

So Far From the Bamboo Grove

by Yoko Kawashima Watkins

Power Vocabulary Activity



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

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.

ABSOLUTE	CANTEEN	DECENT	POWERFUL
ACADEMIC	CASH	ENDURE	RAZOR
AMAZEMENT	COMMOTION	FEEBLE	RECOVERY
ANGUISH	CONSUME	GENTLY	TUITION
BELOVED	COURAGEOUS	GUARDIAN	VIGOROUS

Hidden Message:

W H O I S T H E P R I N C I P A L O F S A G A N O G I R L S '
S C H O O L R S R N O R S E S T .
M R . I S H I D A .

So Far From the Bamboo Grove

by Yoko Kawashima Watkins

Power Vocabulary Activity



A crossword puzzle grid with the following words filled in:

- 1. AMAZE
- 2. CONSUME
- 3. VIGOR
- 4. ACADEMICS
- 5. COMMOTION
- 6. GENTLY
- 7. REUSE
- 8. RAZOR
- 9. CASH
- 10. BEHAVE
- 11. ABSOLUTE
- 12. CANNTEEN
- 13. DECENT
- 14. DECENT
- 15. TUITION
- 16. FEEBLE
- 17. POWERFUL

So Far From the Bamboo Grove

by Yoko Kawashima Watkins

Power Vocabulary Activity



ABSOLUTE	CANTEEN	DECENT	POWERFUL
ACADEMIC	CASH	ENDURE	RAZOR
AMAZEMENT	COMMOTION	FEEBLE	RECOVERY
ANGUISH	CONSUME	GENTLY	TUITION
BELOVED	COURAGEOUS	GUARDIAN	VIGOROUS

Across

- to do with study and learning
- a lot of noisy, excited activity
- treatment of something or someone that is free from harshness, sternness, or violence
- an instrument with a sharp blade used to shave hair from the skin
- money in the form of bills and coins
- complete or total
- a small portable metal container for holding water or other liquids
- good or satisfactory
- money paid to a private school or college in order for a student to receive instruction there
- very weak
- having great prestige, strength, or authority

Down

- the quality or state of being filled with wonder or surprise
- to eat or drink something
- energetic, lively, or forceful
- someone who guards or protects something
- the act of regaining a normal position or condition
- greatly loved or dear to someone's heart
- a strong feeling of misery or distress
- having or characterized by mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty
- to undergo, as a hardship, especially without giving in

So Far From the Bamboo Grove

by Yoko Kawashima Watkins

Power Vocabulary Activity



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.

- | | |
|----------------------|--|
| <u>14</u> absolute | 1. money in the form of bills and coins |
| <u>11</u> academic | 2. money paid to a private school or college in order for a student to receive instruction there |
| <u>7</u> amazement | 3. having great prestige, strength, or authority |
| <u>13</u> anguish | 4. to undergo, as a hardship, especially without giving in |
| <u>5</u> beloved | 5. greatly loved or dear to someone's heart |
| <u>17</u> canteen | 6. very weak |
| <u>1</u> cash | 7. the quality or state of being filled with wonder or surprise |
| <u>12</u> commotion | 8. an instrument with a sharp blade used to shave hair from the skin |
| <u>15</u> consume | 9. someone who guards or protects something |
| <u>16</u> courageous | 10. treatment of something or someone that is free from harshness, sternness, or violence |
| <u>19</u> decent | 11. to do with study and learning |
| <u>4</u> endure | 12. a lot of noisy, excited activity |
| <u>6</u> feeble | 13. a strong feeling of misery or distress |
| <u>10</u> gently | 14. complete or total |
| <u>9</u> guardian | 15. to eat or drink something |
| <u>3</u> powerful | 16. having or characterized by mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty |
| <u>8</u> razor | 17. a small portable metal container for holding water or other liquids |
| <u>20</u> recovery | 18. energetic, lively, or forceful |
| <u>2</u> tuition | 19. good or satisfactory |
| <u>18</u> vigorous | 20. the act of regaining a normal position or condition |

So Far From the Bamboo Grove

by Watkins, Yoko Kawashima

Power Vocabulary Assessment



Directions: Now that you have completed *So Far From the Bamboo Grove*, 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.

ABSOLUTE	CANTEEN	DECENT	POWERFUL
ACADEMIC	CASH	ENDURE	RAZOR
AMAZEMENT	COMMOTION	FEEBLE	RECOVERY
ANGUISH	CONSUME	GENTLY	TUITION
BELOVED	COURAGEOUS	GUARDIAN	VIGOROUS

1. Joyce did not like the commotion of the party, so she decided to sit outside where it was quiet.
2. Her father was the most courageous person she knew because he was a decorated war hero.
3. The old furniture was well-kept and clean, so it seemed decent.
4. The passengers of the car were surprisingly powerful enough to push it out of the ditch.
5. Watching her mother suffer in the hospital was difficult for Emily to endure, but she visited her every day nonetheless.
6. A snake can consume an entire large rat all at once.
7. His recovery from the accident took several months, but afterward, he was able to live normally.
8. The campers all shared one canteen and drank only a little so that everyone would have enough.
9. Winning the game was an absolute triumph for the team because they had lost every other game that season.
10. The flea market vendor would only accept cash as a payment for his goods.
11. Rose enjoyed her academic pursuits in biology and chemistry because she was determined to become a doctor.
12. Sally missed her beloved cat for years after it had died.
13. Everyone cried in amazement as the man dove off the cliff into the water.
14. A razor works best when used with shaving cream.

So Far From the Bamboo Grove

by Watkins , Yoko Kawashima

Power Vocabulary Assessment



15. His **anguish** and sadness over the tragedy was no match for his determination to repair the damage.
16. She **gently** turned the pages in the old book because the paper had become so brittle.
17. As a baby, he was strong and **vigorous**, learning to walk at a very young age.
18. Children need a loving and nurturing **guardian** to raise them.
19. The school agreed to let her pay her **tuition** in small monthly payments.
20. The little plant hadn't been watered in days and looked very **feeble**.