




Tomas and the Library Lady

by Pat Mora

Power Vocabulary List 
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CEILING

Pronunciation **see-ling**

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 the upper surface inside a room

Word Used in Context

I mounted a fan on the **ceiling** to circulate cool air.

Marsha loved the high **ceiling** and hardwood floor of her historic apartment.

The sprinklers on the **ceiling** of the school building will spray water if there is a fire.

COT

Pronunciation **kot**

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 a small narrow bed that can be folded up and put away

Word Used in Context

The **cot** was uncomfortable to sleep on, but it was much better than the ground.

Fred's feet hung over the end of the tiny **cot**.

My grandmother set up a **cot** for me to sleep on during my visit.

COTTON

Pronunciation **kot-uhn**

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 cloth made from the fluffy white fibers surrounding the seed pods of a certain plant

Word Used in Context

The **cotton** my mother used to make my summer dress was thin and soft.

The **cotton** was wrinkled when I pulled it from the dryer.

Jeans, sheets, and socks all can be made of **cotton**.

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DINOSAUR	<i>Pronunciation</i>	dye-nuh-sor
	<i>Part of Speech</i>	noun
	<i>Definition 1</i>	any of a group of large reptiles that lived on land in prehistoric times
	<i>Word Used in Context</i>	
		A lizard looks like a tiny dinosaur .
		Scientists believe that at least one kind of dinosaur could fly.
		"This dinosaur looks like it could eat people," said the teacher, "but it only ate prehistoric plants."
DUMP	<i>Pronunciation</i>	duhmp
	<i>Part of Speech</i>	noun
	<i>Definition 1</i>	a place where unwanted things can be left, as in the garbage
	<i>Word Used in Context</i>	
		The junk mail we throw away ends up in the city dump .
		The broken furniture could not be fixed and Raoul carried it to the dump .
		There were four rusty tractors in the dump behind the barn.
FOUNTAIN	<i>Pronunciation</i>	foun-tuhn
	<i>Part of Speech</i>	noun
	<i>Definition 1</i>	a stream or jet of water used for drinking or for decoration
	<i>Word Used in Context</i>	
		The fountain in the courtyard is a popular background for photographs.
		The park fountain shoots water high into the air.
		The children splashed in the fountain to cool themselves.
HOWL	<i>Pronunciation</i>	houl
	<i>Part of Speech</i>	verb
	<i>Definition 1</i>	to make a loud, sad noise
	<i>Word Used in Context</i>	
		We knew something bad had happened when we heard Trish howl .
		The howl of a wolf can be frightening if you are all alone.
		Amanda's dog will howl if left outside.

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JUNGLE

Pronunciation **juhng-guhl**

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 land in warm, tropical areas near the equator that is thickly covered with trees, vines, and bushes

Word Used in Context

A **jungle** is a place where it is difficult to build roads, because it has so many bushes and trees.

There are more species of animals in the **jungle** than in any other place. Simon got lost in the **jungle** because the trees all looked the same to him.

MIDNIGHT

Pronunciation **mid-nite**

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 twelve o'clock in the middle of the night

Word Used in Context

The clock announces that it is **midnight** with twelve chimes.

The countdown to **midnight** is a popular tradition on New Year's Eve.

Cinderella had to be home from the ball by **midnight**.

TIGER

Pronunciation **tye-gur**

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 a large, striped, wild cat that lives in Asia

Word Used in Context

The hungry **tiger** hunted for a deer to eat.

The new circus **tiger** came from India.

The lion is the biggest cat, but the **tiger** is almost as large.

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W H I L C H E W O R K I N G
W I T F H O O H I S F A D M
I J L O Y A T W S A M D I I
G U R U A N T T L L A U N B
O N R N E R T O O M A M O S
F G I T M N D S A N N P S E
N L T A I T I R E W O R A L
D E T I D I O E X P L G U O
R E W N N G I T H I N N R L
I B R A I E R Y B I C O T O
O K S R G R X P L O C T Z Y
Q I Y I H Y H I U U Q H W M
B T J X T M E R K Q B Z O Z
P X M F D C T S T F S U X U

Directions: For each vocabulary word below, circle it in the letter grid above—up and down, across, backwards or diagonally. Going across each row starting at the top left, place each unused letter on a blank until you reveal the hidden message.

CEILING	FOUNTAIN
COT	HOWL
COTTON	JUNGLE
DINOSAUR	MIDNIGHT
DUMP	TIGER

Hidden Message:

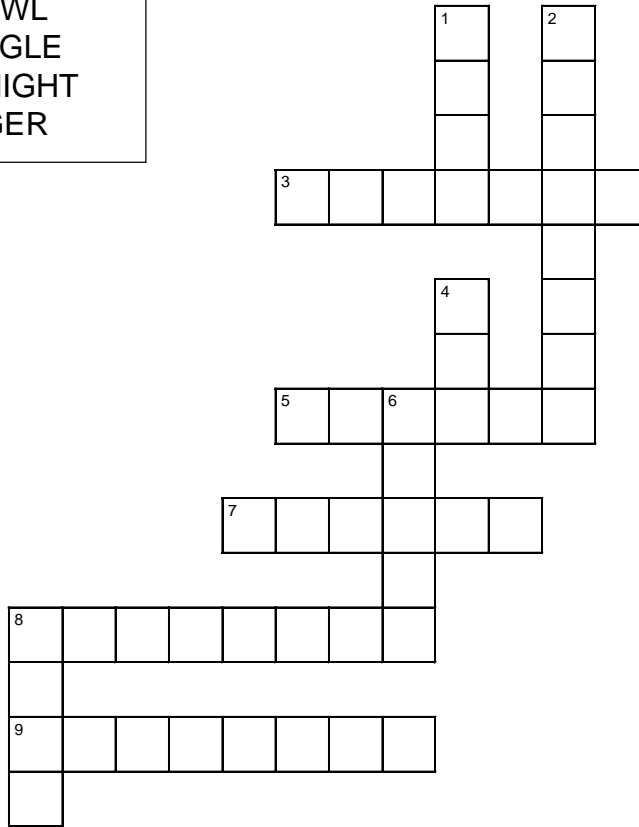
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Across

- the upper surface inside a room
- cloth made from the fluffy white fibers surrounding the seed pods of a certain plant
- land in warm, tropical areas near the equator that is thickly covered with trees, vines, and bushes
- any of a group of large reptiles that lived on land in prehistoric times
- twelve o'clock in the middle of the night

Down

- to make a loud, sad noise
- a stream or jet of water used for drinking or for decoration
- a small narrow bed that can be folded up and put away
- a large, striped, wild cat that lives in Asia
- a place where unwanted things can be left, as in the garbage

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Directions: For each vocabulary word in the left column, locate its definition in the right column. Write the number of the correct definition in the blank before the word.

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| ___ ceiling | 1. twelve o'clock in the middle of the night |
| ___ cot | 2. cloth made from the fluffy white fibers surrounding the seed pods of a certain plant |
| ___ cotton | 3. the upper surface inside a room |
| ___ dinosaur | 4. a small narrow bed that can be folded up and put away |
| ___ dump | 5. land in warm, tropical areas near the equator that is thickly covered with trees, vines, and bushes |
| ___ fountain | 6. any of a group of large reptiles that lived on land in prehistoric times |
| ___ howl | 7. a stream or jet of water used for drinking or for decoration |
| ___ jungle | 8. a place where unwanted things can be left, as in the garbage |
| ___ midnight | 9. to make a loud, sad noise |
| ___ tiger | 10. a large, striped, wild cat that lives in Asia |

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Power Vocabulary Assessment



Directions: Now that you have completed *Tomas and the Library Lady*, it's time to see if you can use the Power Vocabulary Words you learned while reading this book. Look at each of the sentences below and fill in the Power Vocabulary Word that would best complete the sentence.

CEILING	FOUNTAIN
COT	HOWL
COTTON	JUNGLE
DINOSAUR	MIDNIGHT
DUMP	TIGER

1. Tarzan lived in the _____ and had a monkey for a friend.
2. A well-known _____ is the *Tyrannosaurus Rex*.
3. A new day begins at _____ .
4. The wind began to _____ as the storm grew worse.
5. Layla's soft, white shirt was made of _____.
6. Justin kept a _____ in his closet for overnight guests to use.
7. Damon was so tall that he could almost touch the _____.
8. Every week our garbage gets hauled to the _____.
9. There is usually a line to the drinking _____ after recess.
10. The Bengal _____ is my favorite cat at the zoo.