

# Vocabulary Cards

## Contents and Features

### Side A: Term

### Side B: Definition

#### Contents

- ◆ 300 cards
- ◆ 4 color-coded sets
- ◆ 75 cards per set
- ◆ Master lists (4)
- ◆ Durable, portable box
- ◆ Plastic tabs (4)
- ◆ Instructions booklet
  - Activity ideas
  - Arts integration
  - Literacy/ELA

#### Features

- ◆ Sub-categories (12)
- ◆ Definitions on back
- ◆ Engaging colors
- ◆ 3x5 size easy to hold
- ◆ Readable from distance
- ◆ Literacy connections
- ◆ Range: PreK-college

#### Performance Terms

projection

Acting

#### Definition

Speaking loudly enough (without yelling) for the entire audience to hear.

#### Production Terms

props

Elements of Theatre

#### Definition

Portable objects (real or pantomimed) used by performers in a production for stage or screen; short for properties.

#### Literary Terms

setting

Story Elements

#### Definition

The place and time in which a scene, story, or play occurs.

**Beq:** the farm and giant's house in *Jack and the Beanstalk*  
**Int:** the farm, Munchkinland, and Emerald City in *The Wizard of Oz*  
**Adv:** the city streets, Juliet's house, and churchyard in *Romeo and Juliet*

#### Genres

fairy tale

Literary

#### Definition

A children's story about magical creatures and adventures in a make-believe land.

**Elements:** magic, good conquers evil, a journey, rule of three  
**Characters:** magical creature, animal, monarch, stepmother, witch, wolf  
**Examples:** *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Cinderella*, *Rapunzel*, *Puss in Boots*

### Side A: Term and Categories



Performance Terms

dress  
rehearsal

Rehearsal & Show

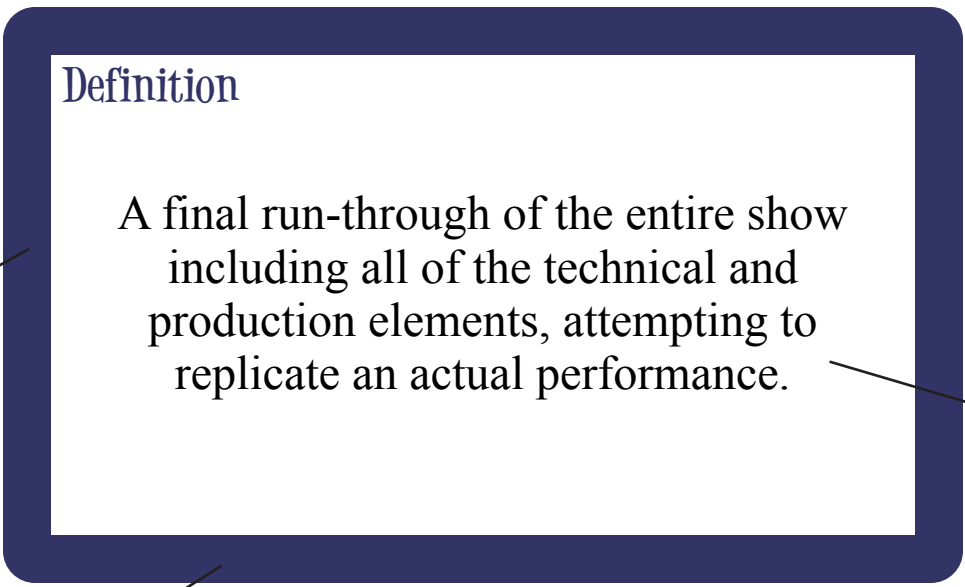
Main category organizes vocabulary

Large type easy to read from distance

3x5 size is easy to hold in hand ready to select and show

Subcategory for sorting by topics

### Side B: Definition



Definition

A final run-through of the entire show including all of the technical and production elements, attempting to replicate an actual performance.

Color border same for all 75 cards in this category

Definitions teach to the standards

3x5 size fits in pocket charts and word walls

# Vocabulary Cards

## Card Design: Poetry

### Side A: Term and Categories



**Literary Terms**

**alliteration**

**Poetry**

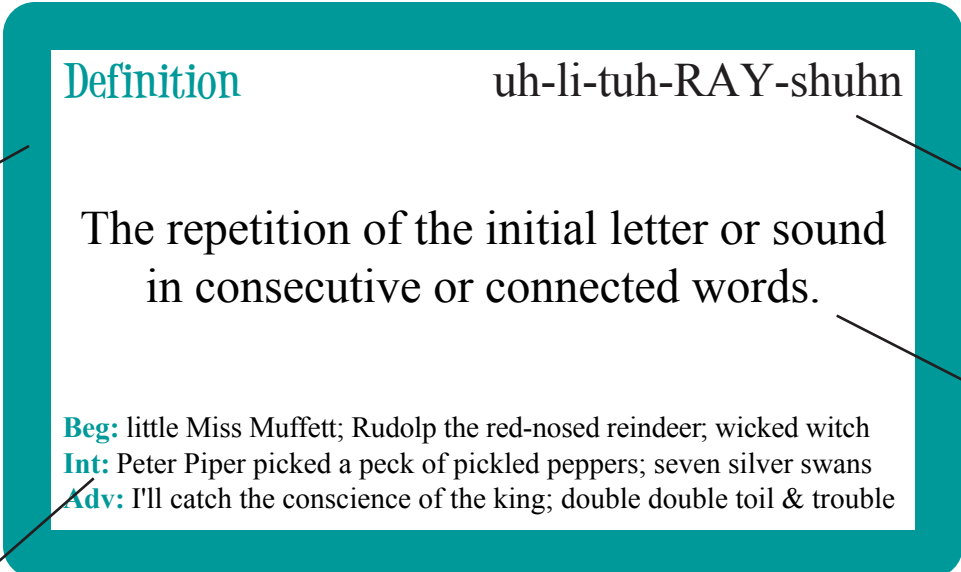
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### Side B: Definition and Examples



**Definition**      uh-li-tuh-RAY-shuhn

The repetition of the initial letter or sound in consecutive or connected words.

**Beg:** little Miss Muffett; Rudolp the red-nosed reindeer; wicked witch  
**Int:** Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers; seven silver swans  
**Adv:** I'll catch the conscience of the king; double double toil & trouble

Color border same for all 75 cards in this category

Phonetic pronunciation guide

Definitions teach to the standards

Beginner, intermediate and advanced examples from nursery rhymes to Shakespeare

### Side A: Term and Categories



**Genres**

**melodrama**

**Theatre History**

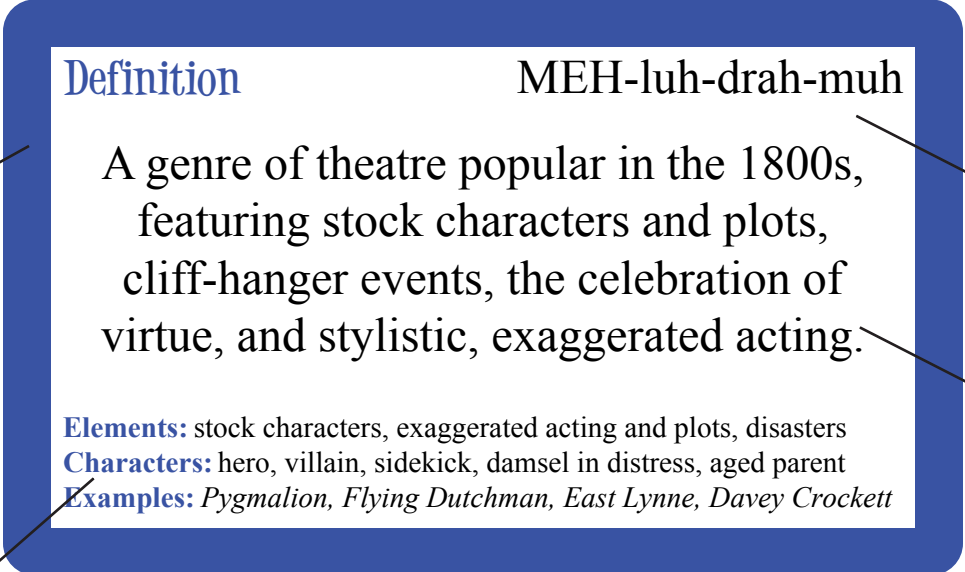
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Subcategory for sorting by topics

### Side B: Definition and Details



**Definition** **MEH-luh-drah-muh**

A genre of theatre popular in the 1800s, featuring stock characters and plots, cliff-hanger events, the celebration of virtue, and stylistic, exaggerated acting.

**Elements:** stock characters, exaggerated acting and plots, disasters  
**Characters:** hero, villain, sidekick, damsel in distress, aged parent  
**Examples:** *Pygmalion, Flying Dutchman, East Lynne, Davey Crockett*

Color border same for all 75 cards in this category

Phonetic pronunciation guide

Definitions teach to the standards

Summary of this genre's elements and characters, with examples provided

## Performance Terms

Side A: Term and Categories

Side B: Definition

Performance Terms

articulation

Acting

Definition

ahr-tik-yoo-LAY-shuhn

Enunciating vowel and consonant sounds clearly enough for the entire audience to understand.

Performance Terms

dress  
rehearsal

Rehearsal & Show

Definition

A final run-through of the entire show, including all of the technical and production elements.

### Summary

- ◆ 75 Performance Terms
- ◆ 50 Acting
- ◆ 25 Rehearsal & Show

## Production Terms

Production Terms

lighting

Elements of Theatre

Definition

The art of designing how light is used to communicate mood, setting, character, or ideas in a production for stage or screen.

Production Terms

costume  
designer

Jobs of Theatre

Definition

The person who creates and constructs the costumes used in a production for stage or screen.

Production Terms

dress  
ing  
room

Theatre Spaces

Definition

A room in which the performers get into costumes and makeup.

Production Terms

spike

Technical Theatre

Definition

To mark with chalk or tape a location on the stage for the placement of scenery or performers.

### Summary

- ◆ 75 Production Terms
- ◆ 11 Elements of Theatre
- ◆ 14 Jobs of Theatre
- ◆ 25 Theatre Spaces
- ◆ 25 Technical Theatre

# Vocabulary Cards

## Literary Terms

Side A: Term and Categories

Side B: Definition and Examples

Literary Terms

**conflict**

Story Elements

Definition KAHN-flikt

The main problem or source of tension in the plot of a story or play; comes from character's struggle against nature, society, self, another person, or the supernatural.

Literary Terms

**script**

Script Elements

Definition

The written text of a play, including dialogue and stage directions.

Literary Terms

**onomatopoeia**

Poetry

Definition AH-nuh-MAH-tuh-PEE-uh

A word that represents a sound and, when pronounced, indicates the sound it represents.

Beg: baa, meow, moo, hiss, honk, buzz, boom, bang, beep, pow, creak  
Int: clatter, fizz, gargle, moan, rev, rumble, screech, sizzle, zoom  
Adv: I hear the strain of strutting chanticleer cry cock-a-diddle-dow.

### Summary

- ◆ 75 Literary Terms
- ◆ 25 Story Elements
- ◆ 25 Script Elements
- ◆ 25 Poetry

## Genres

Side A: Term and Categories

Side B: Definition and Details

Genres

**musical  
theatre**

Theatre History

Definition

A theatrical production consisting of dialogue, music, song, dance, and story.

**Elements:** song, dance, story, spectacular group dance numbers, chorus  
**Characters:** romantic lead, comic relief, villain, friend, tragic hero  
**Examples:** *Oklahoma, Gypsy, A Chorus Line, Cats, The Lion King*

Genres

**mystery**

Literary

Definition

A genre of stories that centers around the investigation of a crime or mysterious secret.

**Elements:** crime or mystery, clues, investigation, traps, deductions  
**Characters:** detective, suspect, criminal, victim, police, witness  
**Examples:** *Sherlock Holmes, Encyclopedia Brown, Nancy Drew*

Genres

**soap opera**

Media Arts

Definition

A television genre that follows a group of characters over time with an emphasis on family life, personal relationships, emotional conflicts, and tragedies.

**Elements:** implausible events, family dynamics, relationships, scandal  
**Characters:** family member, friend, criminal, gossip, leader  
**Examples:** *Days of Our Lives, All My Children, Desperate Housewives*

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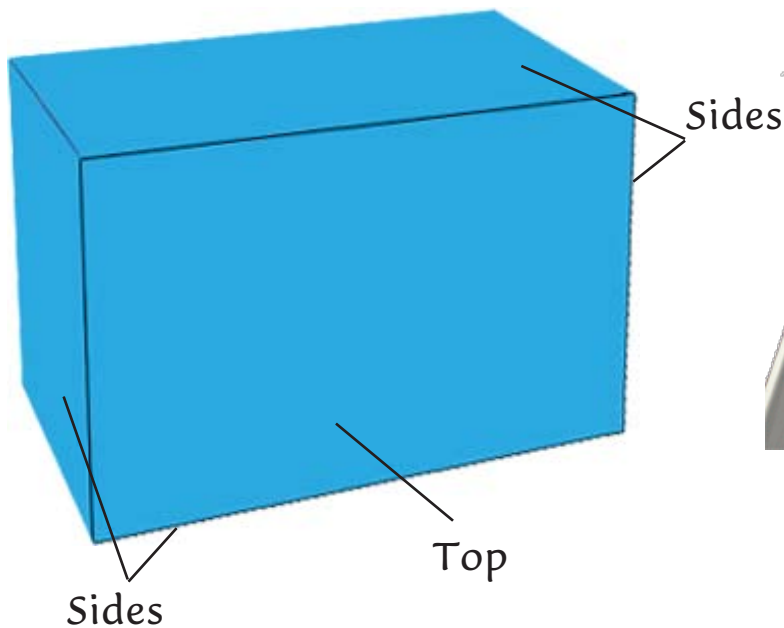
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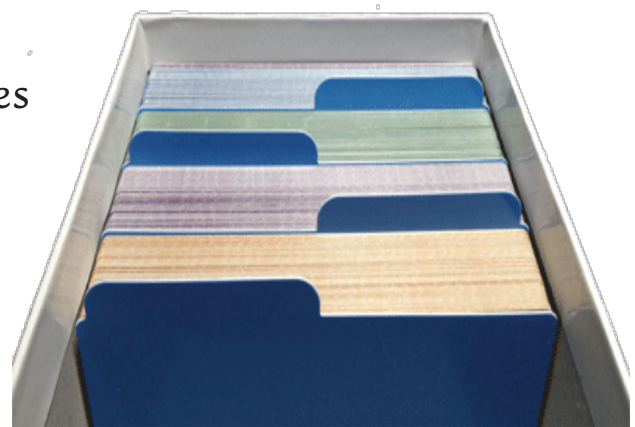
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## Box Features

Top Lid (Concept)



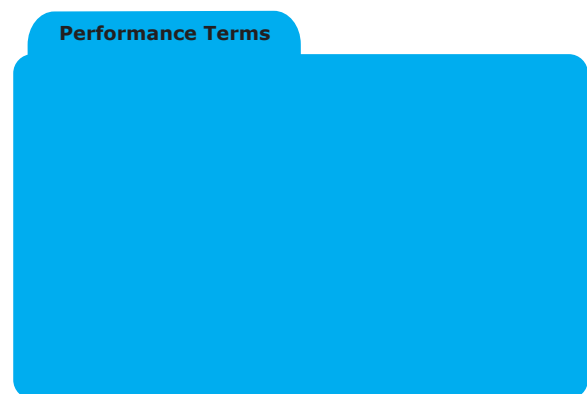
Bottom (Inside View)



## Plastic Tabs

### Summary

- ◆ 2-part box with removable lid
- ◆ Lid has 4 sides and a top
- ◆ Top slides over bottom
- ◆ Contents securely protected
- ◆ 4 plastic tabs organize cards
- ◆ Tabs include printed category
- ◆ Extra space makes it easy to remove and replace cards in box



## Educational Uses

### Theatre and Literary Terms

Literary Terms

**exposition**

Story Elements

Definition eks-poh-ZI-shuhn

Information early in the plot that establishes the backstory for character, setting, and situation.

### Genres

Genres

**science  
fiction**

Literary

Definition

A genre of stories set in an imagined future depicting space or time travel and involving advances in technology or science.

Elements: space travel, time travel, futuristic technology, aliens  
Characters: astronaut, alien, creature, scientist, robot  
Examples: *Foundation, The Martian Chronicles, Dune, Ender's Game*

#### Teach Theatre Arts

- ◆ Acting concepts
- ◆ Production concepts
- ◆ Playwriting elements

#### Teach Literacy/ELA

- ◆ Literary terms
- ◆ Dramatic literature
- ◆ Poetry

#### Teach Theatre Arts

- ◆ Theatre history
- ◆ Scene/story starters
- ◆ Improvisation prompts

#### Teach Literacy/ELA

- ◆ Creative writing starters
- ◆ Types of literature
- ◆ Media literacy