

Cruse, Fall 4043

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**Description:** “Magic Squares” is a game developed to improve vocabulary.

**Targeted Reading Levels:** 1<sup>st</sup> –12<sup>th</sup> grades and beyond

**Text:** Any text with unfamiliar words

**Major Focus:** Vocabulary

- Procedure:**
1. Match the definition with the vocabulary word.
  2. Put your answers in the magic squares.
  3. When your answers are correct, all columns and rows will add to the same number.

The following word list was developed from the book, The 21 Balloons by William Pene du Bois.

<b>Word List</b>	
A	cupola
B	postillion
C	flotsam
D	boulevardier
E	ballast
F	balustrade
G	waif
H	carafe
I	Krakatoa

<b>Definitions</b>	
1	A man who frequents boulevards
2	Any wreckage or cargo that remains afloat after a ship has sunk
3	A glass bottle for serving water or wine at the table.
4	A volcanic island in the Pacific that violently erupted
5	Any heavy material placed in the hold of a ship or the gondola of a balloon
6	A small usually domed structure surmounting a roof.
7	A person who rides the near (left hand) horse of the leading pair to guide a team of horses drawing a coach
8	A stray homeless person, especially an orphaned child
9	A rail and the row of posts that support it, as along the edge of a staircase

A	B	C
D	E	F
G	H	I

Before assigning the magic squares activity, the teacher orally practices target words with students and reviews or clarifies definitions. If students still do not know meanings, the teacher should use the glossaries for review.