

“Raymond’s Run” by Toni Cade Bambara
Vocabulary Builder

Word List

prodigy reputation liable pageant periscope gesture

A. DIRECTIONS: Follow the instructions for writing a sentence using each Word List word. Be sure to make the meaning of the vocabulary word clear.

Example: Use *prodigy* in a sentence about a music student.

Sentence: Soon the prodigy Kayla was playing the violin better than her teacher.

1. Use *prodigy* in a sentence about a child who solves math problems.

2. Use *reputation* in a sentence about the behavior of an animal.

3. Use *liable* in a sentence about a fast runner.

4. Use *pageant* in a sentence about a springtime event.

5. Use *periscope* in a sentence about a submarine.

6. Use *gesture* in a sentence about welcoming a new neighbor.

B. WORD STUDY: The Greek root *-scope-* means “an instrument for seeing or observing.” Revise each sentence so that the underlined word containing the root *-scope-* is used logically. Be sure not to change the underlined word.

1. The astronomer used a microscope to study the moon.

2. Jessica looked through her telescope to study a strand of her own hair.

3. The pilot consulted the stethoscope to make sure the plane was level.

4. The doctor used a gyroscope to listen to the patient’s breathing.
