

# Copymasters Unit 2 Passage

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Fill in the blanks with words from the **Vocabulary List**. Underline the words on the **Spelling List**.

### Blushing at the Piano by Anna

When visitors come to our house, my father brags about my piano playing. I \_\_\_\_\_ my shoulders. I can feel my face \_\_\_\_\_. I love playing but I am just learning.

My piano teacher keeps giving me harder music to play. I think he wants me to \_\_\_\_\_ my abilities along with my fingers to keep getting better. When he told me we would soon have a recital, I was shocked. I wasn't ready to play in front of lots of people. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ the piano stool with both hands. I took in a quick \_\_\_\_\_ of air.

Then my teacher told me a story about himself. When he was a child, something embarrassing happened at his first piano recital. He had practiced his piece over a hundred times. His whole family was there. Even some relatives from a distant city came. It was in October and the place was all decorated for fall. He was so nervous that he fell off the piano stool. He landed on top of a pumpkin and squashed it. After hearing that, I agreed to play at the recital. I couldn't do worse than that.

**Context Clues:** Discuss the meanings of the words in **bold**.

The day of the recital was very **hectic**. Some students were running here and there looking for their instruments. Others were saying hello to visitors and checking their hair in the mirror. Parents were lugging in boxes of snacks and gallons of lemonade. I studied my music. My goal was to play my whole piece without using the sheet music. I was able to **accomplish** that goal. And I only blushed a little bit.

**Write about it:** What are some clues that tell you Anna is shy about her piano playing?

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