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Episode 305: Mystery Words and a Jazz Poet

Book: *Jazz Poet: A Story about Langston Hughes* by Veta Boyd Jones

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Write It

Help us climb the word ladder! Start at the bottom, follow the directions and write each word on the rung of the ladder. Read each word you write.

Clue 5: Change the p to a r.



Clue 4: Add sh before the a.



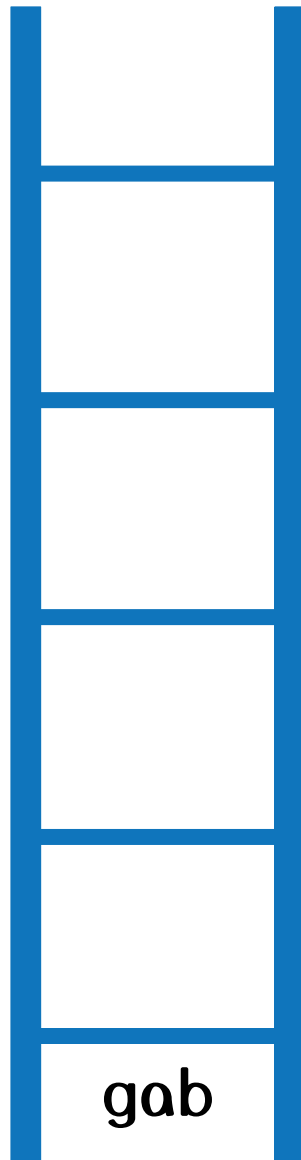
Clue 3: Take off the gr.



Clue 2: Change the b to a pe.



Clue 1: Add an r before the a.



Words to Know

- **Literal language:** words and phrases that mean exactly what they say
- **Nonliteral language:** words and phrases that mean one thing but are used to describe something else
- **Context clues:** words and phrases that help you figure out the meaning

Read It

Authors use literal and nonliteral language to add interest and variety to their stories. Read the following sentences from, *Jazz Poet: A Story about Langston Hughes*, by Veta Boyd Jones. Use the context clues to determine the meaning of the underlined words.

When he talked, he barked orders.

He had left the United States and headed to Mexico, where he said Blacks were treated fairly.