



The Kid Who Ran For President Glossary

Families: Here is a list of some vocabulary words found in *The Kid Who Ran For President*. Pick 1 from each chapter and ask your child to write/speak a sentence using that word.

WORD	PAGE	DEFINITION IN TEXT
prologue	1	introduction to the book
politician	5	a person who holds a government position
sneer	14	grimace with disapproval
Electoral College	15	a body of people chosen to officially elect the President and Vice President of the United States
disqualify	15	to make not fit or to remove from a position
composure	16	calmness in thinking and acting
snickering	17	to laugh at someone or something
petition	17	a formal, written request by many people that is made to a person in authority
Badger (verb)	17	to bother in a stubborn way
ballot	17	a piece of paper on which people who are voting enter their choices
oblivious	18	not paying attention
persuasive	18	having the ability to cause another to do or believe something
marathon	26	lengthy or taking a long time
naive	33	lacking in suspicion, unsophisticated

awkwardly	37	clumsy, without grace
inauguration	39	to put in office with an official ceremony
journalist	51	a person who works for a news station
chutzpah	51	Hebrew word for bravery
harrumphed	54	an act or sound to show disapproval
ushered	55	guided or moved people over
prank	61	joke
extracurricular	61	outside of school activities
millennium	72	in the year of the 2000s
exhilarating	73	to fill with energy
pandemonium	74	wild, noisy chaos
anonymous	78	unknown person
groggily	79	sleepily
inspiration	85	a person who influences others positively
contribution	86	something that is given to a cause or charity
Constitution	92	the set of basic laws by which a nation, state, or other organization is governed
Bill of Rights	93	the first ten amendments of the US Constitution
Amendments	93	official approved changes to the US Constitution
abridged	99	shortened

ambassador	101	a person who is sent by the government of one country to be its official representative in another country
civilization	102	the culture of a particular society that has reached an advanced level
astonishingly	107	to fill with great surprise
dignitary	116	one who holds a high rank
Secret Service	117	a branch of the U.S. Treasury that provides protection for the President
moderator	121	someone who leads a discussion group or debate
abolish	123	get rid of
conventional	127	traditional
deftly	127	with skill
momentum	129	strength of movement
disastrous	129	horrible outcome
wicked	139	evil or naughty
Congress	142	the branch of a national government that makes laws.
House of Representatives	143	the lower legislative house in the United States
shriek	147	yell in a high pitched tone
victory	151	success or win at something
resign	152	quit
reconsider	152	to think again