

COLORADO KIDS: WORD BANK

December 15, 2009

“Give a different kind of Christmas”

trinket – small, inexpensive item

environment – habitat, surroundings of the natural world

pollinate – to fertilize by transferring pollen from one flower to another

nutritious – healthy; good for the body

heifer – young cow

poverty – being extremely poor

ger – (rhymes with “bear”) a movable tent home used by nomads

“Love and cookies can help cure kids with cancer”

pediatric – having to do with children

diagnosed – a doctor finding what is wrong

imploringly – to beg with great feeling

oncologist – cancer doctor

passionately – with great emotion

chemotherapy – chemo for short – using powerful drugs to treat dangerous diseases

“Soccer’s biggest stage: The World Cup”

international – all over the world

federation – joining together, as in a sports league

contender – competitor

qualify – able to participate by meeting certain conditions

elimination – the process of getting rid of something

elevate – to move to a higher position

obstacle – difficulty to overcome

confident – certain



“The Princess and the Frog – share the magic”

riveting – fascinating

bayou – a sluggish, marshy stream connected with a river or gulf

animator – an artist who produces moving cartoons

devious – not worthy of trust; dishonest

morals – lessons about life taught with a story

Word game below ▼

FILL IN THE BLANK

Name _____ Grade _____

Fill in the blanks using the correct Word Bank word.

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1. "Right after Liam was _____ with cancer, I _____ asked his _____ why more people don't know those sad statistics," said Liam's mom Gretchen.
2. Bees take up almost no space, are inexpensive to keep, and help the _____ by _____ plants.
3. The _____ of Association Football announced its draw (rankings) for 2010 World Cup _____ on December 4.
4. Through local bake sales, Cookies for Kids Cancer raises money for _____ cancer research to help fight this deadly disease in sick children.
5. Tiana must kiss Naveen, and soon they unexpectedly take the ride of their lives through the _____ of Louisiana.
6. _____, Gretchen said, "Any child battling cancer deserves a headline."
7. The gift keeps spreading so that many families can be helped out of _____.
8. A good performance at the World Cup will surely help _____ soccer here in America.
9. I also had the chance to catch up with two of the _____ at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Denver.
10. Disney has done it again; they have created a _____ new adventure filled with toe-tapping dancing, powerful singing and, of course, comedy.
11. After _____, teams are drawn into eight groups of four teams.