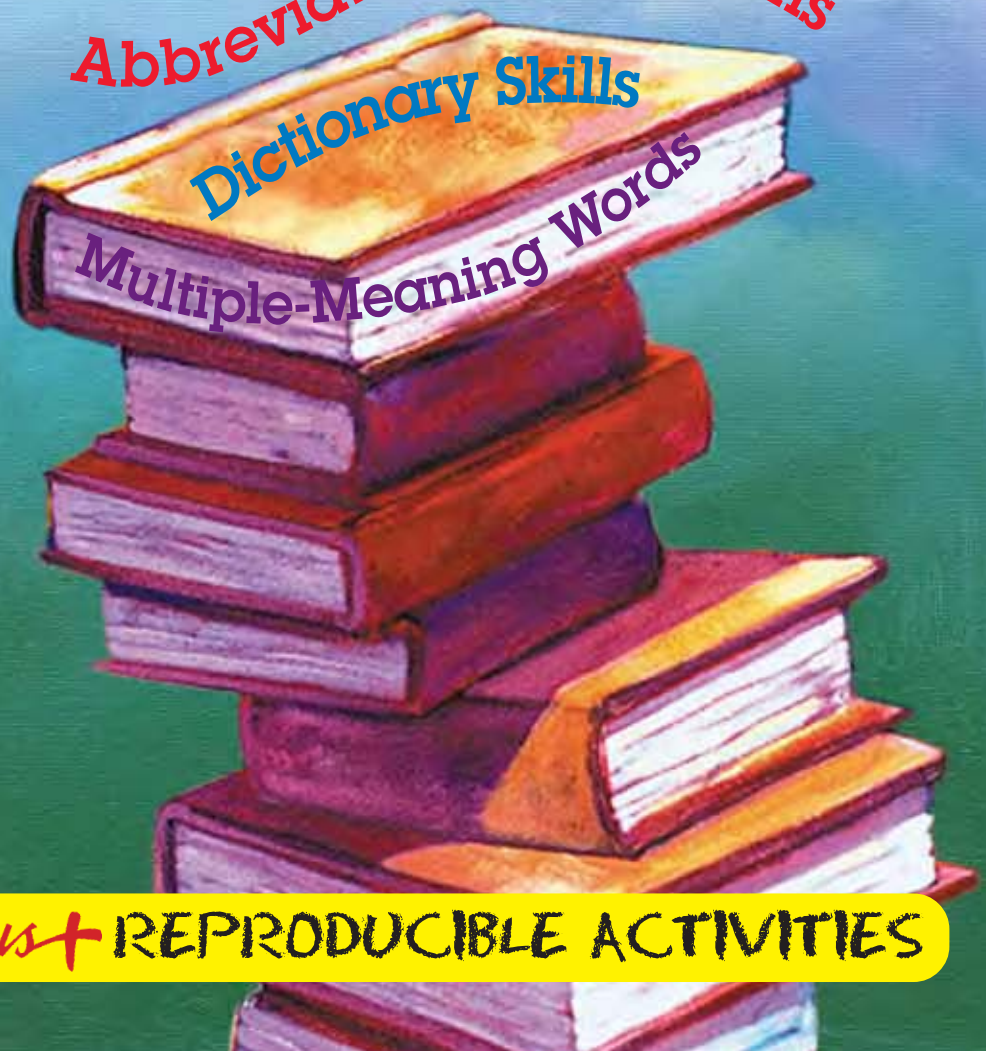


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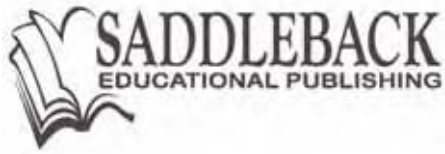
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**ENGLISH VOCABULARIES: FORMAL, INFORMAL, AND SLANG 1**

**Various occasions call for various kinds of language.**

**A. Directions:** Where will you usually see and hear the *formal* words in the box? In official documents and reports, literary works, and speeches. Use a dictionary to look up any words you don't know. Then write each word next to the *informal* word below that has the same meaning.

<b>abolish</b>	<b>baffle</b>	<b>calculate</b>	<b>massive</b>	<b>notable</b>
<b>perceive</b>	<b>perturb</b>	<b>quest</b>	<b>signify</b>	<b>tedious</b>

- 1. **understand** \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. **figure** \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. **ban** \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. **mean** \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. **bother** \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. **huge** \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. **confuse** \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. **famous** \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. **boring** \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. **search** \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Directions:** The informal word in each sentence appears in **boldface**. Circle a letter to identify the formal word that could replace it.

- 1. At the sight of the brightly colored balloons, the child broke into a **sudden** smile.  
a. relevant      b. spontaneous      c. delirious
- 2. The archaeologists became very excited when they saw the **writing** on the walls of the tomb.  
a. trophy      b. portrayal      c. inscription
- 3. The hikers were surprised to find that a huge boulder **barred** their path.  
a. obstructed      b. prevailed      c. divulged
- 4. The detectives thought that the suspect's story was probably a **lie**.  
a. falsehood      b. misdemeanor      c. felony
- 5. When Melanie slipped and fell on the ice, she **broke** her arm.  
a. sprained      b. injured      c. fractured

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**Informal English is the language used in newspapers, on television, and in most everyday conversations.**

When talking to friends, most people use some slang expressions. Slang might be vivid and interesting in speech, but it is not acceptable in formal or informal writing.

**A. Directions:** Write a slang expression from the box that has the same meaning as the **boldface** word or words. Hint: You will *not* use all the words in the box.

hangout    bimbo    batty    handle    bugs    chill    sleazy    ditzy

1. "Slim" was given that **nickname** \_\_\_\_\_ about 10 years ago.
2. My dad always **pesters** \_\_\_\_\_ me about doing my homework.
3. Her high-pitched laugh makes her sound **silly** \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Sara suggested that we stop working and **relax** \_\_\_\_\_ for a while.
5. That rundown \_\_\_\_\_ neighborhood looks very **unappealing**.
6. The burger place was a favorite **gathering place** \_\_\_\_\_ for kids from our school.
7. Our **eccentric** \_\_\_\_\_ neighbor needs help from a psychiatrist.

**B. Directions:** Use vowels (*a, e, i, o, u*) to complete the words in the chart that have the same meaning.

FORMAL		INFORMAL		SLANG
1. <u>m</u> _ <u>l</u> _ <u>n</u> <u>c</u> <u>h</u> _ <u>l</u> <u>y</u>	⇔	sad	⇔	down
2. vulgar	⇔	<u>c</u> <u>h</u> _ _ <u>p</u>	⇔	tacky
3. _ <u>b</u> <u>s</u> _ <u>r</u> <u>v</u> _	⇔	see	⇔	eyeball
4. genteel	⇔	<u>r</u> _ <u>f</u> _ <u>n</u> _ <u>d</u>	⇔	high-toned
5. converse	⇔	talk	⇔	<u>g</u> _ <u>b</u>
6. slander	⇔	insult	⇔	<u>d</u> _ <u>s</u>

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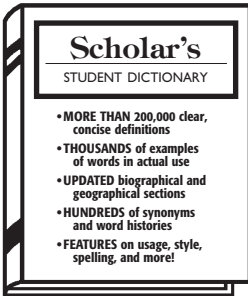
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## USING THE DICTIONARY 1



**The quickest source of information about words is the dictionary.**



Here's one way to make it easier to use a dictionary. Think of a dictionary as being divided into three parts, or sections.

**A B C D E | F G H I J K L M N O P | Q R S T U V W X Y Z**

Flip the pages and you'll see that these three sections are fairly equal in size. So if you need to find a certain word, start looking in the appropriate section.

**A. Directions:** Circle the word that correctly completes each sentence.

1. The word ( *dogmatic* / *mentor* ) is in the second section of the dictionary.
2. The word *vindicate* is defined in the ( *second* / *third* ) section.
3. If you wanted to look up *benevolent*, you would turn to the ( *first* / *second* ) section.
4. The word ( *prominent* / *erudite* ) can be found in the first section of the dictionary.

**B. Directions:** You know that words defined in the dictionary (*entry words*) are listed in alphabetical order. Practice your dictionary skills by listing the following words in alphabetical order.

lapel	adjourn	demerit	sentiment	romance	oblong	fragile
geology	cyclone	inquiry	yonder	ballast	genial	matrimony
erupt	heifer	lavish	zenith	wary	jazz	kidnap

- |          |           |           |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 8. _____  | 15. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 9. _____  | 16. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 10. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 11. _____ | 18. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 12. _____ | 19. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 13. _____ | 20. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 14. _____ | 21. _____ |

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**USING THE DICTIONARY 2**



**Developing dictionary skills is an important step toward building an adult vocabulary.**

Notice the guide words at the top of each regular page in the dictionary. The guide word on the left is the first entry on the page. The word on the right is the last entry.

**A**

**materialize**

**maudlin**

materialize ~~~~~  
~~~~~

matron ~~~~~  
~~~~~

**B**

**dash**

**dawdle**

dash ~~~~~  
~~~~~

daub ~~~~~  
~~~~~

**A. Directions:** Cross out the words that would *not* be defined on page A (as shown above). Then use your imagination—or check a dictionary—to list three words that *would* appear on that page.

1. *maternal*     *mayfly*     *mattress*     *material*     *mature*     *maze*

2. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Directions:** Look at the guide words at the top of page B. Then circle the word or words that correctly complete(s) each sentence below.

- Words that alphabetically fall ( between / outside ) the guide words will appear on that page.
- If you're looking for the word *deactivate*, you will have to turn ( back / forward ) a page or two.
- You ( will / will not ) find the word *daughter* on page B.
- You can probably find the word *dart* on the page just ( before / after ) page B.

**C. Directions:** Circle the words that would appear on each page shown below.

**gearing**

**generation**

geezer

generous

gable

geode

general

gelatin

genius

gazebo

**pliers**

**plump**

pledge

plummet

poach

plow

plowshare

plaza

ploy

plywood

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**INFORMATION IN A DICTIONARY ENTRY 1**

**Did you know that a word's definition is only one part of a dictionary entry?**

A dictionary entry lists *inflected* forms of the entry word. These forms include . . .

**PLURALS**  
*child / children*  
*life / lives*

**VERB TENSES**  
*see / saw / seeing*  
*lie / lay / lying*

**COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES**  
*easy / easier / easiest*  
*bad / worse / worst*

**A. Directions:** Check a dictionary if you need help spelling the *plural* of each word below.

- 1. **agony** \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. **tomato** \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. **father-in-law** \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. **mouse** \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. **thief** \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. **radius** \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Directions:** Check a dictionary if you need help completing the chart of *verb tenses*.

PRESENT TENSE	PAST TENSE	PARTICIPLE
1. _____	↔ wrote	↔ writing
2. feed	↔ _____	↔ feeding
3. go	↔ went	↔ _____
4. _____	↔ sat	↔ sitting

**C. Directions:** A dictionary can help you identify the comparative and superlative forms of each entry word. Circle the word or words that correctly complete(s) each sentence.

- 1. The superlative form of *attractive* is ( attractivest / most attractive ).
- 2. The comparative form of *bored* is ( border / more bored ).
- 3. The superlative form of *few* is ( fewer / fewest ).
- 4. The comparative form of *colossal* is ( more colossal / colossaler ).

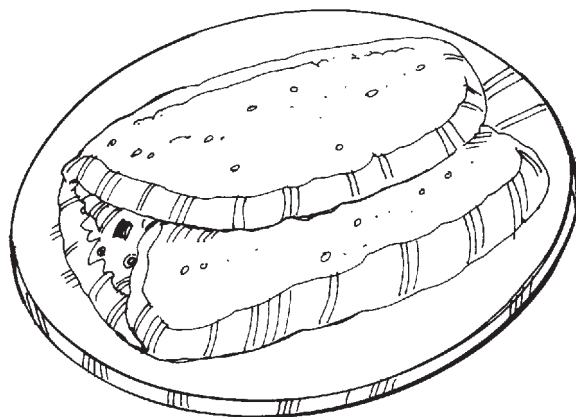
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## INFORMATION IN A DICTIONARY ENTRY 2

**A. Directions:** Some words have more than one acceptable spelling. Remember that the preferred spelling is always listed *first* in a dictionary entry. Complete the word pairs below with either the preferred spelling or its less common alternate.

- |                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. _____ / omelette  | 6. gladioluses / _____ |
| 2. octopuses / _____ | 7. _____ / make-up     |
| 3. _____ / larvas    | 8. hallelujah / _____  |
| 4. _____ / teepee    |                        |
| 5. leveled / _____   |                        |



**B. Directions:**

Some dictionaries include a word's *etymology*, or original source, before or after its definition. Draw a line to match each word with its origin.

- |                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| 1. <b>anemone</b>   | a. from the Irish word <i>seamrog</i> , meaning "little clover"                                 |
| 2. <b>castanets</b> | b. named by Spanish dancers who saw that this instrument looked like two chestnuts              |
| 3. <b>catamaran</b> | c. from two Latin words, <i>unum</i> ("one") and <i>cornu</i> ("horn")                          |
| 4. <b>geranium</b>  | d. from the Tamil word <i>katta-marran</i> , meaning "tied wood"                                |
| 5. <b>mercurial</b> | e. from two Greek words, <i>anemos</i> ("wind") and <i>mone</i> ("habitation")                  |
| 6. <b>shamrock</b>  | f. from <i>Mercury</i> , the fast messenger of the Roman gods                                   |
| 7. <b>unicorn</b>   | g. named for the crane, <i>geranos</i> in Greek, because its seed pods look like a crane's head |

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## DENOTATION AND CONNOTATION I

**A word's denotation is its literal meaning. The connotation of the same word may be something quite different.**

A word's *connotation* is its implied meaning. Connotation arises from the ideas, emotions, and experiences associated with the word. Two words with nearly the same denotation may have very different connotations.

**EXAMPLE:**

**opponent** (positive connotation, suggesting a worthy competitor)

**foe** (negative connotation, suggesting an enemy)



**A. Directions:** Write **P** for *positive* or **N** for *negative* next to each word below.

- |                  |                   |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. ____ wretched | 5. ____ humane    | 9. ____ fantastic |
| 2. ____ unique   | 6. ____ sneaky    | 10. ____ snob     |
| 3. ____ survive  | 7. ____ spry      | 11. ____ valiant  |
| 4. ____ gangster | 8. ____ embarrass | 12. ____ wilt     |

**B. Directions:** Words in the box are *synonyms* (with different connotations) of the words below. Write the matching word from the box next to each word below. Hint: You will *not* use all the words.

<b>accumulate</b>	<b>custodian</b>	<b>devise</b>	<b>aroma</b>	<b>assertive</b>	<b>vigorous</b>
<b>bold</b>	<b>crowd</b>	<b>emphasize</b>	<b>doubtful</b>	<b>thin</b>	<b>persuade</b>

- |                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. contrive / _____   | 6. brazen / _____  |
| 2. aggressive / _____ | 7. janitor / _____ |
| 3. mob / _____        | 8. odor / _____    |
| 4. hoard / _____      | 9. belabor / _____ |
| 5. brainwash / _____  | 10. gaunt / _____  |

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## DENOTATION AND CONNOTATION 2



**Making careful word choices ensures that you get your message across.**

People use *euphemisms* to replace words that are thought to be too strong or unpleasant.

**EXAMPLE:** *passed away* instead of *died*

*Dysphemisms* are harsher words deliberately used to replace neutral words.

**EXAMPLE:** *quack* instead of *doctor*

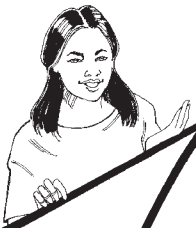
**Directions:** Complete the chart below with the euphemisms, dysphemisms, or neutral words from the box on the right. Hint: You will *not* use all the words.

EUPHEMISM	NEUTRAL WORD	DYSPHEMISM
1. firm	obstinate	_____
2. fervent	_____	hysterical
3. _____	charity	handout
4. move on	leave	_____
5. assist	_____	abet
6. _____	unusual	abnormal
7. developing country	underdeveloped country	_____
8. challenged	_____	crippled
9. _____	worker	hireling
10. peacekeeper	_____	mercenary
11. man's best friend	dog	_____
12. _____	house	shack
13. lounge	_____	toilet

WORD LIST
<b>abandon</b>
<b>abrupt</b>
<b>cur</b>
<b>diner</b>
<b>disabled</b>
<b>donation</b>
<b>emotional</b>
<b>employee</b>
<b>hash-house</b>
<b>help</b>
<b>mansion</b>
<b>pig-headed</b>
<b>quick</b>
<b>restaurant</b>
<b>restroom</b>
<b>rude</b>
<b>soldier</b>
<b>special</b>
<b>third-world</b>

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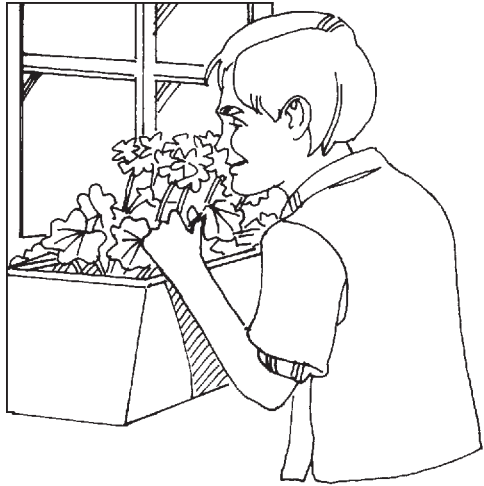
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**JUST FOR FUN: DICTIONARY CHALLENGE 1**

Here's a chance to have some fun with some interesting and unusual words.

**Directions:** To answer the questions, study the dictionary definitions of the **boldface** words.



1. Would you use the word **redolent** or **refulgent** to describe a **pelargonium**? Explain your answer.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. In what countries would you find **qishm** and **qiqihar**?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Would you rather have a voice that's **mellifluous** or **cacophonous**? Why?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Would you go to a **boutique** to buy some **borscht**? Why or why not?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Would the words **precursors**, **originators**, and **forebears** be used to describe your **progenitors** or your **progeny**? Explain your answer.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Who would make a better dinner companion—a **gourmand** or an **epicure**? Why?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Suppose you were in danger. Would you rather have someone **ameliorate** your situation or **exacerbate** it?

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JUST FOR FUN: DICTIONARY CHALLENGE 2

**Directions:** To answer the questions, look up the dictionary definitions of the **boldface** words.

1. Would someone deliver a **eulogy** for a **euglena**? Explain why or why not.

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2. What do a **hammada**, a **veldt**, and a **steppe** have in common?

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3. In which country would you be likely to find **dolmades** at an **agora**?

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4. What are some similarities and some differences between a **coati** and an **agouti**?

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5. Would you rather babysit a child who was **obstreperous** or one who was **amiable**? Why?

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6. When might you give an **octogenarian** a **cymbidium**? Explain your answer.

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7. If you were a **tyro**, would you attempt to play a piano duet with a **virtuoso**? Why or why not?

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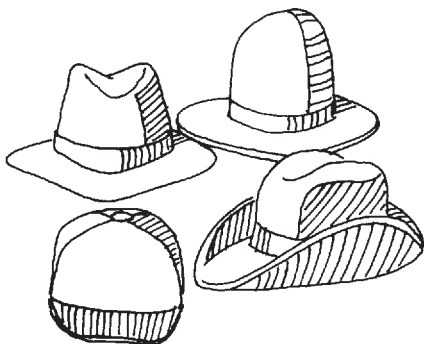
**PRONUNCIATION: VOWEL SOUNDS 1**

**If you want to impress people, remember this:  
Correct pronunciation counts!**

**Directions:** Did you know that each vowel can stand for several different sounds? Which words have the same vowel sound as the **boldface** example word in parentheses? Circle two words in each group.

**A SOUNDS**

- short A (hat)**  
back    make  
began    space
- long A (day)**  
basic    volcano  
talk    audience
- AL (fall)**  
aim    jail  
almost    falter
- AR (dare)**  
beware    straw  
square    start
- AR (jar)**  
careful    hard  
party    parent
- schwa A (alone)**  
scald    laid  
another    agree



**E SOUNDS**

- short E (end)**  
empty    being  
spell    legal
- long E (she)**  
secret    elf  
female    men
- silent e (place)**  
ever    something  
operate    safety
- ER (her)**  
reflect    baker  
camera    brief
- schwa E (the)**  
happen    item  
weapon    fine

**I SOUNDS**

- short I (miss)**  
insect    dinosaur  
idle    which
- long I (rice)**  
jingle    wire  
whir    describe
- IR (stir)**  
dirty    shirt  
time    rinse

**O SOUNDS**

- short O (not)**  
opera    zero  
problem    odor
- long O (ago)**  
got    ocean  
cargo    job
- OU / OW (out, cow)**  
young    sound  
crow    eyebrow
- OI / OY (spoil, boy)**  
voice    period  
joyous    youth
- broad O (cross)**  
song    tooth  
wood    office
- short OO (book)**  
mood    cookie  
wooden    zoo
- long OO (too)**  
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foot    bamboo
- schwa O (riot)**  
joint    canyon  
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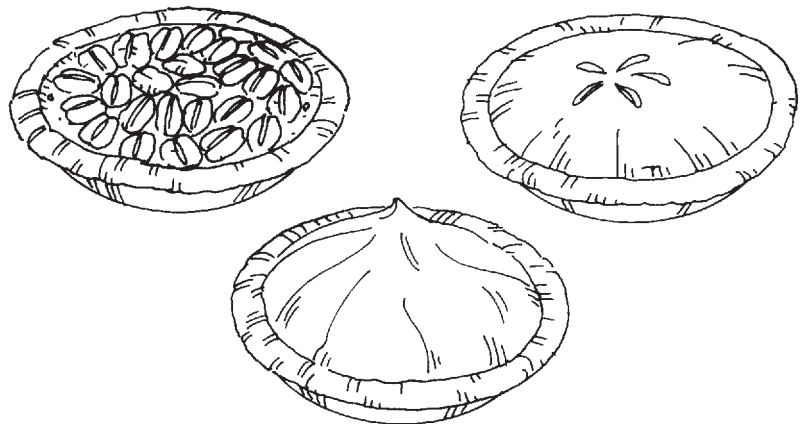
**A. Directions:** Which words have the same vowel sound as the **boldface** example word in parentheses? Circle two words in each group.

**U SOUNDS**

1. short U (**sun**)      funny      museum      Utah      summer
2. long U (**use**)      January      jump      human      umpire
3. 1-dot Ü (**full**)      tuna      bullfrog      murmur      cushion
4. 2-dot Ü (**flute**)      fur      prune      cruel      bully
5. UR (**curl**)      crude      nutrition      turtle      surface

**B. Directions:** Circle the word that correctly completes each sentence. Check the dictionary if you're not sure.

1. The word *stare* rhymes with ( *there* / *here* ).
2. The word *high* rhymes with ( *aweigh* / *pie* ).
3. The word *blown* rhymes with ( *flown* / *crown* ).
4. The word *measure* rhymes with ( *reassure* / *treasure* ).
5. They word *greed* rhymes with ( *plead* / *dread* ).
6. The word *billow* rhymes with ( *allow* / *pillow* ).
7. The word *about* rhymes with ( *fraught* / *sauerkraut* ).



8. The word *stood* rhymes with ( *hood* / *mood* ).
9. The word *aloud* rhymes with ( *stowed* / *plowed* ).
10. The word *tough* rhymes with ( *enough* / *although* ).

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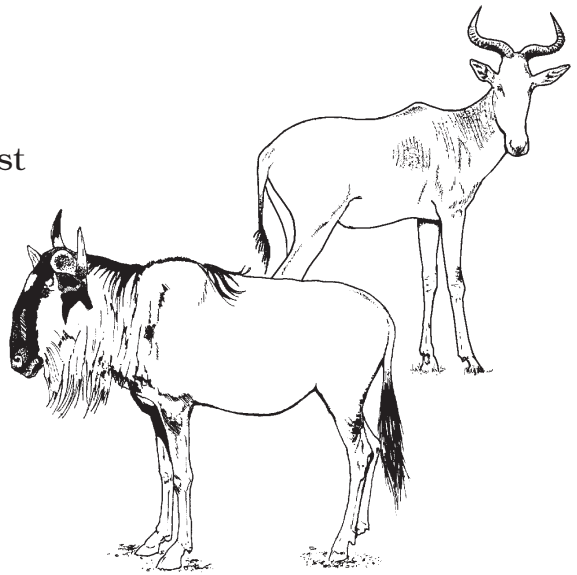
**PRONUNCIATION: SILENT LETTERS 1**

**Remember that many English words have silent letters. If you're not sure how to pronounce a word, look it up!**

**A. Directions:** Say each word aloud. Use a dictionary if necessary. Then cross out two words in each group that do *not* have silent letters. Finally, write the silent letter you see in the other two words. The first one has been done for you.

**SILENT LETTER**

1. c inspect scenic ~~color~~ ascend
2. \_\_\_\_\_ scheduling showing happy honest
3. \_\_\_\_\_ blow wander wilt wrap
4. \_\_\_\_\_ water fetch often patted
5. \_\_\_\_\_ could flap talk tassel
6. \_\_\_\_\_ gather align sugar gnu
7. \_\_\_\_\_ buzz numb amber thumb
8. \_\_\_\_\_ knot broken knitting mark
9. \_\_\_\_\_ psychology perhaps pseudonym important



**B. Directions:** Think of a word with a silent letter that answers each question. Write it on the line.

1. What dark color has a silent consonant? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name a major organ in your body that has a silent letter. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name a school subject that has a silent letter. \_\_\_\_\_
4. What numbers between one and ten have a silent letter or letters? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What's another word for *climb down*, *sink*, or *slip*? \_\_\_\_\_

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**PRONUNCIATION: SILENT LETTERS 2**

**A. Directions:** To complete the sentences, unscramble the words containing silent letters. Use context clues for help.

1. The **(FEBTUF)** \_\_\_\_\_ lunch included soup, salad, and dessert.
2. We played a game of **(ROCUEQT)** \_\_\_\_\_ on the lawn.
3. The soldiers were all wearing **(AKHIK)** \_\_\_\_\_ uniforms.
4. During the holiday season, we always hang **(LITEMOSTE)** \_\_\_\_\_ over our door.
5. This lingering cold makes me feel just **(CEWETHRD)** \_\_\_\_\_!
6. The large family rented **(JONANIDIG)** \_\_\_\_\_ rooms at the hotel.

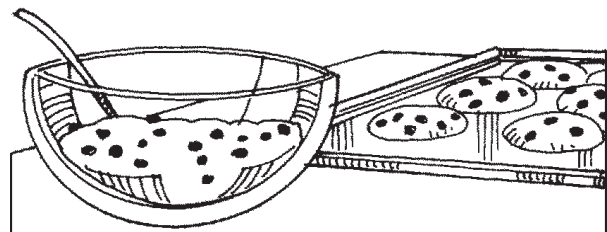
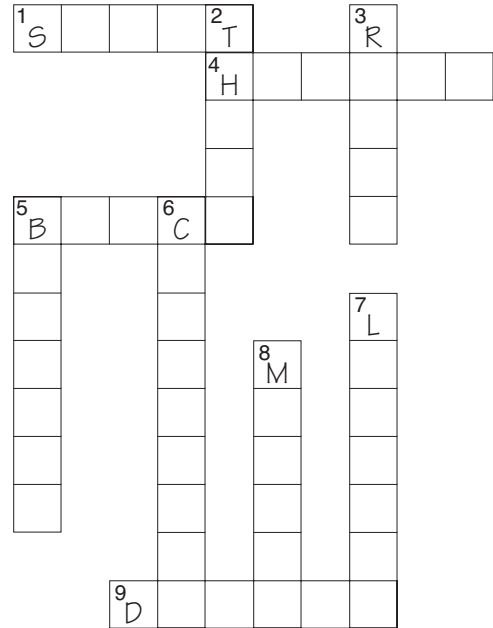
**B. Directions:** Use the clues and the first letters to help you solve the crossword puzzle. Answers are words containing the silent letters shown in parentheses.

**ACROSS**

1. **(G, H)** one of the five senses
4. **(H)** truthful
5. **(T)** an amount of cookie dough
9. **(B)** one who owes money

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2. **(G, H)** a part of the body
3. **(G)** the time for which a king rules
5. **(T, E)** a hair of a hog, used for brushes
6. **(D, E)** container for printer ink
7. **(C)** shiny varnish
8. **(D)** a little person



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## PRONUNCIATION: SYLLABLES AND ACCENT MARKS 1

A word's *syllables* are its separate sounds. The word *kitten*, for example, has two syllables: *kit* and *ten*. Some words, like *cat*, have only one syllable.

Syllable breaks can help you pronounce long words, one sound at a time.

- A. Directions:** Count the syllables in each word in the box. Then check a dictionary to make sure you separated the sounds correctly. Finally, copy the divided words under the correct heading. Use centered dots to indicate syllable breaks. The first one has been done as an example.

doubtful  
disagreeable  
blockade  
tallow

melancholy  
orchid  
geological  
acknowledge

developmental  
continuous  
bungalow  
affectionate

oversight  
comedy  
considerate  
organization

1. 2-SYLLABLE WORDS

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3. 4-SYLLABLE WORDS

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2. 3-SYLLABLE WORDS

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4. 5-SYLLABLE WORDS

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When you checked the boxed words in the dictionary, did you notice the accent mark (´) placed somewhere in each word? It shows which syllable is **stressed** in pronunciation. Think about the word *trophy* (tro´ • phy), for example. The accent shows that the emphasis is on the first syllable—*tro*. This tells you that the pronunciation is TROphy, not troPHY.

- B. Directions:** Use capital letters, as in TROphy, to show the correct pronunciation of the following words.

1. atlas \_\_\_\_\_

3. complicate \_\_\_\_\_

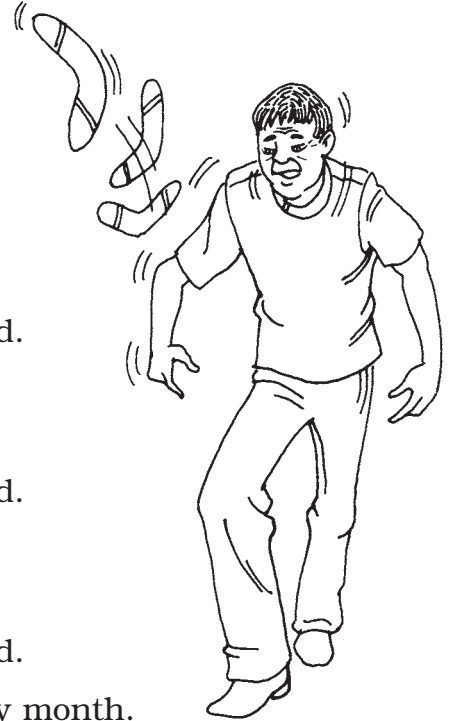
2. phenomenon \_\_\_\_\_

4. irregular \_\_\_\_\_

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**A. Directions:** As you read the sentences, say the **boldface** words aloud. Then circle the word that correctly completes the second sentence.



1. If you throw a **boomerang** correctly, it will come back to you.

The ( first / second / third ) syllable is accented.

2. Carmen puts just enough **cinnamon** in her pumpkin pie filling.

The ( first / second / third ) syllable is accented.

3. Jackie's father plays first violin in our city's **symphony** orchestra.

The ( first / second / third ) syllable is accented.

4. This **publication** comes out the first week of every month.

The ( first / second / third ) syllable is accented.

5. That **ferocious** dog is a danger to everyone in the neighborhood.

The ( second / third / fourth ) syllable is accented.

6. The **horizontal** stripes on my bedroom wallpaper are yellow.

The ( second / third / fourth ) syllable is accented.

7. Patrick and his friends **participate** in after-school baseball.

The ( first / second / third ) syllable is accented.

8. The policeman ordered the suspect to **reveal** the name of his accomplice.

The ( first / second ) syllable is accented.

**B. Directions:** Place the accent marks in these words. Check a dictionary if you're not sure where they go.

1. **contest** (noun)      con • test  
**contest** (verb)      con • test

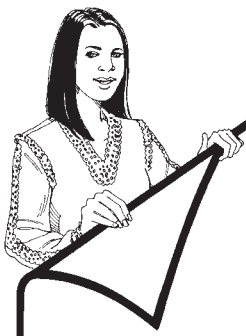
3. **replay** (noun)      re • play  
**replay** (verb)      re • play

2. **conduct** (verb)      con • duct  
**conduct** (noun)      con • duct

4. **address** (verb)      ad • dress  
**address** (noun)      ad • dress

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## USING CONTEXT CLUES 1

If you don't know a word's meaning, you can often make a good guess by studying the other words in the sentence.

**Directions:** First, circle the nonsense word in each sentence. Then use context clues to help you decide what the word probably means. Finally, circle a letter to show the word's meaning.

1. He was such a good skier we couldn't believe that he was a jimple.

- a. beginner      b. man      c. New Yorker

2. Because I get sunburned so easily, I always avoid going to the dipdop.

- a. kitchen      b. car      c. beach

3. We grew too many tomatoes, so we gave the krinskis to the neighbors.

- a. leaves      b. extras      c. zucchini

4. Our teacher sloozed us for being rude to the guest.

- a. criticized      b. praised      c. thanked



5. A promise of "something for nothing" is usually a schlimper.

- a. guarantee      b. fraud      c. coupon

6. Joe's gairblue over his dog's death continued for many months.

- a. gratitude      b. joy      c. grief

7. To remain on the team, you must flang the coach's rules.

- a. follow      b. break      c. disrespect

8. If our best player is moglump, our chances of winning will not be good.

- a. strong      b. active      c. ill

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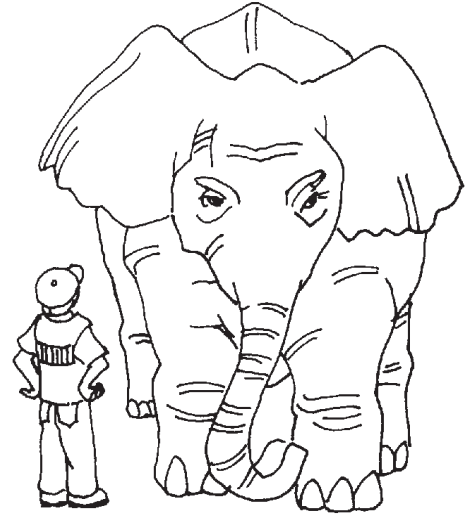
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Suppose you come across an unfamiliar word and don't have a dictionary handy. Use these four strategies:

- the general sense of the sentence or passage (combined with your prior knowledge)
- synonyms or restated definitions of the unfamiliar word
- examples of the unfamiliar word given in the passage
- familiar words or ideas used to compare or contrast with the unfamiliar word

**Directions:** Use the strategies listed above to help you guess the meaning of the nonsense word in each sentence. Circle a letter to show your answer.



1. The elephant in the circus parade looked **lodsjiled** to the small boy.
  - a. enormous
  - b. lopsided
  - c. tiny
2. The orator's **onevul** speech made half the audience fall asleep.
  - a. wonderful
  - b. boring
  - c. exciting
3. After Grace's **bindu** welcome, all of her guests felt right at home.
  - a. rude
  - b. half-hearted
  - c. warm
4. After our long hike on the steep trail, we all suffered from **fepsduf**.
  - a. anger
  - b. worry
  - c. fatigue
5. Because of the fire danger, the fire department **matoxes** the use of candles in this theater.
  - a. forbids
  - b. approves
  - c. encourages
6. The gently falling snow **incobbled** like diamonds in the moonlight.
  - a. melted
  - b. sold
  - c. glistened

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**NOUNS: GETTING MEANING FROM CONTEXT CLUES**

You already know that a noun names a **person** (*boy, Steven*), a **place** (*city, Los Angeles*), or a **thing** (*sport, football*). All the answers in this exercise are nouns!

**Directions:** Read each incomplete sentence. Then use the **boldface** word or words to help you figure out the scrambled word. Write it on the line.

- I had a strong **urge** to buy a new dress, but I resisted the **(PILMUSE)** \_\_\_\_\_.
- Henry's **truthfulness** earned him a reputation for **(THESONY)** \_\_\_\_\_.
- After the **team** played so well, the coach praised the **(YESLARP)** \_\_\_\_\_ for their hard work.
- His **quest** for the treasure was a **(RECSHA)** \_\_\_\_\_ that took 10 years.
- The **movie** had such an abrupt ending that I thought the **(MILF)** \_\_\_\_\_ had broken.
- His **(TAMPETT)** \_\_\_\_\_ to fix the leaky pipe was an **effort** that ended in failure.
- After two years without **precipitation**, last night's **(LAILFRAN)** \_\_\_\_\_ was very welcome.
- We beat the team that had been in third **place**, so our **(NIPSIOTO)** \_\_\_\_\_ changed.



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## VERBS: GETTING MEANING FROM CONTEXT CLUES



**This exercise tests your verbal skills. Remember that a verb is a word that expresses an action (He jumped.) or a state of being (She is a good student.).**

**Directions:** Read the incomplete sentences. Then use the **boldface** words as clues to help you figure out the scrambled words.

1. I can **handle** the hand lawn mower, but I don't know how to **(RETEPAO)** \_\_\_\_\_ the electric one.
2. The wish to succeed that **compels** you to study hard **(ROFECS)** \_\_\_\_\_ me to keep up with you.
3. If you **grumble** and **(MACINLOP)** \_\_\_\_\_ about the homework, you'll annoy the teacher.
4. We **compared** and **(TACDROTENS)** \_\_\_\_\_ the two houses before deciding which one to buy.
5. After Caesar's army **beat** one country, they soon **(QUEDCORNE)** \_\_\_\_\_ another.
6. Not only did Brendon **hurt** his arm, he also **(JIRNUDE)** \_\_\_\_\_ his knee.
7. Melissa's ability to **sing and dance** helped her **(REFPORM)** \_\_\_\_\_ well on stage.
8. First she felt **weak and dizzy**, and then she **(NATFIDE)** \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Don't let unworthy goals **attract** you and **(MTTEP)** \_\_\_\_\_ you to do foolish things.
10. You will **ruin** that shirt if you **(ROCSHC)** \_\_\_\_\_ it with a hot iron.

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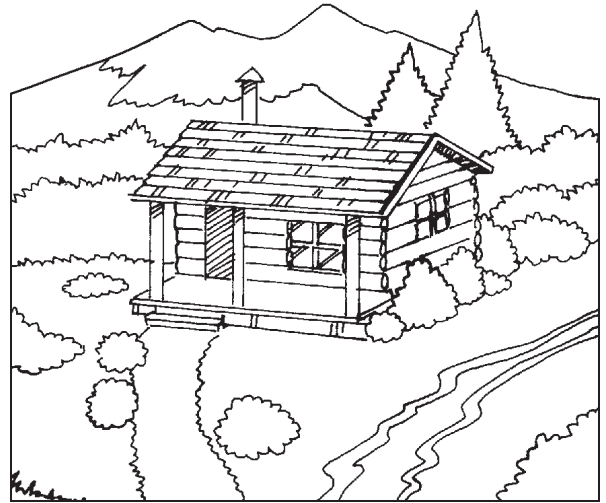


## ADJECTIVES: GETTING MEANING FROM CONTEXT CLUES

**Adjectives describe nouns or pronouns by answering such questions as how many? (ten years) or what kind? (leather jacket). Adjectives can make your communication colorful and interesting.**

**Directions:** Read the incomplete sentences. Then use the **boldface** words as clues to help you figure out the scrambled word. Write it on the line.

1. We love our mountain cabin because it is so **calm** and (**CEFPUELA**) \_\_\_\_\_ there.
2. When the **poor** man was robbed, he became (**TEUDITSTE**) \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Hiding in the dark, my friends were so quiet their sudden shout of "Surprise!" left me (**CESSHEPELS**) \_\_\_\_\_.
4. **Shy** Melissa was so (**SHUBFAL**) \_\_\_\_\_ that she couldn't speak in front of the class.
5. Yesterday was especially **busy**, or (**THECIC**) \_\_\_\_\_, because Uncle Dan came to visit and the cat had kittens on the couch.
6. The **tough** meat was very (**FIDCUFLIT**) \_\_\_\_\_ to chew.
7. The **hard** mattress was too (**MIRF**) \_\_\_\_\_ to be really comfortable.
8. I feel sure of an **easy** A on that (**MILSEP**) \_\_\_\_\_ math test.
9. The (**HELMUB**) \_\_\_\_\_ home was decorated in a **plain** style.
10. Our **stroll** in the park filled up our (**SILUELREY**) \_\_\_\_\_ afternoon.



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## ADVERBS: GETTING MEANING FROM CONTEXT CLUES



**Adverbs answer such questions as when? (arrived later), how? (spoke timidly), where? (put it there), how often? (danced daily), and to what extent? (completely satisfied).**

**Directions:** Complete each sentence with the most appropriate adverb. Use the **boldface** words as clues. Check a dictionary if you need help with word meaning.

1. It's just a **guess**, but I think there are \_\_\_\_\_ 15 minutes left on the parking meter. ( exactly / approximately / never )
2. After his mother told him to share, the **selfish** little boy \_\_\_\_\_ offered his playmate one of his toys. ( generously / happily / reluctantly )
3. Wanting a **clean** and allergy-proof room, Theresa \_\_\_\_\_ vacuumed the carpets. ( thoroughly / barely / hastily )
4. The **warm**, friendly host \_\_\_\_\_ welcomed his guests. ( shyly / cordially / fearfully )
5. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ known as Miss Cooper is **now** called Mrs. Washington. ( actually / sadly / formerly )
6. **Basically** and \_\_\_\_\_, Christopher believes in the value of charity. ( fundamentally / shakily / shallowly )
7. Right now I can repay you only \_\_\_\_\_, but I'll get the **rest** to you soon. ( totally / immediately / partially )
8. The hurricane tore \_\_\_\_\_ through the town, **destroying** all the homes in its path. ( peacefully / violently / quietly )
9. "I will \_\_\_\_\_ sign that confession," said the prisoner, "because I am **innocent!**" ( gladly / soon / never )
10. The **perpetual** flame has been burning \_\_\_\_\_ since John F. Kennedy was buried here. ( continuously / intermittently / weakly )

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## FORMS OF A WORD: ADJECTIVE TO NOUN 1

**Adjectives (words that describe) can usually be rewritten as nouns (*beautiful* → *beauty*). Remember to keep a dictionary handy to check your spelling.**

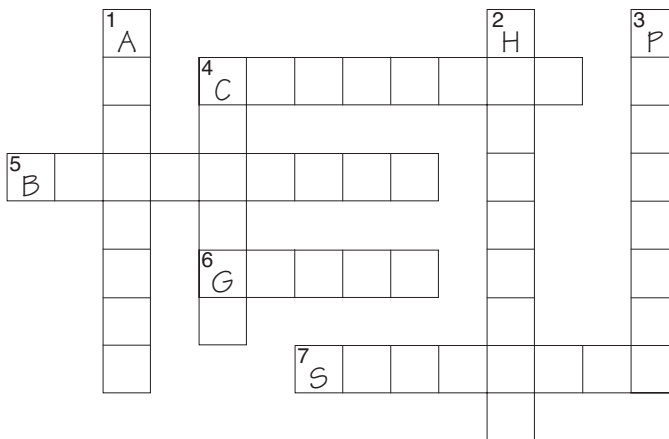
**A. Directions:** Notice that all clues are *adjectives*. Complete the crossword puzzle with the *noun* form of each adjective.

### ACROSS

- creative
- brutal
- glandular
- solitary

### DOWN

- accurate
- hostile
- prestigious
- changeable



**B. Directions:** Now use one of the puzzle answer words to complete each sentence below.

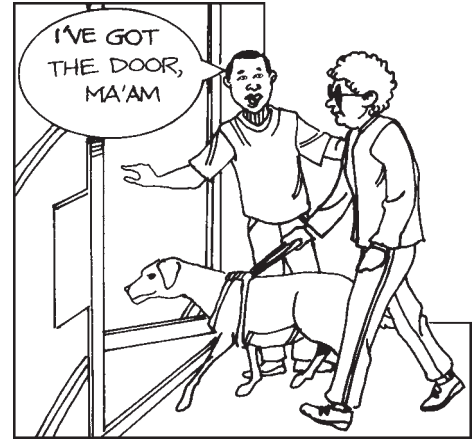
- Because her thyroid \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't work properly, Ana's metabolism has slowed down.
- Have you noticed the recent \_\_\_\_\_ in that child's behavior?
- Hector is so proud of his \_\_\_\_\_ that he's entering it in the art contest.
- Jeremy needs at least one hour of \_\_\_\_\_ each day for meditation.
- Myra's good job gives her \_\_\_\_\_ in the community.
- I reported the unkind pet owner's \_\_\_\_\_ to the police.
- The mistreated animal exhibited \_\_\_\_\_ toward his owner.
- When you measure ingredients for baking, \_\_\_\_\_ is very important.

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**FORMS OF A WORD: ADJECTIVE TO NOUN 2**

**Directions:** Read the phrases. Then write the *noun* form of each **boldface** adjective. Finally, write an original sentence using that noun.



1. **affectionate** gesture \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. **considerate** behavior \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. **eternal** love \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. **fearless** warrior \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. **venomous** poison \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. **turbulent** winds \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. **suspicious** activity \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. **sentimental** journey \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. **residential** neighborhood \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. **punctual** arrival \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. **monotonous** speech \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**FORMS OF A WORD: VERB TO ADJECTIVE 1**

**It isn't difficult to rewrite verbs as adjectives (enjoy → enjoyable). Remember to keep a dictionary nearby to check your spelling.**

**A. Directions:** Notice that all clue words can be used as *verbs*. Complete the crossword puzzle with the *adjective* form of each verb.

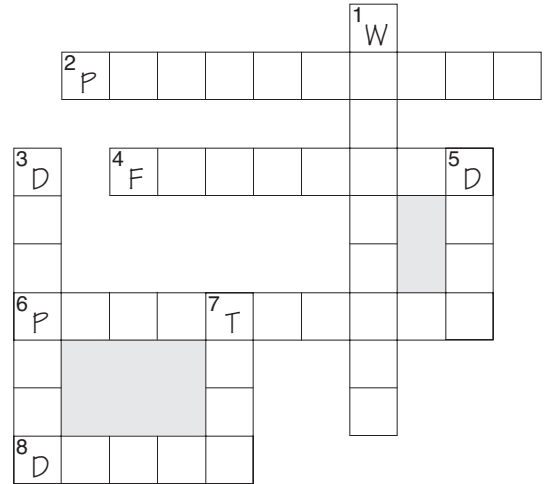


**ACROSS**

- 2. prefer
- 4. filter
- 6. punctuate
- 8. dry

**DOWN**

- 1. warrant
- 3. dimple
- 5. die
- 7. tie



**B. Directions:** Write an answer word from the puzzle next to the definition it matches.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_: no longer living
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_: more desirable
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_: having a small hollow on the cheek or chin
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_: describing water or other fluid that has had its impurities removed
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_: describing something that has had all the water removed
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_: said or done with special force

**C. Directions:** Write sentences using the adjective form of each verb listed.

- 1. *believe* \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. *enjoy* \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. *prefer* \_\_\_\_\_

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**FORMS OF A WORD: VERB TO ADJECTIVE 2**

**Directions:** First write the *adjective* form of each **boldface** word. Then write an original sentence using that adjective.



1. to **sustain** a note \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. to **warp** a piece of wood \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. to **reject** a plan \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. to **radiate** light \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. to **rebel** against an oppressor \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. to **recognize** a friend \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. to **excel** in a sport \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. to **succeed** in a job \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. to **modify** a recipe \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

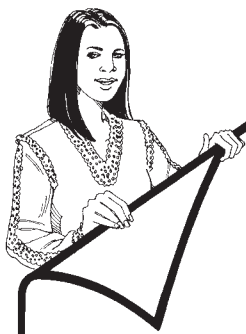
10. to **persist** in a task \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. to **intend** to get organized \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**FORMS OF A WORD: NOUN TO VERB 1**

How do you rewrite a noun as a verb? Example: *competition* → *compete*. Some of these changes can be tricky, so keep a dictionary handy.

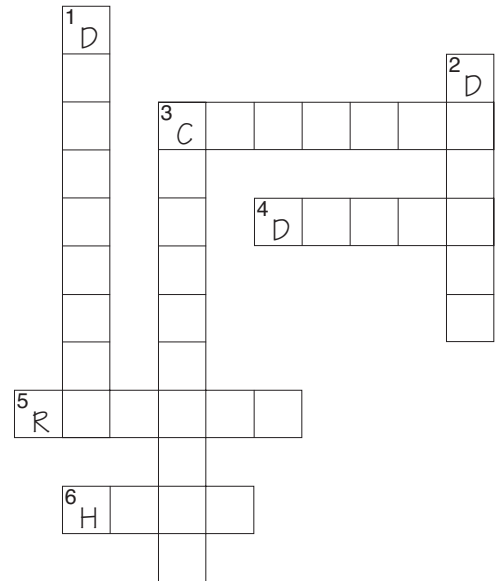
**A. Directions:** Notice that the **boldface** clues are *nouns* (naming words). Puzzle answers are the *verb* form of each noun. Check a dictionary if you need help.

**ACROSS**

- 3. a careful **consumer**
- 4. window **draperies**
- 5. a lucky **rescue**
- 6. a feeling of **hatred**

**DOWN**

- 1. an exciting **drama**
- 2. a young **dependent**
- 3. a difficult **complication**



**B. Directions:** Now use one of the puzzle answer words to complete each sentence below.

- 1. The lifeguard will \_\_\_\_\_ the desperate swimmer.
- 2. I absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ the smell of skunks.
- 3. Our large family can \_\_\_\_\_ two loaves of bread a day.
- 4. Sheryl and Joe seem to \_\_\_\_\_ every unimportant little event.
- 5. Those lazy teenagers \_\_\_\_\_ on their parents for everything.
- 6. This new requirement will \_\_\_\_\_ our task considerably.
- 7. We can \_\_\_\_\_ the fabric gracefully around the display.

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## FORMS OF A WORD: NOUN TO VERB 2

**Directions:** First write the *verb* form of each **boldface** noun. Then write an original sentence using that verb.

1. another **postponement** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. engine **lubrication** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. **conviction** of the suspect \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. an uncomfortable **confrontation** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. regular **correspondence** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. a surprising **development** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. military **organization** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. shallow **penetration** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. total **paralysis** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. an interesting **narrative** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. accurate **representation** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**JUST FOR FUN: WORD LADDERS 1**

**Word play makes vocabulary-building a lot more fun! Now have a good time discovering how much difference a letter or two can make!**

**A. Directions:** Change one letter in each **boldface** word to complete the word ladder. Use the clues to help you figure out the words. As an example, the first one has been done for you.

**1. RAKE**

- ake do to bread
- lake body of water
- cake birthday treat

**2. CARE**

- \_\_\_\_\_ without clothing
- \_\_\_\_\_ a bold move
- \_\_\_\_\_ big bunny

**3. TIDE**

- \_\_\_\_\_ travel by car
- \_\_\_\_\_ a square has four
- \_\_\_\_\_ opposite of seek

**4. ZEST**

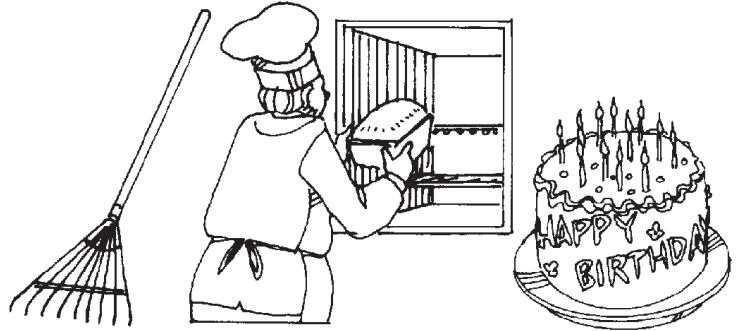
- \_\_\_\_\_ a bother
- \_\_\_\_\_ exam
- \_\_\_\_\_ good, better

**5. WEAK**

- \_\_\_\_\_ a bird has one
- \_\_\_\_\_ drip from a faucet
- \_\_\_\_\_ type of wood

**6. TOOT**

- \_\_\_\_\_ type of shoe
- \_\_\_\_\_ a plant has one
- \_\_\_\_\_ pirate treasure



**B. Directions:** Now change *two* letters in each word to complete the following word ladders.

**1. QUACK**

- \_\_\_\_\_ for a train
- \_\_\_\_\_ a pile
- \_\_\_\_\_ a dark color

**2. SHEEP**

- \_\_\_\_\_ another word for *crawl*
- \_\_\_\_\_ take a nap
- \_\_\_\_\_ a baby bird's sound

**3. SPILL**

- \_\_\_\_\_ to make cold
- \_\_\_\_\_ motionless
- \_\_\_\_\_ to barbecue

**4. STAKE**

- \_\_\_\_\_ to stop a car
- \_\_\_\_\_ a piece of snow
- \_\_\_\_\_ a male duck

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**JUST FOR FUN: WORD LADDERS 2**

**A. Directions:** Make new words by adding one letter at the *beginning* of each short word. The first one has been done for you.

1. s talk

3. \_\_\_rain

5. \_\_\_art

\_\_\_s pin

\_\_\_lob

\_\_\_ore

\_\_\_s age

\_\_\_old

\_\_\_reek

2. \_\_\_lash

4. \_\_\_ale

6. \_\_\_one

\_\_\_lag

\_\_\_ant

\_\_\_ail

\_\_\_act

\_\_\_arch

\_\_\_either

**B. Directions:** This time you will make new words by adding one letter at the *end* of each short word.

1. plan\_\_\_

2. pan\_\_\_

3. for\_\_\_

4. tar\_\_\_

for\_\_\_

tan\_\_\_

nor\_\_\_

see\_\_\_

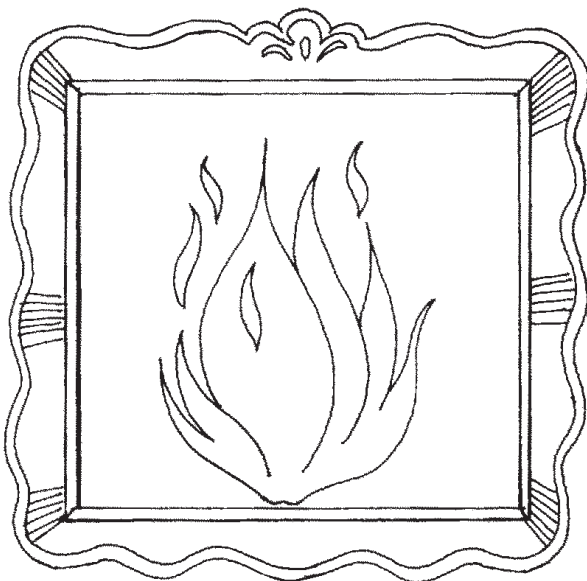
car\_\_\_

ban\_\_\_

war\_\_\_

dam\_\_\_

**C. Directions:** Now add a letter somewhere *inside* the short word to make a new word. The first one has been done for you.



1. cap clap, camp, chap, or carp

2. fame \_\_\_\_\_

3. base \_\_\_\_\_

4. bag \_\_\_\_\_

5. cot \_\_\_\_\_

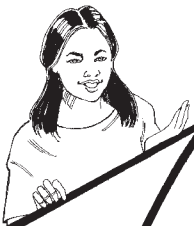
6. hug \_\_\_\_\_

7. pose \_\_\_\_\_

8. lie \_\_\_\_\_

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**MAKING COMPOUND WORDS 1**

**Some words are made up of two smaller words. Sunflower and airline are examples of familiar compound words.**

**A. Directions:**

Combine words from the first list with words from the second list to make compound words. Write a letter to show which words go together. The first one has been done for you.

- |                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1. <u>j</u> hair <u>cut</u> | a. crow    |
| 2. _____ wrist _____        | b. back    |
| 3. _____ air _____          | c. watch   |
| 4. _____ out _____          | d. fall    |
| 5. _____ scare _____        | e. port    |
| 6. _____ touch _____        | f. ware    |
| 7. _____ water _____        | g. bite    |
| 8. _____ over _____         | h. cake    |
| 9. _____ pan _____          | i. side    |
| 10. _____ sky _____         | j. cut     |
| 11. _____ silver _____      | k. fast    |
| 12. _____ paper _____       | l. down    |
| 13. _____ break _____       | m. scraper |

**B. Directions:**

In the squares below, draw pictures to illustrate three of the compound words you made. Write the word under each picture.

WORD: \_\_\_\_\_

WORD: \_\_\_\_\_

WORD: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## MAKING COMPOUND WORDS 2

**A. Directions:** Use vowels (*a, e, i, o, u*) to complete the compound words.

1. A ballerina sometimes dances on her t \_ p t \_ \_ s.
2. Mom said to put the clean dishes in the c \_ p b \_ \_ r d.
3. Did you ever make tea from p \_ p p \_ r m \_ n t leaves?
4. The s p \_ t l \_ g h t was on the star of the play as she sang her solo.
5. The baby sits in the h \_ g h c h \_ \_ r to eat her meals.
6. Lester likes to wear a s w \_ \_ t s h \_ r t featuring his school's logo.
7. There's a w \_ n d m \_ l l in the park's tulip garden.



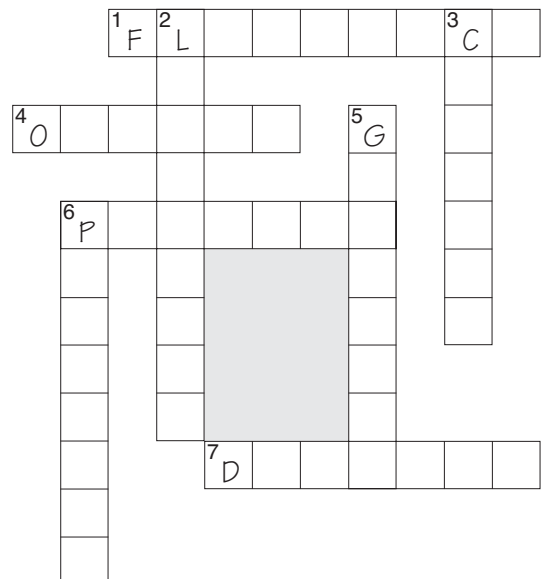
**B. Directions:** Solve the crossword puzzle with familiar compound words. Use the clues for help.

**ACROSS**

1. a mental image of a scene from the past
4. combination of clothes that go together
6. a long braid of hair
7. use this to wash dishes

**DOWN**

2. person in charge at the beach
3. one way to get to school
5. a pet in a bowl of water
6. mail sent from your vacation



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**COMPOUND WORDS: HEAD AND FOOT 1**

**Heads up! It's time to show what you know about compound words.**

**A. Directions:** First write *head* or *foot* to complete each compound word. Then draw a line to match each word with its meaning.

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. _____ phone  | a. mark left in wet sand                              |
| 2. _____ bridge | b. big print in a newspaper                           |
| 3. _____ note   | c. piece of furniture that goes with a chair          |
| 4. _____ lights | d. device for listening to music privately            |
| 5. _____ print  | e. construction that goes over a river                |
| 6. _____ stool  | f. information at the bottom of a page                |
| 7. _____ line   | g. lamps in the front of a car (or lights on a stage) |

**B. Directions:** Use words from the box to complete the answer words. Then solve the crossword puzzle.

**ache      ball      band      board      hunter      locker      quarters**

**ACROSS**

- 2. The corporate *head* \_\_\_\_\_ found a good employee for the position.
- 5. *Foot* \_\_\_\_\_ can be a very violent sport.
- 6. Carol uses a *head* \_\_\_\_\_ to keep the hair out of her eyes.

**DOWN**

- 1. Marge has a painful *head* \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. His company's *head* \_\_\_\_\_ is located in Chicago.
- 4. The *foot* \_\_\_\_\_ of the bed is handcarved.
- 5. The soldier's *foot* \_\_\_\_\_ was kept very neat.

A crossword puzzle grid with a shaded area in the center. The grid is 10 columns wide and 10 rows high. The shaded area is a large 'I' shape. Starting letters are: Row 1, Column 8: 1 H; Row 2, Column 1: 2 H; Row 2, Column 3: 3 H; Row 4, Column 8: 4 F; Row 6, Column 1: 5 F; Row 8, Column 6: 6 H.

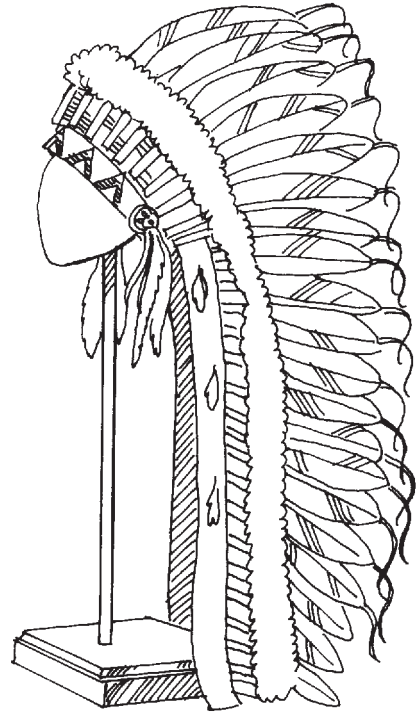
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COMPOUND WORDS: HEAD AND FOOT 2

**Directions:** Use the context clues to help you figure out the incomplete compound words. Check a dictionary if you need help.

1. Some Native Americans used to wear beautiful *head* \_\_\_\_\_ made of feathers.
2. A mountain climber must get a good *foot* \_\_\_\_\_ as he climbs.
3. The fancy *head* \_\_\_\_\_ of that bed is made of solid maple.
4. Burt came hurtling down the waterslide *head* \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The *foot* \_\_\_\_\_ carried by her shop includes shoes, boots, and sandals.
6. The telephone operator wore a *head* \_\_\_\_\_ to keep her hands free.
7. Wanda could hear heavy *foot* \_\_\_\_\_ coming up the stairs.
8. Kim likes to think of herself as "*foot* \_\_\_\_\_ and fancy free."
9. We made good *head* \_\_\_\_\_ in spite of the strong wind.
10. The senior citizens enjoyed walking on the *foot* \_\_\_\_\_ by the river.
11. Sixteen runners competed in the *foot* \_\_\_\_\_ through the woods.
12. The wrestler held his opponent in a mighty *head* \_\_\_\_\_.



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**COMPOUND WORDS: AIR AND WATER 1**

**A. Directions:** Unscramble the words to complete the sentences. Hint: All the scrambled words begin with *air* or *water*.

1. Doris stores beans and rice in **(TIHATRIG)** \_\_\_\_\_ containers.
2. The tiny dragonfly stopped to rest on the **(TYLWILEAR)** \_\_\_\_\_.
3. An **(IRALIMA)** \_\_\_\_\_ letter takes two days to get here from Dallas.
4. A leak caused the boat to become **(GETDARLOWEG)** \_\_\_\_\_.
5. We got to the **(ROITARP)** \_\_\_\_\_ early to go through security.
6. Tom led us on a hike to see a spectacular **(TELWALFAR)** \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. Directions:** Use words from the box to complete the answer words. Then use the completed words to solve the puzzle.

brush      colors      front      line      melon      sick      waves

**ACROSS**

2. Radio signals travel over the air \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Which do you like better, water \_\_\_\_\_ or oil paintings?
5. Whenever she flies, Amy gets air \_\_\_\_\_.
6. We ate a big water \_\_\_\_\_ and kept the seeds for planting.
7. The water \_\_\_\_\_ on the ship is higher when the hold is heavy with cargo.

The crossword puzzle grid consists of white squares for letters and black squares for empty space. The starting points for the words are as follows:

- Across 2: Starts at row 1, column 6.
- Across 4: Starts at row 4, column 1.
- Across 5: Starts at row 5, column 1.
- Across 6: Starts at row 6, column 1.
- Across 7: Starts at row 7, column 1.
- Down 1: Starts at row 1, column 6.
- Down 2: Starts at row 1, column 8.
- Down 3: Starts at row 1, column 10.

**DOWN**

1. The seafood restaurant is located on the water \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We used an air \_\_\_\_\_ to apply paint to the fence.

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## COMPOUND WORDS: AIR AND WATER 2

**Directions:** Use context clues to help you figure out the compound words beginning with *air* and *water*. Check a dictionary if you need more ideas.

1. Ducks, geese, and swans are different kinds of *water*\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Good-quality paper often has a *water*\_\_\_\_\_, a design produced by pressure during manufacture.
3. Tests proved that the helicopter was *air*\_\_\_\_\_, or safe for flying.
4. This vinyl raincoat is guaranteed to be *water*\_\_\_\_\_.
5. The fighter jets began an *air*\_\_\_\_\_ on the city.
6. The cook added *water*\_\_\_\_\_, an edible plant related to the nasturtium, to our sandwiches.
7. That hang glider has been *air*\_\_\_\_\_ for 30 minutes.
8. This will be little Alice's first flight in an *air*\_\_\_\_\_.
9. The flashlight was encased in a *water*\_\_\_\_\_ container.
10. That country does not allow military jets to fly in its *air*\_\_\_\_\_.
11. Niagara Falls is a very large and famous *water*\_\_\_\_\_.



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**COMPOUND WORDS: SUN AND WIND 1**

**A. Directions:** First write *sun* or *wind* to complete each compound word. Then draw a line to match each word with its meaning.

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. _____bag     | a. another word for sunset   |
| 2. _____glasses | b. another word for dawn   |
| 3. _____sock    | c. a lightweight jacket  |
| 4. _____down    | d. a person who talks too much   |
| 5. _____rise    | e. a device that indicates time with shadows   |
| 6. _____breaker | f. fashion item that protects eyes   |
| 7. _____dial    | g. a cloth tube attached to the top of a pole that shows which way the wind is blowing |

**B. Directions:** Use words from the box to complete the puzzle answers.

burn	storms	surf	shield	tan	roof	bonnet	fall
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**ACROSS**

- Wind* \_\_\_\_\_ can uproot even very big trees.
- Sun* \_\_\_\_\_ can inflame your skin and cause blisters.
- Barry *wind* \_\_\_\_\_ on the bay.
- Lydia got a great *sun* \_\_\_\_\_ in Hawaii.
- We need new *wind* \_\_\_\_\_ wipers on our car.

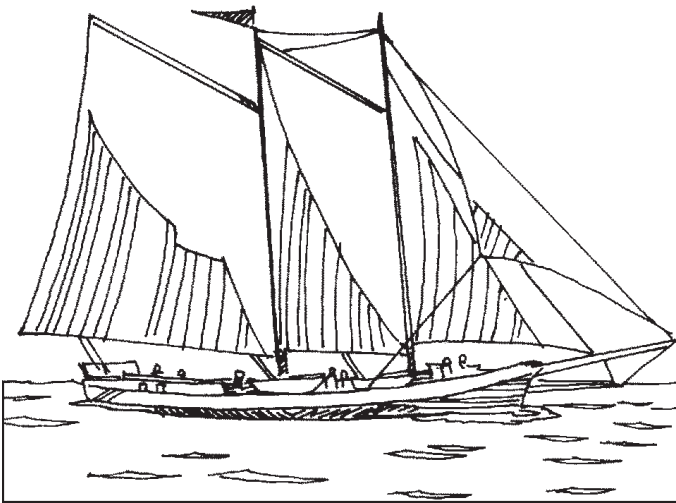
**DOWN**

- While gardening, Elizabeth wore a pink *sun* \_\_\_\_\_.
- Sam's new car has a *sun* \_\_\_\_\_.
- Tim's surprise inheritance was quite a *wind* \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Directions:** Use context clues to help you figure out the compound words. If you need help completing the words, check a dictionary.



1. A *wind*\_\_\_\_\_ is a large sailing ship that is especially fast.
2. A beautiful *sun*\_\_\_\_\_ found its way through the thick trees and shone on the forest floor.
3. The *wind*\_\_\_\_\_ factor made the frigid air seem even colder.

4. Holland is famous for its great number of *wind*\_\_\_\_\_.
5. By sitting under a *sun*\_\_\_\_\_, you can get an even tan without going outside.
6. Henry choked when he got a piece of chicken caught in his *wind*\_\_\_\_\_.
7. Betty likes to *sun*\_\_\_\_\_ by lying in a hammock in her backyard.
8. Bluegill and black bass are types of *sun*\_\_\_\_\_, which swim in freshwater lakes and rivers.
9. Ellen likes the *wind*\_\_\_\_\_, casual look for her hair.
10. Annie puts *sun*\_\_\_\_\_ on her baby before taking him outdoors in the sun.
11. A *sun*\_\_\_\_\_ is a tall annual plant with big yellow blooms.

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**CHOOSING PRECISE WORDS 1**



**Choosing words with exact meanings greatly improves your communication skills!**



**A. Directions:** Write **G** for *general* or **S** for *specific* to identify each word below. Then write a specific example for each general word or a word that names a general category for each specific word. The first two have been done for you.

- |                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. <u>G</u> dessert <u>ice cream</u> | 5. _____ jewelry _____ |
| 2. <u>S</u> autumn <u>season</u>     | 6. _____ flower _____  |
| 3. _____ animal _____                | 7. _____ green _____   |
| 4. _____ diamond _____               | 8. _____ salmon _____  |

**B. Directions:** Make 10 pairs of synonyms from the words in the box. Check a dictionary if you're not sure of word meanings. Then write the words under the proper headings. The first one has been done for you.

<b>abhor</b>	<b>adore</b>	<b>apologize</b>	<b>admire</b>	<b>alone</b>
<b>absurd</b>	<b>atone</b>	<b>dislike</b>	<b>disagree</b>	<b>domination</b>
<b>entertain</b>	<b>ecstatic</b>	<b>enthrall</b>	<b>foolish</b>	<b>isolated</b>
<b>hobby</b>	<b>glad</b>	<b>obsession</b>	<b>influence</b>	<b>oppose</b>

MORE INTENSE		LESS INTENSE		MORE INTENSE		LESS INTENSE	
1.	<u>abhor</u>		<u>dislike</u>	6.	_____		_____
2.	_____		_____	7.	_____		_____
3.	_____		_____	8.	_____		_____
4.	_____		_____	9.	_____		_____
5.	_____		_____	10.	_____		_____

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## CHOOSING PRECISE WORDS 2



Have you heard? A *thesaurus* is the best place to "shop for synonyms."

**Directions:** First, unscramble the first specific synonym for each **boldface** general word. Then write original sentences using any two of the specific words. The first one has been done for you as an example.

### GENERAL WORD

### MORE SPECIFIC WORDS

1. **change** (RAVY) vary, modify, evolve, grow, ripen, mellow, mature, transform
  - a. *If the peaches are too hard, wait until they ripen.*
  - b. *If your plans don't work out, modify them.*
2. **entertain** (SEAMU) \_\_\_\_\_, cheer, please, delight, divert, charm, captivate, stimulate
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
3. **interesting** (GANEGGNI) \_\_\_\_\_, pleasing, enchanting, satisfying, fascinating, absorbing
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
4. **answer** (SENDROP) \_\_\_\_\_, echo, react, rebut, argue, retort, remark
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
5. **run** (SNIRPT) \_\_\_\_\_, amble, gallop, canter, scamper, race, rush, dash
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
6. **sad** (MUGL) \_\_\_\_\_, sorrowful, downcast, gloomy, depressed, morose, grieved
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_

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## GREEK ROOTS 1

If you know Greek roots, you can unlock the meaning of many English words.

ROOT	MEANING	EXAMPLE	ROOT	MEANING	EXAMPLE
<b>cycl</b>	circle, ring	<i>bicycle, cyclone</i>	<b>dem</b>	people	<i>democracy, demagogue</i>
<b>gram</b>	letter, written	<i>telegram, diagram</i>	<b>gnos</b>	know	<i>agnostic, diagnostic</i>
<b>phon</b>	sound	<i>phonograph, telephone</i>	<b>lith</b>	stone	<i>lithograph, monolith</i>
<b>cardi</b>	heart	<i>cardiac, cardiogram</i>	<b>andr</b>	man	<i>androgynous, androphobia</i>

**Directions:** Use the roots in the box above to complete the words in the sentences.

1. According to the doctor, Beth's p r o \_ \_ \_ \_ i s was good.
2. The t e l e \_ \_ \_ \_ with the shocking news arrived at midnight.
3. My mother's \_ \_ \_ \_ o l o g i s t is a highly respected heart doctor.
4. The toddler enjoyed her new red t r i \_ \_ \_ \_ e.
5. We enjoyed the s y m \_ \_ \_ \_ y at the new center for the arts.
6. This tool dates from the p a l e o \_ \_ \_ \_ i c age.
7. The AIDS e p i \_ \_ \_ \_ i c is especially devastating in Africa.
8. A woman who has two or more husbands at the same time is guilty of p o l y \_ \_ \_ \_ y.
9. A m i c r o \_ \_ \_ \_ e can help a speaker's voice carry to the back of the room.
10. The study of \_ \_ \_ \_ i c s helps children relate letters to their sounds.
11. The \_ \_ \_ \_ o p s has one large round eye in the center of his forehead.
12. Dad is a Republican, but Mom is a \_ \_ \_ \_ o c r a t.

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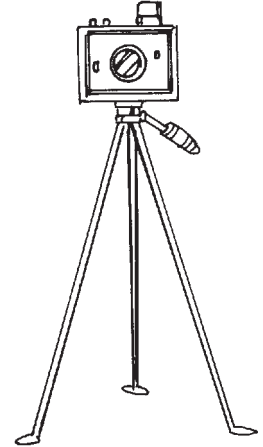
**GREEK ROOTS 2**



You can often guess the meaning of a Greek root by thinking about the words in which it appears. For example: *archenemy*, *monarch*. Why, the root *arch* must mean "chief"!

**A. Directions:** Notice the root in both example words. Then draw a line to connect each root with its meaning. Check a dictionary if you need help.

- |  |            |
|--|------------|
| 1. <i>dogmatic</i> , <i>dogmatism</i>        | a. shape   |
| 2. <i>podiatrist</i> , <i>tripod</i>         | b. love    |
| 3. <i>paleontology</i> , <i>paleolithic</i>  | c. foot    |
| 4. <i>neoclassic</i> , <i>neophyte</i>       | d. opinion |
| 5. <i>metamorphosis</i> , <i>morphology</i>  | e. old     |
| 6. <i>philosophy</i> , <i>philanthropist</i> | f. new     |



**B. Directions:** Use the example words to help you guess the meaning of the root.

- optician*, *optometrist* The root *opt* must mean \_\_\_\_\_.
- claustrophobia*, *aquaphobia* The root *phobia* must mean \_\_\_\_\_.
- theology*, *atheist* The root *the* must mean \_\_\_\_\_.

**C. Directions:** Read the root, its meaning, and the example word. Then add one more word that includes this root.

ROOT	MEANING	EXAMPLES
1. <i>kine</i> , <i>cine</i>	movement	<u>kinetic</u> , _____
2. <i>lys</i>	break down	<u>analysis</u> , _____
3. <i>mania</i>	madness	<u>pyromania</u> , _____
4. <i>esth</i>	feeling	<u>esthetic</u> , _____

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LATIN ROOTS 1



Many English words contain Latin roots. The Latin roots in the chart will certainly help to complete this exercise!

ROOT	MEANING	EXAMPLE	ROOT	MEANING	EXAMPLE
<b>don</b>	give	<i>donation</i>	<b>cline</b>	lean	<i>incline</i>
<b>cur</b>	care	<i>manicure</i>	<b>cogn</b>	know	<i>incognito</i>
<b>cord</b>	heart	<i>cordial</i>	<b>man</b>	hand	<i>manual</i>
<b>mar</b>	sea	<i>maritime</i>	<b>ped</b>	foot	<i>pedal</i>

**Directions:** Use the roots in the box to complete the words in the sentences.

1. The s u b \_\_\_\_\_ was underwater for a week-long training exercise.

2. Darlene had changed so much that Darryl hardly r e \_\_\_\_\_ i z e d her.

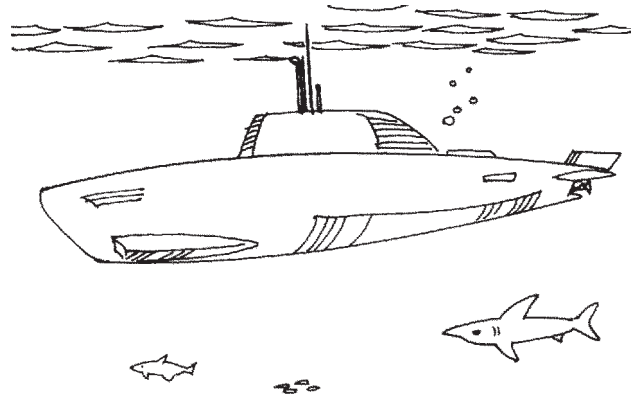
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ u s c r i p t for the new book was more than one thousand pages.

4. Theresa gave her guests a very \_\_\_\_\_ i a l welcome.

5. Bob likes to relax in his red r e \_\_\_\_\_ r when he gets home from work.

6. The crosswalk was designed for the safety of \_\_\_\_\_ e s t r i a n s.

7. The young couple \_\_\_\_\_ a t e d a bag of clothing to the charity.



8. The doctor told Thomas that his disease was easily \_\_\_\_\_ a b l e.

9. When Paul graduates from high school, he wants to join the \_\_\_\_\_ i n e s.

10. Shannon's grandfather owned a large \_\_\_\_\_ u f a c t u r i n g plant.

11. Unlike whales, most mammals are \_\_\_\_\_ q u a d r u \_\_\_\_\_ s.

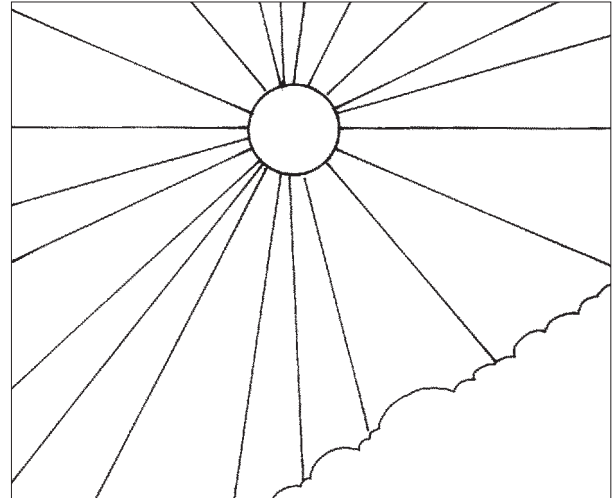
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Think about the words in which a root appears.  
 Examples: *luminous, illuminate, luminescent*. The root *lum* must mean "light"!

**A. Directions:** Circle the word that makes sense in each sentence.



1. *automobile, mobile, mobility*  
 The root *mob* must mean ( self / move / money ).
2. *spectacle, spectator, inspect*  
 The root *spec* must mean ( see / glasses / sport ).
3. *migrate, immigration, migratory*  
 The root *migr* must mean ( birds / people / move ).
4. *fidelity, confidence, infidel*  
 The root *fid* must mean ( faith / sound / warrior ).
5. *bellicose, belligerent, rebellion*  
 The root *belli* must mean ( calm / war / justice ).
6. *community, communal, communism*  
 The root *commun* must mean ( political / inexpensive / common ).

**B. Directions:** Read the meaning of the root and the example words. Then add one more word that contains this root.

ROOT	MEANING	EXAMPLES
1. <i>alt</i>	high	<u>altitude</u> , <u>alto</u> , _____
2. <i>grat</i>	pleasing	<u>gratify</u> , <u>congratulate</u> , _____
3. <i>doc</i>	teach	<u>doctrine</u> , <u>doctor</u> , _____
4. <i>pater</i>	father	<u>paternal</u> , <u>patriarch</u> , _____

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**PREFIXES 1**

**A prefix is a group of letters added to the beginning of a word to change its meaning.**

PREFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLE	PREFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLE
<b>prot</b>	first	<i>protagonist</i>	<b>poly</b>	many	<i>polysyllabic</i>
<b>quint</b>	five	<i>quintet</i>	<b>bene</b>	good	<i>benefit</i>
<b>oct</b>	eight	<i>octagon</i>	<b>com</b>	with	<i>combine</i>
<b>extra</b>	beyond	<i>extracurricular</i>	<b>contra</b>	against	<i>contradict</i>

**Directions:** Review the material in the chart above. Then use the prefixes to complete the words in the sentences. Use context clues for help.

1. Chris designed the \_\_\_\_\_ *o t y p e* for that new automobile model.

2. Some religions encourage \_\_\_\_\_ *g a m y*, the practice of having many wives.



3. Diane is one of the famous \_\_\_\_\_ *u p l e t s* born in our city 15 years ago.

4. This particular medicine is \_\_\_\_\_ *i n d i c a t e d* for your condition.

5. Our very generous \_\_\_\_\_ *f a c t o r* prefers to remain anonymous.

6. Your friendship is a great joy and \_\_\_\_\_ *f o r t* to me.

7. That talented girl has an \_\_\_\_\_ *o r d i n a r y* singing voice.

8. Over the years, our jazz band has grown from a trio to an \_\_\_\_\_ *e t*.

9. A \_\_\_\_\_ *n o m i a l* is a math expression consisting of more than two terms.

10. The last church service of the day was a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ *d i c t i o n*.

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How can you guess the meaning of a prefix? Think about the words in which it appears. Example: *midsummer, midway, midyear*. The prefix *mid* must mean "middle"!

**A. Directions:** Circle the word that correctly completes each sentence.

1. *automatic, autobiography*

The prefix *auto* must mean  
( other / quick / self ).

4. *megabyte, megaton*

The prefix *mega* must mean  
( small / million / loud ).

2. *imbalance, immature*

The prefix *im* must mean  
( young / not / steady ).

5. *circumference, circulate*

The prefix *circu* must mean  
( area / air / around ).

3. *pseudonym, pseudoclassic*

The prefix *pseudo* must mean  
( false / true / old ).

6. *microfilm, microscope*

The prefix *micro* must mean  
( small / large / see ).

**B. Directions:** The prefixes *en-* and *em-* both mean "in." Complete each word below with the correct prefix.

1. The two sisters braced when they met at the family reunion.

4. Emma likes to broider her initials on her clothing.

2. Inez will close a self-addressed, stamped envelope with her request.

5. Stu was chanted by the beauty of his grandmother's old-fashioned garden.

3. The desperate bookkeeper decided to bezzle money from her employer.

6. Parents need to courage their children to do their best.

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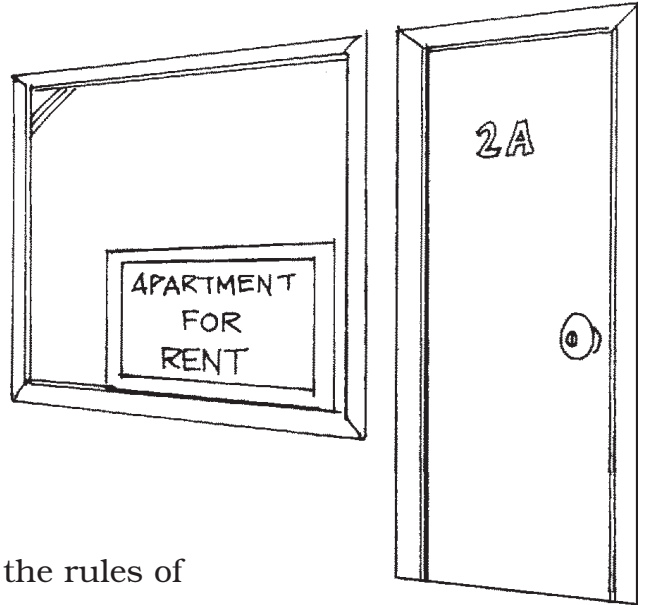
**SUFFIXES 1**

**A suffix is a group of letters added to the end of a word to change its meaning. The suffixes in the box below indicate the "state" or "quality" of something.**

SUFFIX	EXAMPLE	SUFFIX	EXAMPLE	SUFFIX	EXAMPLE	SUFFIX	EXAMPLE
<b>ancy</b>	<i>vacancy</i>	<b>hood</b>	<i>falsehood</i>	<b>ization</b>	<i>civilization</i>	<b>ty</b>	<i>loyalty</i>
<b>ery, ry</b>	<i>imagery</i>	<b>ism</b>	<i>heroism</i>	<b>ude</b>	<i>gratitude</i>	<b>or</b>	<i>error</i>

**Directions:** Use the suffixes to complete the words in the sentences.

- Luckily, the apartment building had a two-bedroom v a c \_\_\_\_\_.
- Silas faced every misfortune in his life with f o r t i \_\_\_\_\_.
- Sara and Erin are enjoying a very happy c h i l d \_\_\_\_\_.
- Over the years, the United States has suffered greatly because of r a c \_\_\_\_\_.



- The poet e. e. cummings did not follow the rules of c a p i t a l \_\_\_\_\_.
- The reward for h o n e s \_\_\_ is knowing that you did the right thing.
- The p a l l \_\_\_ in the sick child's face was quite alarming.
- The soldier exhibited extreme b r a v e \_\_\_ during the long battle.
- The s t a n d a r d \_\_\_\_\_ of shoe sizes makes it easy to buy footwear.
- Heloise's belief in p a c i f \_\_\_ prevents her from supporting any war.
- The f e r v \_\_\_ of his political ideas sets him apart from most people.

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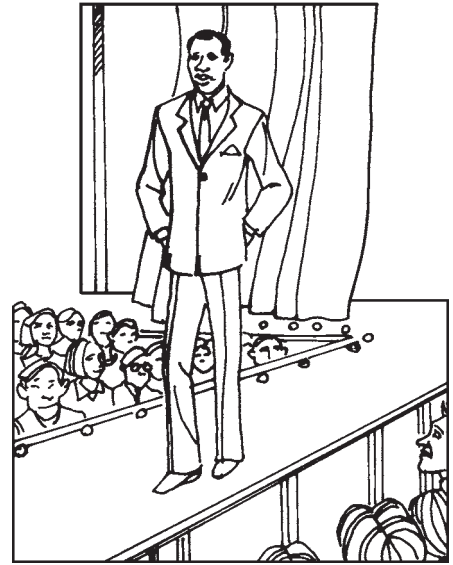


Many different *suffixes* have exactly the same meaning. This can be confusing—but I'm sure you're up to the challenge!

**A. Directions:** Complete each word below with one of the **boldface** suffixes.

The suffixes **-al**, **-ary**, **-esque**, and **-ular** all mean "relating to."

1. her *m a t e r n* \_\_\_ \_\_\_ instincts
2. a tall and *s t a t u* \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ model
3. a *c i r c* \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ argument
4. full *m i l i t* \_\_\_ \_\_\_ honors
5. a *p i c t u r* \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ scene
6. a *p o p* \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ candidate
7. his *n a t u r* \_\_\_ \_\_\_ inclinations



**B. Directions:** Complete each word below with one of the **boldface** suffixes.

The suffixes **-ful**, **-ose**, **-ous**, and **-ulent** all mean "full of."

1. After watching the scary movie, the little boys were *f e a r* \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ of the dark.
2. *T u r b* \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ waves threatened to sink the small fishing boat.
3. Jeff was feeling *n e r v* \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ before his job interview.
4. The accident victim was *c o m a t* \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ for several days.
5. Rita is *s u c c e s s* \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ at almost everything she tries.
6. The coronation of the young queen was truly *g l o r i* \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_.

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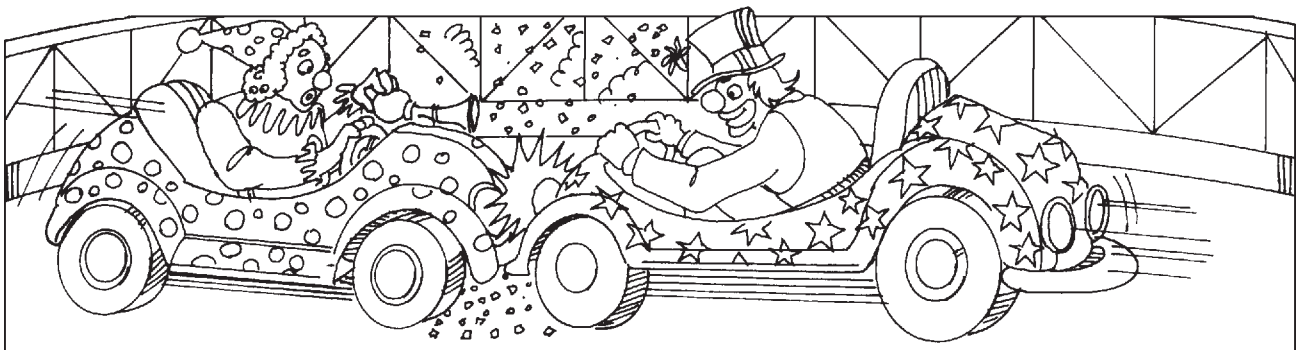
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**NEAR MISSES 1**

**Some words can be confusing if you're not careful.  
Watch out for the troublemakers!**

**Directions:** Circle the word that correctly completes each sentence.  
Look it up if you're not sure!

1. When moving cars have a ( collision / collusion ), both drivers and passengers can get hurt.



2. Over time, eating too much food will make your waistline ( expend / expand ).
3. After Myra lost so much weight, all her clothes were too ( loose / lose ).
4. The Martinez family told us they want to ( adapt / adopt ) a child.
5. After college, Beverly has decided to ( pursue / peruse ) a career in journalism.
6. Steven is in charge of the ( personnel / personal ) department in his company.
7. After running for three hours, Sylvia ( finely / finally ) crossed the finish line.
8. When it comes to books, Stanley has a ( veracious / voracious ) appetite.
9. Sue's many friends will continue to ( perpetuate / perpetrate ) her memory.
10. The lost hiker was hungry; he had been ( depraved / deprived ) of food for three days.
11. Caroline wrote information about her appointments on her ( calendar / colander ).

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NEAR MISSES 2

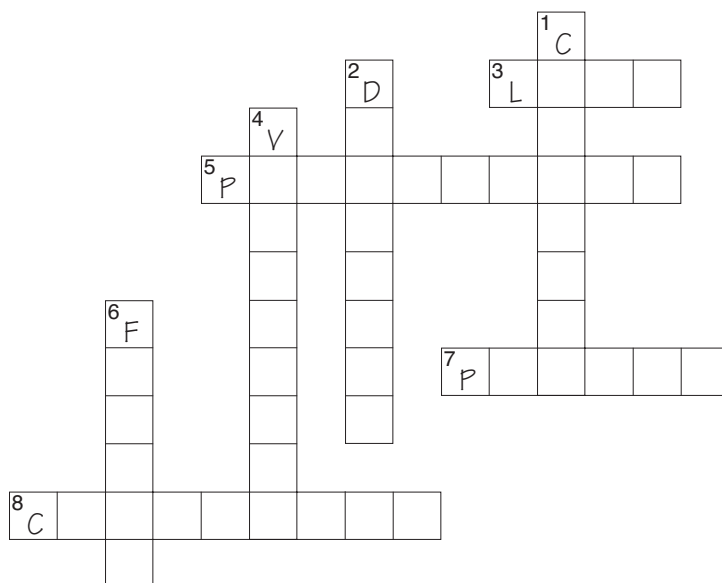
**A. Directions:** Use eight of the *wrong* word choices in the previous exercise to complete the crossword puzzle.

ACROSS

- 3. fail to win
- 5. to commit (a crime)
- 7. to read or study
- 8. a secret agreement for a wrongful purpose

DOWN

- 1. a strainer
- 2. completely wicked
- 4. truthful
- 6. in an excellent manner



**B. Directions:** Write a letter to match each **boldface** "near miss" word with its meaning.

- |                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. ____ <b>quite</b>    | a. to look forward     |
| 2. ____ <b>quiet</b>    | b. by means of         |
| 3. ____ <b>through</b>  | c. relating to mankind |
| 4. ____ <b>thorough</b> | d. very                |
| 5. ____ <b>expect</b>   | e. kind                |
| 6. ____ <b>suspect</b>  | f. to order            |
| 7. ____ <b>human</b>    | g. not noisy           |
| 8. ____ <b>humane</b>   | h. to praise           |
| 9. ____ <b>command</b>  | i. complete            |
| 10. ____ <b>commend</b> | j. to mistrust         |



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**SYNONYMS: NOUNS 1**

You know that *synonyms* are words with the same or nearly the same meaning. The more *synonyms* you know, the richer your vocabulary will be!

**Directions:** First write a letter to match each **boldface** noun with its synonym. Then find another synonym in the box for each pair of words. Write it on the line. Hint: You will *not* use all the words in the box. The first one has been done for you.



<b>admission</b>	<b>cavity</b>	<b>exaggeration</b>	<b>haste</b>
<b>awning</b>	<b>comedy</b>	<b>flattery</b>	<b>hatred</b>
<b>ban</b>	<b>dwelling</b>	<b>glint</b>	<b>instructor</b>

- b   **affirmation**,   admission
- pit**,
- home**,
- praise**,
- prohibition**,
- hyperbole**,
- gleam**,
- scramble**,
- abhorrence**,
- professor**,

- abode
- admittance
- compliments
- elaboration
- hole
- hurry
- loathing
- sparkle
- taboo
- tutor

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**SYNONYMS: NOUNS 2**

**Directions:** Unscramble the *synonym* of the other **boldface** words in each sentence.

1. You carry a **(CAKURKS)** \_\_\_\_\_, or **knapsack**, the same way you carry a **backpack**.
2. If you want words meaning the same as **(GAMINICA)** \_\_\_\_\_, you could use **enchanter** or **necromancer**.
3. The team you're playing against could be called your **opponent, foe,** or **(MECIRTOPTO)** \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Victoria felt not only **excitement** and **emotion** for dancing—she had a real **(SONPIAS)** \_\_\_\_\_ for it.
5. When the **assault** began, those in the castle had no idea the **onslaught** would be even worse than the last **(GESIE)** \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The **(SRTOM)** \_\_\_\_\_ at sea began as a **squall** and quickly turned into a **tempest**.
7. We need a large **receptacle** for these flowers. Please get the blue **(ASEV)** \_\_\_\_\_ or the yellow **urn**.
8. The **lure** of the ocean was such an **attraction** for Sam that he gave in to the **(PITONETMAT)** \_\_\_\_\_ to buy a boat.
9. Before the trial, Myra gave a **statement, or declaration**. At the trial, she gave sworn **(SITOYMENT)** \_\_\_\_\_.

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**SYNONYMS: VERBS 1**

**In a thesaurus, how many synonyms can find you for the word good?**

**A. Directions:** Add an appropriate word from the box to each list of synonyms.  
Hint: You will *not* use all the words in the box.

**admit   assure   catch   expel   induce   insult   invalidate   toss   uplift   waver**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
taunt  
ridicule  
jeer

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
falter  
fluctuate  
hesitate

7. \_\_\_\_\_  
grab  
snare  
capture

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
guarantee  
warrant  
pledge

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
cancel  
nullify  
repeal

8. \_\_\_\_\_  
heave  
throw  
fling

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
initiate  
inaugurate  
introduce

6. \_\_\_\_\_  
acknowledge  
concede  
confess

9. \_\_\_\_\_  
banish  
exile  
depart

**B. Directions:** Now find two synonyms in the box for each **boldface** verb. Add the synonyms to each list. Hint: You will *not* use all the words.

**appraise   burn   handy   deserve   harass   prefer   untwist**  
**assess   char   curve   differ   justify   suitable   victimize**  
**bend   choose   dawdle   digress   linger   untangle**

1. **merit**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. **unravel**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. **convenient**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. **opt**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. **scald**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. **vary**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. **persecute**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. **evaluate**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. **warp**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**SYNONYMS: VERBS 2**

**A. Directions:** First read each group of synonyms. Then unscramble the word that heads each list.

1. **EDAL** \_\_\_\_\_  
direct  
oversee  
supervise

3. **VOREC** \_\_\_\_\_  
hide  
screen  
mask

5. **LOSI** \_\_\_\_\_  
stain  
dirt  
tarnish

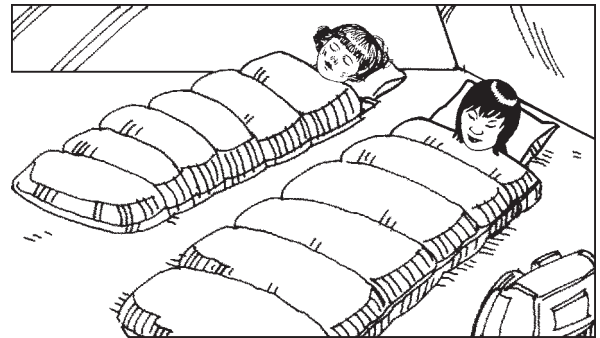
2. **NAXIEME** \_\_\_\_\_  
observe  
scrutinize  
inspect

4. **CHUNP** \_\_\_\_\_  
hit  
strike  
knock

6. **ROSUNURD** \_\_\_\_\_  
enclose  
encircle  
encompass

**B. Directions:** Write synonyms of your own for the following verbs.

- 1. sleep / \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. smudge / \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. reek / \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. lure / \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. influence / \_\_\_\_\_

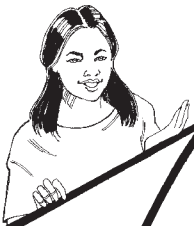


**C. Directions:** Now write original sentences using synonyms for these verbs:  
*cherish, cram, displease, intend, overcome, pose, and sulk.*

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_

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## SYNONYMS: ADJECTIVES 1

Ready for some more *synonym* practice? This time let's work with *adjectives* (describing words).

**Directions:** First write a letter to match each **boldface** adjective with its synonym. Then find *another* synonym in the box for each pair of words. Write it on the line. Hint: You will *not* use all the words in the box. The first one has been done for you.

aged

ambitious

basic

miniature

changeable

received

flimsy

genuine

hardy

intellectual

irritated

irregular

1. d **authenticated**, genuine a. irked
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **elderly**, \_\_\_\_\_ b. cerebral
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **aspiring**, \_\_\_\_\_ c. accepted
4. \_\_\_\_\_ **bothered**, \_\_\_\_\_ d. validated
5. \_\_\_\_\_ **fragile**, \_\_\_\_\_ e. delicate
6. \_\_\_\_\_ **variable**, \_\_\_\_\_ f. diminutive
7. \_\_\_\_\_ **welcomed**, \_\_\_\_\_ g. old
8. \_\_\_\_\_ **tiny**, \_\_\_\_\_ h. strong
9. \_\_\_\_\_ **tough**, \_\_\_\_\_ i. hopeful
10. \_\_\_\_\_ **mental**, \_\_\_\_\_ j. differing

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**SYNONYMS: ADJECTIVES 2**

**A. Directions:** Find two synonyms in the box for each **boldface** adjective. Write the synonyms on the lines. Hint: You will *not* use all the words in the box.

astute	dependable	dangerous	fancy	loyal	male
manly	pictorial	risky	scenic	sharp	showy
shriveled	triumphant	unique	unusual	uncontrollable	willful

1. **ornamental** shrubs

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. a **novel** approach

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. a **masculine** attitude

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. a **picturesque** location

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. a **reliable** friend

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. a **treacherous** river

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



**B. Directions:** Think of a synonym for each **boldface** adjective below. Write it on the line.

1. a **contagious** disease

\_\_\_\_\_

4. a **defiant** subject

\_\_\_\_\_

2. a **feminine** trait

\_\_\_\_\_

5. an **exceptional** bargain

\_\_\_\_\_

3. **delicious** foods

\_\_\_\_\_

6. a **microscopic** speck

\_\_\_\_\_

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**SYNONYMS: ADVERBS 1**



Remember that an *adverb* modifies or qualifies a verb, adjective, or another adverb. An adverb answers such questions as *when? how? where? how often? and to what extent?*

**A. Directions:** Write a letter to match each **boldface** adverb with its synonym.



- |                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. ____ <b>thankfully</b> | a. ably           |
| 2. ____ <b>accurately</b> | b. affectionately |
| 3. ____ <b>quietly</b>    | c. barely         |
| 4. ____ <b>lovingly</b>   | d. correctly      |
| 5. ____ <b>skillfully</b> | e. craftily       |
| 6. ____ <b>slyly</b>      | f. nearly         |
| 7. ____ <b>honestly</b>   | g. silently       |
| 8. ____ <b>very</b>       | h. gratefully     |
| 9. ____ <b>almost</b>     | i. truthfully     |
| 10. ____ <b>hardly</b>    | j. quite          |

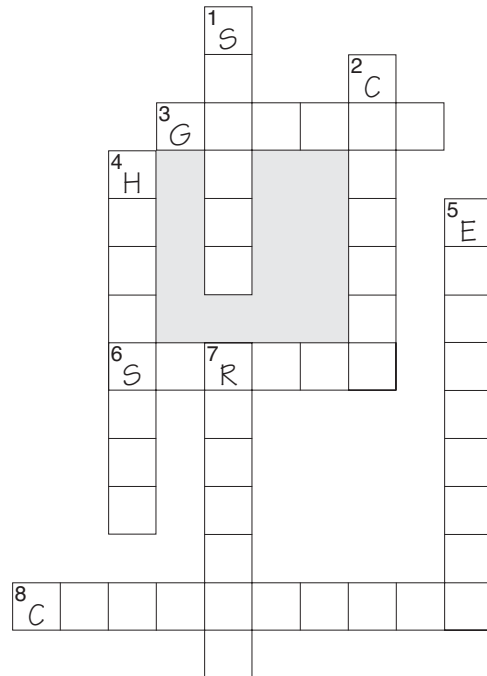
**B. Directions:** Complete the crossword puzzle. Clues are synonyms of the answer words. Use the first letters as clues.

**ACROSS**

- 3. happily
- 6. definitely
- 8. entirely

**DOWN**

- 1. rarely
- 2. legibly
- 4. truly
- 5. forever
- 7. approximately

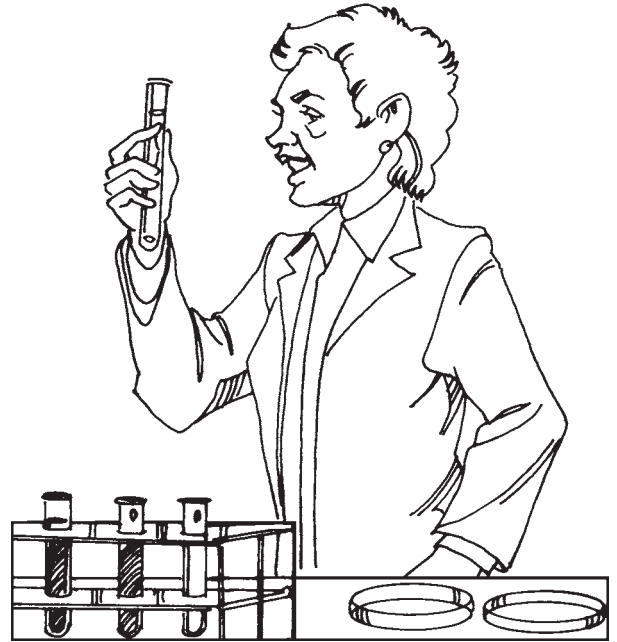


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**SYNONYMS: ADVERBS 2**

**Directions:** First unscramble the adverb in each sentence. Then circle its synonym.



1. Did you know that yo-yos were **(STRIF)** \_\_\_\_\_ used as weapons?

- never                      originally
- often                      seldom

2. That story you just told is **(TALTOLY)** \_\_\_\_\_ fantastic!

- entirely                  partly
- almost                  not

3. Gladys's clever new dance steps are **(MYSLIP)** \_\_\_\_\_ amazing!

- never                  hardly                  utterly                  surprisingly

4. Justin **(NIBLDLY)** \_\_\_\_\_ joined in with whatever his friends were doing.

- happily                  sadly                  frequently                  mindlessly

5. The careless electrician had made a **(YEVVR)** \_\_\_\_\_ foolish error.

- quite                  slightly                  stupidly                  almost

6. Almost **(LACITANCEDYL)** \_\_\_\_\_, the scientist made a great new discovery.

- overnight                  immediately                  wisely                  mistakenly

7. The watermelon that won the contest was **(RETEXEMLY)** \_\_\_\_\_ large.

- greatly                  slightly                  moderately                  almost

8. An **(SULALUNUY)** \_\_\_\_\_ fast car passed us on the freeway.

- barely                  remarkably                  hardly                  dangerously

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## ANTONYMS: NOUNS 1

The artful use of *antonyms*—words with opposite meanings—can make your meanings *crystal clear*.

**A. Directions:** Draw a line to match each **boldface** noun with its antonym.

- |                          |             |                      |               |
|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. <b>ally</b>           | a. humility | 7. <b>endurance</b>  | g. submission |
| 2. <b>impatience</b>     | b. calmness | 8. <b>fad</b>        | h. greeting   |
| 3. <b>disturbance</b>    | c. enemy    | 9. <b>struggle</b>   | i. weakness   |
| 4. <b>pride</b>          | d. success  | 10. <b>farewell</b>  | j. original   |
| 5. <b>destruction</b>    | e. creation | 11. <b>imitation</b> | k. cruelty    |
| 6. <b>disappointment</b> | f. patience | 12. <b>kindness</b>  | l. convention |

**B. Directions:** Use vowels (*a, e, i, o, u*) to complete the antonyms of the **boldface** nouns.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1. <b>laziness</b> / <u>v</u> _ <u>g</u> _ <u>r</u>                               | 5. <b>virtue</b> / _ <u>v</u> _ <u>l</u>   |
| 2. <b>leisure</b> / <u>t</u> _ _ <u>l</u>   | 6. <b>youth</b> / <u>m</u> _ <u>t</u> _ <u>r</u> _ <u>t</u> <u>y</u>                 |
| 3. <b>confusion</b> / <u>c</u> <u>l</u> _ <u>r</u> _ <u>t</u> <u>y</u>            | 7. <b>background</b> / <u>f</u> _ <u>r</u> _ <u>g</u> <u>r</u> _ _ <u>n</u> <u>d</u> |
| 4. <b>treason</b> / <u>p</u> _ <u>t</u> <u>r</u> _ _ <u>t</u> _ <u>s</u> <u>m</u> | 8. <b>seriousness</b> / <u>j</u> _ <u>l</u> <u>l</u> _ <u>t</u> <u>y</u>             |

**C. Directions:** Unscramble the antonyms. Then use each word in a sentence.

- separation / (**TUINY**) \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- emotion / (**EONRAS**) \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- scoundrel / (**NAGLEMTEN**) \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- prudence / (**SHERSANS**) \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**ANTONYMS: NOUNS 2**

**A. Directions:**

Use the nouns in the box to make 14 pairs of antonyms.

<b>attic</b>	<b>courtesy</b>	<b>disrespect</b>	<b>heroism</b>
<b>cellar</b>	<b>dullness</b>	<b>hesitation</b>	<b>inclusion</b>
<b>brightness</b>	<b>hindrance</b>	<b>injustice</b>	<b>jobless</b>
<b>cowardice</b>	<b>elimination</b>	<b>flabbiness</b>	<b>importance</b>
<b>assistance</b>	<b>decision</b>	<b>employed</b>	<b>laughter</b>
<b>fairness</b>	<b>punishment</b>	<b>triviality</b>	<b>weeping</b>
<b>deflation</b>	<b>firmness</b>	<b>inflation</b>	<b>pardon</b>

1. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
11. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
12. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
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14. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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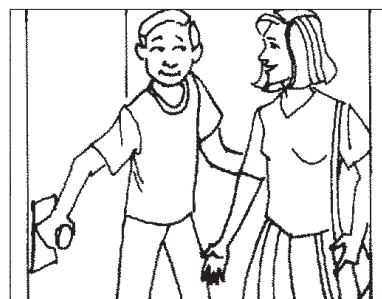
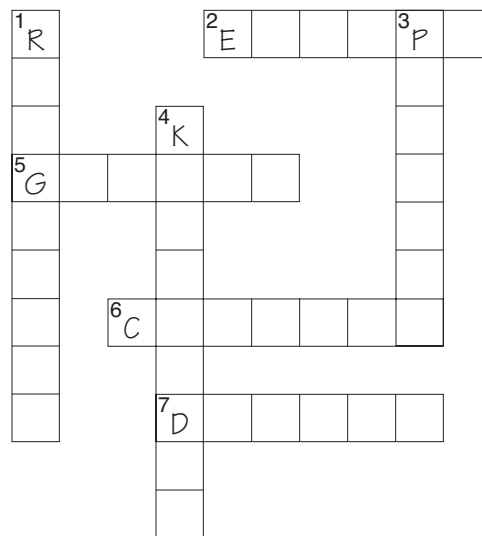
Complete the crossword puzzle with antonyms of the clue words.

**ACROSS**

2. capture
5. loser
6. obscurity
7. attack

**DOWN**

1. smoothness
3. prosperity
4. ignorance



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**ANTONYMS: VERBS 1**

**Remember that verbs are words that express an action, an occurrence, or a state of being.**

**Directions:** Circle the *antonym* of the **boldface** verb in each sentence.

1. Cynthia decided to **increase** the time she spends practicing ballet.

enjoy      lengthen      justify      abbreviate

2. The counselor told the young campers to **join** hands.

hold      wash      disconnect      massage

3. After a long, drawn-out trial, the prisoner was finally **exonerated**.

convicted      shackled      questioned      honored

4. Stanley bravely tried to **banish** all frightening thoughts from his mind.

hide      welcome      forget      remember

5. Some people believe that opposites **attract**.

repel      connect      show off      communicate

6. The babysitter **entertained** the restless little boys for four hours.

danced      pampered      ignored      watched

7. The rebel forces **imprisoned** their captive for five long months.

tortured      questioned      nourished      released

8. The condition of the infected tooth gradually **worsened** over the weekend.

improved      ached      diminished      deteriorated

9. After fitting the new pipe, the plumber **tightened** the bolts.

sold      attached      loosened      checked

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**ANTONYMS: VERBS 2**

**A. Directions:** Unscramble the word to complete each pair of *antonyms*.

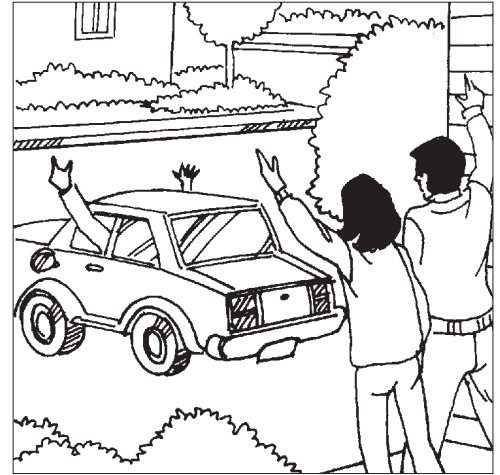
1. depart / **(REAVRI)** \_\_\_\_\_

2. defrost **(EREFEZ)** \_\_\_\_\_

3. isolate **(NIDCULE)** \_\_\_\_\_

4. resist / **(BUSTIM)** \_\_\_\_\_

5. pity / **(NEVY)** \_\_\_\_\_



6. evade / **(CAPARPHO)** \_\_\_\_\_

7. purchase / **(LESL)** \_\_\_\_\_

8. allow / **(DIBROF)** \_\_\_\_\_

9. esteem / **(COMK)** \_\_\_\_\_

10. display / **(OCANCEL)** \_\_\_\_\_



**B. Directions:** Complete the crossword puzzle with antonyms of the clue words. Use the first letters as clues.

**ACROSS**

2. flatten

4. agree

7. begin

8. complicate

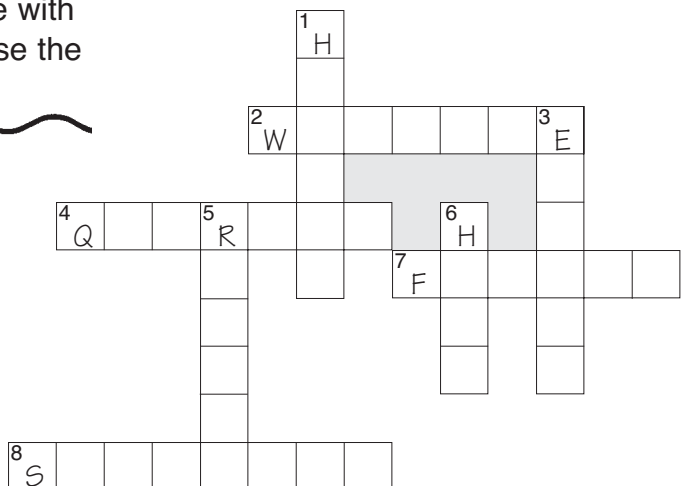
**DOWN**

1. soften

3. bore

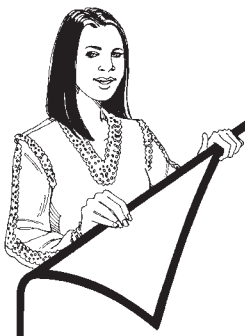
5. cover

6. fire



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## ANTONYMS: ADJECTIVES 1

You already know that *adjectives* describe nouns and pronouns. But do you also know that adjectives often tell how many or what kind?

**A. Directions:** Add vowels (*a, e, i, o, u*) to complete the antonyms of the **boldface** adjectives.

- Casual clothes are all right for regular school dances, but the prom is a f r m l affair.
- That puppy is very active, but this one seems very p s s v.
- We had to replace the warped board with a s t r g h t one.
- This undervalued antique was once a little girl's c h r s h d doll.
- Saul was embarrassed about his act at the talent show, but Roger was p r d of his.
- Is Elizabeth's playmate an actual one or an m g n r y one?
- We wanted a secluded campsite, but all we could find was a c r w d d area.
- The native population resented the influx of the l n intruders.

**B. Directions:** Find an antonym in the box for each adjective below. Write it on the line.

**bound   comfortable   delicate   elongated   harmless   lowered   optimistic   resistant**

- yielding** / \_\_\_\_\_
- tough** / \_\_\_\_\_
- shortened** / \_\_\_\_\_
- elevated** / \_\_\_\_\_
- uneasy** / \_\_\_\_\_
- loose** / \_\_\_\_\_
- injurious** / \_\_\_\_\_
- pessimistic** / \_\_\_\_\_

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**ANTONYMS: ADJECTIVES 2**

**A. Directions:** Unscramble the adjectives to complete each pair of *antonyms*.



1. cheerful / (**LOYGOM**) \_\_\_\_\_

2. internal / (**TENLERAX**) \_\_\_\_\_

3. rare / (**MOCNOM**) \_\_\_\_\_

4. original / (**PEDCIO**) \_\_\_\_\_

5. extended / (**EBIRF**) \_\_\_\_\_

6. logical / (**LARAINIROT**) \_\_\_\_\_

7. obedient / (**RULNUY**) \_\_\_\_\_

8. incompetent / (**LEAB**) \_\_\_\_\_

9. righteous / (**LETUHICAN**) \_\_\_\_\_

10. deficient / (**ETAQADUE**) \_\_\_\_\_



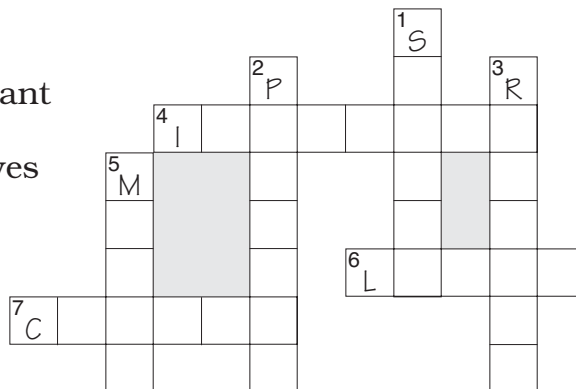
**B. Directions:** Complete the crossword puzzle with antonyms of the **boldface** clue words.

**ACROSS**

4. a **lively** participant

6. your **truthful** eyes

7. **dainty** material



**DOWN**

1. a **generous** fellow

2. the **hydrated** plant

3. **vulgar** manners

5. an **unscrupulous** decision

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**ANTONYMS: ADVERBS 1**



Remember that *adverbs* modify verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs.

**A. Directions:** Find an *antonym* (word that means the opposite) in the box for each **boldface** adverb. Write it on the line. Hint: You will *not* use all the words.

<b>abruptly</b>	<b>angrily</b>	<b>briskly</b>	<b>unhappily</b>	<b>foolishly</b>
<b>accidentally</b>	<b>brightly</b>	<b>certainly</b>	<b>often</b>	<b>thoughtfully</b>

- Jeremy said goodbye to Alexis very **slowly** (\_\_\_\_\_).
- Janice very **wisely** (\_\_\_\_\_) refrained from overeating.
- Emma **seldom** (\_\_\_\_\_) goes to the movies.
- Homer looked up **dully** (\_\_\_\_\_) and said, "Huh?"
- On hot days, Monica moves very **sluggishly** (\_\_\_\_\_).
- When asked if he would get an A on the test, Al said, "**Doubtfully.**" (\_\_\_\_\_).
- After her long vacation, Amanda **joyfully** (\_\_\_\_\_) returned home.
- Dustin **purposely** (\_\_\_\_\_) turned off the computer.
- Dana **selfishly** (\_\_\_\_\_) kept all the good peaches for himself.

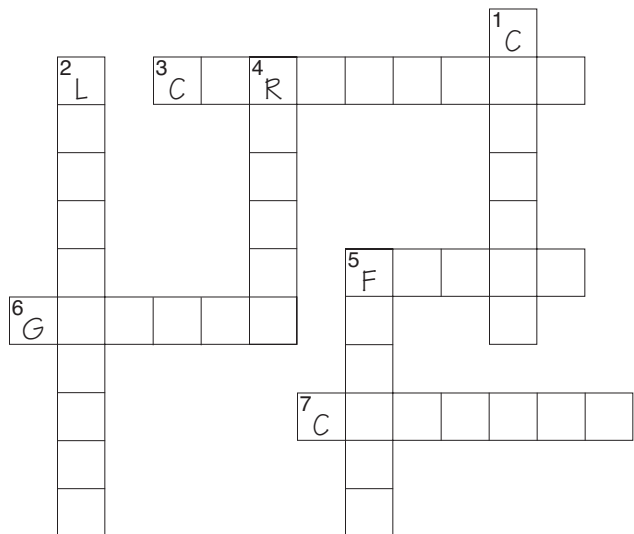
**B. Directions:** Complete the puzzle with antonyms of the **boldface** adverbs.

**ACROSS**

- behaves **indifferently**
- partly** responsible
- treated **roughly**
- acted **sanely**

**DOWN**

- indistinctly** visible
- busily** at work
- greeted **courteously**
- unjustly** angry



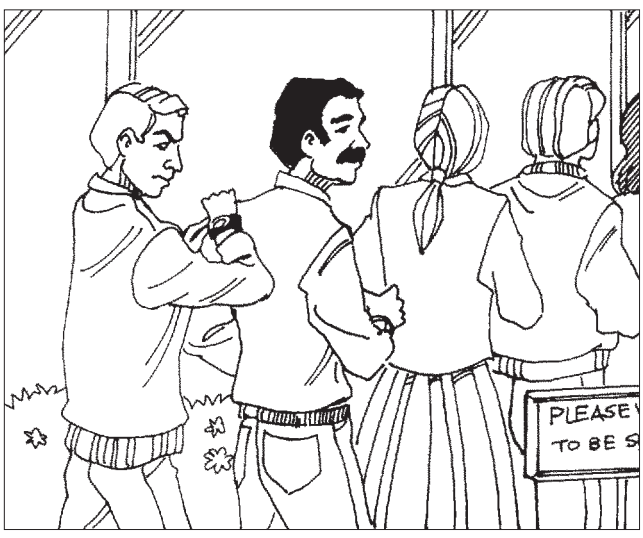
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**ANTONYMS: ADVERBS 2**

**A. Directions:** Sort the adverbs in the box to make six pairs of *antonyms* (words with opposite meanings). Write them on the lines. See the example.

- |                  |                   |                     |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| <b>angrily</b>   | <b>awkwardly</b>  | <b>definitely</b>   |
| <b>sometimes</b> | <b>famously</b>   | <b>gracefully</b>   |
| <b>commonly</b>  | <b>invariably</b> | <b>patiently</b>    |
| <b>obscurely</b> | <b>unusually</b>  | <b>questionably</b> |



1. angrily  
patiently
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

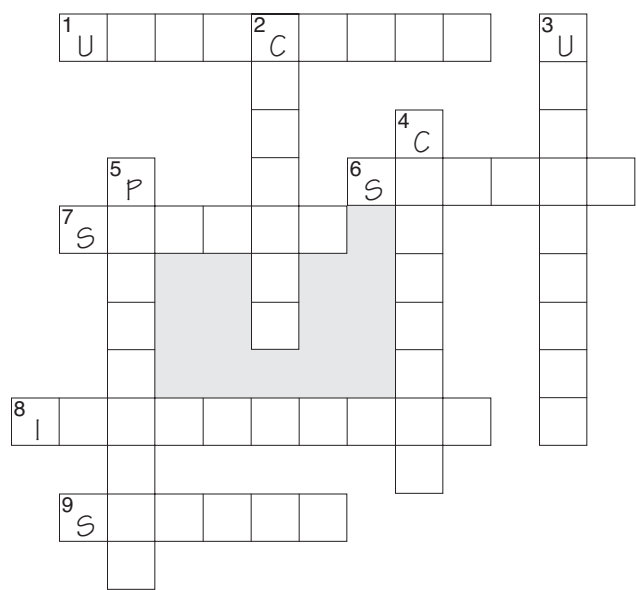
**B. Directions:** Complete the crossword puzzle with antonyms of the **boldface** adverbs. Use the first letters as clues.

**ACROSS**

1. **Fortunately**, he won.
6. She spoke **sweetly**.
7. He landed the plane **dangerously**.
8. **Sometimes** she danced.
9. They moved **quickly**.

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2. I treated him **kindly**.
3. Hank spoke **distinctly**.
4. She's **rarely** in a good mood.
5. Sue played **energetically**.



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## HOMOPHONES

**Homophones** are words that sound alike but are spelled differently and have different meanings. Some examples of homophones are *be/bee* and *flour/flower*.

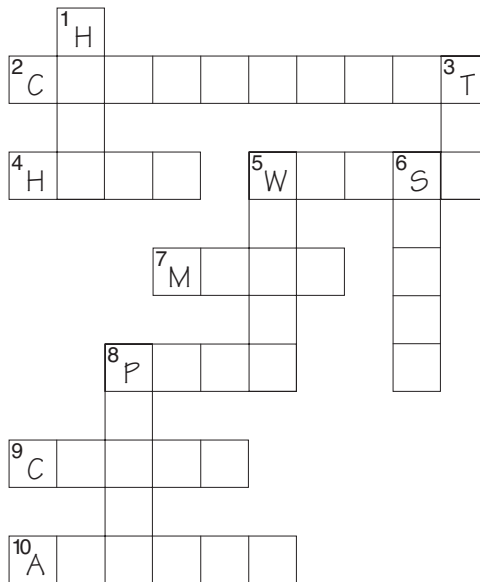
**A. Directions:** Say the words aloud. Then write a homophone next to each word.

- |                    |                 |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. allowed / _____ | 4. ball / _____ | 7. sent / _____ |
| 2. crews / _____   | 5. find / _____ | 8. main / _____ |
| 3. lie / _____     | 6. meet / _____ | 9. one / _____  |

**B. Directions:** Complete the crossword puzzle with homophones for the **boldface** words.

### ACROSS

- a sincere **compliment**
- belongs to **him**
- everyone **who's** here
- a freshly **mown** lawn
- pour** the milk
- shoot** the breeze
- going **away**



### DOWN

- a **holey** shirt
- a cup of **tea**
- all **we've** been doing
- the lights **shone** brightly
- a cat's **paws**

**C. Directions:** Circle three homophone errors in each sentence. Then rewrite the sentences correctly on the lines.

1. The buoy climbed up the fur tree and the beach tree.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. After the accident, wee set off fore flairs to get attention.

\_\_\_\_\_

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## HOMOPHONE RIDDLES



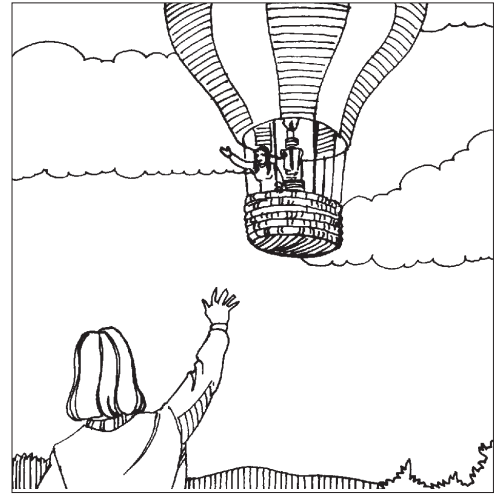
**You can figure out these riddles by using your imagination and your sense of humor!**

**EXAMPLE:** What would you call a music group that is no longer allowed to play music? a banned band

**A. Directions:** Use vowels (a, e, i, o, u) to fill in the blanks.

What would you call . . .

1. a poet in jail? *b\_\_rr\_\_d b\_\_rd*
2. a dog's sound on a boat?  
*b\_\_rq\_\_ b\_\_rk*
3. a container for cotton pods? *b\_\_ll b\_\_wl*
4. a variety of breakfast food day after day?  
*s\_\_r\_\_l c\_\_r\_\_l*
5. corn for military higher-ups?  
*k\_\_rn\_\_ls for c\_\_l\_\_n\_\_ls*
6. a medieval jousting knight who doesn't like the daytime? *n\_\_ght kn\_\_ght*
7. a greeting from someone in a hot-air balloon? *a h\_\_gh h\_\_*



**B. Directions:** Now solve the riddles by using only the first letters as clues.

What would you call . . .

- |   |                |                    |
|---|----------------|--------------------|
| 1. a monk who cooks chicken?                  | <i>f</i> _____ | <i>f</i> _____     |
| 2. an unfriendly, cheap youth hotel?          | <i>h</i> _____ | <i>h</i> _____     |
| 3. a dish full of supplies for making braids? | <i>p</i> _____ | <i>p</i> _____     |
| 4. a seer who tells the future for money?     | <i>p</i> _____ | for <i>p</i> _____ |
| 5. a colorless bucket?                        | <i>p</i> _____ | <i>p</i> _____     |
| 6. a picturesque view that was observed?      | <i>s</i> _____ | <i>s</i> _____     |

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## HOMOGRAPHS

Words that are spelled alike but have different meanings are called *homographs*.

EXAMPLE: *baste* 1. to pour liquid on while roasting; 2. to sew with long stitches

**A. Directions:** Unscramble the homographs that match each definition below. The first one has been done for you.

- |  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| 1. (TUCERON) <u>counter</u> _____:     | 4. (WOBL) _____:                 |
| a. one who counts                      | a. a hard hit                    |
| b. long table in a store or restaurant | b. send forth a stream of air    |
| 2. (INEP) _____:                       | 5. (ENFI) _____:                 |
| a. to yearn or long for                | a. high quality                  |
| b. a type of evergreen                 | b. money paid as punishment      |
| 3. (MODCUNOP) _____:                   | 6. (DEHI) _____:                 |
| a. having more than one part           | a. to conceal; keep out of sight |
| b. an enclosed yard                    | b. animal skin                   |

**B. Directions:** Write homographs to find the answer to the riddle (reads top to bottom). Use the definitions as clues. The first one has been done for you.

**RIDDLE:** Homographs have the same spelling but different meanings and \_\_\_\_\_.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1. bubbling of hot liquid; red swelling on the skin     | 1. <u>b</u> <u>o</u> <u>i</u> <u>l</u> |
| 2. container made of glass; to rattle or vibrate        | 2. _ _ _                               |
| 3. container for pouring liquid; baseball player        | 3. _ _ _ _ _                           |
| 4. one side of a sheet of paper; youth who runs errands | 4. _ _ _ _                             |
| 5. friendly and helpful; same type or class             | 5. _ _ _ _                             |
| 6. opposite of <i>up</i> ; soft feathers                | 6. _ _ _ _                             |
| 7. newly made, not stale; impudent, bold                | 7. _ _ _ _                             |

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## HOMOPHONES AND HOMOGRAPHS: DICTIONARY PRACTICE



Remember these definitions:

- **Homophones** are words that **sound** exactly alike but have **different spellings and meanings**.
- **Homographs** are words that **look** exactly alike but have **different meanings**.

**A. Directions:** First write the *homophone* for each **boldface** word. Then write a brief definition of the homophone you added. Check a dictionary if you need help.

1. Sheila has a new **beau**. \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_

2. The ref **blew** the whistle. \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Hal removed the apple **core**. \_\_\_\_\_:

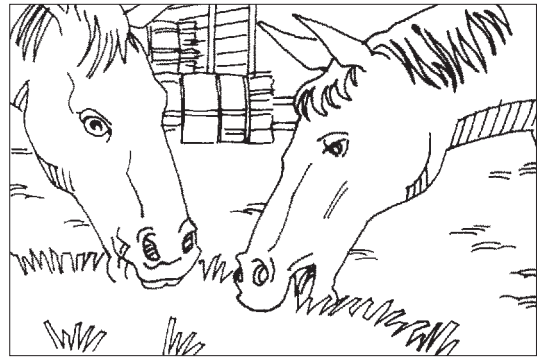
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4. The horses ate **hay**. \_\_\_\_\_:

\_\_\_\_\_

5. The **lesson** took 50 minutes. \_\_\_\_\_:

\_\_\_\_\_



**B. Directions:** Write two sentences showing each meaning of the **boldface** homographs. The first one has been done for you. Check a dictionary if you need help.

1. **carp** (verb) *If you carp about something, you complain about it.*

**carp** (noun) *A carp is an edible fish found in fresh water.*

2. **chuck** (noun) \_\_\_\_\_

**chuck** (verb) \_\_\_\_\_

3. **hatch** (noun) \_\_\_\_\_

**hatch** (verb) \_\_\_\_\_

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**CLIPPED WORDS 1**

A "clipped" word is one that has been shortened by common use, such as "trike" instead of "tricycle."

**A. Directions:** Write out the complete form of the clipped words shown in **boldface**. Check a dictionary if you're not sure.

1. buy a new **auto**

\_\_\_\_\_

5. one **cent** in change

\_\_\_\_\_

2. a young **coed**

\_\_\_\_\_

6. a **cuke** for your salad

\_\_\_\_\_

3. the study of **trig**

\_\_\_\_\_

7. go underwater in a **sub**

\_\_\_\_\_

4. a **deli** sandwich

\_\_\_\_\_

8. wear a **wig**

\_\_\_\_\_

**B. Directions:** Now write the clipped form of each **boldface** word or words.

1. a talented **veterinarian** \_\_\_\_\_

2. a **typographical error** \_\_\_\_\_

3. go out to **luncheon** \_\_\_\_\_

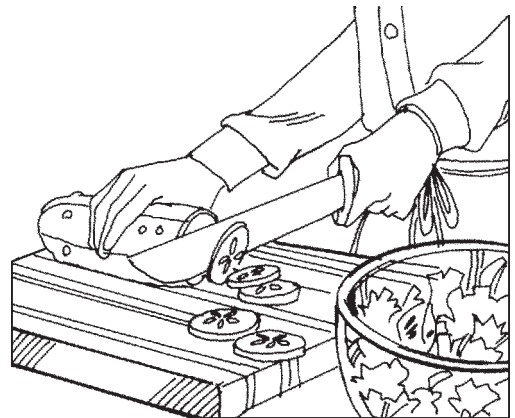
4. an attractive **debutante** \_\_\_\_\_

5. see the **doctor** \_\_\_\_\_

6. a **modern** hair style \_\_\_\_\_

7. wearing tailored **pantaloons** \_\_\_\_\_

8. an arrangement of **chrysanthemums** \_\_\_\_\_



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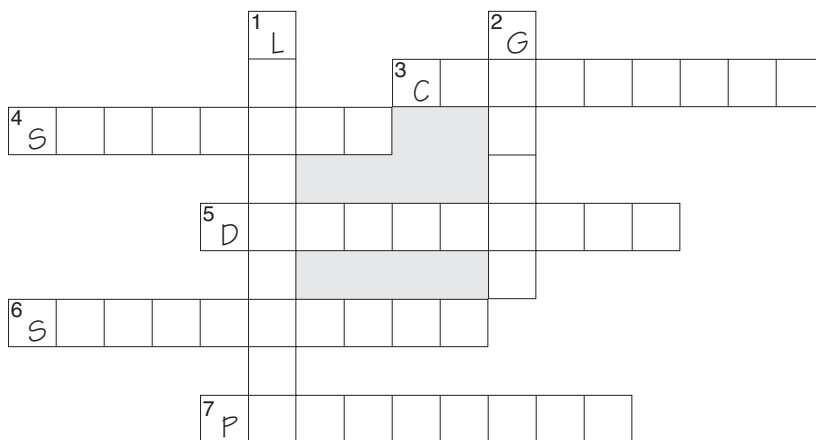
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**CLIPPED WORDS 2**

**A. Directions:** Solve the crossword puzzle. Answers are the complete forms of the **boldface** clipped words.

**ACROSS**

- 3. wore a tie and **tails**
- 4. told the pest to **scram**
- 5. brewed in a **still**
- 6. wore thick **specs**
- 7. coffee began to **perk**



**DOWN**

- 1. **lube** the engine
- 2. sit around and **gab**

**B. Directions:** Use vowels (*a, e, i, o, u*) to complete the longer form of each **boldface** clipped word.

1. The only job Jacob could get was as a taxicab **hack**. *h \_ c k e n \_ y*

2. Barbara bought a new **curio** cabinet. *c \_ r \_ \_ s \_ t y*

3. Larry went to see a **movie**. *m \_ v \_ n g p \_ c t \_ r \_*

4. The criminal had spent many years in the **pen**.

*p \_ n \_ t \_ n t \_ \_ r y*

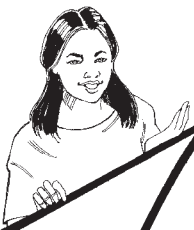
5. Theresa drove 40 miles on the **pike**. *t \_ r n p \_ k \_*

6. Donald is on the **varsity** football team. *\_ n \_ v \_ r s \_ t y*

7. Caroline and Richard went to the **prom** together. *p r \_ m \_ n \_ d \_*

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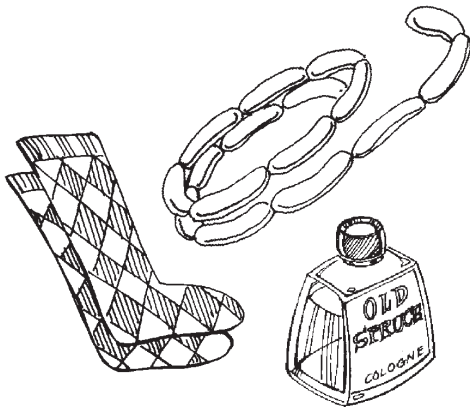


**WORDS BORROWED FROM NAMES 1**

Many English words had their origins in the names of people and places. For example, *cashmere*, a fine wool fabric, is named for the goats of Kashmir, India, whose downy wool is used in the manufacture of this product.

**A. Directions:** Write a letter to match each **boldface** word with its origin.

- |                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| 1. ____ <b>argyle</b>       | a. named after the Scottish clan Campbell of Argyll, Scotland  |
| 2. ____ <b>cologne</b>      | b. named by the French after the Swedish inventor of this type of leather  |
| 3. ____ <b>doily</b>        | c. named for the German city of Cologne, which in turn was named after Colonia Agrippina, the Roman empress who was born there         |
| 4. ____ <b>frankfurter</b>  | d. named after the hemp made in Manila, the Philippines, from which it was originally made   |
| 5. ____ <b>manila paper</b> | e. named after Vidkun Quisling, a Norwegian who was shot for treason after World War II  |
| 6. ____ <b>quisling</b>     | f. named after the city of Frankfurt, Germany  |
| 7. ____ <b>sandwich</b>     | g. named after John Montagu, fourth Earl of Sandwich, who invented it so he could continue gambling without stopping for a normal meal |
| 8. ____ <b>suede</b>        | h. named for a person named Doily or Doyley, who kept a shop in London in the late 17th century  |



**B. Directions:** Look up the origins of these words and write them on the lines.

1. **tabby** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **martinet** \_\_\_\_\_
3. **diesel** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **dunce** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **guillotine** \_\_\_\_\_

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**The names of places, people, and even gods form the basis of many English words.**

**Directions:** Use the clues to complete the crossword puzzle.

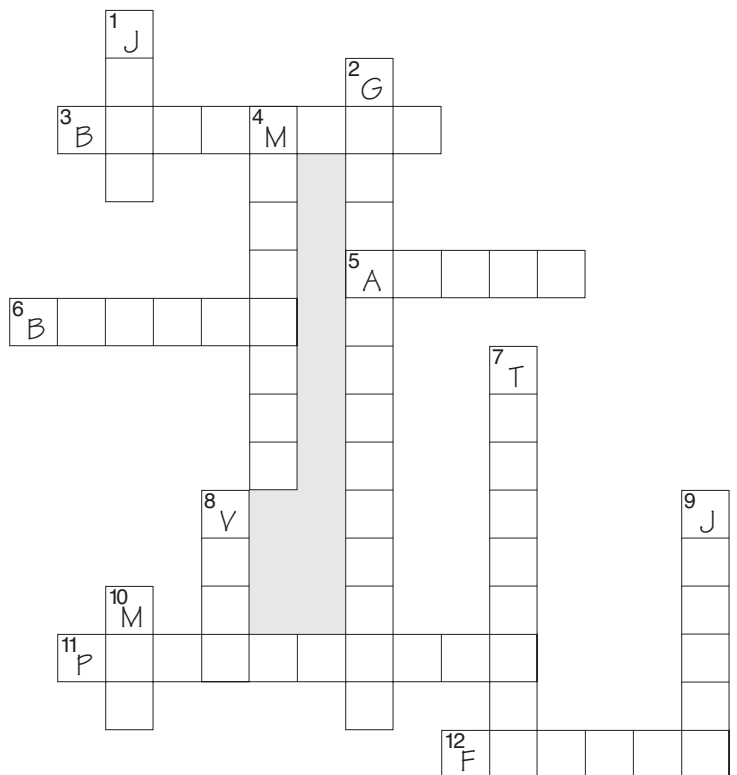
**ACROSS**

3. Amelia Bloomer, a pioneer feminist, made this garment popular.
5. Atlas was a Titan in Greek myth. In the front of books of maps, he was often pictured holding up the earth.
6. A man named Beaulieu, a famous hatter of the mid-19th century, designed this hat that has a low crown.
11. Louis Pasteur invented the process by which we do this to our milk to kill bacteria.
12. This day of the week is named after Fria, the Norse goddess of love and beauty.

**DOWN**

1. This month is named after Julius Caesar.
2. These crackers are named after their inventor, Sylvester Graham. (2 words)
4. Samuel Maverick, a Texan who didn't brand his cattle, gives us this word for someone who doesn't follow the crowd.

7. Teddy Roosevelt was the U.S. president who spared the life of a bear cub on a hunting trip in Mississippi. (2 words)
8. The Italian physicist Alessandro Volta named this unit for measuring the force of an electrical current.
9. This soft knitted cloth was originally made in Jersey, a British island in the English Channel.
10. This month was named for the Roman goddess Maia.



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## FOREIGN WORDS AND PHRASES 1

Many words and phrases from other languages have found their way into the English language.

**Directions:** Use context clues to help you figure out the meaning of the **boldface** words and phrases. Check a dictionary if you need help. Circle a letter to show your answer.

1. “**Entre nous**,” said Yvonne as a warning to Emma to keep the information secret.

- a. or else
- b. now or never
- c. between ourselves

2. When Allison saw the **trompe-l’oeil** design on the wall, she thought she was looking down a long hallway.

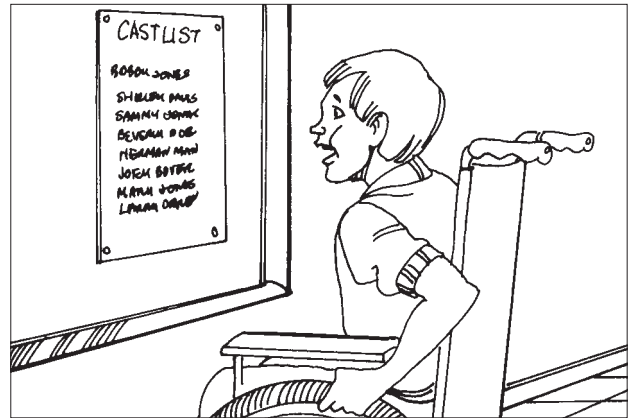
- a. optical illusion
- b. checkerboard
- c. oil paint

3. Ross purchased a **pied-à-terre** so he wouldn’t have to pay hotel bills when he visited the city.

- a. minivan with television monitors
- b. apartment maintained for convenience
- c. hotel pass good for a year

4. Andy had a moment of **déjà vu**. “I know we’ve met before,” he said.

- a. a feeling that something strange is about to happen
- b. the illusion of having experienced something previously
- c. the wish to impress strangers



5. The **crudités** served at the party were healthful in themselves, but the dips were full of fat.

- a. raw vegetables
- b. chips
- c. drinks

6. Sammy was proud to see his name included in the **dramatis personae** of the play.

- a. advertisers
- b. cast of characters
- c. stagehands and assistants

7. This wonderful weather seems to invite us to dine **al fresco**.

- a. on light food
- b. in a leisurely manner
- c. outdoors

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Do you want to be a *rara avis*? One way to do it is to learn and use these foreign expressions!

**Directions:** Write a letter to match each **boldface** word or phrase with its meaning. Check a dictionary if you're not sure.

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1. ____ As Shirley served the magnificent meal, she said, " <b>Bon appétit!</b> " to her guests.             | a. Eat well!                          |
| 2. ____ Believing that art should imitate life, Brian prefers <b>cinéma vérité</b> to fantasy.               | b. in the place of a parent           |
| 3. ____ If you are asked to respond to an invitation, it is <b>de rigueur</b> that you do so.                | c. Love conquers all!                 |
| 4. ____ Maureen graduated <b>summa cum laude</b> from the university.  | d. on and on; to the point of disgust |
| 5. ____ Theodore, wanting to squeeze the most out of life, lives by the motto " <b>Carpe diem!</b> "         | e. on the contrary                    |
| 6. ____ Edith is a <b>rara avis</b> who is comfortable among all sorts of people.                            | f. rare bird; unusual person          |
| 7. ____ Brad told us about his vacation in all its boring details, <b>ad nauseum</b> .                       | g. realistic films                    |
| 8. ____ Carol acted <b>in loco parentis</b> for her foster child.  | h. required by the rules of etiquette |
| 9. ____ Despite their difficulties, Karl and Linda smiled and said " <b>Omnia vincit amor!</b> "             | i. Seize the day!                     |
| 10. ____ Asked if she wanted to shop, Laurie said, " <b>Au contraire</b> . I have decided to save my money!" | j. with highest honors                |
| 11. ____ Jacob repeated his conversation with Antoine <b>verbatim</b> .                                      | k. word for word                      |

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## SIMPLE IDIOMS 1

All languages have *idioms*—expressions that have special meanings. The words in idioms are not meant to be taken literally. For example, to “spill the beans” means to tell a secret to someone who is not supposed to know about it.

**A. Directions:** Circle a letter to show the meaning of the **boldface** idiom.

1. Call if you need me, because I can come **at the drop of a hat**.

- a. immediately
- b. in about an hour
- c. after I get dressed

2. At her new job, Stella was **at sea** for the first few weeks.

- a. on a business trip
- b. on vacation
- c. confused



3. To **break the ice**, Minerva suggested a game of spin the bottle.

- a. go ice-skating
- b. get the party started
- c. chop a block of ice

4. That bully keeps all the younger children **under his thumb**.

- a. controlled by him
- b. protected by him
- c. helped by him

**B. Directions:** Write a letter to match each **boldface** idiom on the left with its meaning on the right.

1. \_\_\_\_ to **branch out**

a. to act as host or hostess

2. \_\_\_\_ to **break one's heart**

b. to add new interests or activities

3. \_\_\_\_ to **fly off the handle**

c. to be understood

4. \_\_\_\_ to **make up one's mind**

d. to become very angry

5. \_\_\_\_ to **do the honors**

e. to block in the beginning

6. \_\_\_\_ to **get through to**

f. to choose what to do

7. \_\_\_\_ to **keep one's chin up**

g. to make very sad

8. \_\_\_\_ to **nip in the bud**

h. to face trouble with courage

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## SIMPLE IDIOMS 2

**Directions:** Circle the idiom that correctly completes each sentence.

1. Diane ( carried on / carried off ) with her career in ballet.
2. When asked what the capital of Afghanistan was, Sam ( drew a conclusion / drew a blank ).
3. On “casual Fridays,” people in our office are allowed to ( dress down / dress up ).
4. Stella is a good example to her younger sister, who has always ( looked down on / looked up to ) her.
5. The banker ( lost heart / lost face ) with his clients when they found out he had a gambling problem.
6. Because of rising costs in other areas, the state had to ( cut back / cut in ) on health coverage.
7. Although they usually agreed, Lulu and Frank did not ( see the light / see eye to eye ) on this one thing.
8. Aunt Marie decided to ( take on / take out ) the job of caring for her nephew.
9. A good education is the first step if you want to ( get ahead / get around ).
10. Dolores ( kept down / kept at ) her project until she finished it.

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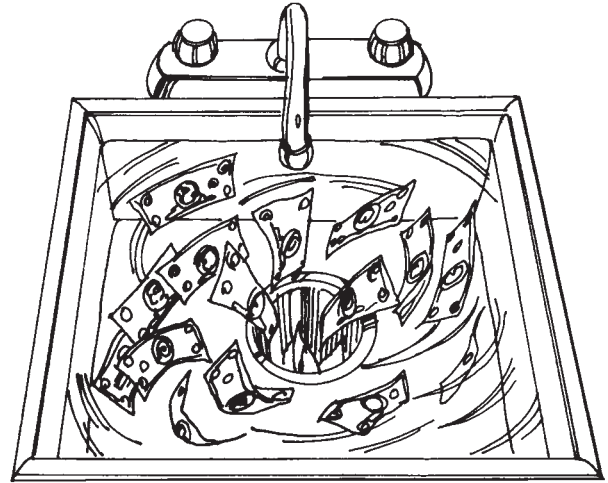
## INTERPRETING IDIOMS 1



**Remember that idioms are not meant to be taken literally!**

**Directions:** Circle a letter to show the meaning of each **boldface** idiom.

- Melinda likes to **catch some rays** at the beach on Sundays.
  - look for manta rays in the water
  - get tanned while sunbathing
  - play a game of catch
- Everyone knows that grouchy woman's **bark is worse than her bite**.
  - sound is more frightening than actions
  - has a loud dog
  - bad temper doesn't last long
- Business has improved since the restaurant **changed hands**.
  - hired new servers
  - got new equipment
  - transferred ownership
- When Mark tried to take over Steve's job, he found himself **in deep water**.
  - in serious difficulty
  - working as a lifeguard
  - in a good position
- I never tell Lisa any secrets because she likes to **dish the dirt**.
  - work in the garden
  - clean house
  - gossip



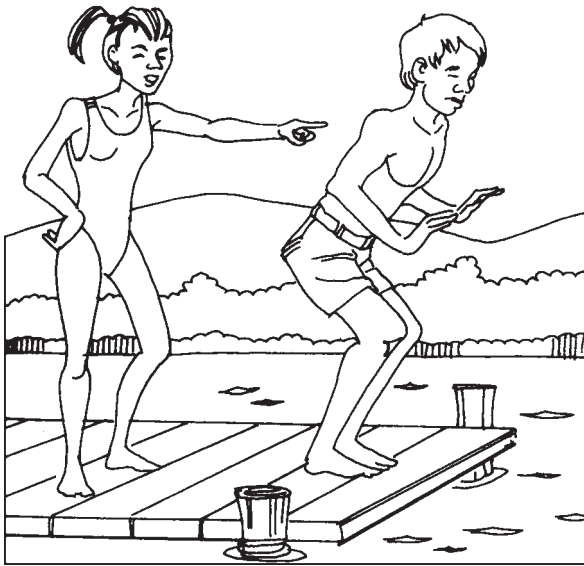
- Twyla is **down to the wire** on her term paper.
  - running out of time
  - proud of
  - not happy with
- That money will be **down the drain** if you lend it to Chuck.
  - in the sink
  - lost
  - wisely invested
- Tommy Wilson is a **dyed-in-the-wool** Democrat.
  - being pressured
  - threatening others
  - committed

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## INTERPRETING IDIOMS 2

**Directions:** Circle a letter to show the meaning of each **boldface** idiom.



1. By saying she felt **fit as a fiddle**, Maria meant that
  - a. she wanted to play some music.
  - b. she was overweight.
  - c. she was in very good health.
2. If you use **elbow grease** to get a room clean, you use
  - a. physical labor and effort.
  - b. soap and water.
  - c. special equipment.
3. The comedian knew that his joke **fell flat** when
  - a. everyone laughed.
  - b. no one laughed.
  - c. the microphone stopped working.
4. When Tyrone said he'd go out with Alice, **Dutch treat**, he meant that
  - a. he would treat her.
  - b. he'd pay his own way, and Alice would pay hers.
  - c. they would have to walk to the restaurant.
5. When Manny ran **full tilt** into the door and broke his nose, he was running
  - a. at high speed.
  - b. slowly.
  - c. without looking where he was going.
6. Some girls wanted to fight Sandra, but she **gave them the slip** when she
  - a. beat them up first.
  - b. passed them a note.
  - c. escaped from them.
7. When Amanda told John to **go jump in the lake**, she meant that he should
  - a. go away and stop being a bother.
  - b. go take a good swim.
  - c. take some time to go fishing.
8. When Louisa **let her hair down** at the party, she
  - a. undid her braids.
  - b. relaxed and had some fun.
  - c. got a haircut.

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## EXPLAINING IDIOMS 1

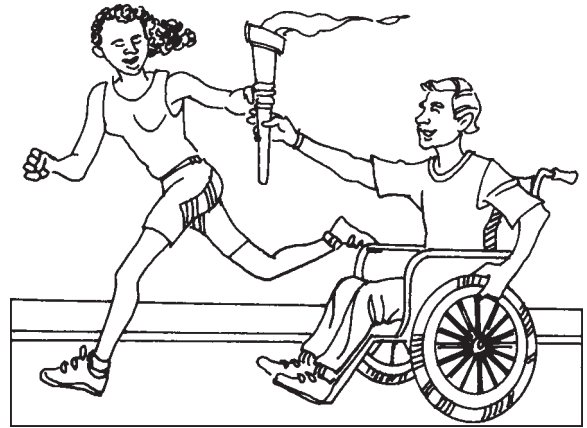


**Idioms are the hardest part of a language to learn. Why? Because the words don't mean what they normally do. But idioms can add a great deal of color to what you say.**

**Directions:** Circle a letter to correctly answer each question.

*What actually happened if . . .*

1. You had a **bee in your bonnet**?
  - a. You got stung by a bee.
  - b. You had a fixed idea that seemed odd.
  - c. You bought some honey.
2. You **bad mouthed** someone?
  - a. You hit him or her.
  - b. You gave him or her some spoiled food.
  - c. You spoke badly of him or her.
3. You were **at loggerheads** with your neighbors?
  - a. You had a quarrel.
  - b. You mended a fence.
  - c. You stacked firewood.
4. You were **called on the carpet**?
  - a. You got scolded or reprimanded.
  - b. You bought a new rug.
  - c. You slept on the floor.
5. You **called the tune**?
  - a. You sang a song.
  - b. You acted as a disc jockey at a party.
  - c. You gave orders or directions.



6. You **carried a torch** for someone?
  - a. You lit candles.
  - b. You fell in love.
  - c. You held a flashlight.
7. You **kept your nose clean**?
  - a. You stayed out of trouble.
  - b. You took frequent baths.
  - c. You avoided getting colds.
8. You **painted yourself into a corner**?
  - a. You painted a floor from the outside in.
  - b. You got into a difficult situation.
  - c. You got out of a difficult situation.

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**A. Directions:** Write the word that correctly completes each **boldface** idiom.

1. When Zach told Celeste about the insurance settlement, she warned him not to count his \_\_\_\_\_ **before they hatch**.

money      robins      chickens      birds

2. The children **dragged their** \_\_\_\_\_ when their mother sent them to bed.

teddy bears      feet      books      pajamas

3. Scarlett was **head over** \_\_\_\_\_ in love with Rhett.

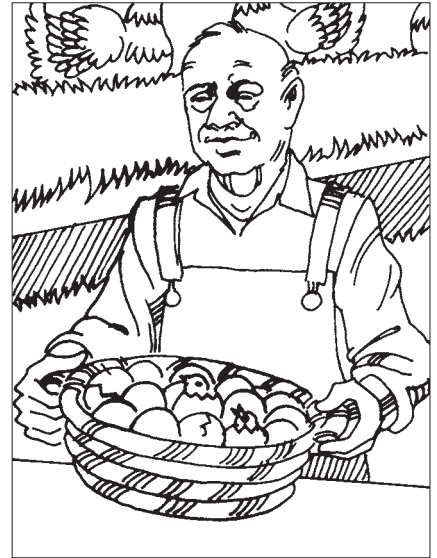
heart      feet      shoulders      heels

4. To get this job, you will have to **jump through many** \_\_\_\_\_.

hoops      windows      doors      puddles

5. "I'd like to **pick your** \_\_\_\_\_ about computers," said Frankie.

pocket      brains      time      attitude



**B. Directions:** Draw a line to connect each idiom with its meaning.

A person who is . . .

- |                                   |                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. <b>blowing the whistle</b> is  | a. having a conversation.           |
| 2. <b>shooting the breeze</b> is  | b. informing against a law-breaker. |
| 3. <b>quitting cold turkey</b> is | c. past his or her prime.           |
| 4. <b>going overboard</b> is      | d. suddenly stopping a bad habit.   |
| 5. <b>over the hill</b> is        | e. wildly enthusiastic.             |

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## USING IDIOMS IN CONTEXT 1

You can often figure out the meaning of common idioms by using context clues.

**Directions:** Circle a letter to complete each sentence with the correct idiom.

1. Ernest knew he had done wrong, so he decided to \_\_\_\_\_ and take his punishment.

- a. face down
- b. face the music
- c. fall flat

2. Because Jim wanted the car so badly, he was willing to

- a. hit pay dirt.
- b. pass the buck.
- c. pay through the nose.

3. To describe the members of a close family, you might say they are

- a. close to home.
- b. close-knit.
- c. a closed book.

4. Allison didn't like Janet's company, so she gave her

- a. the cold shoulder.
- b. a cold fish.
- c. cold feet.

5. Because Jake doesn't get nervous in difficult situations, he can be described as

- a. hot under the collar.
- b. over the top.
- c. cool as a cucumber.



6. A small payment on a large bill might be called

- a. a drop in the bucket.
- b. duck soup.
- c. easy money.

7. A person who is inexperienced or innocent in worldly things is called a

- a. babe in the woods.
- b. fair-haired boy.
- c. big daddy.

8. Sara and Erin are so similar that people say they are like

- a. water off a duck's back.
- b. two peas in a pod.
- c. little frogs in big ponds.

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**USING IDIOMS IN CONTEXT 2**

**Directions:** Select two appropriate idioms from the box to complete each sentence.  
Write the idioms on the lines.

**turned a deaf ear to**  
**lay down the law**  
**fall short**  
**get away with**  
**have it both ways**

**make ends meet**  
**hit the nail on the head**  
**hold a candle to**  
**pull strings**  
**eating them out of house and home**

**come clean**  
**make up for**  
**playing second fiddle**  
**take it easy**

1. Because June couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ Margaret, she was used to \_\_\_\_\_ when she was with her.
2. Their grown son was \_\_\_\_\_, so they had to \_\_\_\_\_ and order him to get a job.
3. It's impossible for Charlie to \_\_\_\_\_ on the weekends because he can't really \_\_\_\_\_ unless he works two jobs.
4. After their quarrel, Inez tried to \_\_\_\_\_ and apologize, but Cynthia \_\_\_\_\_ her.
5. To \_\_\_\_\_ all the times he'd let Fernando down, Eddie decided to \_\_\_\_\_ to help him get a good job.
6. You have unfortunately \_\_\_\_\_ by saying that we will \_\_\_\_\_ of this week's goals.
7. You cannot \_\_\_\_\_; it's impossible to \_\_\_\_\_ your deceptions any longer.

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## A-B WORDS IN CONTEXT 1

Words that begin with **A** and **B** can add *attitude* and *boldness* to your vocabulary.

**Directions:** Complete the sentences with words from the box. Hint: You will *not* use all the words. Check a dictionary if you need help.

**ability**

**abrasive**

**absorb**

**accelerate**

**accessory**

**adhere**

**aerobics**

**agenda**

**barge**

**barnacles**

**belated**

**brocade**

**bronchitis**

**buoyant**

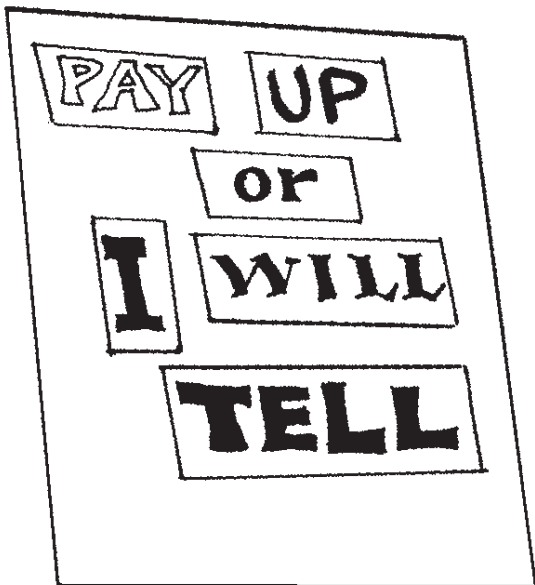
1. Anna very much enjoys her \_\_\_\_\_ classes at the gym.
2. Aunt Elaine forgot Jerry's birthday, so she sent him a \_\_\_\_\_ birthday card.
3. Carl wants to be a ship's captain some day, but for now he loads freight on a river \_\_\_\_\_.
4. If the bottom of the ship isn't cleaned often, \_\_\_\_\_ will attach themselves to it.
5. Sylvia's shawl is made of a fine \_\_\_\_\_ woven with gold and silver threads.
6. A chameleon has the \_\_\_\_\_ to change its color to match the environment.
7. This car does not \_\_\_\_\_ fast enough to enter the freeway safely.
8. This paper towel can \_\_\_\_\_ much more water than that one.
9. Your new silver belt is the perfect \_\_\_\_\_ for that outfit.
10. You need special glue to make the pieces \_\_\_\_\_ to plywood.
11. If a soap is \_\_\_\_\_ it is much easier to find it in the bathtub.
12. "What's on our \_\_\_\_\_ for today?" Phil asked his partner.

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**A-B WORDS IN CONTEXT 2**

**Directions:** Read the definitions of the A-B words. Then use each word in an original sentence.



- accuracy** freedom from all errors or mistakes
- acknowledge** to recognize the authority or claims of
- adjourn** to stop a meeting, etc. with the intention of beginning again later
- affinity** a natural attraction or liking
- banish** to force to leave a country, as by political decree
- blackmail** to get money or a service from, by threatening to tell something damaging
- boundary** something, as a line or mark, that forms an outer limit, edge, or extent
- bureaucracy** government with many departments made up of appointed officials, who follow set rules and regulations
- buttness** a structure built against a wall to strengthen it

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_

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## C-D WORDS IN CONTEXT 1

Now let's learn some C-D words that could *develop* your vocabulary very *creatively*.

**Directions:** Complete the sentences with words from the box. Hint: You will *not* use all the words. Check a dictionary if you need help.

**cabaret**

**carbonated**

**civilian**

**cognizant**

**commuter**

**credence**

**custody**

**dahlia**

**defiance**

**depreciate**

**dexterity**

**disguise**

**dubious**

1. Bob's silly \_\_\_\_\_ didn't fool anyone.
2. After 20 years in the army, Robert is now looking forward to \_\_\_\_\_ life.
3. Ginger's favorite \_\_\_\_\_ drink is ginger ale.
4. After reading the warning about jellyfish, I was \_\_\_\_\_ about going into the water.
5. Percy would rather go to a \_\_\_\_\_ than a regular restaurant because he enjoys the entertainment.
6. Samantha arranged a bouquet with irises, tulips, daffodils, and one perfect red \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Since Tim had always been so trustworthy, it was easy to put \_\_\_\_\_ in his unlikely story.
8. The willful child's \_\_\_\_\_ of the rules led to his expulsion from school.
9. The currency of that country continued to \_\_\_\_\_ for months.
10. The foster parents have had \_\_\_\_\_ of the child since December.
11. The juggler demonstrated great \_\_\_\_\_ when he juggled a bowling ball, a baseball, and a grapefruit.
12. The president was \_\_\_\_\_ of the situation, but he was powerless to do anything.

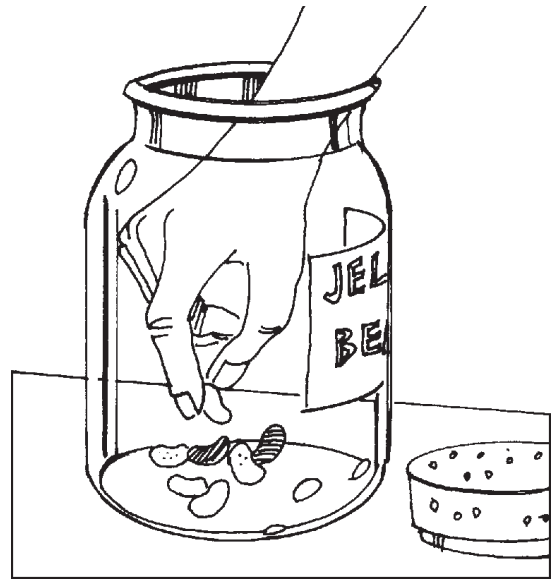
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**C-D WORDS IN CONTEXT 2**

**Directions:** Read the definitions of the C-D words. Then use each word in an original sentence.

- chafe** to make or become rough or sore by rubbing
- chignon** a tight ball or roll of hair women wear at the back of the head
- consequences** results or effects
- correspond** to write or exchange letters
- debtor** a person who owes something to another, such as money or services
- dilemma** your position when faced with two poor choices
- diversity** variety
- dormant** asleep, or as if asleep
- dwindle** to become steadily smaller or less; to shrink



1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_

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## E-F WORDS IN CONTEXT 1

Try adding some E-F words to your vocabulary to give it a little more *élan* and *flair*.

**Directions:** Complete the sentences with words from the box. Hint: You will *not* use all the words. Check a dictionary if you need help.

**earnest**

**ecstasy**

**elaborate**

**emulate**

**escapade**

**exceed**

**fallible**

**fauna**

**firmament**

**flaunt**

**forfeit**

**forlorn**

**fragment**

**froth**

1. Brandon's latest \_\_\_\_\_ resulted in two broken bones and a wrecked car.
2. Charles is often annoying, especially when he wants to \_\_\_\_\_ his knowledge of local history.
3. Flavio delivered a sincere and \_\_\_\_\_ apology to Misty.
4. If you \_\_\_\_\_ the speed limit, you are likely to get a traffic ticket.
5. Instead of using the word *sky* in her poem, Felicia used the word \_\_\_\_\_ to mean the same thing.
6. Don't believe everything Lester says, because, like all human beings, he is \_\_\_\_\_.
7. One \_\_\_\_\_ of the broken mirror remained hidden in the corner.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ dinner Carmen prepared for her friends began with very tasty appetizers.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ of that area includes deer, squirrels, bobcats, woodpeckers, and lizards.
10. When Clara blew out through the straw, a \_\_\_\_\_ formed on top of her root beer float.
11. You will be in \_\_\_\_\_ when you taste Chef Pierre's latest creation.
12. Young actors today often \_\_\_\_\_ the macho style of the young Marlon Brando.

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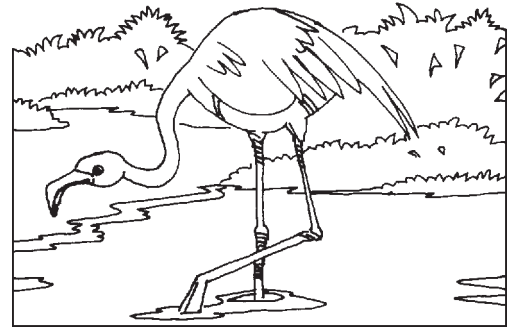
**E-F WORDS IN CONTEXT 2**

**Directions:** Read the definitions of the E-F words. Then use each word in an original sentence.

- ebullient** bubbling over with high spirits and enthusiasm
- edifice** a building, especially a large and impressive structure
- eloquence** moving and skillful use of language, especially in speaking
- equator** an imaginary line that encircles the earth exactly halfway between the North Pole and the South Pole
- estimate** to make a close guess as to size, number, cost, etc.
- exclude** to keep out or shut out
- faucet** a device with an adjustable valve used to regulate the flow of a liquid, as from a pipe
- fickle** likely to change without warning; not constant in feeling, purpose, or nature

**flamingo** a pink or red wading bird that lives in tropical areas and has a long neck and long legs

**flourish** to grow vigorously; thrive



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## G-H WORDS IN CONTEXT 1

Learning some impressive words like *grandiloquent* can add some *heft* to your vocabulary.

**Directions:** Complete the sentences with words from the box. Hint: You will *not* use all the words. Check a dictionary if you need help.

**gallant**

**garment**

**genueflect**

**goblet**

**grandiose**

**grimace**

**guilty**

**harvest**

**headquarters**

**hearth**

**heritage**

**homage**

**hypothetical**

1. His dislocated shoulder caused Keith to \_\_\_\_\_ in pain.
2. I'd rather drink this beverage from a mug than from a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. In some churches, it is customary to \_\_\_\_\_ before entering a pew.
4. In the Middle Ages, vassals paid \_\_\_\_\_ to lords in exchange for protection.
5. Our town's police \_\_\_\_\_ is located at the corner of Fifth and Main.
6. Sylvia stored her fireplace tools on the raised \_\_\_\_\_ in the family room.
7. The furnishings in the \_\_\_\_\_ mansion were carved from the finest woods.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ young man held the door open for his mother.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Irish includes fiddle music and dancing the jig.
10. We look forward to the fall \_\_\_\_\_ when all the apples ripen.
11. You'll enjoy wearing this \_\_\_\_\_ because it's made of the finest silk.

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**G-H WORDS IN CONTEXT 2**

**Directions:** Read the definitions of the G-H words. Then use each word in an original sentence.

**gallop** the fastest gait of a four-footed animal

**gazpacho** a chilled soup made of tomatoes, spices, and other vegetables

**glut** too great a supply of something

**goulash** a stew of beef or veal with vegetables and paprika and other spices

**gratifying** giving pleasure or satisfaction

**haggle** to argue about the price of something

**hazard** a dangerous or perilous situation

**heap** a collection of things arranged in a pile

**helmet** a protective covering for the head

**hurdle** a small frame or fence to be jumped over in a race



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## I-J WORDS IN CONTEXT I

You would be *imprudent*, or lacking in judgment, if you failed to add these I-J words to your vocabulary.

**Directions:** Complete the sentences with words from the box. Hint: You will *not* use all the words. Check a dictionary if you need help.

identical	illusion	inconsistent	inexpensive	inhale	insomnia	itemize
jaguar	jargon	jiggle	jog	jumbo	jungle	juvenile

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a large, spotted wild cat resembling a leopard.
2. A lush oasis is an optical \_\_\_\_\_ often seen in a desert.
3. Because these dresses are so \_\_\_\_\_, I think I'll buy several of them.
4. The door will open if you \_\_\_\_\_ the key in the lock a little bit.
5. Many types of animals are found only in the tropical \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Pedro couldn't finish the \_\_\_\_\_ ice cream cone before it started to melt.
7. The lawyers spoke in their own \_\_\_\_\_, making it difficult for anyone else to understand them.
8. The purses look \_\_\_\_\_, so how can I tell which one is a designer original?
9. The suspect's story was \_\_\_\_\_ from one day to the next.
10. This type of motion picture appeals mainly to a \_\_\_\_\_ audience.
11. When breathing, it's important to \_\_\_\_\_ deeply.

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**I-J WORDS IN CONTEXT 2**

**Directions:** Read the definitions of the I-J words. Then use each word in an original sentence.

**ideology** the ideas or beliefs held by a class or group

**inaugurate** to install in an office with a formal ceremony

**indigestion** the inability to digest food, or difficulty in digesting food

**infancy** the time of being a baby

**innovation** a change in the usual way of doing things

**janitor** a person hired to clean and take care of a building

**jest** something said or done to provoke laughter; joke

**jubilant** joyful and proud

**junction** a point at which things meet or join

**justice** the quality of being fair and impartial



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**K-L WORDS IN CONTEXT 1**

**It's not all that laborious to add to your knowledge of K-L words—so let's get started!**

**Directions:** Complete the sentences with words from the box. Hint: You will *not* use all the words. Check a dictionary if you need help.

**kaleidoscope****keg****kernel****kindle****kiosk****kosher****lacquer****languid****ledge****leisure****lenient****literacy****lopsided**

1. A child's first step toward achieving \_\_\_\_\_ is learning the alphabet.
2. We need every \_\_\_\_\_ of corn from these cobs to make the corn chowder.
3. In Patrick's \_\_\_\_\_ time, he likes to do crossword puzzles.
4. Mr. Porter buys his morning newspaper at the \_\_\_\_\_ on the corner.
5. Once we applied \_\_\_\_\_ to the table, it was as shiny as the rest of the furniture.
6. The beginner made a vase in her ceramics class, but it turned out a bit \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The ever-changing patterns made by a \_\_\_\_\_ became the subject of the artist's paintings.
8. The hot weather had us all feeling quite \_\_\_\_\_ and slightly grumpy.
9. The only kind of pickles Tom will eat are \_\_\_\_\_ dills.
10. This wooden \_\_\_\_\_ holds 10 gallons of apple cider.
11. We have to \_\_\_\_\_ these small pieces of wood to get the campfire started.

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**K-L WORDS IN CONTEXT 2**

**Directions:** Read the definitions of the K-L words. Then use each word in an original sentence.

**kangaroo** an Australian animal, the female of which carries the young in a pouch

**kelp** a coarse, brown seaweed

**keyboard** the row or rows of keys, as in a piano or a computer

**kinship** relationship, especially by blood

**kumquat** a sour, tangy citrus fruit resembling a tiny orange

**landmark** a hill, tree, etc. used to recognize a place

**ledge** a shelf, sill, or other surface jutting out from a wall or window

**liquefy** to make or become liquid

**loiter** to linger or dawdle

**luxury** anything costly but unnecessary that gives comfort or pleasure, but is not necessary to life or health



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## M-N WORDS IN CONTEXT 1

**Don't neglect these M-N words! If you study them well, you'll remove all *mystery* about their meanings.**

**Directions:** Complete the sentences with words from the box. Hint: You will *not* use all the words. Check a dictionary if you need help.

<b>mahogany</b>	<b>martyr</b>	<b>menace</b>	<b>mildew</b>	<b>modem</b>	<b>mortality</b>	<b>muffin</b>
<b>naive</b>	<b>necessary</b>	<b>nobility</b>	<b>nomadic</b>	<b>nonchalant</b>	<b>nozzle</b>	<b>nudge</b>

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ is someone who will suffer or die rather than give up his or her beliefs.
2. As a member of a \_\_\_\_\_ tribe, Ahmed moved constantly in search of food.
3. Beatrice is \_\_\_\_\_ if she believes every salesperson's claims.
4. Dominick needs to get a \_\_\_\_\_ so he can hook up to the Internet.
5. Grace usually has a blueberry \_\_\_\_\_ and some tea for breakfast.
6. Isabel gave Clara a little \_\_\_\_\_ to get her attention.
7. Keith needs to replace the \_\_\_\_\_ on his garden hose.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ developed in the damp closet, ruining many of Maxine's clothes.
9. Sadie couldn't decide between teak and \_\_\_\_\_ for her new furniture.
10. That vicious criminal is a \_\_\_\_\_ to society!
11. The crowd was excited, but the quarterback seemed almost \_\_\_\_\_ about the victory.
12. Your help on this project is absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ to our success.

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**M-N WORDS IN CONTEXT 2**

**Directions:** Read the definitions of the M-N words. Then use each word in an original sentence.

**macaroni** hollow pasta tubes often baked with cheese

**manipulate** to operate or work with the hands; handle

**matriarch** female ruler or head, as of her family, tribe, or community

**miser** a greedy, stingy person who hoards money instead of using it

**mysterious** impossible or difficult to explain or understand

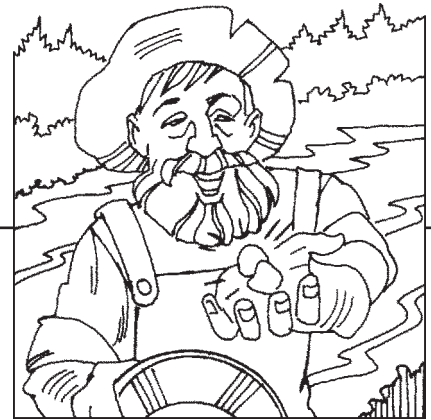
**navigation** the art of charting the position and course of a ship or aircraft

**neutral** not on one side or the other in a dispute, contest, or war

**notify** to give notice to; to inform

**nourish** to keep alive and healthy by feeding

**nugget** a lump, especially of gold in its natural state



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## O-P WORDS IN CONTEXT 1

**You can't be *overly prepared* for vocabulary tests. So add these O-P words to your list.**

**Directions:** Complete the sentences with words from the box. Hint: You will *not* use all the words. Check a dictionary if you need help.

<b>obituary</b>	<b>octave</b>	<b>omnivorous</b>	<b>ordeal</b>	<b>original</b>
<b>ottoman</b>	<b>overalls</b>	<b>pagan</b>	<b>patriarch</b>	<b>pedicure</b>
<b>phantom</b>	<b>plateau</b>	<b>posture</b>	<b>prize</b>	<b>purpose</b>

1. Aaron stands up so straight he could be a model for good \_\_\_\_\_.
2. As \_\_\_\_\_ of the family, Murray was responsible for 14 people.
3. Carla sang the song a full \_\_\_\_\_ higher than James did.
4. Gloria chooses a different nail polish color every time she gets a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. By nature humans are \_\_\_\_\_ creatures, but some people prefer to be herbivorous.
6. Jessica's \_\_\_\_\_ began when she got lost in the forest.
7. Ms. Jefferson's \_\_\_\_\_ said that she had lived for 93 years.
8. Although it was an accident, Sherri thought Colleen had tripped her on \_\_\_\_\_.
9. That brown \_\_\_\_\_ does not look right with the black chair.
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ for best apple pie went to Amos this year.
11. The scary story told of a \_\_\_\_\_ ship that seemed to appear every December.
12. You need the \_\_\_\_\_ sales receipt to return something to the store.

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**O-P WORDS IN CONTEXT 2**

**Directions:** Read the definitions of the O-P words. Then use each word in an original sentence.

- obscurity** the condition of being hidden or unknown
- official** a person who holds an office or position, as in the government or a business
- opposition** the act of being against something; resistance
- outskirts** the outer edges or areas far from the center, as of a city
- oxygen** a colorless, tasteless, odorless gaseous element making up about a fifth of the earth's atmosphere
- parka** a fur or cloth jacket, or a coat with a hood
- pillar** a slender, firm, upright structure of stone, wood, or other material

- plunder** to rob of goods or property by force; to loot
- prescription** a physician's formula for preparing and ordering a medicine
- prowl** to roam about quietly and slyly, as in search of food or something to steal



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## Q-R WORDS IN CONTEXT 1

**Quick! Run! Let's hurry to learn these Q-R words.**

**Directions:** Complete the sentences with words from the box. Hint: You will *not* use all the words. Check a dictionary if you need help.

<b>quad</b>	<b>quake</b>	<b>queasy</b>	<b>quell</b>	<b>quince</b>
<b>quite</b>	<b>quota</b>	<b>rampage</b>	<b>redeem</b>	<b>repent</b>
<b>reverse</b>	<b>rote</b>	<b>rouse</b>	<b>rupture</b>	

1. Did the criminal ever \_\_\_\_\_ for the suffering he caused that family?
2. Gladys makes jelly from the fruit of the \_\_\_\_\_ tree in her yard.
3. If the rebels don't stop their activities, the government will move in to \_\_\_\_\_ the revolt.
4. At lunchtime, Mickey met Jean in the center of the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Sally plans to \_\_\_\_\_ her coupons for a new toaster oven.
6. The club met its \_\_\_\_\_ of magazine sales.
7. When it was left alone too long, the dog went on a \_\_\_\_\_ in the yard.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ lasted only 30 seconds, but it did tremendous damage.
9. There's a picture of a building on the \_\_\_\_\_ side of that coin.
10. Sam feels a little \_\_\_\_\_ whenever he reads in a moving car.
11. That awful smell was caused by a \_\_\_\_\_ in a gas line.

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**Q-R WORDS IN CONTEXT 2**

**Directions:** Read the definitions of the Q–R words. Then use each word in an original sentence.

**quarantine** the isolation of persons exposed to contagious diseases

**quart** a measure of liquid volume equal to 32 ounces,  
two pints, or 1/4 gallon

**quaver** to tremble or shake in an uncertain way, as a voice

**quiz** a short or informal test given to a student or students

**quotient** the number that results if one number is divided by another

**radius** a straight line from the center of a circle or sphere to the  
circumference or surface

**reap** to cut down or gather in (grain); harvest (a crop)

**regret** to feel sorrow or grief  
about something

**resist** to work or strive against;  
oppose

**ripple** to form into small waves



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## S-T WORDS IN CONTEXT 1

**Do you have the temerity to learn and use these S-T words in your everyday vocabulary? If so, that's just swell!**

**Directions:** Complete the sentences with words from the box. Hint: You will *not* use all the words. Check a dictionary if you need help.

sacrifice

segment

silhouette

smear

spare

stiff

swelter

tactful

temerity

temper

thorn

tortoise

triceps

tyranny

1. After taking assertiveness lessons, Jake finally had the \_\_\_\_\_ to ask for a raise.
2. It wasn't very \_\_\_\_\_ to ask June about the breakup with her boyfriend.
3. Dennis was developing his \_\_\_\_\_ by working out at the gym.
4. Giving up dessert for a month was a great \_\_\_\_\_ for Gina.
5. You will \_\_\_\_\_ the paint if you touch it before it dries.
6. Marlene's painfully \_\_\_\_\_ neck prevented her from driving.
7. Mr. Chavez has been in a good \_\_\_\_\_ since his business improved.
8. Alex carefully cut out a \_\_\_\_\_ of Abraham Lincoln.
9. The record-breaking heat caused all of us to \_\_\_\_\_ the entire weekend.
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ tire came in very handy when we had a flat.
11. There's a particularly large \_\_\_\_\_ on the stem of this rose.
12. Walter eagerly watched the third \_\_\_\_\_ of the five-part series.

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**S-T WORDS IN CONTEXT 2**

**Directions:** Read the definitions of the S-T words. Then use each word in an original sentence.

**scheme** a plan or plot, especially one that's secret and sly

**shield** to protect or guard

**squadron** in the U.S. Navy, a group or unit of vessels or aircraft

**subtle** not direct or obvious; hard to see or understand

**syrup** a thick, sweet liquid, as that made by boiling sugar with a liquid

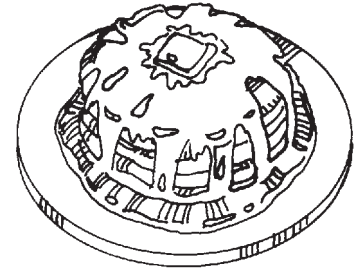
**tantalize** to tease by offering something and then holding it back

**thirst** dryness in the mouth and throat caused by a need to drink

**tithe** a tax or offering of 10 percent of one's income to support a church

**transform** to greatly change the form or appearance of

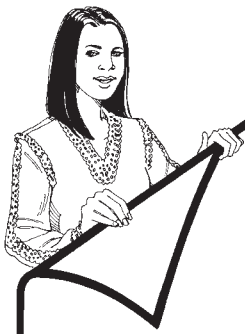
**tusk** a long, pointed, projecting tooth, generally one of a pair, as in the elephant



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## U-V WORDS IN CONTEXT 1

Exercise your vocal cords by utilizing these U-V words in your oral vocabulary.

**Directions:** Complete the sentences with words from the box. Hint: You will *not* use all the words. Check a dictionary if you need help.

ulcer

unaccompanied

undisciplined

unkempt

unsound

uptown

utter

valid

varnish

venture

vestment

vicinity

vivid

vulgar

1. After stripping and sanding the floors, we applied a clear \_\_\_\_\_.
2. An \_\_\_\_\_ minor must be met by someone after a flight.
3. Despite her mother's efforts to keep her clean, Monica always seemed \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Marsha suffers from a very painful stomach \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Pamela makes a poor impression because she wears \_\_\_\_\_ clothing styles.
6. Robert has a \_\_\_\_\_ imagination, which is useful in his career as a writer.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ puppy was making life miserable for the fussy family.
8. Her restaurant is located in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the downtown park.
9. Felicia's \_\_\_\_\_ plan has no chance of succeeding.
10. This coupon is \_\_\_\_\_ only until August 15.
11. When our flashlights failed, we were surrounded by \_\_\_\_\_ darkness.

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**U-V WORDS IN CONTEXT 2**

**Directions:** Read the definitions of the U-V words. Then use each word in an original sentence.

**umiak** a large, open Native Alaskan boat, made of skins drawn over a wooden frame

**undefeated** not defeated or conquered

**ungrateful** lacking gratitude; not thankful

**unpopular** not liked or approved of by a rather large number of people

**untidy** not orderly or neat; messy

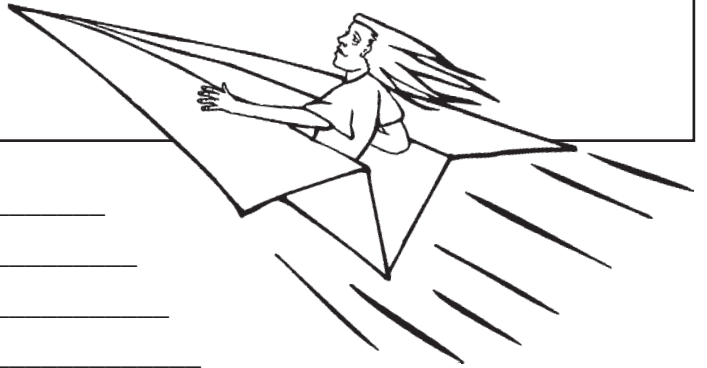
**vandal** person who is willfully destructive

**velocity** rate of motion or speed

**verify** to prove to be true or accurate; to confirm

**vim** force or vigor; energy; spirit

**violence** force used to cause injury or damage



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## W-X WORDS IN CONTEXT 1

You don't need X-ray vision to see how worthwhile it would be to add these W-X words to your vocabulary.

**Directions:** Complete the sentences with words from the box. Hint: You will *not* use all the words. Check a dictionary if you need help.

wad	wade	wallet	warble	waylay	wharf
whiff	X-axis	xenophobe	xerography	xerothermic	xylem

1. As Wendy walked past the jasmine blossoms, she got a \_\_\_\_\_ of their aroma.
2. Dorian labeled the \_\_\_\_\_ on her graph, using very neat numbers.
3. Few plants were able to survive during that \_\_\_\_\_ period.
4. It's too bad that Oscar is a \_\_\_\_\_, because he misses out on some interesting friendships.
5. Jan enjoyed going down to the \_\_\_\_\_ to eat lunch by the bay.
6. Lottie always liked to keep a small \_\_\_\_\_ of cash tucked away in her purse.
7. The water was shallow enough for us to \_\_\_\_\_ to the other side.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ is found in the stems or trunk of a plant.
9. This machine uses the process of \_\_\_\_\_ to make photocopies.
10. Vic forgot his \_\_\_\_\_, so his friend had to pay for his dinner.
11. We were awakened each morning by the \_\_\_\_\_ of a lovely bird.

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**W-X WORDS IN CONTEXT 2**

**Directions:** Read the definitions of the W-X words. Then use each word in an original sentence.

**wafer** a thin, crisp biscuit

**wasteland** a barren, desolate area

**weld** joining (pieces of metal) by heating or pressing

**whimper** to cry with low, mournful, broken sounds

**wreath** a woven ring of flowers or leaves

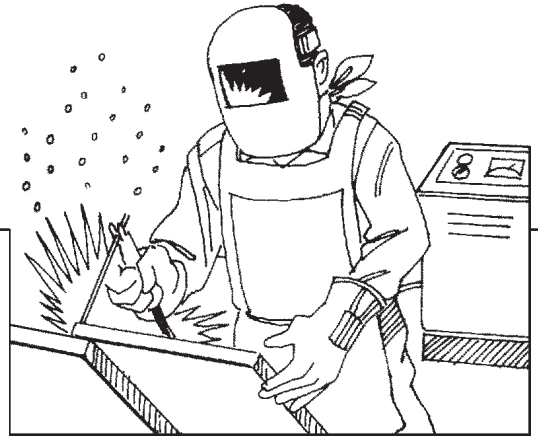
**xanthic** yellow or yellowish

**xebec** a small, three-masted vessel, once used by Algerian pirates in the Mediterranean Sea

**xeric** having to do with or adapted to a very dry environment

**xeriscape** a landscape design that relies on little or no water

**xerophyte** a plant adapted to growing and surviving in a dry environment



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## Y-Z WORDS IN CONTEXT 1

**You don't have to be a word zealot to say yes to learning these Y-Z words. Anyone can do it!**

**Directions:** Complete the sentences with words from the box. Hint: You will *not* use all the words. Check a dictionary if you need help.

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yam

yearling

yelp

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yogurt

youth

zealot

zenith

zeppelin

zinnia

zodiac

zori

1. Bruce often has \_\_\_\_\_ and granola for breakfast.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ has lived at the animal preserve since its birth.
3. Gwyneth rolled up her \_\_\_\_\_ mat after the 4:00 class concluded.
4. Marvin wants to buy a \_\_\_\_\_ when he earns his first million.
5. Olivia would rather have a \_\_\_\_\_ than a baked potato.
6. The signs of the \_\_\_\_\_ are used in the practice of astrology.
7. The wild-eyed \_\_\_\_\_ tried to convince us to read his book.
8. When Martha tripped over the dog, the poor animal let out a loud \_\_\_\_\_.
9. During her final worldwide tour, the singer was at the \_\_\_\_\_ of her popularity.
10. After the strap on her \_\_\_\_\_ broke, Shirley's foot burned on the hot sand.
11. Zeke's \_\_\_\_\_ garden is the most colorful flower garden on the block.

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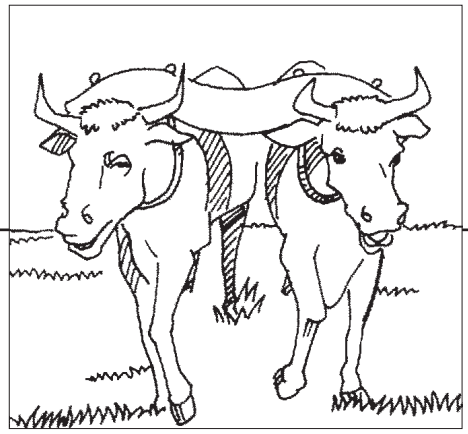
**Y-Z WORDS IN CONTEXT 2**

**Directions:** Read the definitions of the Y-Z words. Then use each word in an original sentence.

**yahoo** a brutish or crude person  
**yawn** to open the mouth wide with a long intake of breath, as when sleepy or bored  
**yeast** a substance used in bread-making that allows the dough to rise  
**yodel** to sing in the form of a warble, with rapid voice changes from normal to a shrill falsetto

**yoke** a curved, wooden frame that joins two animals, such as oxen  
**zeal** great interest and devotion; enthusiasm  
**zebra** a striped animal related to the horse  
**zephyr** any soft, gentle wind

**zest** keen enjoyment; great pleasure  
**zoom** to move with a low-pitched but loud humming sound



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**JUST FOR FUN: EXPLAINING WHY OR WHY NOT**

**Have some fun with these questions that explore your knowledge of some interesting words.**

**Directions:** Check a dictionary to help you answer the questions.

1. Why would a **fakir** be unlikely to wear a **fedora**?

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2. Would it be easier to study the moon at its **perigee** or at its **apogee**? Why?

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3. Why would it amaze everyone to see an **ascetic** attired in **silk**?

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4. Why would it not be surprising to see a **buccaneer** on a **brigantine**?

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5. Why would an **impostor** travel **incognito**?

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6. Would you rather have a necklace of **lodestones** or **rhinestones**? Why?

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7. Why would a railroad worker be more likely to use a **semaphore** than a **metaphor**? Why?

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8. Would you be more likely to ride a **jennet** or a **jenny**? Why?

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Have some fun with big words as you build your vocabulary!

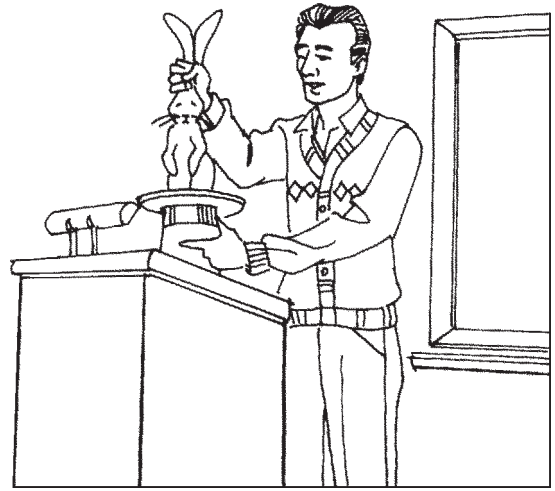
**Directions:** Check the dictionary definitions of the **boldface** words to help you answer the questions.

1. Would a teacher be more likely to use **legerdemain** or a **lectern**? Explain your answer. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

2. Would you rather be regarded as someone full of **rectitude** or **iniquity**? Why?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



3. Would it be more dangerous to spend time with a **bellicose** person or a **comatose** person? Explain your answer. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Whom would you rather have as a friend—a **loquacious** person or a **mendacious** person? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What would make more sense for a recovering patient—a **reversible** bed or an **adjustable** bed? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Would you be more likely to see a **bobolink** in a **metropolitan** or **agrarian** setting? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. If you were an employer, would you rather hire someone who had **versatility** or someone who had **culpability**? Explain your answer. \_\_\_\_\_

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## SHOPPING WORDS 1

**Directions:** Unscramble the words that match the definitions. Then use the unscrambled words to complete the crossword puzzle. Item 2-Across has been done for you.

### ACROSS

2. compare (MACEROP) what you do with prices
6. \_\_\_\_\_ (CINDOSUT) an amount taken off the usual price
9. \_\_\_\_\_ (GREDINTINES) what's listed on a food label
10. \_\_\_\_\_ (BALEL) a tag on the inside of clothing
11. \_\_\_\_\_ (CRAYTOF) place where things are manufactured
12. \_\_\_\_\_ (PASOCRONIM) a smart kind of shopping
13. \_\_\_\_\_ (LESA) a special event in a store
14. \_\_\_\_\_ (TICERD) one way to pay for things
16. \_\_\_\_\_ (HAXENCEG) what to do if something doesn't fit
17. \_\_\_\_\_ (SMECICOTS) the department in a store where you buy lipsticks
18. \_\_\_\_\_ (EAGRUNATE) a warranty

### DOWN

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (YALQUIT) what you look for in clothing
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (GACITPER) where you look for the cost of an item
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (RYD NEALC) an instruction for cleaning clothes (2 words)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (THIGWLEGITH) feature you'd want in summer clothing
7. \_\_\_\_\_ (TEDPTARMNE) a section in a store
8. \_\_\_\_\_ (CEPRI) the cost to the customer
10. \_\_\_\_\_ (EGELIRNI) the department where you'd buy a nightgown
15. \_\_\_\_\_ (GERLA) the size for a big person

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- 2-Across: C O M P A R E
- 11-Across: F A C T O R Y
- 12-Across: S M A R T
- 13-Across: S A L E
- 14-Across: C A R D
- 16-Across: E X C H A N G E
- 17-Across: C O S M E T I C S
- 18-Across: W A R R A N T Y
- 1-Down: C L O T H I N G
- 3-Down: P R I C E
- 4-Down: C L E A N I N G
- 5-Down: S U M M E R
- 7-Down: S E C T I O N
- 8-Down: C O S T
- 10-Down: N I G H T G O W N
- 15-Down: B I G

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## SHOPPING WORDS 2

**Directions:** Use the crossword puzzle answers to correctly complete the sentences.

1. Be sure to buy all the \_\_\_\_\_ you need to make a special meal; make sure you get everything you need.
2. Mabel buys all her clothing at the \_\_\_\_\_ outlet stores.
3. So the \_\_\_\_\_ won't show through, you might have to cut it out of a sheer shirt.
4. This \_\_\_\_\_ store sells clothing, household goods, cosmetics, and shoes.
5. It can be expensive to take care of clothes whose care instructions say, "\_\_\_\_\_ only."
6. You can often get a \_\_\_\_\_ on clothing that is out of season.
7. Doris gave her friend a gift receipt so she could \_\_\_\_\_ the gift if she didn't like it.
8. Clothing that is of poor \_\_\_\_\_ never lasts very long.
9. Patrick bought his mom some perfume at the \_\_\_\_\_ counter.
10. If you shop with a \_\_\_\_\_ card, you don't have to carry a lot of cash with you.
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ showed that the \_\_\_\_\_ had been marked down three times.
12. James bought his athletic shoes on \_\_\_\_\_ for 25 percent off.



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**LAW WORDS 1**

**Directions:** Unscramble the words that match the definitions. Then use the unscrambled words to complete the crossword puzzle. Item 2-Across has been done for you.

**ACROSS**

- 2. swear (RESAW) what you do when you take an oath
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (RYJU) the people who decide guilt or innocence
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ (STIFYET) what witnesses do on the stand
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ (RALPOE) to release a prisoner early under certain conditions
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_ (ENECSTEN) what the judge determines
- 11. \_\_\_\_\_ (LATIR) the process of hearing a case in court
- 14. \_\_\_\_\_ (MASTIUMON) a lawyer's closing argument
- 15. \_\_\_\_\_ (TANDFEEDN) person accused of a crime
- 16. \_\_\_\_\_ (HTURT) what witnesses are required to tell
- 17. \_\_\_\_\_ (GAURE) what lawyers do in court
- 18. \_\_\_\_\_ (FEEDENS) the team that protects the accused

**DOWN**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (TINPILFAF) another name for the accuser
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (SETWINS) a person called to testify
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (ONIBATRPO) a possible sentence for a minor first-time offense
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ (ISOCRETPUNO) the legal team that makes the accusation
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (TECJUIS) what the legal system strives to achieve
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_ (DIRVECT) what the jury arrives at in the jury room
- 12. \_\_\_\_\_ (TAOTRENY) another word for lawyer
- 13. \_\_\_\_\_ (DEJUG) person in charge in the courtroom

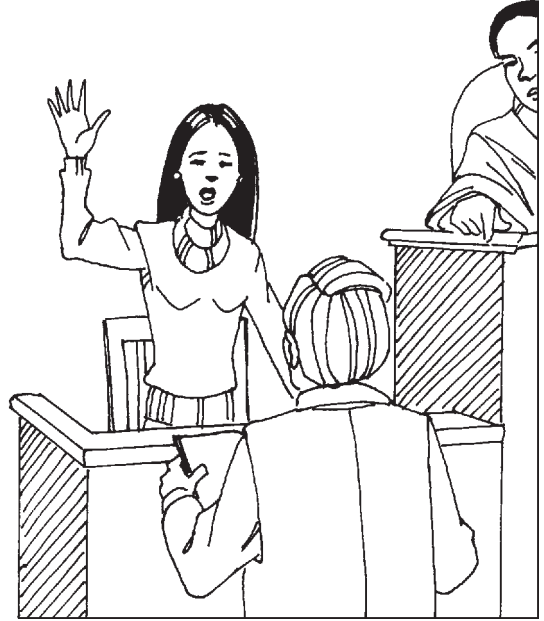
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**LAW WORDS 2**

**Directions:** Use the crossword puzzle answers to correctly complete the sentences.  
You will use one word twice.

1. Every \_\_\_\_\_ must take an oath before taking the stand.
2. The teenager got six months' \_\_\_\_\_ for his minor offense.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of innocence was quite a surprise to everyone in the courtroom.
4. Every accused person is entitled to a fair \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A \_\_\_\_\_ of one's peers listens to the arguments made in court.
6. The lawyer for the \_\_\_\_\_ accused the young woman of stealing.
7. The newspaper reports showed sympathy for the \_\_\_\_\_, who had never been accused of anything before.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ attorney claimed that his client had an airtight alibi.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ called in a series of expert witnesses to back up the plaintiff's claim.
10. The witness had to swear to tell the \_\_\_\_\_.
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ wore a black robe and a serious expression.
12. The upset family of the convicted man said that \_\_\_\_\_ had not been served.

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## BUILDING WORDS 1

**Directions:** Unscramble the words that match the definitions. Then use the unscrambled words to complete the crossword puzzle. Item 1-Across has been done for you.

### ACROSS

1. permits licenses the city issues to approve building plans  
(PITREMS)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ vegetation on the grounds around a building  
(DAGSLIPNACN)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ system installed to carry water to plants  
(ORNIGARITI)
10. \_\_\_\_\_ a piece of heavy equipment that moves dirt  
(LOREBULDZ)
11. \_\_\_\_\_ another word for the act of building  
(TINUCTROSCON)
12. \_\_\_\_\_ what covers a wall's framework on the inside  
(YADWLRL)
14. \_\_\_\_\_ the basis of any building  
(UTIFADONON)
15. \_\_\_\_\_ the person who draws up plans for a building  
(CHATTERIC)

### DOWN

2. \_\_\_\_\_ possible covering for a roof  
(NIGSLEHS)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ a concrete area, usually in the backyard  
(TOPIA)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ the worker who installs wiring  
(CETERILICNA)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ the worker who installs pipes  
(LRPEUMB)
8. \_\_\_\_\_ a liquid material that gradually becomes very hard  
(CRECTONE)
9. \_\_\_\_\_ an independent worker who agrees to do a job  
(NORCROCTAT)
13. \_\_\_\_\_ the drawn plan for a building  
(LUBRENPIIT)

The crossword puzzle grid is shown with the following words filled in:

- 1-Across: P E R M I T S
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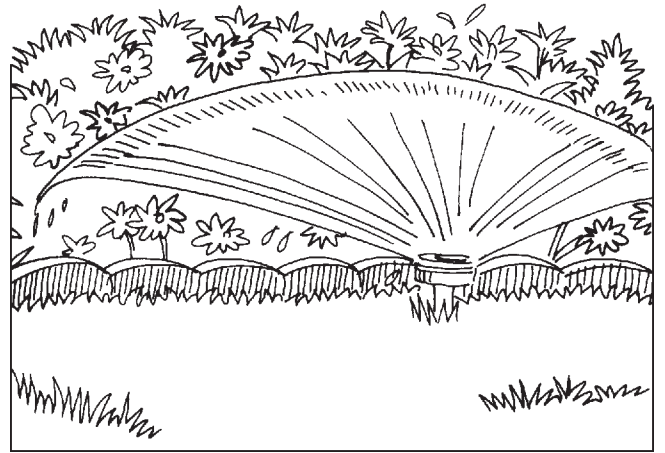
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**BUILDING WORDS 2**

**Directions:** Use the crossword puzzle answers to correctly complete the sentences.

1. Once the basic \_\_\_\_\_ was in place, Helen added her favorite flowers here and there.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ system in the yard consisted of 16 sprinklers and some drip hoses.
3. For the roof covering, George preferred \_\_\_\_\_ rather than tiles.
4. The general contractor referred to the \_\_\_\_\_ to see what the architect intended.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ who drew up the plan is well-known in the city for his innovative designs.
6. The Johnsons enjoyed eating dinner on their new \_\_\_\_\_ in the backyard.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ installed new pipes and fixtures in the bathroom and kitchen.
8. Because of zoning restrictions, the city was reluctant to issue \_\_\_\_\_ for an extra unit.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the driveway had been stamped to look like cobblestones.
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ recommended installing lights under the kitchen cabinets.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ of the new home began in October and was completed in May.
12. The general \_\_\_\_\_ for the project hired people he had worked with before.

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**SPACE WORDS 1**

**Directions:** Unscramble the words that match the definitions. Then use the unscrambled words to complete the crossword puzzle. Item 2-Across has been done for you.

**ACROSS**

- 2. propulsion a force that causes forward movement  
(PINPURSOLO)
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_ a jet-propelled device that shoots through the air  
(CERTOK)
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ between or among the stars  
(TENLIRTALERS)
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_ a person who travels in space  
(SORANTATU)
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ the path taken by a celestial body or artificial satellite around its center of attraction  
(BOIRT)
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_ to hurl or fling into space  
(NUCLAH)
- 12. \_\_\_\_\_ something considered endless and without limits, such as space or time  
(TINYINIF)
- 14. \_\_\_\_\_ the natural satellite of Earth  
(ONMO)
- 16. \_\_\_\_\_ a celestial body that revolves around a larger celestial body  
(LESALITTE)
- 17. \_\_\_\_\_ six types of particles thought to be basic units of matter  
(RAQUKS)

**DOWN**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ a vehicle, such as a rocket or artificial satellite, designed for travel in outer space  
(SCRTPEFACA)
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ between or among planets  
(RPIYRNATTENELA)
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ a large system of celestial bodies  
(LAYGAX)
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ a force that draws bodies in the earth's sphere toward the center of the earth  
(VIGATRY)
- 11. \_\_\_\_\_ the universe as a complete and harmonious system  
(MOCOSS)
- 13. \_\_\_\_\_ any of the relatively large, non-glowing bodies that move in orbits around the sun  
(PELTAN)
- 15. \_\_\_\_\_ a celestial body that sends pulses of radio waves at rapid, regular intervals  
(LAPRUS)

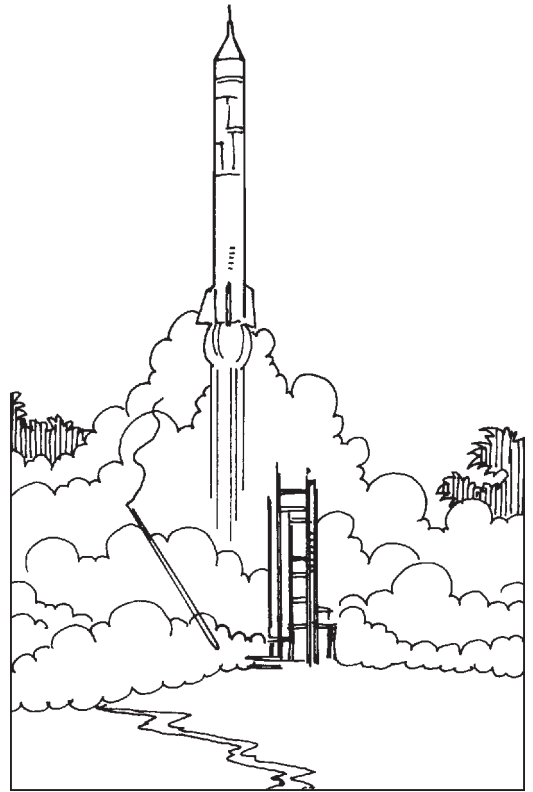
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## SPACE WORDS 2

**Directions:** Use the crossword puzzle answers to correctly complete the sentences.

1. Sally Ride was the first female American \_\_\_\_\_ to go into space.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ is used to propel fireworks, missiles, and space vehicles.
3. NASA plans to \_\_\_\_\_ another rocket in about three months.
4. The weather satellite is now in \_\_\_\_\_ around Earth.
5. Once a spaceship enters the atmosphere, the force of \_\_\_\_\_ pulls it toward Earth.
6. Earth is part of a \_\_\_\_\_ called the Milky Way.
7. Jupiter is the largest \_\_\_\_\_ in our solar system.
8. Our \_\_\_\_\_ revolves around the earth but does not rotate on an axis.
9. Because of the great distances between stars, \_\_\_\_\_ travel would take light years.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ travel seems within the reach of science in the relatively near future.
11. Scientists record the radio waves sent by the distant \_\_\_\_\_.
12. No scientist has ever actually seen a \_\_\_\_\_.



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## HEALTH WORDS 1

**Directions:** Unscramble the words that match the definitions. Then use the unscrambled words to complete the crossword puzzle. Item 4-Across has been done for you.

### ACROSS

4. muscular  
(SMUURLAC) This type of person is very strong.
6. \_\_\_\_\_  
(STESRS) emotional or mental strain or tension
9. \_\_\_\_\_  
(NITAVMI) an organic substance found in most natural foods and needed for good health
10. \_\_\_\_\_  
(PILCRALAY) any of the narrow, threadlike blood vessels connecting arteries with veins
13. \_\_\_\_\_  
(BEFRI) coarse food parts that stimulate the movement of food through the intestines
14. \_\_\_\_\_  
(PILDI) any of a group of organic compounds including fats, oils, and waxes
15. \_\_\_\_\_  
(MANTERTET) what you need if you get sick
16. \_\_\_\_\_  
(BEHRAETAT) what a doctor listens for with a stethoscope

### DOWN

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
(LACIVCADSROAUR) relating to the health of your heart and blood vessels
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
(NORNIUITT) food; nourishment
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
(SNIMIONA) difficulty in sleeping; sleeplessness
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
(NELIRMA) a natural substance necessary to the human diet
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
(DATCYAHROBRES) starches such as rice, potatoes, pasta, bread
7. \_\_\_\_\_  
(TUAGFIE) a weary condition resulting from hard work, effort, or strain
8. \_\_\_\_\_  
(TIMELOMABS) the rate at which your body burns calories
11. \_\_\_\_\_  
(TCSERTH) what you need to do before exercising to avoid injury
12. \_\_\_\_\_  
(MOSTYPM) a sign of an illness

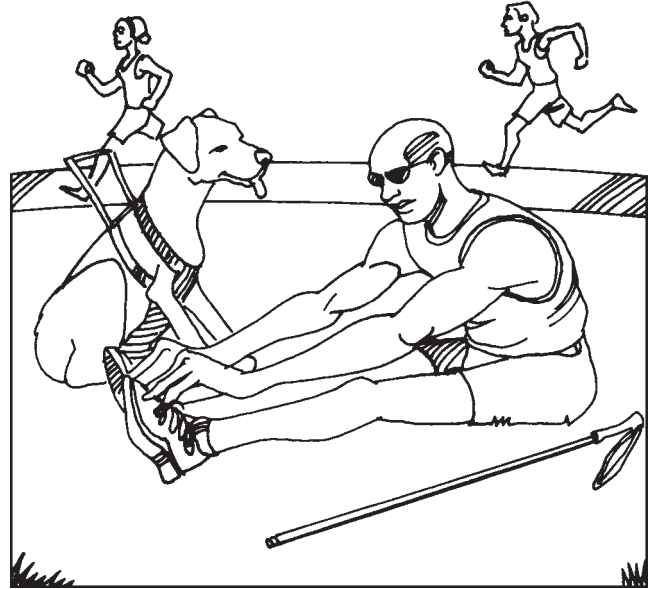
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## HEALTH WORDS 2

**Directions:** Use the crossword puzzle answers to correctly complete the sentences.

1. Gene takes a \_\_\_\_\_  
pill the first thing each morning.
2. Foods that are good for quick  
energy before a race are  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Because she works out  
regularly, Gretchen has a very  
\_\_\_\_\_ body.
4. Good \_\_\_\_\_,  
proper rest, and adequate exercise  
are necessary for good health.
5. Before and after his workouts, Timothy  
likes to slowly \_\_\_\_\_ his muscles.
6. During aerobic exercise, you should raise your \_\_\_\_\_  
for at least 20 minutes.
7. Edward is under a great deal of \_\_\_\_\_ at work, which is  
making him ill.
8. One way to build strong muscles is to work them to \_\_\_\_\_  
and then rest.
9. You might be able to cure \_\_\_\_\_ by getting plenty of  
exercise during the day.
10. The first \_\_\_\_\_ of a cold might be a scratchy throat.
11. The more muscular you are, the higher your rate of \_\_\_\_\_  
will be.
12. The best \_\_\_\_\_ for a cold is rest and plenty of liquids.



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**BUSINESS WORDS 1**

**Directions:** Unscramble the words that match the definitions. Then use the unscrambled words to complete the crossword puzzle. Item 1-Across has been done for you.

**ACROSS**

- 1. cubicle a small work enclosure  
(ECICBUL)
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ one who helps another  
(SIATSANST)
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ a customer  
(LECTIN)
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_ a paid worker  
(EPEYMOLE)
- 12. \_\_\_\_\_ one who writes letters and performs other administrative duties  
(RESARCETY)
- 13. \_\_\_\_\_ work beyond 40 hours  
(MEROTIVE)
- 14. \_\_\_\_\_ the date something is due  
(EDILEDAN)
- 15. \_\_\_\_\_ a gathering  
(MINETEG)

**DOWN**

- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ things employees get in addition to their regular pay, such as insurance, vacation pay, sick pay  
(FEBIENTS)
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ one who hires others  
(MYRELOPE)
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ a worker's pay  
(ASRAYL)
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_ a group of people working together  
(MITECOTME)
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ a meeting at which a discussion is held  
(FENECEORNC)
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ time off from work  
(NOCAVIAT)
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_ the head of a company  
(SIPERTED)
- 11. \_\_\_\_\_ an assignment  
(ICTPORE)

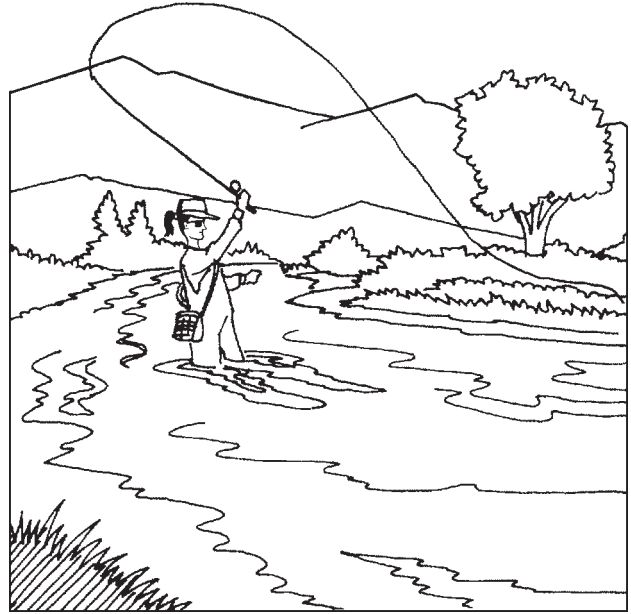
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**BUSINESS WORDS 2**

**Directions:** Use the crossword puzzle answers to correctly complete the sentences.

1. When she took her \_\_\_\_\_,  
Brenda went fly-fishing in Montana.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_  
requested that his parts be  
manufactured in three months.
3. Mark, Joel, Katie, and Julia are  
on the \_\_\_\_\_  
to plan the company picnic.
4. As an \_\_\_\_\_  
of this company, you are expected  
to get to work by nine o'clock.
5. This is a huge \_\_\_\_\_,  
and we'll need everyone's cooperation to finish it.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ for the new project is July 18.
7. The ad claimed, "We are an equal-opportunity \_\_\_\_\_."
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ at this company include a yearly two-week  
paid vacation and 10 paid sick days.
9. Diane's \_\_\_\_\_ was 10 percent higher than it had  
been at her previous job.
10. Pete gets paid time-and-a-half for working \_\_\_\_\_.
11. As Alicia's \_\_\_\_\_, Tyrone is responsible for all of her  
clerical work.
12. Jacob is the \_\_\_\_\_ and chief executive officer of  
his own company.

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**TRAVEL WORDS 1**

**Directions:** Unscramble the words that match the definitions. Then use the unscrambled words to complete the crossword puzzle. Item 1-Across has been done for you.

**ACROSS**

- 1. tropical (PORTCLAI) the climate in Hawaii
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (ISARAF) a popular tourist activity in Africa
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (SAPOPRST) the type of identification you need to travel internationally
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ (TENRURASAT) a place to eat when you're on vacation
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ (OMAMTIDACOONCS) lodgings; room and board
- 12. \_\_\_\_\_ (THEOL) a place to sleep when you're on vacation
- 13. \_\_\_\_\_ (IGNIGSTHESE) the kind of trips tourists often like to take
- 15. \_\_\_\_\_ (DRAPMIYS) a popular tourist attraction in Egypt
- 16. \_\_\_\_\_ (VUISEONR) what a tourist likes to buy
- 17. \_\_\_\_\_ (LATANRSET) what you must do to understand a foreign language

**DOWN**

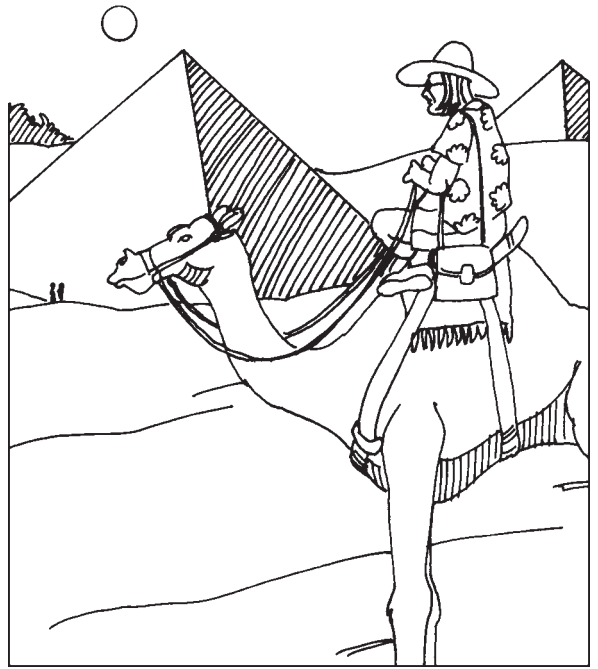
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (FARRIAE) what it costs to fly on a plane
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (CUASIETS) what you carry your clothes in
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ (TISNAPTROTRANO) planes, trains, and taxis, for example
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (TYCUSREI) a checkpoint where luggage is examined for safety
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_ (HHOTPAGORPS) what tourists like to take with cameras
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_ (UMSEMU) a place to see a country's artworks
- 11. \_\_\_\_\_ (UDGIE) a person who might take you around, pointing out the sights
- 14. \_\_\_\_\_ (TOITRUS) a person who visits another city or country

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**Directions:** Use the crossword puzzle answers to correctly complete the sentences.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_  
are the ancient burial places of  
Egyptian pharaohs.
2. While on vacation Jenny's favorite  
means of \_\_\_\_\_  
is a bicycle.
3. Mona's \_\_\_\_\_  
picture is unusually good.
4. At the \_\_\_\_\_  
checkpoint, Martha had to take off  
her shoes and her jacket.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ on  
that airline includes a meal and a movie.
6. Jed had to buy a bigger \_\_\_\_\_ so he could pack  
enough clothes for his trip.
7. Marianne's \_\_\_\_\_ room was a large one overlooking  
Central Park.
8. Ted's \_\_\_\_\_ plans included a visit to the Lincoln  
Memorial.
9. Victoria speaks French, so she can \_\_\_\_\_ for Dan  
when they're in Paris.
10. The only \_\_\_\_\_ Hank bought in Mexico was a sombrero.
11. Cynthia took more than 200 \_\_\_\_\_, some in color  
and some in black and white.
12. On her African \_\_\_\_\_, Karen saw zebras, elephants,  
and lions.



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**GOVERNMENT WORDS 1**

**Directions:** Unscramble the words that match the definitions. Then use the unscrambled words to complete the crossword puzzle. Item 4-Across has been done for you.

**ACROSS**

- 4. executive (ECEUTXIEV) having the duty and power of putting laws into effect
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (REPBAMEL) the introductory section of the Constitution
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ (DANENSMEMT) changes and additions to the Constitution
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ (UCLJIADI) the branch of government of which the courts are a part
- 11. \_\_\_\_\_ (TAMECDOR) a member of one of the major political parties in the U.S.
- 13. \_\_\_\_\_ (VELSIELAGTI) the branch of government responsible for passing laws
- 14. \_\_\_\_\_ (PIAMCEH) to formally charge a public official with wrongdoing in office
- 15. \_\_\_\_\_ (GYANEC) a governmental bureau that carries out a certain kind business
- 16. \_\_\_\_\_ (BAETCIN) a group of official advisers and assistants to the president

**DOWN**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (BYLTOSBI) a person who tries to influence legislators in favor of some special interest
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (CETOLREAL) having to do with an election or electors
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (PLIRBCEUAN) a member of one of the major political parties in the U.S.
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ (TTICOOINUSTN) the fundamental body of laws governing the U.S.
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_ (ESTNEA) the upper house of the U.S. Congress
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_ (NOESDICI) a conclusion or judgment made by the Supreme Court
- 12. \_\_\_\_\_ (CETLE) to choose by voting

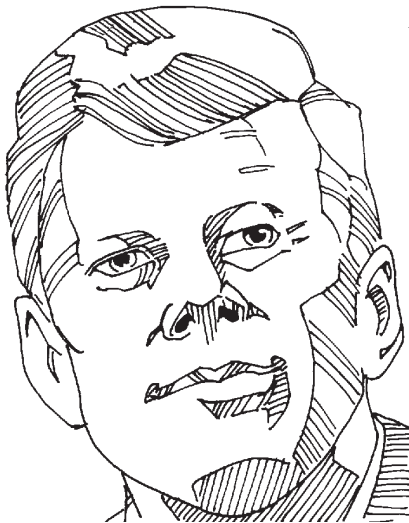
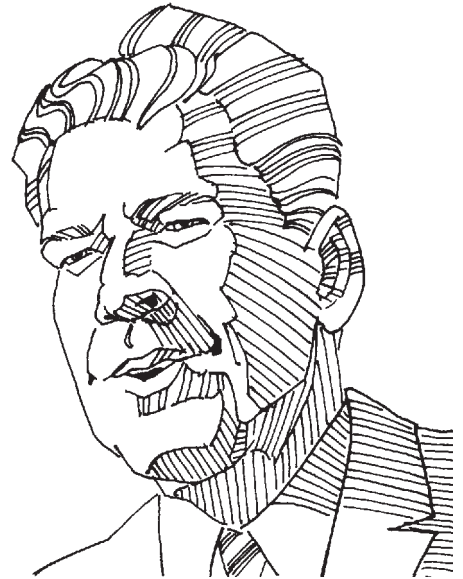
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## GOVERNMENT WORDS 2

**Directions:** Use the crossword puzzle answers to correctly complete the sentences.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States consists of seven articles.
2. Some 26 \_\_\_\_\_ have been made to the Constitution.
3. The Supreme Court is the highest body in the \_\_\_\_\_ branch.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ office in the United States is held by the president.
5. Congress makes up the \_\_\_\_\_ branch of the federal government.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ has 100 members, two from each state.
7. John F. Kennedy was a \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Ronald Reagan was a \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the Constitution begins with the words "We the people of the United States."
10. Members of the \_\_\_\_\_ give the president information and advice.
11. The president is elected by members of the \_\_\_\_\_ college.
12. A \_\_\_\_\_ uses many methods to influence legislators on behalf of special interests.
13. The Supreme Court's job is to make \_\_\_\_\_ about important legal cases.



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**PARTY WORDS 1**

**Directions:** Unscramble the words that match the definitions. Then use the unscrambled words to complete the crossword puzzle. Item 2-Across has been done for you.

**ACROSS**

- 2. occasion (SOCANOCI) a special reason for a party
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ (SGSUTE) people who come to a party
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_ (LAGA) a lively celebration
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_ (STFEMREERSHN) food and drink served at a party
- 13. \_\_\_\_\_ (TNERETANINTEM) what a band provides at a party
- 14. \_\_\_\_\_ (TRUNINODICOT) how to acquaint two strangers with each other
- 15. \_\_\_\_\_ (TONITIRNEAC) how people relate to each other at a party
- 16. \_\_\_\_\_ (MASEMEUNT) the condition of being happy or diverted

**DOWN**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (NATCOVERINO) friendly, informal talk between persons
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (RETCARE) a person who makes and serves food for a party
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (RENPRAT) the one with whom you dance
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ (BETCREILANO) recognition of a special event with a party
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (QUBAENT) an elaborate meal or feast
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ (RESAZPEPIT) food served before the main course
- 11. \_\_\_\_\_ (NETEV) an important happening
- 12. \_\_\_\_\_ (RAFLOM) requiring elaborate dress and manners

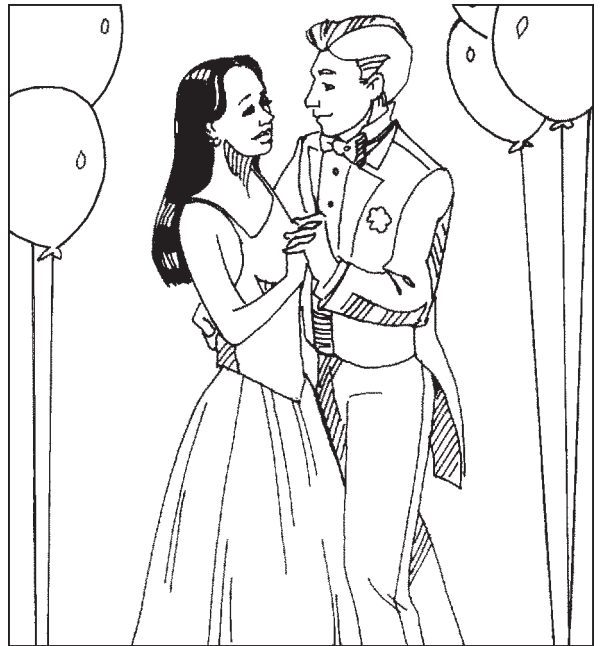
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**PARTY WORDS 2**

**Directions:** Use the crossword puzzle answers to correctly complete the sentences.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ at the afternoon party included appetizers and beverages.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ dress was required, so Richard rented a tuxedo.
3. A good \_\_\_\_\_ should provide each person with some information about the other.
4. As the party ended, Meg and Dylan were in the middle of a long \_\_\_\_\_.



5. Michelle's dance \_\_\_\_\_ knows all the latest steps.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ for the party was Jeffrey's sixteenth birthday.
7. All of the \_\_\_\_\_ had a wonderful time at the party.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Arielle's graduation lasted for three days.
9. The band, the singer, and the clown all provided \_\_\_\_\_ for the party guests.
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ table was adorned with fine linen and sparkling crystal.
11. About an hour before the main course, the \_\_\_\_\_ were served.
12. The food prepared by the young \_\_\_\_\_ was quite delicious.

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**SCOPE & SEQUENCE**

**STUDENT**

FORMAL/INFORMAL LANGUAGE

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ACCENT MARKS

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VARIANT WORD FORMS

COMPOUND WORDS

GREEK ROOTS

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PREFIXES

SUFFIXES

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SYNONYMS: VERBS

SYNONYMS: ADJECTIVES

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ANTONYMS: NOUNS

ANTONYMS: VERBS

ANTONYMS: ADJECTIVES

ANTONYMS: ADVERBS

HOMOPHONES

HOMOGRAPHS

CLIPPED WORDS

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INTERPRETING IDIOMS

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SHOPPING WORDS

LAW WORDS

BUILDING WORDS

SPACE WORDS

HEALTH WORDS

BUSINESS WORDS

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GOVERNMENT WORDS

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## PAGE 6

- A.** 1. perceive  
2. calculate  
3. abolish  
4. signify  
5. perturb  
6. massive  
7. baffle  
8. notable  
9. tedious  
10. quest
- B.** 1. b 3. a 5. c  
2. c 4. a

## PAGE 7

- A.** 1. handle  
2. bugs  
3. ditzzy  
4. chill  
5. sleazy  
6. hangout  
7. batty
- B.** 1. melancholy  
2. cheap  
3. observe  
4. refined  
5. gab  
6. dis

## PAGE 8

- A.** 1. mentor 3. first  
2. third 4. erudite
- B.** 1. adjourn  
2. ballast  
3. cyclone  
4. demerit  
5. erupt  
6. fragile  
7. genial  
8. geology  
9. heifer  
10. inquiry  
11. jazz  
12. kidnap  
13. lapel  
14. lavish  
15. matrimony  
16. oblong  
17. romance  
18. sentiment  
19. wary  
20. yonder  
21. zenith

## PAGE 9

- A.** 1. The following words should be crossed out: mayfly, material, maze.  
2. Answers will vary but might include mathematics, matriarch, matter, and matrix.
- B.** 1. between 3. will  
2. forward 4. before
- C.** The following words should be circled: geezer, general, gelatin; plowshare, ploy, plummet, plow.

## PAGE 10

- A.** 1. agonies  
2. tomatoes  
3. fathers-in-law  
4. mice  
5. thieves  
6. radii
- B.** 1. write 3. gone  
2. fed 4. sit
- C.** 1. most attractive  
2. more bored  
3. fewest  
4. more colossal

## PAGE 11

- A.** 1. omelet  
2. octopi  
3. larvae  
4. tepee  
5. levelled  
6. gladioli  
7. makeup  
8. halleluiah
- B.** 1. e 3. d 5. f 7. c  
2. b 4. g 6. a

## PAGE 12

- A.** 1. N 4. N 7. P 10. N  
2. P 5. P 8. N 11. P  
3. P 6. N 9. P 12. N
- B.** 1. devise  
2. assertive  
3. crowd  
4. accumulate  
5. persuade  
6. bold  
7. custodian  
8. aroma  
9. emphasize  
10. thin

## PAGE 13

1. pig-headed  
2. emotional  
3. donation  
4. abandon  
5. help  
6. special  
7. third-world country  
8. disabled  
9. employee  
10. soldier  
11. cur  
12. mansion  
13. restroom

## PAGE 14

- Approximate answers:
1. *Redolent* because a pelargonium is a flower, and *redolent* refers to smell.  
2. Qishm: Iran; Qiqihar: China  
3. *Mellifluous* because the word means "melodious," whereas *cacophonous* means "harsh-sounding."  
4. No; a *boutique* sells clothing, accessories, and gifts. *Borscht* is cold beet soup.

5. *Progenitors* because the words describe ancestors. *Progeny* refers to descendants.  
6. An *epicure* because he or she appreciates fine food, whereas a *gourmand* will eat anything without discrimination.  
7. *Ameliorate* because the word means "to improve"; *exacerbate* means "to make worse."

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- Approximate answers:
1. No; a *eulogy* is a funeral oration, and a *euglena* is a microscopic organism.  
2. They are all open land areas.  
3. Greece  
4. A *coati* is a small tree-dwelling, raccoonlike carnivore with a long flexible snout, found in Mexico and Central and South America. An *agouti* is a rabbit-sized nocturnal rodent with grizzled fur, found in tropical America. What they have in common is that they are both small land animals found in the Western Hemisphere. One difference is that the coati lives in trees, and the agouti does not.  
5. *Amiable*, because an amiable child is friendly and pleasant, whereas an *obstreperous* one is disobedient and unpleasant.  
6. You might give an *octogenarian* (a person in his or her eighties) a *cymbidium* (an orchid) on his or her birthday, Mother's Day, Father's Day, or any other special occasion.  
7. No, because a *tyro* is a beginner and a *virtuoso* is an expert.

## PAGE 16

## A SOUNDS

1. back, began  
2. basic, volcano  
3. almost, falter  
4. beware, square  
5. hard, party  
6. another, agree

## E SOUNDS

1. empty, spell  
2. secret, female  
3. something, operate, safety  
4. baker, camera  
5. happen, item, weapon

## I SOUNDS

1. insect, which  
2. wire, describe  
3. dirty, shirt

## O SOUNDS

1. opera, problem  
2. ocean, cargo  
3. sound, eyebrow  
4. voice, joyous  
5. song, office  
6. cookie, wooden  
7. troop, bamboo  
8. canyon, method

## PAGE 17

## A. U SOUNDS

1. funny, summer  
2. January, human  
3. bullfrog, cushion  
4. prune, cruel  
5. turtle, surface
- B.** 1. there 6. pillow  
2. pie 7. sauerkraut  
3. flown 8. hood  
4. treasure 9. plowed  
5. plead 10. enough

## PAGE 18

## A. SILENT LETTER CROSS OUT

1. c inspect, color  
2. h showing, happy  
3. w wander, wilt  
4. t water, patted  
5. l flap, tassel  
6. g gather, sugar  
7. b buzz, amber  
8. k broken, mark  
9. p perhaps, important
- B.** 1. black 4. two, four, five,  
2. heart eight, nine  
3. science 5. descend

## PAGE 19

- A.** 1. buffet 4. mistletoe  
2. croquet 5. wretched  
3. khaki 6. adjoining
- B. ACROSS:** 1. sight 4. honest  
5. batch 9. debtor  
**DOWN:** 2. thigh 3. reign  
5. bristle 6. cartridge  
7. lacquer 8. midget

## PAGE 20

## A. 1. 2-SYLLABLE WORDS

block • ade  
tal • low  
or • chid

## 2. 3-SYLLABLE WORDS

ac • knowl • edge  
bun • ga • low  
o • ver • sight  
com • e • dy

## 3. 4-SYLLABLE WORDS

con • tin • u • ous  
mel • an • chol • y  
af • fec • tion • ate  
con • sid • er • ate

## 4. 5-SYLLABLE WORDS

dis • a • gree • a • ble  
ge • o • log • i • cal  
de • vel • op • men • tal  
or • gan • i • za • tion

**PAGE 20 (continued)**

- B.** 1. ATLAS  
2. phenOMenon  
3. COMplicate  
4. irREGular

**PAGE 21**

- A.** 1. first 5. second  
2. first 6. third  
3. first 7. second  
4. third 8. second
- B.** 1. contest (noun): accent first syllable  
contest (verb): accent second syllable  
2. conduct (verb): accent second syllable  
conduct (noun): accent first syllable  
3. replay (noun): accent first syllable  
replay (verb): accent second syllable  
4. address (verb): accent second syllable  
address (noun): accent first syllable

**PAGE 22**

- jimple: a
- dipdop: c
- krinskis: b
- sloozed: a
- schlimper: b
- gairblue: c
- flang: a
- mog lump: c

**PAGE 23**

1. a 2. b 3. c 4. c 5. a 6. c

**PAGE 24**

- impulse 5. film
- honesty 6. attempt
- players 7. rainfall
- search 8. position

**PAGE 25**

- operate 6. injured
- forces 7. perform
- complain 8. fainted
- contrasted 9. tempt
- conquered 10. scorch

**PAGE 26**

- peaceful 6. difficult
- destitute 7. firm
- speechless 8. simple
- bashful 9. humble
- hectic 10. leisurely

**PAGE 27**

- approximately
- reluctantly
- thoroughly
- cordially
- formerly
- fundamentally
- partially
- violently
- never
- continuously

**PAGE 28**

- A. ACROSS:** 4. creation  
5. brutality 6. gland  
7. solitude
- DOWN:** 1. accuracy  
2. hostility 3. prestige  
4. change
- B.** 1. gland 5. prestige  
2. change 6. brutality  
3. creation 7. hostility  
4. solitude 8. accuracy

**PAGE 29**

- Sentences will vary; check for correct use of the nouns.
- affection
  - consideration
  - eternity
  - fearlessness
  - venom
  - turbulence
  - suspicion
  - sentiment
  - resident
  - punctuality
  - monotony

**PAGE 30**

- A. ACROSS:** 2. preferable  
4. filtered 6. punctuated  
8. dried
- DOWN:** 1. warranted  
3. dimpled 5. dead  
7. tied
- B.** 1. dead  
2. preferable  
3. dimpled  
4. filtered  
5. dried  
6. punctuated

- C.** Sentences will vary; check for correct use of the adjectives.
- believable
  - enjoyable
  - preferable

**PAGE 31**

- Sentences will vary; check for correct use of the adjectives.
- sustained or sustainable
  - warped
  - rejected
  - radiant
  - rebellious
  - recognizable
  - excellent
  - successful
  - modified
  - persistent
  - intentional or intended

**PAGE 32**

- A. ACROSS:** 3. consume 4. drape  
5. rescue 6. hate
- DOWN:** 1. dramatize  
2. depend 3. complicate

- B.** 1. rescue 5. depend  
2. hate 6. complicate  
3. consume 7. drape  
4. dramatize

**PAGE 33**

- Sentences will vary; check for correct use of the verb.
- postpone
  - lubricate
  - convict
  - confront
  - correspond
  - develop
  - organize
  - penetrate
  - paralyze
  - narrate
  - represent

**PAGE 34**

- A.** 2. bare, dare, hare  
3. ride, side, hide  
4. pest, test, best  
5. beak, leak, teak  
6. boot, root, loot
- B.** 1. track, stack, black  
2. creep, sleep, cheep  
3. chill, still, grill  
4. brake, flake, drake

**PAGE 35**

- A.** 2. flash, flag, fact  
3. brain, blob, bold  
4. pale, pant, parch  
5. cart, core, creek  
6. none, nail, neither
- B.** 1. plant, fort, cart (or plane, fore, care)  
2. pang, tang, bang  
3. form, norm, warm  
4. tarp, seep, damp
- C.** Possible answers:  
2. frame (or flame)  
3. baste  
4. bang  
5. coat (or colt)  
6. hung  
7. posse (or prose)  
8. line (or lice, like)

**PAGE 36**

- A.** 2. c, wristwatch  
3. e, airport  
4. i, outside  
5. a, scarecrow  
6. l, touchdown  
7. d, waterfall  
8. g, overbite  
9. h, pancake  
10. m, skyscraper  
11. f, silverware  
12. b, paperback  
13. k, breakfast
- B.** Student art will vary.

**PAGE 37**

- A.** 1. tiptoe  
2. cupboard  
3. peppermint  
4. spotlight  
5. highchair  
6. sweatshirt  
7. windmill
- B. ACROSS:** 1. flashback  
4. outfit 6. pigtail  
7. dishpan
- DOWN:** 2. lifeguard  
3. carpool 5. goldfish  
6. postcard

**PAGE 38**

- A.** 1. headphone, d  
2. footbridge, e  
3. footnote, f  
4. headlights or footlights, g  
5. footprint, a  
6. footstool, c  
7. headline, b
- B. ACROSS:** 2. headhunter  
5. Football 6. headband
- DOWN:** 1. headache  
3. headquarters  
4. footboard 5. footlocker

**PAGE 39**

- headdresses
- foothold
- headboard
- headfirst
- footwear
- headset
- footsteps
- footloose
- headway
- footpath
- footrace
- headlock

**PAGE 40**

- A.** 1. airtight  
2. waterlily  
3. airmail  
4. waterlogged  
5. airport  
6. waterfall
- B. ACROSS:** 2. airwaves  
4. watercolors 5. airsick  
6. watermelon 7. waterline
- DOWN:** 1. waterfront  
3. airbrush

**PAGE 41**

- waterfowl
- watermark
- airsafe or airworthy
- waterproof or water-repellent
- airstrike
- watercross
- airborne
- airplane
- watertight
- airspace
- waterfall

**PAGE 42**

- A.** 1. windbag, d  
2. sunglasses, f  
3. windsock, g  
4. sundown, a  
5. sunrise, b  
6. windbreaker, c  
7. sundial, e
- B. ACROSS:** 1. windstorms  
4. sunburn 6. windsurfed  
7. sustan 8. windshield
- DOWN:** 2. sunbonnet  
3. sunroof 5. windfall

**PAGE 43**

1. windjammer
2. sunbeam
3. windchill
4. windmills
5. sunlamp
6. windpipe
7. sunbathe
8. sunfish
9. windblown
10. sunscreen
11. sunflower

**PAGE 44**

- A.** Answers will vary. Possible answers:

**G OR S SAMPLE ANSWER**

3. G elephant
4. S gem
5. G bracelet
6. G rose
7. S color
8. S fish

- B.** Answers can appear in any order.

foolish—absurd;  
hobby—obsession;  
glad—ecstatic;  
entertain—enthral;  
apologize—atone;  
influence—domination;  
admire—adore;  
disagree—oppose;  
alone—isolated

**PAGE 45**

- Sentences will vary; check for correct use of the words.

**SCRAMBLED WORDS:**

2. amuse 5. sprint
3. engaging 6. glum
4. respond

**PAGE 46**

1. prognosis
2. telegram
3. cardiologist
4. tricycle
5. symphony
6. paleolithic
7. epidemic
8. polyandry
9. microphone
10. phonics
11. cyclops
12. Democrat

**PAGE 47**

- A.** 1. d 3. e 5. a  
2. c 4. f 6. b
- B.** 1. eye  
2. fear of  
3. god
- C.** Possible answers:  
1. cinema  
2. paralysis  
3. maniac  
4. anesthetist

**PAGE 48**

1. submarine
2. recognized
3. manuscript
4. cordial
5. recliner
6. pedestrians
7. donated
8. curable
9. marines
10. manufacturing
11. quadrupeds

**PAGE 49**

- A.** 1. move 4. faith  
2. see 5. war  
3. move 6. common
- B.** Possible answers:  
1. altimeter  
2. gratuitous  
3. documentary  
4. paternity

**PAGE 50**

1. prototype
2. polygamy
3. quintuplets
4. contraindicated
5. benefactor
6. comfort
7. extraordinary
8. octet
9. polynomial
10. benediction

**PAGE 51**

- A.** 1. self 4. million  
2. not 5. around  
3. false 6. small
- B.** 1. embraced 4. embroider  
2. enclose 5. enchanted  
3. embezzle 6. encourage

**PAGE 52**

1. vacancy
2. fortitude
3. childhood
4. racism
5. capitalization
6. honesty
7. pallor
8. bravery
9. standardization
10. pacifism
11. fervor

**PAGE 53**

- A.** 1. maternal  
2. statuesque  
3. circular  
4. military  
5. picturesque  
6. popular  
7. natural
- B.** 1. fearful  
2. Turbulent  
3. nervous  
4. comatose  
5. successful  
6. glorious

**PAGE 54**

1. collision
2. expand
3. loose
4. adopt
5. pursue
6. personnel
7. finally
8. voracious
9. perpetuate
10. deprived
11. calendar

**PAGE 55**

- A. ACROSS:** 3. lose 5. perpetrate  
7. peruse 8. collusion
- DOWN:** 1. colander  
2. depraved 4. veracious  
6. finely

**B.**

1. d
2. g
3. b
4. i
5. a
6. j
7. c
8. e
9. f
10. h

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2. e, cavity
3. a, dwelling
4. c, flattery
5. i, ban
6. d, exaggeration
7. h, glint
8. f, haste
9. g, hatred
10. j, instructor

**PAGE 57**

1. rucksack
2. magician
3. competitor
4. passion
5. siege
6. storm
7. vase
8. temptation
9. testimony

**PAGE 58**

- A.** 1. insult  
2. assure  
3. induce  
4. waver  
5. invalidate  
6. admit  
7. catch  
8. toss  
9. expel
- B.** 1. deserve, justify  
2. choose, prefer  
3. harass, victimize  
4. untangle, untwist  
5. burn, char  
6. appraise, assess  
7. handy, suitable  
8. differ, digress  
9. curve, bend

**PAGE 59**

- A.** 1. lead  
2. examine  
3. cover  
4. punch  
5. soil  
6. surround
- B.** Possible answers:  
1. nap  
2. mark  
3. stink  
4. entice  
5. affect
- C.** Sentences will vary.  
Check for correct use of the synonyms.

**PAGE 60**

1. d, genuine
2. g, aged
3. i, ambitious
4. a, irritated
5. e, flimsy
6. j, changeable
7. c, received
8. f, miniature
9. h, hardy
10. b, intellectual

**PAGE 61**

- A.** 1. fancy, showy  
2. manly, male  
3. loyal, dependable  
4. dangerous, risky  
5. unique, unusual  
6. pictorial, scenic
- B.** Possible answers:  
1. catching  
2. female  
3. tasty  
4. rebellious  
5. terrific  
6. tiny

**PAGE 62**

- A.** 1. h 6. e  
2. d 7. i  
3. g 8. j  
4. b 9. f  
5. a 10. c
- B. ACROSS:** 3. gladly 6. surely  
8. completely
- DOWN:** 1. seldom 2. clearly  
4. honestly 5. eternally  
7. roughly

**PAGE 63**

1. first, originally
2. totally, entirely
3. simply, utterly
4. blindly, mindlessly
5. very, quite
6. accidentally, mistakenly
7. extremely, greatly
8. unusually, remarkably

**PAGE 64**

- A.** 1. c 3. a 5. i 7. h  
2. f 4. e 6. l 8. j  
9. b 10. d 11. g 12. k
- B.** 1. vigor  
2. toil  
3. clarity  
4. patriotism  
5. evil  
6. maturity  
7. foreground  
8. jollity
- C.** Sentences will vary; check for correct use of the antonyms.
1. unity
  2. reason
  3. gentleman
  4. rashness

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- A.** Answers can be in any order.
1. attic / cellar
  2. brightness / dullness
  3. cowardice / heroism
  4. assistance / hindrance
  5. fairness / injustice
  6. deflation / inflation
  7. courtesy / disrespect
  8. elimination / inclusion
  9. decision / hesitation
  10. punishment / pardon
  11. firmness / flabbiness
  12. employed / jobless
  13. triviality / importance
  14. laughter / weeping
- B. ACROSS:** 2. escape 5. gainer  
6. clarity 7. defend
- DOWN:** 1. roughness  
3. poverty 4. knowledge

**PAGE 66**

1. abbreviate
2. disconnect
3. convicted
4. welcome
5. repel
6. ignored
7. released
8. improved
9. loosened

**PAGE 67**

- A.** 1. arrive  
2. freeze  
3. include  
4. submit  
5. envy  
6. approach  
7. sell  
8. forbid  
9. mock  
10. conceal
- B. ACROSS:** 2. wrinkle 4. quarrel  
7. finish 8. simplify
- DOWN:** 1. harden 3. excite  
5. reveal 6. hire

**PAGE 68**

- A.** 1. formal  
2. passive  
3. straight  
4. cherished  
5. proud  
6. imaginary  
7. crowded  
8. alien
- B.** 1. resistant  
2. delicate  
3. elongated  
4. lowered  
5. comfortable  
6. bound  
7. harmless  
8. optimistic

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- A.** 1. gloomy  
2. external  
3. common  
4. copied  
5. brief  
6. irrational  
7. unruly  
8. able  
9. unethical  
10. adequate
- B. ACROSS:** 4. inactive 6. lying  
7. coarse
- DOWN:** 1. stingy 2. parched  
3. refined 5. moral

**PAGE 70**

- A.** 1. abruptly  
2. foolishly  
3. often  
4. brightly  
5. briskly  
6. certainly  
7. unhappily  
8. accidentally  
9. thoughtfully
- B. ACROSS:** 3. carefully 5. fully  
6. gently 7. crazily
- DOWN:** 1. clearly 2. listlessly  
4. rudely 5. fairly

**PAGE 71**

- A.** Pairs of adverbs can be in any order.
2. definitely, questionably
  3. commonly, unusually
  4. obscurely, famously
  5. awkwardly, gracefully
  6. sometimes, invariably
- B. ACROSS:** 1. unluckily  
6. sourly 7. safely  
8. invariably 9. slowly
- DOWN:** 2. cruelly  
3. unclearly 4. commonly  
5. passively

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- A.** 1. aloud 7. scent  
2. cruise 8. mane  
3. lye 9. won  
4. bawl  
5. fined  
6. meat or mete
- B. ACROSS:** 2. complement  
4. hymn 5. whose  
7. moan 8. pore 9. chute
- DOWN:** 1. holy 3. tee  
5. weave 6. shown  
8. pause
- C.** 1. (circle buoy, fur, and beach) The boy climbed up the fir tree and the beech tree.  
2. (circle wee, fore, and flairs) After the accident, we set off four flares to get attention.

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- A.** 1. barred bard  
2. barque bark  
3. boll bowl  
4. serial cereal  
5. kernels for colonels  
6. night knight  
7. high hi
- B.** 1. fryer friar  
2. hostile hostel  
3. plait plate  
4. prophet for profit  
5. pale pail  
6. seen scene

**PAGE 74**

- A.** 2. pine  
3. compound  
4. blow  
5. fine  
6. hide
- B.** Answer: *origins*  
2. jar  
3. pitcher  
4. page  
5. kind  
6. down  
7. fresh

**PAGE 75**

- A.** 1. bow: possible answer: a knot with loops in it  
2. blue: the color of the sky  
3. corps: a large military unit  
4. hey: a cry used to attract attention  
5. lessen: to minimize
- B.** 2–3. Answers will vary. Check students' sentences for correct use of the homographs.

**PAGE 76**

- A.** 1. automobile  
2. coeducational student  
3. trigonometry  
4. delicatessen  
5. centum  
6. cucumber  
7. submarine  
8. periwig
- B.** 1. vet  
2. typo  
3. lunch  
4. deb  
5. doc  
6. mod  
7. pants  
8. mums

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- A. ACROSS:** 3. coattails  
4. scramble 5. distillery  
6. spectacles 7. percolate
- DOWN:** 1. lubricate 2. gabble
- B.** 1. hackney  
2. curiosity  
3. moving picture  
4. penitentiary  
5. turnpike  
6. university  
7. promenade

**PAGE 78**

- A.** 1. a 3. h 5. d 7. g  
2. c 4. f 6. e 8. b
- B.** 1. named after Attabiya, a quarter in Baghdad  
2. after Jean Martinet, a 17th century French army officer  
3. after Rudolf Diesel, born in Paris of German parents, who improved the internal combustion engine  
4. after John Duns Scotus, whose once accepted writings were ridiculed in the 16th century  
5. after Joseph Guillotin, the 19th century French physician who invented it

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- ACROSS:** 3. bloomers 5. atlas  
6. bowler 11. pasteurize  
12. Friday
- DOWN:** 1. July  
2. graham crackers  
4. maverick 7. teddy bear  
8. volt 9. jersey 10. May

**PAGE 80**

1. c 3. b 5. a 7. c  
2. a 4. b 6. b

**PAGE 81**

1. a 4. j 7. d 10. e  
2. g 5. i 8. b 11. k  
3. h 6. f 9. c

**PAGE 82**

- A.** 1. a 3. b  
2. c 4. a
- B.** 1. b 3. d 5. a 7. h  
2. g 4. f 6. c 8. e

**PAGE 83**

- carried on
- drew a blank
- dress down
- looked up to
- lost face
- cut back
- see eye to eye
- take on
- get ahead
- kept at

**PAGE 84**

1. b 3. c 5. c 7. b  
2. a 4. a 6. a 8. c

**PAGE 85**

1. c 3. b 5. a 7. a  
2. a 4. b 6. c 8. b

**PAGE 86**

1. b 3. a 5. c 7. a  
2. c 4. a 6. b 8. b

**PAGE 87**

- A.** 1. chickens  
2. feet  
3. heels  
4. hoop  
5. brains
- B.** 1. b 3. d 5. c  
2. a 4. e

**PAGE 88**

1. b 3. b 5. c 7. a  
2. c 4. a 6. a 8. b

**PAGE 89**

- hold a candle to, playing second fiddle
- eating them out of house and home, lay down the law
- take it easy, make ends meet
- come clean, turned a deaf ear to
- make up for, pull strings
- hit the nail on the head, fall short
- have it both ways, get away with

**PAGE 90**

- aerobics
- belated
- barge
- barnacles
- brocade
- ability
- accelerate
- absorb
- accessory
- adhere
- buoyant
- agenda

**PAGE 91**

Answers will vary. Check students' sentences for correct use of the words.

**PAGE 92**

- disguise
- civilian
- carbonated
- dubious
- cabaret
- dahlia
- credence
- defiance
- depreciate
- custody
- dexterity
- cognizant

**PAGE 93**

Answers will vary. Check students' sentences for correct use of the words.

**PAGE 94**

- escapade
- flaunt
- earnest
- exceed
- firmament
- fallible
- fragment
- elaborate
- fauna
- froth
- ecstasy
- emulate

**PAGE 95**

Sentences will vary, but confirm that assigned word has been used properly.

**PAGE 96**

- grimace
- goblet
- genuflect
- homage
- headquarters
- hearth
- grandiose
- gallant
- heritage
- harvest
- garment

**PAGE 97**

Answers will vary. Check students' sentences for correct use of the words.

**PAGE 98**

- jaguar
- illusion
- inexpensive
- jiggle
- jungle
- jumbo
- jargon
- identical
- inconsistent
- juvenile
- inhale

**PAGE 99**

Answers will vary. Check students' sentences for correct use of the words.

**PAGE 100**

- literacy
- kernel
- leisure
- kiosk
- lacquer
- lopsided
- kaleidoscope
- languid
- kosher
- keg
- kindle

**PAGE 101**

Answers will vary. Check students' sentences for correct use of the words.

**PAGE 102**

- martyr
- nomadic
- naive
- modem
- muffin
- nudge
- nozzle
- Mildew
- mahogany
- menace
- nonchalant
- necessary

**PAGE 103**

Answers will vary. Check students' sentences for correct use of the words.

**PAGE 104**

- posture
- patriarch
- octave
- pedicure
- omnivorous
- ordeal
- obituary
- purpose
- ottoman
- prize
- phantom
- original

**PAGE 105**

Answers will vary. Check students' sentences for correct use of the words.

**PAGE 106**

- repent
- quince
- quell
- quad
- redeem
- quota
- rampage
- quake
- reverse
- queasy
- rupture

**PAGE 107**

Answers will vary. Check students' sentences for correct use of the words.

**PAGE 108**

- temerity
- tactful
- triceps
- sacrifice
- smear
- stiff
- temper
- silhouette
- swelter
- spare
- thorn
- segment

**PAGE 109**

Answers will vary. Check students' sentences for correct use of the words.

**PAGE 110**

1. varnish
2. unaccompanied
3. unkempt
4. ulcer
5. vulgar
6. vivid
7. undisciplined
8. vicinity
9. unsound
10. valid
11. utter

**PAGE 111**

Answers will vary. Check students' sentences for correct use of the words.

**PAGE 112**

1. whiff
2. X-axis
3. xerothermic
4. xenophobe
5. wharf
6. wad
7. wade
8. Xylem
9. xerography
10. wallet
11. warble

**PAGE 113**

Answers will vary. Check students' sentences for correct use of the words.

**PAGE 114**

1. yogurt
2. yearling
3. yoga
4. yacht
5. yam
6. zodiac
7. zealot
8. yelp
9. zenith
10. zori
11. zinnia

**PAGE 115**

Answers will vary. Check students' sentences for correct use of the words.

**PAGE 116**

1. because a *fakir* is a Hindu or Muslim holy person who is a beggar, and a *fedora* is a hat that such a beggar would not be able to afford
2. at its *perigee* because then the moon is closest to the earth
3. because an *ascetic* is someone who has chosen not to have pleasure or comforts, and *silk* is a luxury cloth
4. because a *buccaneer* is a pirate and a *brigantine* is a type of ship

5. because an *impostor* would be hiding his identity, and going *incognito* would accomplish this purpose
6. *rhinestones*, because *lodestones* are naturally magnetized pieces of magnetite, an iron ore, not a stone used in jewelry
7. because a *semaphore* is a tower with movable arms used to signal railroad trains
8. a *jennet* because it is a small Spanish horse

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1. a *lectern* because a teacher often gives a lecture, and a lectern is a piece of furniture that can hold notes and a microphone, whereas *legerdemain* is the use of trickery or magic
2. *rectitude* because it is honesty and goodness in principles and conduct, whereas *iniquity* is great evil or injustice
3. a *bellicose* person because such a person would be likely to pick a fight, whereas a *comatose* person is in a coma
4. a *loquacious* person because such a person is talkative, whereas a *mendacious* person tells lies
5. an *adjustable* bed because such a bed can move up and down and bend to make the patient more comfortable; a bed would not be considered *reversible*
6. in an *agrarian* setting, because the *bobolink*, a bird, is more likely to be found in the country than in the city
7. a person who had *versatility* because such a person would be able to do many different tasks, whereas someone who had *culpability* would be guilty of some wrongdoing

**PAGE 118****ACROSS:**

2. compare
6. discount
9. ingredients
10. label
11. factory
12. comparison
13. sale
14. credit
16. exchange
17. cosmetics
18. guarantee

**DOWN:**

1. quality
3. pricetag
4. dry clean
5. lightweight
7. department
8. price
10. lingerie
15. large

**PAGE 119**

1. ingredients
2. factory
3. label
4. department
5. dry clean
6. discount
7. exchange
8. quality
9. cosmetics
10. credit
11. pricetag, price
12. sale

**PAGE 120****ACROSS:**

2. swear
6. jury
7. testify
9. parole
10. sentence
11. trial
14. summation
15. defendant
16. truth
17. argue
18. defense

**DOWN:**

1. plaintiff
3. witness
4. probation
5. prosecution
6. justice
8. verdict
12. attorney
13. judge

**PAGE 121**

1. witness
2. probation
3. verdict
4. trial
5. jury
6. prosecution
7. defendant
8. defense
9. prosecution
10. truth
11. judge
12. justice

**PAGE 122****ACROSS:**

1. permits
5. landscaping
6. irrigation
10. bulldozer
11. construction
12. drywall
14. foundation
15. architect

**DOWN:**

2. shingles
3. patio
4. electrician
7. plumber
8. concrete
9. contractor
13. blueprint

**PAGE 123**

1. landscaping
2. irrigation
3. shingles
4. blueprint
5. architect
6. patio
7. plumber
8. permits
9. concrete
10. electrician
11. Construction
12. contractor

**PAGE 124****ACROSS:**

2. propulsion
6. rocket
7. interstellar
8. astronaut
9. orbit
10. launch
12. infinity
14. moon
16. satellite
17. quarks

**DOWN:**

1. spacecraft
3. interplanetary
4. galaxy
5. gravity
11. cosmos
13. planet
15. pulsar

**PAGE 125**

1. astronaut
2. rocket
3. launch
4. orbit
5. gravity
6. galaxy
7. planet
8. moon
9. interstellar
10. Interplanetary
11. pulsar
12. quark



**PAGE 126****ACROSS:**

4. muscular
6. stress
9. vitamin
10. capillary
13. fiber
14. lipid
15. treatment
16. heartbeat

**DOWN:**

1. cardiovascular
2. nutrition
3. insomnia
4. mineral
5. carbohydrates
7. fatigue
8. metabolism
11. stretch
12. symptom

**PAGE 127**

1. vitamin
2. carbohydrates
3. muscular
4. nutrition
5. stretch
6. heartbeat
7. stress
8. fatigue
9. insomnia
10. symptom
11. metabolism
12. treatment

**PAGE 128****ACROSS:**

1. cubicle
4. assistant
7. client
8. employee
12. secretary
13. overtime
14. deadline
15. meeting

**DOWN:**

2. benefits
3. employer
5. salary
6. committee
7. conference
9. vacation
10. president
11. project

**PAGE 129**

1. vacation
2. client
3. committee
4. employee
5. project
6. deadline
7. employer
8. benefits
9. salary
10. overtime
11. secretary
12. president

**PAGE 130****ACROSS:**

1. tropical
3. safari
4. passport
7. restaurant
9. accommodations
12. hotel
13. sightseeing
15. pyramids
16. souvenir
17. translate

**DOWN:**

2. airfare
3. suitcase
5. transportation
6. security
8. photographs
10. museum
11. guide
14. tourist

**PAGE 131**

1. pyramids
2. transportation
3. passport
4. security
5. airfare
6. suitcase
7. hotel
8. sightseeing
9. translate
10. souvenir
11. photographs
12. safari

**PAGE 132****ACROSS:**

4. executive
6. preamble
7. amendments
9. judicial
11. Democrat
13. legislative
14. impeach
15. agency
16. cabinet

**DOWN:**

1. lobbyist
2. electoral
3. Republican
5. Constitution
8. Senate
10. decision
12. elect

**PAGE 133**

1. Constitution
2. amendments
3. judicial
4. executive
5. legislative
6. Senate
7. Democrat
8. Republican
9. preamble
10. cabinet
11. electoral
12. lobbyist
13. decisions

**PAGE 134****ACROSS:**

2. occasion
7. guests
8. gala
10. refreshments
13. entertainment
14. introduction
15. interaction
16. amusement

**DOWN:**

1. conversation
3. caterer
4. partner
5. celebration
6. banquet
9. appetizers
11. event
12. formal

**PAGE 135**

1. Refreshments
2. Formal
3. introduction
4. interaction or conversation
5. partner
6. occasion
7. guests
8. celebration
9. entertainment
10. banquet
11. appetizers
12. caterer

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