

Vocabulary in Context

Box of Shocks (EBook) - Grade 5 - Short lesson

TIME	OBJECTIVE
10 minutes	Infer and explain the meaning of pandemonium from surrounding examples.

PRODUCT

A student-friendly definition of pandemonium followed by two supporting context details.

Essential question: What does pandemonium mean in this classroom scene, and which details provide the strongest context clues?

Materials	Text to mark
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- The book
- Prepared passages: Passage 14
- Passage 14 - classroom pandemonium - loose animals and students chasing them
- Student response materials

Lesson sequence

1 Name the key detail - 2 min What does pandemonium mean in this classroom scene, and which details provide the strongest context clues?

Prepared text:	Passage 14 2 Work the evidence - 5 min Pandemonium means wild, noisy confusion. The dog cornering a chicken and students trying to catch loose animals show that the room is disorderly.
Prepared text:	Passage 14 3 Make the student product - 3 min A student-friendly definition of pandemonium followed by

Teacher key

Pandemonium means wild, noisy confusion; the loose and frightened animals and the students chasing them provide the context clues.

Support & extension

Above: Replace pandemonium with a near-synonym and explain any change in intensity or tone.

Below: Offer the choices "quiet concentration," "wild confusion," and "careful organization," then ask the student to underline two confirming examples.

Assessment

- Defines pandemonium as disorder or noisy confusion
- Names at least two relevant classroom examples
- Explains how the examples support the definition