

Lesson Vocabulary

Words to Know

Knowing the meanings of these words is important to reading *Sweet Music in Harlem*. Practice using these words.

Vocabulary Words

bass the largest, lowest sounding stringed instrument in an orchestra or band

clarinet a woodwind instrument, having a mouthpiece with a single reed and played by means of holes and keys

fidgety restless; uneasy

forgetful apt to forget; having a poor memory

jammed made music with other musicians without having practiced

nighttime time between evening and morning

secondhand not new; used already by someone else

Grammar

Punctuation

Use a **semicolon** to join the parts of a compound sentence when no conjunction is used. *For example: Rob pitched; Denise caught.* Use a **colon** to introduce a list. *For example: He played the following sports: baseball, soccer, and tennis.* Use a **hyphen** in compound nouns, such as *great-uncle*, and compound adjectives before a noun, such as *out-of-town guests*. Use **parentheses** for words inserted as a comment. *For example: Ken (a musician) played at the wedding.*

Activity

Wait, Punctuate! Make a chart on a large sheet of paper. Make four boxes in the chart and label them "Semicolons," "Colons," "Hyphens," and "Parentheses." Find a magazine that is OK to cut up. Find sentences that use the four punctuation marks. Cut out the sentences and glue them on the chart.

Practice Tested Spelling Words

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