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for

The Contender

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## **INTRODUCTION**

If you already own the LitPlan for this title, this Puzzle Pack will refresh your Unit Resource Materials and Vocabulary Resource Materials sections plus give you additional materials you can substitute into the tests. If you do not already have a complete LitPlan, these pages will give you some supplemental materials to use with your own plan. There are two main groups of materials: one set for unit words (such as characters' names, symbols, places, etc.) and one set for vocabulary words associated with the book.

## **WORD LIST**

There is a word list for both the unit words and the vocabulary words. These lists show you which words are being used in the materials and the clues or definitions being used for those words. You may want to give students a word list with clues/definitions to help them, or you may want students to only have a word list (without clues/definitions) if you want them to work a little harder. Both are available for duplication. The word lists can also be your "calling key" for the bingo games.

## **FILL IN THE BLANK AND MATCHING**

There are 4 each of the fill in the blank and matching worksheets for both the unit and vocabulary words. These pages can be used either as extra worksheets for students or as objective parts of a unit test. They can be done individually if students need extra help or as a whole class activity to review the material covered.

## **MAGIC SQUARES**

The magic squares not only reinforce the material covered but also work on reasoning and math skills. Many teachers have told us that their students really enjoy doing these!

## **WORD SEARCH PUZZLES**

The word search words go in all directions, as indicated on your answer keys. Two of the word search puzzles have the clues listed rather than the words. This makes the puzzle a little more difficult, but it reinforces the material better. Two word search puzzles have words only for students who find the clue puzzles too difficult.

## **CROSSWORD PUZZLES**

Both unit and vocabulary word sections have 4 crossword puzzles.

## **BINGO CARDS**

There are 32 individual bingo cards for the unit words and 32 individual bingo cards for the vocabulary words. You can use your word list as a "call list," calling the words at random and marking them off of your list as you go, or you could use the flash cards by cutting them apart and drawing the words at random from a hat (or box or whatever). To make a better review, you might ask for the definition and spelling of each word as you call it out—or you could call out the definitions and have students tell you the words they need to look for on the puzzle.

## **JUGGLE LETTERS**

The vocabulary juggle letter game is intended to help students learn the spellings of the words. One sheet has the definitions listed on it as an extra help for students who need it or to reinforce the definitions if you choose to do so.

## **FLASH CARDS**

We've included a set of vocabulary flash cards you can duplicate, cut, and fold for your students. Some teachers make a few sets for general use by the class; others make a set for each student. Some teachers duplicate them for each student and have the students cut & fold their own. You can cut out just the words and put them in a hat, have each student pick out one word and write the definition and a sentence for that word. Students then swap words and papers, with the next student adding a sentence of his own under the last one. You can have students swap as many times as you like. Each time the student will read the sentences written prior to his own and then add a sentence. You can cut out the words and definitions separately and play "I Have; Who Has?" Each student in the room draws a word and definition. The first student says, "I have (the name of the word). Who has the definition?" The student with the definition reads it then says, "I have (the name of the vocabulary word she has). Who has the definition?" The round continues until all words and definitions have been given.

## Contender Fill In The Blanks 1

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The contender; he boxes and works
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Practicing
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Place Alfred liked to run
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Ex-fighter; teacher
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Alfred told his aunt a dog knocked him off a stone \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. He says to look for opportunities for the future
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_ Belly; lacked self-discipline with food
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. 'A man must have some \_\_\_\_\_'
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Alfred's aunt
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Handicapped trainer and friend to Alfred
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Alfred knocked him down while sparring
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Relationship between Alfred and James
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. How Alfred felt after his 2nd fight
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. 'It's the \_\_\_\_\_ that makes the man'
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. '\_\_\_\_\_ are really changing'
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. \_\_\_\_\_ Square Garden
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Alfred knocked him out in his 2nd fight
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. The \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Ex-fighter; Alfred's boss
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. He, Major & Sonny beat up Alfred

## Contender Matching 1

- |                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| ___ 1. SPOON      | A. '___ are really changing'                              |
| ___ 2. ALFRED     | B. Practicing   |
| ___ 3. SICK       | C. The contender; he boxes and works                      |
| ___ 4. FEAR       | D. James was hooked on these                              |
| ___ 5. HENRY      | E. 'You should have your own___, do what you want'        |
| ___ 6. CLIMBING   | F. Alfred's aunt  |
| ___ 7. DRUGS      | G. Tried to recruit Alfred                                |
| ___ 8. GRIFFIN    | H. He says to look for opportunities for the future       |
| ___ 9. TRAINING   | I. Alfred knocked him out in his 2nd fight                |
| ___ 10. BROOKS    | J. 'It's the ___ that makes the man'                      |
| ___ 11. BUD       | K. Place Alfred liked to run                              |
| ___ 12. PARK      | L. Handicapped trainer and friend to Alfred               |
| ___ 13. TIMES     | M. Relationship between Alfred and James                  |
| ___ 14. FRIENDS   | N. How Alfred felt after his 2nd fight                    |
| ___ 15. CONTENDER | O. The 'cut man'; assistant manager                       |
| ___ 16. PEARL     | P. Alfred told his aunt a dog knocked him off a stone ___ |
| ___ 17. DOWN      | Q. Author   |
| ___ 18. JELLY     | R. ___ Belly; lacked self-discipline with food            |
| ___ 19. LYNN      | S. Ex-fighter; Alfred's boss                              |
| ___ 20. MIND      | T. Ex-fighter; teacher                                    |
| ___ 21. WALL      | U. 'A man must have some___'                              |
| ___ 22. LIPSYTE   | V. The___   |
| ___ 23. MADISON   | W. ___ Square Garden                                      |
| ___ 24. WILSON    | X. Alfred's last name                                     |
| ___ 25. EPSTEIN   | Y. 'People will try to drag you___'                       |

## Contender Magic Squares 1

Match the definition with the vocabulary word. Put your answers in the magic squares below. When your answers are correct, all columns and rows will add to the same number.

- |             |              |            |
|-------------|--------------|------------|
| A. STORE    | G. TRAINING  | M. DRUGS   |
| B. SOMEBODY | H. CONTENDER | N. LYNN    |
| C. FRIENDS  | I. EPSTEIN   | O. MADISON |
| D. PROMISED | J. ALARM     | P. LIPSYTE |
| E. GYM      | K. DOWN      |            |
| F. HOLLIS   | L. GRIFFIN   |            |

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1. James was hooked on these               | 9. 'People will try to drag you____'  |
| 2. He, Major & Sonny beat up Alfred        | 10. 'Nothing's____you, nothing's ever |
| 3. The____                                 | ____ you'                             |
| 4. ____ Square Garden                      | 11. 'Everybody is ____'               |
| 5. Alfred knocked him out in his 2nd       | 12. Ex-fighter; Alfred's boss         |
| fight                                      | 13. Tried to recruit Alfred           |
| 6. Relationship between Alfred and         | 14. Place to work out and practice    |
| James                                      | boxing                                |
| 7. Epstein's establishment                 | 15. Practicing                        |
| 8. Alfred forgot to tell the gang about it | 16. Author                            |

A=	B=	C=	D=
E=	F=	G=	H=
I=	J=	K=	L=
M=	N=	O=	P=

## Contender Word Search 1

Words are placed backwards, forward, diagonally, up and down. Clues listed below can help you find the words. Circle the hidden vocabulary words in the maze.

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

'A man must have some \_\_\_\_' (4)

'Everybody is \_\_\_\_' (8)

'It's the \_\_\_\_ that makes the man' (8)

'Nothing's \_\_\_\_ you, nothing's ever \_\_\_\_ you' (8)

'People will try to drag you \_\_\_\_' (4)

'You should have your own \_\_\_\_, do what you want' (4)

'\_\_\_\_ are really changing' (5)

Alfred forgot to tell the gang about it (5)

Alfred knocked him down while sparring (4)

Alfred knocked him out in his 2nd fight (7)

Alfred told his aunt a dog knocked him off a stone \_\_\_\_ (4)

Alfred's aunt (5)

Alfred's best friend (5)

Alfred's last name (6)

Author (7)

Boxing manager (9)

Bully; gang leader (5)

Epstein's establishment (5)

Ex-fighter; Alfred's boss (7)

Ex-fighter; teacher (5)

Handicapped trainer and friend to Alfred (5)

He says to look for opportunities for the future (6)

He, Major & Sonny beat up Alfred (6)

How Alfred felt after his 2nd fight (4)

James was hooked on these (5)

Place Alfred liked to run (4)

Place to work out and practice boxing (3)

Place where the gang meets (9)

Practicing (8)

Relationship between Alfred and James (7)

The 'cut man'; assistant manager (3)

The contender; he boxes and works (6)

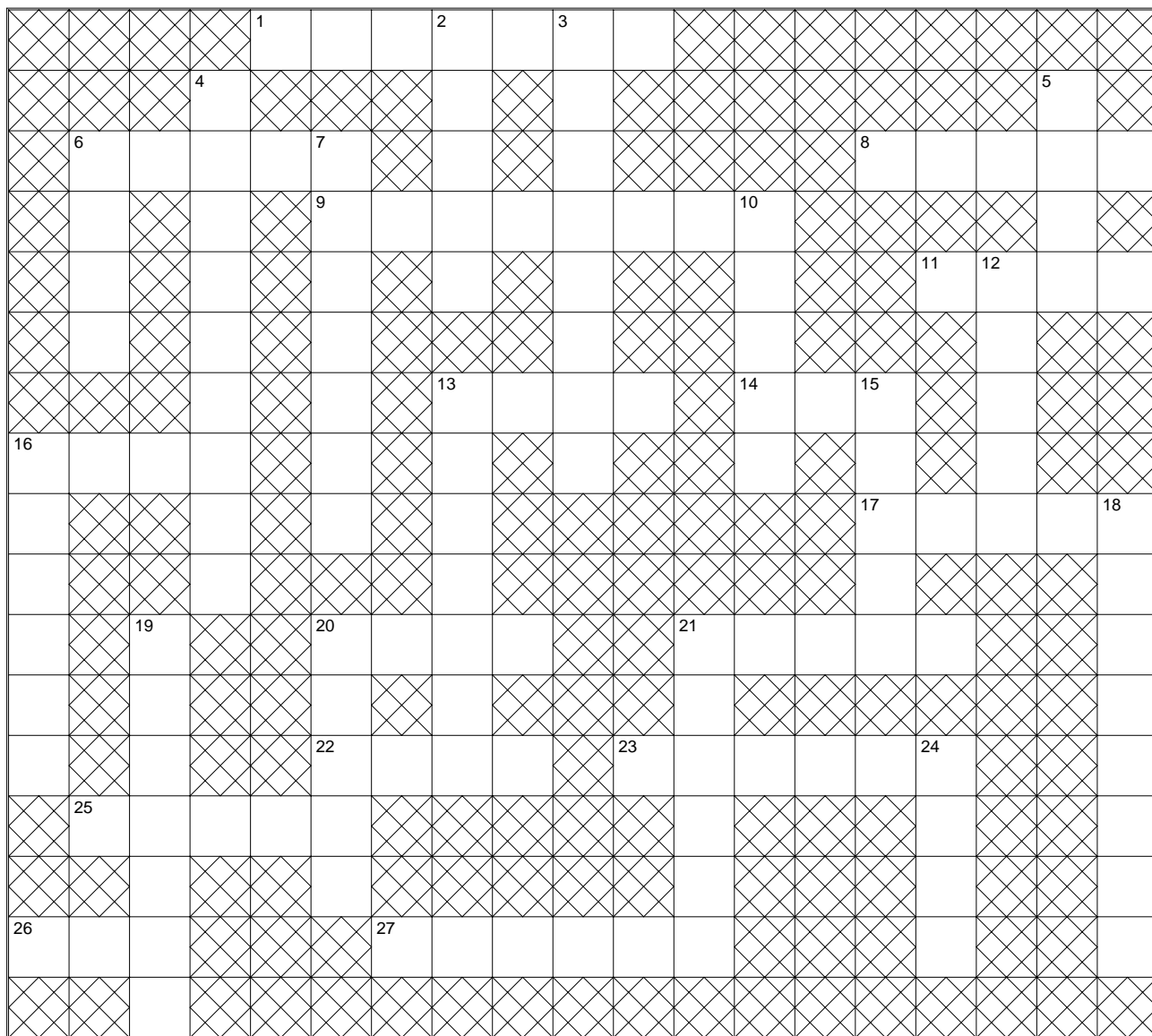
The \_\_\_\_ (9)

Tried to recruit Alfred (4)

\_\_\_\_ Square Garden (7)

\_\_\_\_ Belly; lacked self-discipline with food (5)

## Contender Crossword 1



### Across

1. Author
6. Epstein's establishment
8. '\_\_\_\_ are really changing'
9. 'Nothing's\_\_\_\_you, nothing's ever \_\_\_\_ you'
11. Place Alfred liked to run
13. 'You should have your own\_\_\_\_, do what you want'
14. Place to work out and practice boxing
16. Alfred told his aunt a dog knocked him off a stone \_\_\_\_
17. Alfred's best friend
20. Alfred knocked him down while sparring
21. Handicapped trainer and friend to Alfred
22. Tried to recruit Alfred
23. The contender; he boxes and works
25. Alfred's aunt
26. The 'cut man'; assistant manager
27. Alfred's last name

### Down

2. Ex-fighter; teacher
3. Practicing
4. Boxing manager
5. 'A man must have some\_\_\_\_'
6. How Alfred felt after his 2nd fight
7. Ex-fighter; Alfred's boss
10. James was hooked on these
12. Alfred forgot to tell the gang about it
13. \_\_\_\_ Square Garden
15. Bully; gang leader
16. He says to look for opportunities for the future
18. 'Everybody is \_\_\_\_'
19. Relationship between Alfred and James
20. \_\_\_\_Belly; lacked self-discipline with food
21. He, Major & Sonny beat up Alfred
24. 'People will try to drag you\_\_\_\_'

Contender

WALL	TIMES	JOSE	FRIENDS	WILSON
LYNN	HOLLIS	MAJOR	JELLY	ALFRED
BROOKS	MIND	FREE SPACE	DONATELLI	PEARL
GRIFFIN	CONTENDER	CLUBHOUSE	ALARM	CLIMBING
SOMEBODY	GYM	PROMISED	BUD	MADISON

Contender

JAMES	TRAINING	DOWN	EPSTEIN	STORE
PARK	SICK	LIPSYTE	FEAR	SPOON
HENRY	MADISON	FREE SPACE	PROMISED	GYM
SOMEBODY	CLIMBING	ALARM	CLUBHOUSE	CONTENDER
GRIFFIN	PEARL	DONATELLI	DRUGS	MIND