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# Louis Armstrong - Vocab Cards

**ambassador ]>**

**a person who serves as a representative, spokesperson, or promoter of a particular activity.**

On his trip to Mexico to set up a new league, Lamar thought of himself as an \_ambassador\_ for American football.

Synonyms: envoy, diplomat



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**critic ]>**

**one who expresses a disapproving opinion of something.**

\_Critics\_ believed the artist's work was unoriginal.



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**icon ]>**

**a person or thing that is widely celebrated.**

LeBron James is an \_icon\_ to many basketball fans.

Synonyms: hero, idol, legend



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**improvisation ]>**

**the act of creating, playing, composing, or doing anything without previous planning or preparation.**

Wayne played a backing track while he practiced \_improvisation\_ on his guitar.



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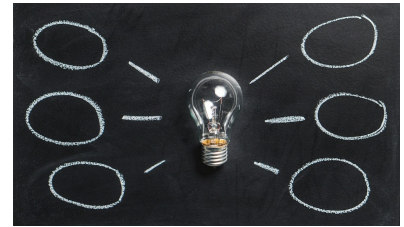
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**innovation ]>**

**something new and different.**

The biologist won a Nobel Prize for the \_innovation\_ he made in the study of DNA.

Synonyms: invention, advancement



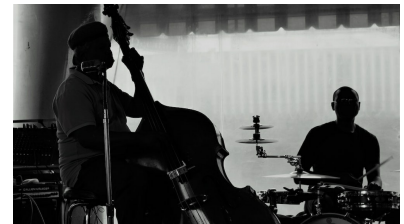
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**jazz ]>**

**a style of music originated by Black Americans in the early 1900s with roots in blues and ragtime; the style is often characterized by syncopated rhythms and group and solo improvisation.**

The \_jazz\_ trio spent most of the night playing improvised versions of classic standards.



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### King Oliver ]>

**an influential early Jazz cornet player and band leader from New Orleans, LA, who pioneered the use of mutes in horn playing.**

King Oliver and his Creole Jazz Band quickly became well known in Chicago in the early 1920s.



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### Louis Armstrong ]>

**a pioneering American jazz trumpet player and singer from New Orleans, LA, who is best known for songs like “What a Wonderful World” and “Hello, Dolly.”**

Louis Armstrong started as a jazz musician, but he eventually became an actor, comedian, writer, and radio host.



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**scatting ]>**

**a style of jazz singing in which singers use nonsense sounds instead of words.**

"I prefer \_scatting\_ when I sing," Fatou laughed. "Lyrics are overrated!"



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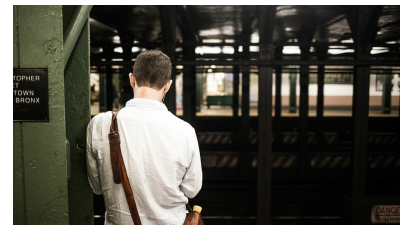
**solo ]>**

**alone; without anyone else.**

Milo lives on the other side of town from the rest of us, so he took the subway home \_solo\_.

Synonyms: unaccompanied, unescorted

Solo can also be used as a noun, like in this sentence: "I'm learning to play a famous piano solo."



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