

# West Virginia

West Virginia College- and Career-Readiness Standards for English Language Arts

## LESSON

### Monologue in Context

Clara Humble and the Kitten Caboodle

## TEACHES

### ELA.4.7

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a literary text, including words that allude to significant characters such as those found in mythology.

#### WHY THIS EARNS THE STANDARD

Students determine an academic word from a direct contextual definition and verify the meaning against the scene.

The canonical lesson that follows is unchanged. This cover is an additive curriculum-placement layer.

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**20 minutes**

#### OBJECTIVE

Determine the meaning of monologue from a direct contextual definition and test it against a character's behavior.

#### STUDENT PRODUCT

A student-friendly definition plus one evidence sentence showing why the scene fits.

#### ESSENTIAL QUESTION

What does monologue mean, and what in Bradley's behavior matches that meaning?

#### TEXT FOCUS

The churchyard scene in which context directly explains the word.

## LESSON SEQUENCE

1. Find the definition clue | 3 min Locate the words that explain monologue.
2. Restate | 4 min Write the meaning in your own words.
3. Test against behavior | 5 min Identify what Bradley does that fits the definition.
4. Apply | 6 min Create a short example and non-example of a monologue.
5. Check | 2 min A monologue is not simply any conversation.

## TEACHER KEY / EXPECTED THINKING

A monologue is a long speech by one person; Bradley's extended one-person talking in the scene fits the direct contextual definition.

### LOOK FOR

- Uses the direct definition clue.
- Restates the meaning accurately.
- Distinguishes a monologue from a back-and-forth conversation.

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