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LESSONS

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# MYSTERY WORDS

**RECOMMENDED FOR GRADES 4–6**

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## READ/LISTEN



Read the [eBook](#) or listen to the [audiobook](#) *Roll On - Rick Hansen Wheels Around the World*.

## ACTIVITY

After reading *Roll On*, write down what you think the meaning is of each vocabulary word below. The word is used in a sentence from the book to help you understand the context. Finally, check your work by using the Answer Key at the end of this activity.

WORD	CLUES/CONTEXT	MY GUESS	CHECK
Thrilled	“Jack was <b>thrilled</b> when Rick Hansen visited him in the hospital. He was Jack’s hero.”		
Marathon	“Soon he was playing wheelchair basketball and racing in wheelchair <b>marathons</b> .”		
Challenge	“Today Jack’s hero was taking on a new <b>challenge</b> . Rick was going to wheel around the world.”		
Paralyzed	“Like Rick, Sandy was <b>paralyzed</b> from the waist down.”		

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Escort	“They’re sending the Queen’s own motorcycle <b>escort</b> to show you the way.”		
Billowing	“Instead, he saw smoke <b>billowing</b> from a window.”		
Trousers	“Patryk realized Rick had been rescued in such a hurry, he hadn’t had time to pull on his <b>trousers</b> .”		
Reception	“That night a special <b>reception</b> was being held in Rick’s honour.”		
Disability	“He wants to make life easier for everyone with <b>disabilities</b> .”		
Gestured	“Rick <b>gestured</b> to his team. ‘They’re always with me.’”		
Summit	“Lin had been chosen to congratulate Rick when he reached the <b>summit</b> .”		
Interpreter	“Through an <b>interpreter</b> , Rick said he liked Lin’s red dress.”		

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Donation	“Rick is passing by so quickly, people don’t realize he’s accepting <b>donations</b> for spinal cord research.”		
Elder	“In Alberta, First Nations <b>elders</b> gave Rick an eagle feather.”		
Crew	“She was a volunteer with the Man in Motion Home <b>Crew</b> .”		
Tremendous	“The applause was <b>tremendous</b> . A magical mood spread through the crowd like a wave.”		

**ANSWER KEY**

WORD	CLUES/CONTEXT	MY GUESS	CHECK
Thrilled	“Jack was <b>thrilled</b> when Rick Hansen visited him in the hospital. He was Jack’s hero.”	Responses will vary.	To feel very excited or happy.
Marathon	“Soon he was playing wheelchair basketball and racing in wheelchair <b>marathons.</b> ”	Responses will vary.	A running race that is about 42 kilometres long.
Challenge	“Today Jack’s hero was taking on a new <b>challenge</b> . Rick was going to wheel around the world.”	Responses will vary.	A difficult task or problem; something that is hard to do.
Paralyzed	“Like Rick, Sandy was <b>paralyzed</b> from the waist down.”	Responses will vary.	Unable to move or feel all or part of the body.
Escort	“They’re sending the Queen’s own motorcycle <b>escort</b> to show you the way.”	Responses will vary.	A person or group of people who go with someone to give protection or guidance.
Billowing	“Instead, he saw smoke <b>billowing</b> from a window.”	Responses will vary.	Moving like a large wave; moving in a large mass.
Trousers	“Ptryk realized Rick had been rescued in such a hurry, he hadn’t had time to pull on his <b>trousers.</b> ”	Responses will vary.	Pants or shorts.

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WORD	CLUES/CONTEXT	MY GUESS	CHECK
Reception	“That night a special <b>reception</b> was being held in Rick’s honour.”	Responses will vary.	A party or celebration.
Disability	“He wants to make life easier for everyone with <b>disabilities</b> .”	Responses will vary.	When a part of your body or mind works differently, which may make doing some things difficult because of barriers. Barriers may be physical (e.g. buildings with stairs) or social (e.g. peoples’ attitudes).
Gestured	“Rick <b>gestured</b> to his team. ‘They’re always with me.’”	Responses will vary.	An expression made by using your hand, arm, body, head, or face.
Summit	“Lin had been chosen to congratulate Rick when he reached the <b>summit</b> .”	Responses will vary.	The highest point of a hill.
Interpreter	“Through an <b>interpreter</b> , Rick said he liked Lin’s red dress.”	Responses will vary.	A person who translates or speakers who speak different languages.
Donation	“Rick is passing by so quickly, people don’t realize he’s accepting <b>donations</b> for spinal cord research.”	Responses will vary.	A gift or contribution to a charity.

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WORD	CLUES/CONTEXT	MY GUESS	CHECK
Elder	“In Alberta, First Nations elders gave Rick an <b>eagle</b> feather.”	Responses will vary.	A person in a community who is usually older, has more experience, and is highly respected.
Crew	“She was a volunteer with the Man in Motion Home <b>Crew</b> .”	Responses will vary.	A group of people who are working together.
Tremendous	“The applause was <b>tremendous</b> . A magical mood spread through the crowd like a wave.”	Responses will vary.	Extraordinarily great in size, amount, or intensity.

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