hard to explain or understand

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Sample Costume Ideas



Draw a Vocabulary Parade. Display or carry in a parade.



Create puppets based on words.



Build Vocabulary hats over existing hats.



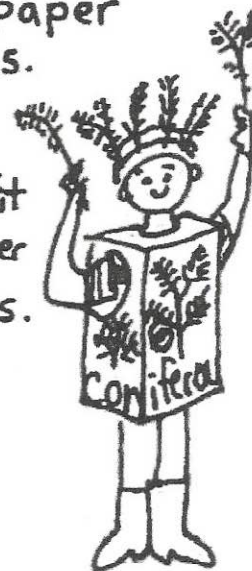
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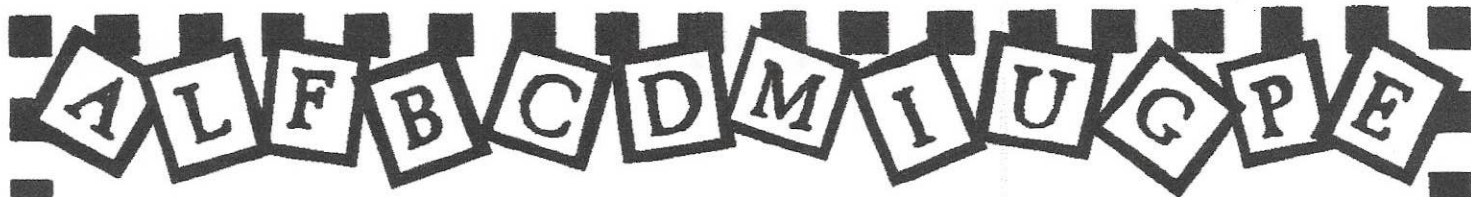


Double over white fabric, then draw or paint.



Younger students fit into paper bags. Use poster sheets for sandwich board costumes.





Vocabulary Parade Costume Planner

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

WORD:

DEFINITION:

USE IN A SENTENCE:

Costume Due:

Vocabulary Parade Date:

Costume Design Materials Needed:
