

Unit 3 - Dracula Junior

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3A Introduction

Do you know the story of Dracula? He is the world's most famous vampire. Living alone in his castle in Transylvania, he only comes out at night. Sometimes he turns into a bat, and he's always thirsty for human blood. But this is not the story of Dracula. This is the story of Dracula's son, DJ.

3B Song Lyrics

Good evening! Allow me to introduce myself: I am Dracula Junior.

Let me begin with this; you've heard the rumors,
How deep in the **wilderness** and far from humans,
Past the misty mountains, and, in fact,
Just across the river that's pitch black,
Through the stone trees of the **petrified** forest
That will leave you scared and petrified in a moment,
There's an **immense** castle on a cliff,
So big that it can't be missed; that's where he lives.
He only comes out at night,
That's the only time when he's feeling right.
They say if he saw the sun, he would **perish** and die,
So he's like, "The day is yours, the night is mine!"
But I know he lives a **solitary** life, all alone,
He must be sad in that big old home.
His dad's gone, but this guy will never die,
'Cause he's the son of Dracula, the vampire.

*He's not scared of garlic,
He's not scared of stones,
Not scared of silver bullets or stakes,
But he's scared of being alone...
(x2)*

But Dracula Junior isn't like the others,
He decided to be different from his brothers.



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He didn't want that R-rated life; he wanted PG,
 "You can see me in the club dancing to the Bee Gees!"
 He just wanted juice, he didn't want blood ,
 He didn't want a werewolf; he wanted a pug.
 Most vampires, yeah, they only want blood,
 But Dracula Junior— well, I call him DJ—
 DJ just wanted to relax in his PJs,
 Buying Pokemon cards on eBay.
 DJ said, "I can't be **negative** and bad,
 A life without nice stuff is sad."
 So he **abolished** and ended his vampire ways,
 "From now on, I'm relaxing for entire days."
 Wow, what a **concept** or idea,
 He changed his whole life right there.
 Now DJ's grilling on the barbecue in the back,
 In his kiddie pool he likes to relax.
 Listening to samba, twice a week he calls up his mama,
 And he's reading the autobiography of Obama.
 Plus he throws a **banquet** Friday nights,
 A giant meal with food that's just out of sight.
 Yeah, he's following recipes like a playbook,
 And now he has over 500 friends on Facebook.

*"You should friend me. Anyways, I moved from Transylvania to South Carolina. Myrtle Beach.
 I play **miniature** golf with my friends. It's like regular golf only smaller. Ah ha ha! I love it!"*

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3C Words Defined

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abolish

(verb) To bring to an end; to do away with. Some people want to **abolish** the penny because its value is so small.

banquet

(noun) A large meal for many people; a feast. Frenet ate so much at the **banquet** she could hardly stand up afterward.

concept

(noun) A general idea or thought about something. Petey came up with a brand-new **concept** that we all liked: Students should get paid to do their homework.

Other forms: The new computer wasn't built yet; it was purely **conceptual** (adj).

immense

(adj) Great in size or extent. The moon, rising above the water, was so **immense** and golden it almost looked like the sun.



miniature

(adj) On a very small scale. I bought two shirts and a **miniature** hat for my bulldog, Petunia.

(noun) A very small copy or model. Mr. Palmer has a collection of trains—not real ones, but models and **miniatures**.

negative

(adj) 1. Likely to say “no” to things; not positive or helpful. I like hanging out with my friend Allison because she's always smiling and is rarely **negative**. 2. Describing a number that is less than zero. We learned how to add **negative** numbers, like -2 and -5, in math class today.

perish

(verb) To die; to be killed or destroyed. All alone in the desert without food, we knew we'd soon **perish** if we didn't get help.

Other forms: You should put lettuce in the refrigerator because it's **perishable** (adj).

petrify

(verb) To terrify. I was **petrified** when the dog jumped at me from behind the car.

(adj) Turned into stone. The tree, buried for thousands of years underground, eventually became **petrified** wood.

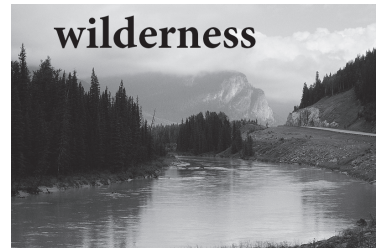
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solitary

Alone; without others. *We walked into the tiny town and found the **solitary** restaurant.*

wilderness

An area where there are few people living; an area in its natural state. *Where Robbie lives in Vermont, the **wilderness** extends for miles and miles.*



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3D Synonyms

Circle the word on the right that matches the meaning of the word or phrase on the left.

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|-----------------------------------|---------|------------|------------|
| 1. great in size | immense | solitary | perishable |
| 2. to die | perish | abolish | petrify |
| 3. a general idea about something | concept | wilderness | banquet |
| 4. to terrify | abolish | petrify | perish |
| 5. to do away with | petrify | perish | abolish |

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3E Fill in the Blank

Write the word in the blank so that the sentence makes sense.

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1. The queen is hosting an expensive _____ for all of her subjects at the palace.

wilderness**concept****banquet**

2. I like _____ candy bars the best, because you can eat several different kinds without getting sick.

immense**miniature****negative**

3. Pedro's family goes camping in the _____ every summer, surrounded by nature.

solitary**wilderness****banquet**

4. I don't want to work with Margaret anymore; she's so _____ that she makes us all feel hopeless.

negative**miniature****perishable**

5. All that was left after the fire was a single, _____ fence post.

solitary**immense****negative**

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3F Connections

Each sentence has a strong connection with one of the words from the unit. Write the correct word on the line below.

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1. The founders of America fought to do away with unfair taxes.

2. The bridge was so long that I didn't know if we would ever reach the other side.

3. I have a general idea of what I'd like to do for my project, but I haven't come up with anything definite yet.

4. I wish my grandfather would move in with us; I feel sad that he spends so much time all alone.

5. There are numbers less than zero? I don't believe it!

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3G Applying Meanings

Circle the letter that makes sense or answers the question.

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1. What do most people do at a **banquet**?

- (A) race
- (B) gamble
- (C) eat
- (D) sleep

2. A **miniature** horse would be

- (A) small
- (B) multicolored
- (C) fast
- (D) hairless

3. What would someone who is **petrified** be most likely to do?

- (A) scream
- (B) laugh
- (C) yawn
- (D) dance

4. An animal would probably **perish** if it

- (A) was left inside during the day
- (B) had a loving owner
- (C) never ate
- (D) needed a haircut

5. What would you most likely see in the **wilderness**?

- (A) restaurants
- (B) boats
- (C) cars
- (D) trees

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3H Reading

Read the passage below and then answer the questions that follow.

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Alone in the Woods

“How did I get here?” That was the question that kept going through Josh’s mind. He had been camping in the woods since he was a little kid. He knew enough to stay close to the campsite. Yet here he was, stranded in the **wilderness** with no camp in sight.

He had gone down to the stream to wash his hands before dinner. It must have been two hours ago. When he started to walk back, he must have taken a wrong turn. One wrong turn was all it took.



The **immense** trees towered overhead. Josh didn’t want to admit it, but he was feeling **petrified**. He shivered and pulled his cap down as far as it would go. The night was getting colder, and he was still in the short-sleeved shirt he’d been wearing all day.

“Hello?” he called out. The only answer he got was the hoot of a **solitary** owl perched in a tree above. He knew owls weren’t the only things that lived in these woods: Earlier in the day, he and his dad had seen bear tracks. What if he **perished** out here?

Josh stopped walking. He had to **abolish** these **negative** thoughts from his mind. All they were doing was making him more scared. He adjusted his glasses and thought deeply. Now, what did he know about the campsite? He remembered his father saying it was on the northern side of the forest. He looked up and breathed a sigh of relief. There it was, hanging brightly in the sky: the North Star. If Josh followed that star, he might have a chance of finding the campsite.

Josh walked in the direction of the star, calling out for help along the way. Suddenly, in the distance, he heard the sweetest sound he could imagine: the sound of his own name. Someone was calling for him! “Mom?” he yelled. “Dad?”

“Josh?” the voices answered back.

Far up ahead, he could see a campfire, burning in the woods like a **miniature** night-light. He started to run. His mom and dad stood in front of the fire, waving their arms like crazy. He began to laugh. A few minutes ago, he had been terrified of getting attacked by a bear. Now all he wanted was a great big bear hug.

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1. Why did Josh leave his campsite?

2. Describe how Josh is dressed.

3. Based on information in the passage, what was the weather like earlier in the day?

4. Why did Josh breathe a sigh of relief when he saw the North Star?

5. What does the author mean when he says that Josh's name is "the sweetest sound he could imagine"?

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3I Thinking Creatively

Answer each question below. Don't be afraid to think creatively.

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1. What would you like to **abolish** at your school?

2. Name something you own that's **miniature**.

3. What would be served at a **banquet** of your favorite foods?

4. What's the best way to **petrify** someone on Halloween?

5. Write something **negative**.

Word Breakdown

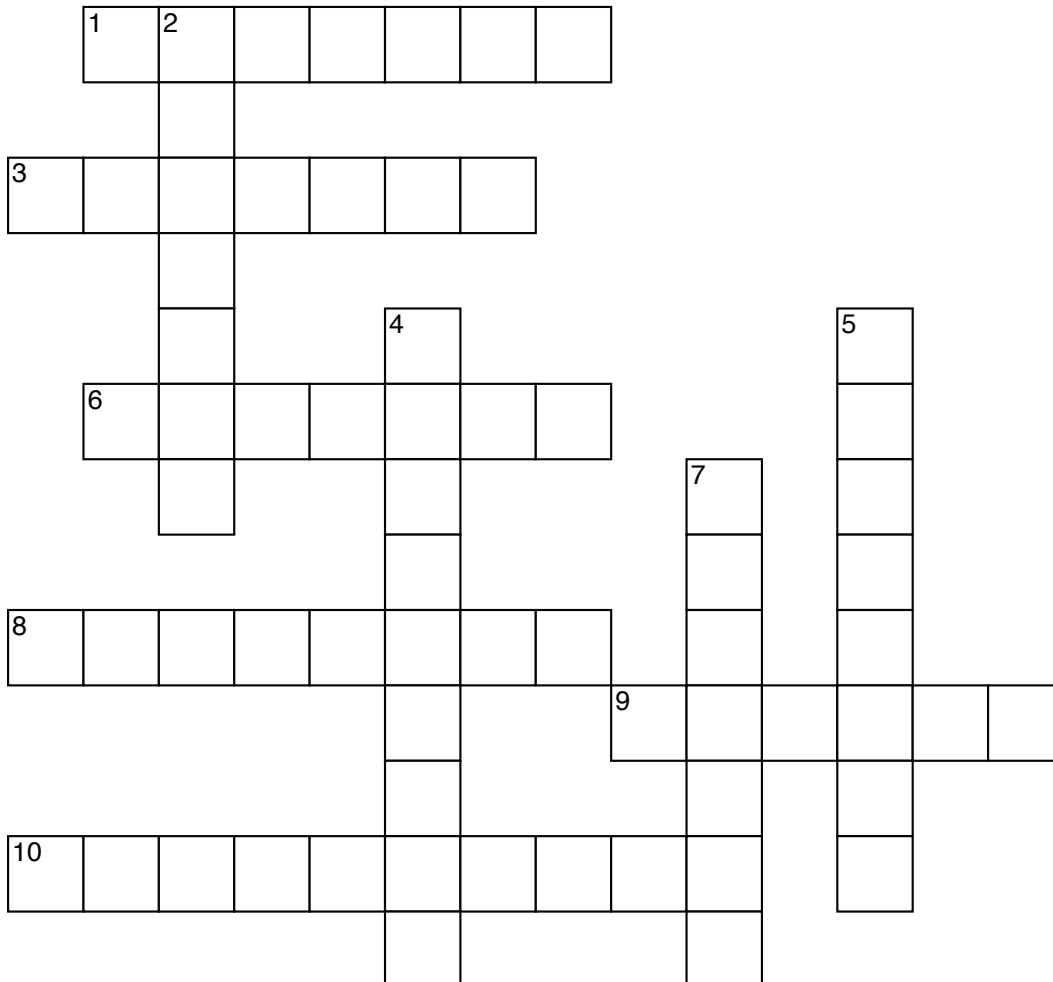
The word *negative* has roots in Latin. The *neg-* prefix usually means "not." You can see this in a word like *neglect* ("to not pay attention to"). *Negative* has many meanings. In math, two minus three equals *negative* one. In science, an electron carries a *negative* charge. In photography, a film's *negatives* store an opposite image of a picture (though they don't exist when digital cameras are used). The word can even replace the word no: "Can't this ship go any faster?" Kirk asked. "*Negative!*" the pilot answered. You may have heard the words *optimist* and *pessimist* before. An *optimist* is someone who always sees the bright side of things, while a *pessimist* is someone who always sees the *negative* side of things. Are you an *optimist* or a *pessimist*?

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Bonus: Crossword Puzzle

Solve this crossword puzzle. Note: Some answers may be different forms of the vocab words from this unit.

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ACROSS

- 1 If I could _____ broccoli from this world I would-I hate it!
- 3 A general idea.
- 6 To turn into stone.
- 8 The only living creature we saw was a _____ bird.
- 9 To be killed or destroyed.
- 10 The strange old man lives alone in a shack at the edge of the _____.

DOWN

- 2 The king invited Cinderella to dine with him at the _____.
- 4 Peter thinks his _____ poodle is adorable, but it looks like a rat to me.
- 5 Jerry is always so _____; doesn't he like anything?
- 7 My mother had to make an _____ amount of food for our 10-year family reunion.