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**Read the definitions of the words, which are given below and fill in the correct one, trying to differentiate the exact meaning.**

**Bazaar-bizarre**

- \* Bazaar - a marketplace or fair for the sale of goods.
- \* Bizarre - odd; eccentric; out of the ordinary.

The detective had a \_\_\_\_\_ habit of inviting suspects to dinner.

Multitudes of sights, sounds, and smells filled the \_\_\_\_\_r in the village square.

**Affect - Effect**

- \*Affect - verb meaning to influence.
- \* Effect - a noun meaning result.

While the student didn't see how studying \_\_\_\_\_ his test-taking, the positive \_\_\_\_\_soon became clear.

**Lie – Lay**

- \* Lie - a verb meaning to recline or rest on a surface.
- \* Lay - a verb meaning to put or place.

Before falling asleep, Kim \_\_\_\_\_ her bracelet on the table.  
Kim \_\_\_\_ down to take a nap every day at 3:30 p.m.

**Lose – Loose**

- \*Lose - a verb meaning to misplace.
- \*Loose - an adjective meaning slack, moveable, or weak.

I always manage to \_\_\_\_\_ my glasses  
My jeans are \_\_\_\_\_-fitting

**Anyway - Any way**

- \*Anyway – an adverb meaning regardless.
- \*Any way - a phrase meaning any manner or method.

We could take \_\_\_\_\_ we want to get to the party.

I don't want to go to the party, **anyway** \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Than - Then**

\*Than is a conjunction used to compare two things.

\*Then is usually an adverb indicating time.

Do you think that Pepsi Cola is better \_\_\_\_\_ Coca Cola?

We went to the store, and \_\_\_\_\_ to a movie.

### **Who - Whom**

\*Who - a pronoun used as the subject of a sentence.

\*Whom - a pronoun used as a direct object.

\_\_\_\_\_ - is responsible for the research on this group project?

We assigned research to \_\_\_\_\_ for this group project?

### **Accept - Except**

\*Accept - to agree to take something offered, to approve of or believe in something

\*Except - not including, other than

"I've invited all my family to the wedding, \_\_\_\_\_ my cousins in Canada."

I think you should \_\_\_\_\_ the job offer."

### **Advice- Advise**

\***Advice** -an opinion about what to do in a particular situation

\***Advise** - to tell someone what they should do (in your opinion)

"He gives \_\_\_\_\_ to students who want to study at university."

"The doctor \_\_\_\_\_ him to give up smoking and do more exercise."

### **Allusion- Illusion**

\*Allusion - an indirect reference to someone or something

\* Illusion- an idea or belief that is false; ii) something that appears to be different from the way it really is

This comedy film makes numerous \_\_\_\_\_ to the behaviour of existing politicians.”

“She’s has the \_\_\_\_\_ that she doesn’t need qualifications to study at university.”

“Getting up early in the morning gives the \_\_\_\_\_ that the day is longer.”

### **Assistance- Assistants**

\*Assistance - the act of helping or supporting another person

\*Assistants - a person who helps another person (e.g. a manager) to do their job

“We have so much work to do and not enough time. I think we need some \_\_\_\_\_”

“Charity shops rely on the voluntary \_\_\_\_\_ of the local community.”

### **Bare - Bear**

\*Bare -not covered or empty

\*Bear - a large wild animal

“We need to get some pictures to decorate the \_\_\_\_\_ walls in our new house.”

“I heard that there is a new baby polar \_\_\_\_\_ at the zoo.”

### **Capital - Capitol**

\*Capital - the city in a country where the government is located

\*Capitol - a building in the US where the government meets

“The \_\_\_\_\_ of the United Kingdom is London.”

“There are thousands of protestors outside the \_\_\_\_\_ building in Washington DC.”

### **Cereal - Serial**

\*Cereal - a food made from grain that is usually eaten for breakfast with milk

\*Serial [- a television or radio programme that is divided into parts

““During our childhood, we always ate \_\_\_\_\_ before we went to school.”

I love this comedy \_\_\_\_\_ on TV at the moment.

### **Complement - Compliment**

\***Complement** - something that is a positive addition or combines well with something else

\***Compliment** -an expression of praise or admiration

“He'd like us to give \_\_\_\_\_ on his new hairstyle, but it's awful!”

“Her unique skills will be an ideal \_\_\_\_\_ to the experience of the existing team.”

### **Desert - Dessert**

\***Desert** - an area of land that is very dry and has very few plants

\***Dessert** - something that you eat after the main course of a meal

“The largest \_\_\_\_\_ in Africa is the Sahara.”

“Would you like to have a \_\_\_\_\_ or are you already full?”

### **Ensure - Insure**

\***Ensure** - to make certain that something happens

\***Insure** - to pay money to protect against risks and losses (e.g. car insurance) or to issue someone with an insurance policy

“We need to \_\_\_\_\_ that our clients take the correct train to the airport on Saturday.”

“We should \_\_\_\_\_ our bicycles in case they get stolen in the city.”

### **Formally - Formerly**

\***Formally** - describes when something is done in an official way or in a polite manner

\***Formerly**- describes something that happened or was true in the past

“He was \_\_\_\_\_ a policeman in London and then changed to a career in acting.”

“She \_\_\_\_\_ submitted a complaint about her manager's behaviour.”

### **Personal - Personnel**

\*Personal - describes something that belongs to or relates to an individual person

\*Personnel- the people who work for a company or the department that deals with employees

“A lot of complaints have been made about the way this company treats its \_\_\_\_\_”

“He is very direct when he expresses his \_\_\_\_\_ opinion to friends and colleagues.”

### **Principal - Principle**

\*Principal - the person in charge of a school or who has the main role in a performance

\*Principle - a rule or belief about what is right and wrong and influences your behavior

“The \_\_\_\_\_ I has scheduled a presentation for new students and their parents.”

“We teach a set of \_\_\_\_\_ to children from their first day at school.”

### **Stationary - Stationery**

\*Stationary - not moving

\*Stationery - pens, pencils, paper, envelopes etc.

“I need to buy some new \_\_\_\_\_-before I start university next week.”

“I'm going to be late for work. My train has been \_\_\_\_\_ for nearly an hour.”

**Assure- Ensure - Insure**

\*Assure -to tell someone that something will definitely happen or is definitely true

\*Ensure - to guarantee or make sure of something\* Insure means to take out an insurance policy

Posey \_\_\_\_\_ Chester that no one would cheat at Bingo.

Posey was glad the Bingo hall was \_\_\_\_\_ against damage caused by rowdy Bingo players. Posey took steps to ensure that no one cheated at Bingo

**Breath - Breathe**

\*Breath - a noun; it’s the air that goes in and out of your lungs

\*Breathe - a verb; it means to exhale or inhale

After Posey’s spectacular landing, Chester had to remind himself to \_\_\_\_\_ - again.

Chester held his \_\_\_\_\_ while Posey skateboarded down the stairs.

**Capital - Capitol**

\*Capital - has several meanings. It can refer to an uppercase letter, money, or a city where a seat of government is located:

\*Capitol - the building where a legislature meets:

Chester visited Brasília, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Brazil.

Posey visited the cafe in the basement of \_\_\_\_\_ watching a bill become a law.

**Complement - Compliment**

\*A complement - something that completes something else. It’s often used to describe things that go

\*A compliment - a nice thing to say:

Chester’s lime green boots were a perfect \_\_\_\_\_ to his jacket.

:Posey received many \_\_\_\_\_ on her purple fedora.

### **Historic- Historical**

\*Historic -famous, important, and influential

\*Historical - related to history

Posey donned a \_\_\_\_\_ bonnet for the renaissance fair.

Chester visited the beach in Kitty Hawk where the Wright brothers made their \_\_\_\_\_ first airplane flight

### **Lay - Lie**

\*To lay - to put or to place.

\* To lie - to recline.

Chester will \_\_\_\_\_ down for a nap

Posey will \_\_\_\_\_ out her outfit before she goes to bed

### **Boy-Buoy**

\*boy - a male child.

\*buoy - a floating marker in a lake, river, or ocean

In some cultures, \_\_\_\_\_s are preferred over girls.

When snorkeling or skin diving, a \_\_\_\_\_ should be anchored near the dive site to alert boaters to divers in the area.

### **Brake-Break**

\*to brake - to stop a vehicle.

\*A brake - a device used to lock the wheels of a vehicle.

\*To break - to smash something; to separate something into parts, often by force.

\*A break - an intermission or recess from something

We will take a \_\_\_\_\_ - halfway through the class

He was not able to \_\_\_\_\_ - the car in time to avoid hitting the branch in the road.

If you step on that toy, it will surely \_\_\_\_\_.

Do you always set the emergency \_\_\_\_\_ on your car when parking on a hill?

### **Bridal-Bridle**

\* bridal -having to do with a bride or a wedding.

\*bridle - the headgear worn by a horse by which the rider controls the animal.

Just before the race began, the jockey noticed his horse's \_\_\_\_\_ was broken.

The \_\_\_\_\_bouquet had roses and tulips in it.

### **Bus-Buss**

\* bus - a large, motorized vehicle usually used for public transportation

\* buss - a kiss.

Group travel by \_\_\_\_\_is extremely popular today.

The tourists were greeted at the airport in Hawaii with a flower lei and a \_\_\_\_\_on the cheek.

### **Buy-By-Bye**

\* Buy - to purchase something; to hire or bribe someone, bye usually by a payment of money.

\* Bye - an abbreviation of good-bye

\* By - by means of someone or something; by way of something.

We will have to do it \_\_\_\_ hand. 0 Ms.

My money will \_\_\_\_\_ three hours of the plumber's time.

She is polite and always says \_\_\_\_\_when she leaves.

I want to \_\_\_\_\_ a new computer in the near future.

Smith seldom travels \_\_\_\_\_ highway if she can take a more scenic route.

### **Capital-Capitol-Capitol**

\*Capital - punishable by death.

\*Capital – main, principal

\*Capital - a city that serves as a seat of government.

• capitol - the building in which the legislature of a state meets.

• Capitol - the building in Washington, D.C., where the United States Congress meets.

The U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ is located on First Street between Constitution and Independence avenues.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of a state is not necessarily the state's largest city

The \_\_\_\_\_ of Michigan was designed by the same architect who designed the Texas capitol.

Murder in the first degree is a \_\_\_\_\_ offense in several states.

Our \_\_\_\_\_ concern was the welfare of the children.

### **Cell-Sell**

\*Cell - a small, lockable room or compartment.

The prisoner's \_\_\_\_\_ had none of the comforts of home.

\*Cell - a small, microscopic unit of living matter.

Each student looked at his or her own skin \_\_\_\_\_ under the microscope.

\*Sell - to offer something for sale; to exchange something for money. 0

Tom hopes to \_\_\_\_\_ his old car some day soon.

### **Cereal-Serial**

\*Cereal - a food made of grain and eaten for breakfast.

\*Serial - in or of a series, rank, or order.

\*Serial - a publication or program offered in segments at intervals.

A new automobile is stamped with a \_\_\_\_\_ number to aid in identification.

The new book will appear, in part, as a monthly \_\_\_\_\_ in that magazine.

The price of \_\_\_\_\_ in the supermarket has risen dramatically in the past two years.

### **Cite-Sight-Site**

\* Cite - to quote something from a published source.

\* Sight - the ability to see.

\* Sight -] a view or glimpse.

\* Site - a position, place, or scene of something such as a town or building

The Grand Canyon is a magnificent \_\_\_\_\_

.The \_\_\_\_\_ for the new veterans memorial has not been chosen yet.

During his speech, the speaker will \_\_\_\_\_ the words of a famous politician.

The child's \_\_\_\_\_ improved greatly following eye surgery. .

### **Climb-Clime**

\*Climb - to go or move up something.

\*Clime- a climate.

Bonnie prefers a warm \_\_\_\_\_ to a cold one.

Be careful when you \_\_\_\_\_ the ladder.

The song's \_\_\_\_\_ to the top of the record charts was quick.

### **Complement-Compliment**

\*Complement - something that enhances or completes someone or something.

\*Compliment - to express admiration or respect for something.

A fine red wine is a nice \_\_\_\_\_ for a meal including red meat.

"I'd like to \_\_\_\_\_ you on your fine achievements,

### **Continual-Continuous**

• continual - on a regular or frequent basis.

• continuous - constantly; without an end.

Her continual \_\_\_\_\_-are annoying.

That machine 's \_\_\_\_\_-- knocking sound must be fixed.

### **Currant-Current**

• currant - the small, berrylike fruit of several shrubs.

• current - up-to-date; presently acceptable

• current - the flow of something in a specific direction.

Be careful of the strong \_\_\_\_\_ in that river.

I ate almost every \_\_\_\_\_ I picked!

0 The man prides himself on his knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_t world events.

### **Cymbal - Symbol**

- cymbal ['slɪmbl] a percussion instrument made of brass that produces a loud, crashing sound when struck with a stick or another cymbal. 0

- symbol ['slɪmb!] something that stands for something else by reason of association or resemblance. The dictator's face became a \_\_\_\_\_ of hatred to the oppressed people

To play the \_\_\_\_\_ well, one must have perfect timing

### **Dear-Deer**

- dear - highly valued; precious.

- dear - costly; expensive.

- dear [dlac] a loved one. (A term of address.)

- deer [dlac] a wild, swift-running animal having hooves and antlers in all males and the females of some species.

Now, my \_\_\_\_\_, what may I do for you ?

Each year, the same \_\_\_\_\_ - munches on my father's garden.

My grandmother's antique locket is very \_\_\_\_\_to me.

For some people, the price paid for personal freedom is \_\_\_\_\_indeed.

### **Desert-Dessert**

- desert - a hot, dry area of land, usually covered with sand.

- desert - to leave or abandon someone or something on purpose.

- \*dessert - the last course of a meal, usually something sweet.

His favorite \_\_\_\_\_ is black walnut cake.

Rather than stay and fight, the soldiers chose instead to \_\_\_\_\_ their units.

There is hardly any life in the sands of the \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Dew-Do -Due**

\*dew - the moisture that condenses on a cool surface, usually during the night.

\*do - to perform something; to carry something out.

\*due - owed or owing as a debt, moral obligation, or right.

\_\_\_\_\_ your chores first, and then you 'll have plenty of time for other activities.

The electric bill is \_\_\_\_\_ on the 15th of each month.

As temperatures continue to drop, the \_\_\_\_\_ on the grass will soon become frost.

### **Die-Dye**

\*die - to cease to live.

\*die - to decrease gradually; to stop.

\*A die - a six-sided cube with varying numbers of dots on each side that is used in games.

\*dye - to change the color of something.

With each roll of the \_\_\_\_\_ the man 's luck seemed to increase.

Everyone will notice if you \_\_\_\_\_ your blond hair black.

Certain insects die \_\_\_\_\_ a day or so after hatching.

I wish the wind would \_\_\_\_\_ down so I can rake these leaves.

### **Disinterested -Uninterested**

• disinterested - free from personal motive or interest.

• uninterested - not interested.

The bored audience was obviously \_\_\_\_\_ in what the speaker was saying.

Let's ask a \_\_\_\_\_ third party to help settle this dispute.

### **Dual- Duel**

\*dual - two; double.

\*duel - a confrontation between two armed combatants, usually to settle an argument.

Psychiatrists spend a good deal of time studying patients with \_\_\_\_\_ personalities.

A well-known \_\_\_\_\_ in American history involved Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr.

### **Elicit-Illicit**

• elicit - to bring something out; to draw something forth.

Will you help me \_\_\_\_\_ support among your friends for this cause ?

• illicit - illegal; unlawful.

The \_\_\_\_\_ sale of drugs.

### **Eminent-Imminent**

• eminent - noted for position, rank, or achievement.

• imminent - soon to happen or take place.

The \_\_\_\_\_ author won many Newbery Awards for his children 's books.

The prisoner on death row knew his execution was \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Ensure-Insure**

• ensure - to guarantee something; to make certain of something.

• insure - to acquire or give insurance for; to make certain.

I will \_\_\_\_\_ your safe arrival at your destination.

Be sure to \_\_\_\_\_ your new motorcycle before driving it.

### **Fair-Fare**

• fair - honest and impartial.

\* fair - blond or light complexioned.

• fair - clear

• fair - a competitive exhibition.

\* fair - a gathering of buyers and sellers.

• fare - the price charged to transport something or someone.

The computer fair was attended by people from all around the world.

The roundtrip \_\_\_\_\_ was less costly than buying two one-way tickets.

That judge is known for his \_\_\_\_\_ decisions.  
Each year Mary's baked goods win blue ribbons at the \_\_\_\_\_.  
The weather during our week-long vacation was \_\_\_\_\_ and warm.  
Many Scandinavians are \_\_\_\_\_ and have blue eyes.

### **Feat-Feet**

- feat [fit] a notable deed, especially one involving great skill or courage.
  - feet [fit] the plural of foot 'the part of the body at the end of the leg.'
- The circus elephant accomplished a most difficult \_\_\_\_\_.  
The wobbly colt was barely able to stay on its \_\_\_\_\_ immediately after being born.

### **fir-fur**

- \*fir - a type of coniferous tree, such as the pine or evergreen.
  - \*fur - the hairy coat of an animal.
- Sable pelts are a very valuable \_\_\_\_\_.  
The Christmas tree we bought was a beautifully shaped \_\_\_\_\_.

### **flea-flee**

- \*flea [fli] a flightless, bloodsucking insect that feeds on warm-blooded animals.
  - \*flee [fli] to run away from danger.
- The dog wears a special collar to protect it from \_\_\_\_\_ and other parasites.  
The refugees had to \_\_\_\_\_ their war-torn nation.

### **formally-formerly**

- \* formally - carried out in a ceremonial fashion.
  - \*formerly- in times past.
- Our neighbors were \_\_\_\_\_ stationed in Bangkok, Thailand, before being reassigned to San Diego, California.  
The pioneering scientist will \_\_\_\_\_ receive her award in three months.

### **Forth-Fourth**

- forth - onward or outward in time, place, or order.
- fourth - the ordinal number between third and fifth.
- fourth - one quarter of a whole.

The huge plane was \_\_\_\_\_ in line to take off on the runway.

Almost a \_\_\_\_\_ of her newly planted garden was eaten by rabbits.

Step \_\_\_\_\_ into the light where I can see you better.

### **Fenes-Jeans**

- genes - the plural of gene 'the part of a chromosome that contains hereditary characteristics.'
- jeans - blue jeans; denim trousers of any color, constructed to resemble blue jeans. (

Almost every student wore \_\_\_\_\_ to the picnic.

\_\_\_\_\_ that determine brown eyes are dominant over genes that determine blue eyes.

### **Gild-Guild**

\* gild - to cover something with a thin layer of gold.

\*guild [gIld] a group of people with common interests or aims.

The potter's \_\_\_\_\_ puts on a show and sale each year.

The goldsmith thought he should \_\_\_\_\_ the piece of jewelry to make it brighter and more attractive.

### **Grate-Great**

- grate - an iron cradle used in stoves and fireplaces to hold what is to be burned.
- grate - to bother someone; to irritate someone's nerves.
- grate - to reduce something to pieces by rubbing it with something coarse.
- great - large; big.

- great - remarkable; famous; distinguished.

Her annoying habits \_\_\_\_\_ on my nerves.

Your loud voice \_\_\_\_\_ on me!

Sweep the ashes from under the \_\_\_\_\_ before you build another fire.

The salesman went to \_\_\_\_\_ lengths to please his customers.

\_\_\_\_\_ numbers of people appeared at the grand opening ceremony.

Let's \_\_\_\_\_ the cheese before putting it on the pizza.

### **Grill-Grille**

- grill - a cooking surface on which food is exposed to direct heat.
- grill -to cook on a grill.
- grill - to question someone heatedly.
- grille -a lattice work; a grate that forms a barrier or screen of some type.

We will \_\_\_\_\_ the suspect until we arrive at the truth.

Ken damaged the \_\_\_\_\_ on the front of his new car when he hit the mailbox post.

Tom cooked our steaks on the \_\_\_\_\_.

I like to \_\_\_\_\_ hamburgers and hot dogs outside in the summertime.

### **Hail-Hale**

- hail - rain frozen into balls of ice.
- hail [hel] to call for someone or something.
- hail - to come from some place.
- hale - healthy; sound.

You can \_\_\_\_\_ a cab from almost any hotel or restaurant in town.

Even at age ninety, our next-door neighbor is as \_\_\_\_\_ as he was twenty years ago.

\_\_\_\_\_ the size of golf balls pelted the spectators during the sudden cloudburst.

All of my college roommates \_\_\_\_\_ from the Midwest.

## **Hair-Hare**

- hair - the external body covering of an animal;
- hare- a type of large rabbit known for its long ears and large hind legs.

The \_\_\_\_\_ circled around trying to put off the pursuing hounds.  
Some animals grow thick coats of coarse \_\_\_\_\_ during long, harsh winters.

As a child, Mary had blond, curly \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Handmade-Handmaid**

- handmade - made by hand, not machined. 0
- handmaid - a female servant or attendant.

The princess has a \_\_\_\_\_ to attend to her every whim.

As a housewarming gift, she gave the couple a \_\_\_\_\_-bed quilt.

## **Hart-Heart**

- \*hart - a mature male deer, especially of the red deer species.
- \*heart - the muscular organ that maintains blood circulation.
- \*heart - the center or most important part.
- \*heart [hoʒ't] a playing card bearing red hearts.

The patient received a new \_\_\_\_\_ during the transplant surgery.

The \_\_\_\_\_ ran across the meadow.

I trumped his card with a higher \_\_\_\_\_.

Rather than skirt the issue, the council members wanted to get to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the matter.

## **Heal-Heel**

- \*heal - to cure something; to make something whole.
- \*heel - the back of the human foot.

Bob bruised his \_\_\_\_\_ playing soccer.

It may take some time for that nasty cut to \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Heroin-Heroine**

- heroin - a strongly addictive narcotic.

- heroine - a female hero

Mother Theresa is a \_\_\_\_\_ in most parts of the world.

Cocaine is now more widely used than \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Hoarse-Horse**

- hoarse - harsh, grating, or rough in sound.
- horse - a four-legged animal with a flowing mane and tail.
- horse - a gymnastic apparatus consisting of a padded framework mounted on legs.

One of Steve's strongest events is the \_\_\_\_\_.

Following a bout with bronchitis, Tom 's voice was very \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ I was given at the riding stable was a gentle mare.

### **Hole-Whole**

- hole - a depression or opening.
- hole - a fault or flaw.
- whole - entire or unbroken.
- whole - the complete number or sum of something.

The \_\_\_\_\_ list had eleven chores on it.

The meteorite left a huge \_\_\_\_\_ in the earth when it hit the ground.

The burglar discovered a \_\_\_\_\_-in the security system of the building.

Let's look at the \_\_\_\_\_ picture.

### **Hostel-Hostile**

- hostel - a supervised lodging provided for young people when traveling.
  - hostile - antagonistic or unfriendly; relating to the enemy.
- Joan is such a \_\_\_\_\_ person that none of her co-workers like her.  
The college students met interesting people at each \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Humerus-Humorous**

- humerus - the long, heavy bone of the upper arm or forelimb extending from the shoulder to the elbow.

• humorous - characterized by humor or wit.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jacob 's left arm was fractured when the scaffolding fell on him.

Generally there is a \_\_\_\_\_ side to any embarrassing situation.

### **in-inn**

• in - inside; within; into.

• inn - a public lodging for travelers that usually provides food and drink.

The inn just outside the village provides comfortable beds and good food.

I would like to fly \_\_\_\_\_ the Concorde SST.

Please come \_\_\_\_\_ out of the rain.

### **incite-insight**

\*incite - to stir up or move someone or something to action.

\*Insight - the ability to see or understand something intuitively.

Our physics teacher has great \_\_\_\_\_t into how to motivate uninterested students.

The speaker failed to \_\_\_\_\_the crowd to action.

### **jinks-jinx**

\*jinks - pranks.

\*jinx - someone or something that brings bad luck or misfortune.

\*jinx -to bring bad luck to someone.

Mary is so superstitious that she believes a passing black cat will \_\_\_\_\_her.

"I will not put up with any \_\_\_\_\_ while you 're here, " scolded Grandmother.

Eddie was \_\_\_\_\_ to our team 's winning streak.

### **knickers-nickers**

- knickers - short, loose-fitting pants gathered at the knee.
- nickers - the plural of nicker 'the neigh or whinny of a horse.'

From the barn we could hear the impatient pony's nickers.

\_\_\_\_\_ were once the men 's fashion rage in golf

### **knight-night**

- knight - in feudal society, a man-at-arms serving a superior noble.
- knight - a chess piece, usually in the shape of a horse
- night - darkness.
- night -evening.

In chess, a \_\_\_\_\_ is a higher-ranking piece than a pawn.

The \_\_\_\_\_ in shining armor rescued the princess from the castle tower.

Last \_\_\_\_\_ I spotted a shooting star in the sky.

Nocturnal animals are able to see at \_\_\_\_\_

### **knit-nit**

- knit - to interlace yarn or thread in a series of connected loops using needles.
- knit - to form, tie, or link something closely together.
- nit - a young, parasitic insect or the egg of a young, parasitic insect.

The new trade agreement will \_\_\_\_\_ the nations.

Head lice are a type of \_\_\_\_\_

Mom always liked to \_\_\_\_\_ rather than crochet.

### **knot-naught-not**

- knot - an interlacing of string, twine, or rope.
- knot [not] a hard-to-solve problem or dilemma.
- knot [not] a bond of union, especially marriage. (Always in the idiom tie the knot.) 0 The couple has finally decided to tie the knot.
- naught - nothing. (Typically with for.)
- not - a word indicating no or negation.

All his hard work was for \_\_\_\_\_

I was unable to untangle the \_\_\_\_\_ in my fishing line.  
We are \_\_\_\_\_ hungry at the moment.  
That issue put a \_\_\_\_\_ in the discussion.

### **ladder-latter**

\*ladder - a structure of two vertical side poles and numerous horizontal rungs that is used for climbing up and down.

\*latter - referring to the second of two things mentioned.

\* latter - the last; the end.

In the \_\_\_\_\_ stages of the conflict, the war-weary soldiers wanted to give up.

Jake refuses to walk underneath any \_\_\_\_\_ .

Though Lindsay and Marina are both smart, the \_\_\_\_\_ is the better student.

### **lay-lei -lie**

• lay [Ie] to place or set someone or something down.

• lay [Ie] to impose as an obligation, reproach, burden, or punishment.

• lay - to plan or conceive something.

• lay [down] - the past tense of lie [down] 'to rest or recline in a horizontal position.'

• lay [Ie] the past tense of lie 'to occupy a place; to be situated some place.

• lei - a wreath or necklace of flowers or similar material.

• lie - to rest or recline in a horizontal position.

He \_\_\_\_\_ down to rest and fell asleep.

The flight attendant placed a \_\_\_\_\_ around Mary's neck when her plane arrived in Hawaii.

\_\_\_\_\_ the tools on the workbench.

At one time those two old sheds \_\_\_\_\_ near the main barn.

Let's \_\_\_\_\_ a plan to make the police think we have disappeared..

The government will \_\_\_\_\_ a heavy tax on those imports.

**lean-lien**

- lean - having little or no fat.
- lean - to rely upon someone or something for support.
- lean [lin] to bend from a vertical position.
- lean [lin] to incline toward something in opinion, taste, or desire.
- lien - a legal charge upon personal property to offset or satisfy some debt or duty.

My taste in clothing tends to \_\_\_\_\_ toward classic styles.

The circus performer was \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ on our neighbor's farm must be settled before the bank will approve a new loan.

Since Sally is almost deaf, she must \_\_\_\_\_ forward to listen when someone speaks.

It's nice to have someone to \_\_\_\_\_-on in times of trouble.

**lessen -lesson**

- lessen - to reduce something in size, number, or degree.  
Aspirin will \_\_\_\_\_ the pain of your toothache.
  - lesson ['IEs;)n] a piece of instruction or something to be learned, especially by a student. 0 Today's lesson dealt with right triangles.
  - lesson ['IEs;)n] a rebuke. 0 That incident taught us an important lesson about honesty.
  - lesson ['IEs;)n] a portion of sacred writing read during a worship service. 0 "Our lesson for this day is from the book of Acts, " announced the minister.
- lesson See the main entry beginning with lessen.

**loan-lone**

- loan - something given for a borrower's temporary use.  
The buyer decided not to apply for a \_\_\_\_\_ to buy the new lawn tractor
- lone - alone, sole, only, isolated.  
The \_\_\_\_\_ Canada goose flew across the darkening sky.

loath-loathe

• loath [108] reluctant; unwilling. D I am loath to sit next to that obnoxious person for even one more minute

### **locks-lox**

• locks - the plural of lock 'a security device operated by a key, combination, or electrical circuit and used to restrict entrance to or exit from a place.'

• locks - the plural of lock 'a tress of hair; a group of human hairs.

• locks - the present tense, third person singular of lock to fasten, join, or hold something together.

• lox - smoked salmon.

A computer automatically \_\_\_\_\_ the gates in the prison.

As a safety measure, Sam had the \_\_\_\_\_ on all of the doors changed.

Her favorite items on the buffet table are the \_\_\_\_\_ and bagels.

Her golden \_\_\_\_\_ were the envy of all of her friends.

### **made-maid**

• made - the past tense and past participle of make - to create something; to manufacture something.

• made [up] [med] the past tense and past participle of make [up] 'to invent a story.'

• maid - a female servant.

• maid - a young, unmarried girl or woman. (Used only in older stories and fairy tales.)

A lovely maid \_\_\_\_\_-captured the young king's heart.

She \_\_\_\_\_ \_ a story that was too silly to believe.

Those lanterns were \_\_\_\_\_ in Hong Kong.

Mrs. Smith 's \_\_\_\_\_ gets every other weekend off.

### **mare-mayor**

\* mare - a female horse, donkey, or mule, especially one of breeding age.

\*mare - a supernatural being that causes nightmares.

\*mare - a large, dark patch on the surface of Mars or the moon.

The \_\_\_\_\_ on the full moon 's surface was visible with the naked eye.

She dreamed that an evil \_\_ flew into her bedroom.

The horse that caught the judges ' eyes was a flashy \_\_\_\_\_ with spirit.

### **marry-merry**

• marry - to join two people in matrimony as husband and wife.

• marry - to take someone as a spouse.

• marry - to unite two things in a close relationship.

• merry - jovial, lighthearted, or festive.

The priest will \_\_\_\_\_ the couple on Friday evening.

The merger will \_\_\_\_\_ two of the largest airlines in the world.

Everyone attending the festival had a \_\_\_\_\_ time.

John will \_\_\_\_\_ Ellen when he finishes college.

### **meat-meet-mete**

\*meat - the flesh of an animal used as food.

\*meat - the edible part of a fruit, nut, or vegetable.

\* meet - to approach or come into contact or the presence of someone or something.

\* meet - to settle with or pay something in full.

John cannot \_\_\_\_\_ this month 's bills because of his recent illness.

\*meet - a gathering for some specific activity or competition.

\*mete - to assign or allot something by measure.

Grandfather always liked \_\_\_\_\_ and potatoes for Sunday dinner.

Chris won the two-mile event in last week 's track \_\_\_\_\_.

They agreed to \_\_\_\_\_for lunch at noon.

Her mother does not like to \_\_\_\_ out punishment for the children 's misbehavior.

We 'll only use the \_\_\_\_\_ of ripe nuts for the pecan pie.

### **miner-minor**

- miner - a person who mines.
- minor - a person who is under legal age.
- minor - unimportant; inferior in degree, status, number, or size.
- minor - an academic subject requiring fewer courses to earn a degree than a major.
- minor - a musical key.

Like his father and grandfather before him, Dave is a \_\_\_\_\_ in the Pennsylvania coal mines.

It is illegal to sell alcohol and tobacco products to a \_\_\_\_\_.

Peter has a major in American literature and a \_\_\_\_ in social studies.

Play the recital piece in \_\_\_\_\_.

Linda was disappointed that she received only a \_\_\_\_\_ part in the play.

### **moan-mown**

\* moan - a wail; a groan.

\*mown - the past participle of mow 'to cut down standing grass or weeds.' (Also mowed. )

\*mown [down] - the past participle of mow [down] 'to kill or destroy people in large numbers without mercy;

Even after I had \_\_\_\_ the grass, dandelions appeared everywhere.

The artillery had \_\_\_\_ down all opposition in a matter of minutes.

The accident victim uttered a \_\_\_\_\_ when the rescue workers lifted her onto the stretcher

### **moose-mousse**

- moose - a large grass-eating mammal that belongs to the deer family and lives in forested parts of North America.

- mousse - an airy, sweet dessert made of gelatin and whipped cream.

Our hostess served raspberry \_\_\_\_ for dessert.

While driving along a Canadian highway, we spotted a \_\_\_\_\_ and her calf drinking from a lake.

### **morning-mourning**

- morning - the part of the day from midnight or dawn until noon.
- mourning - the present participle of mourn 'to express grief and sorrow about something, such as a person's death.'
- mourning - a period of grief following a death.  
\_\_\_\_\_ clothes are traditionally black.

He prefers to jog early in the \_\_\_\_\_ when it's cooler.

The widow continues to wear black to show that she is still in mourning.

### **naval-navel**

- naval - involving or relating to ships, shipping, or a navy.
- navel - a depression or scar in the center of the abdomen where the umbilical cord was once attached.
- navel - a particular variety of orange.

The belly dancer wore a gemstone in her \_\_\_\_\_ as part of her costume

There is no orange sweeter than a large, juicy \_\_\_\_\_.

While on vacation, we visited the \_\_\_\_\_ facility at Pearl Harbor on Oahu, Hawaii.

### **nay-neigh**

- nay - a negative reply or vote; a person who votes no.
- nay [ne] not only this but also. (Formal, stilted, or jocular.)
- neigh - the loud, long utterance of a horse, donkey, or mule.
  
- neigh [ne] to make the utterance of a donkey, horse, or mule.

Our donkey will \_\_\_\_\_ if he hears a loud, piercing noise.  
We could hear the wild horse's neigh across the wide valley.  
When the vote was tallied, there were four yeas and one \_\_\_\_.  
" \_\_\_\_\_, there were other misdeeds committed by this individual, "  
continued the speaker.

### **overdo-overdue**

\*overdo- to do or use something to excess.

\*overdue - delayed beyond an appointed time.

My library books are always \_\_\_\_\_ by the time I return them.

\*overdue - remaining unpaid when due to be paid.

Carol's baby was three weeks \_\_\_\_\_.

Don 't try to \_\_\_\_\_ things on your first day home from the hospital

Last month 's mortgage payment is \_\_\_\_\_.

### **overseas-oversees**

• overseas - across or beyond the sea.

• oversees - the present tense, third person singular of oversee 'to supervise someone or something.'

The office manager oversees the work of all of the clerical and support staff \_\_\_\_\_

The journalist's next assignment will be somewhere \_\_\_\_\_.

### **pail-pale**

• pail - a bucket or other container equipped with a handle and used to carry liquids.

• pale- light skin.

• pale - not bright or brilliant.

• pale [pel] to become less important.

She painted the room a \_\_\_\_\_ shade of yellow.

All of the other girls \_\_\_\_\_ in comparison to Rosa's great beauty.

Our cow kicked over a full \_\_\_\_\_ of milk.

We knew Henry didn 't feel well when he suddenly became very \_\_\_\_\_.

**pain-pane**

- pain - distress; suffering; discomfort.
- pain - to cause someone or something to feel pain.
- pain - to cause oneself or another trouble or exertion.
- pane - a framed piece of glass found in windows and doors.

The \_\_\_\_ became so unbearable that Emily finally agreed to see a doctor.

During the furious storm, a \_\_\_\_\_ of glass blew out of the large picture window.

It will \_\_\_\_\_us to see you move so far away.

Do not \_\_\_\_\_ yourself to stand up when you feel so ill.

**pair-pare-pear**

- pair - two corresponding things designed to be used together; two associated or similar things.
- pair - two sweethearts.
- pair - two playing cards of the same value or denomination.
- pair - to set or arrange something in groups of two.
- pare - to peel or remove the skin or covering from something; to cut something away.
- pear - a fleshy, somewhat gritty fruit of a tree belonging to the rose family.

Will you please \_\_\_\_\_ the potatoes for dinner?

The graduates will \_\_\_\_\_ up to march into the auditorium.

Now what have I done with that \_\_\_\_\_ of socks ?

That young \_\_\_\_\_will probably marry someday.

The \_\_\_\_\_was juicy and tasty.

All she had was a \_\_\_\_\_of kings in her hand.

### **patience-patients**

\* patience - having the capacity to be steadfast, calm, or uncomplaining.

\*patients - the plural of patient 'a person undergoing medical treatment.

The doctor treats all of her \_\_\_\_\_ with care and interest.

Kindergarten teachers must have a great deal of \_\_\_\_\_.

### **pause-paws**

\*pause- a temporary break or stop.

\*pause - to stop or linger for a time.

\*paws - the plural of paw 'the foot of some warm-blooded terrestrial animal having claws.'

\*paws the present tense, third person singular of paw 'to touch someone rudely or amorously.'

\* paws - the present tense, third person singular of paw 'to grab at something repeatedly.'

\* paws - the present tense, third person singular of paw to bat or hit at something with a paw.'

Let's \_\_\_\_ at the fountain and toss in a coin.

Henry, it seems, \_\_\_\_\_ every girl who goes out with him.

Each time the cat catches a mouse, it \_\_\_\_\_ its victim pitilessly.

After a brief \_\_\_\_\_, the speaker continued.

A lynx has huge \_\_\_\_\_.

The inexperienced mountain climber \_\_\_\_\_ the air wildly each time he loses his footing.

### **peace-piece**

\*peace - a state of security, tranquility, or order between individuals, groups, or countries.

• peace - a freedom from mental or emotional upheaval.

• peace- quiet; silence.

• piece - a portion of a whole.

- piece - an artistic or literary composition.
- piece - something regarded as an example of a unit of a kind or class.
- piece - to patch someone or something together; to complete something by adding pieces.
- piece - a handgun; a revolver. (Police and underworld slang.)

His cabin in the woods offers him a haven of \_\_\_\_\_.

With five children in the house, the harried housewife has no \_\_\_\_\_.

The composer's \_\_\_\_\_ for the piano won the competition.

A war-torn nation knows no \_\_\_\_\_.

The robber carried his \_\_\_\_\_ in a shoulder holster.

It was difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ together the jigsaw puzzle

May I please have the last \_\_\_\_\_ of pie ?

Mary does a \_\_\_\_\_ - of work at a time at the garment factory.

### **peak-peek-pique**

- peak - a prominent, pointed top or end of something.
- peak - the highest level; the greatest degree.
- peak - to reach a summit or maximum of something.
- peek - to glance secretly at something or someone.
- peek - to take a brief look at someone or something.
- pique- a fit of irritation or resentment.
- pique - to arouse anger or resentment.

The physical condition of the racehorse should \_\_\_\_\_ around the date of the race.

Try not to \_\_\_\_\_ his wrath by upsetting him.

In a \_\_\_\_\_ of anger, the child broke her favorite toy.

Out of curiosity she wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ at every room in the house.

The mountain \_\_\_\_\_ was covered with snow.

Children are sometimes tempted to \_\_\_\_\_ at their birthday presents.

He reached the \_\_\_\_\_ of his music career at age thirty.

### **peal-peel**

- peal - a loud ringing of bells, especially church bells.
- peal - a loud sound or succession of sounds.
- peel - to remove or strip off an outer layer of something.
- peel - to remove clothing from a body.
- peel - the skin or rind of a fruit.

I had to \_\_\_\_\_ the apples before I could make the cobbler.

Her \_\_\_\_\_ of laughter was heard throughout the house.

The orange \_\_\_\_\_ was easy to remove.

Every Sunday morning the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church bell summons people to worship.

Let's peel off those wet clothes before you get a chill.

### **pedal-peddle-petal**

- pedal - a foot-operated lever.
- pedal - to move or propel something by foot, especially a bicycle.
- peddle - to seek to distribute something; to deal out something.
  
- petal - a colorful segment of a flower's blossom.

Since you can't go to the football game, why don't you try to \_\_\_\_\_ your tickets at work ?

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the orchid is an unusual color.

Let's \_\_\_\_\_ up to the corner drugstore for an ice-cream cone tricycle.

The gas \_\_\_\_\_ on her car got stuck.

### **peer-pier**

- peer \_\_\_\_\_ of equal standing with another.
- peer - a companion, friend, or age-mate.
- peer [pIa'] to look carefully or curiously at something not easily discernible.
- pier - a vertical support between two openings.
- pier - a structural landing place extending into water.

Fishermen can be seen fishing off the \_\_\_\_\_ at any time of day.

A \_\_\_\_\_ jury will decide the fate of the accused woman.  
The students will join their \_\_\_\_\_ after school for a game of soccer.  
To enlarge the room, we 'll remove the center \_\_\_\_\_.  
If you \_\_\_\_\_r through a beach telescope in Key West, you might  
be able to see Cuba.

### **pistil-pistol**

\* pistil - the part of a seed plant that bears the ovule needed for reproduction.

\*pistol - a small, hand-held firearm.

She keeps a licensed \_\_\_\_\_ for personal protection.

On some flowers the \_\_\_\_\_ is more noticeable than on others.

### **plain-plane**

\*plain [plen] simple; unadorned.

\*plain - common; ordinary.

\*plain - evident.

\*plain- an extensive, unbroken expanse of flat or rolling treeless countryside.

\*plane - a tool used for smoothing or shaving a wood surface.

She has rather \_\_\_\_\_ features.

It was \_\_\_\_\_that Kevin would not change his mind.

The craftsman used a small \_\_\_\_\_ for his detail work.

The house is very \_\_\_\_\_both inside and out.

The empty \_\_\_\_\_ looks bare and unwelcoming.

### **pleas-please**

• plane- to make something even, level, or smooth.

• plane - a flat or level surface.

• plane - an airplane. • plane - to skim across the water or soar on the wind.

Passengers should board the \_\_\_\_\_ through gate six.

I'll \_\_\_\_\_ the tabletop before sanding and restraining it.

The sailboats \_\_\_\_\_ across the bay easily on windy days  
That piece of equipment must rest on a \_\_\_\_\_ so it doesn't tip over.

### **plait-plate**

- plait - a braid made of hair, straw, or some other material.
- plate - a flat, smooth, thin piece of material.
- plate - a piece of table service.
- plate - a thin layer of a precious metal, usually gold or silver.
- plate - to cover or coat something with some kind of metal.
- plate - a partial denture fitting.

He wears a small upper plate \_\_\_\_\_.

Her long hair was arranged in an elaborate \_\_\_\_\_ - for the celebration.

The serving tray had a silver \_\_\_\_\_.

The surgeon placed a small steel \_\_\_\_\_ in his patient's head during the operation.

Please do not use the cracked \_\_\_\_\_ when we have guests for dinner.

The jeweler will \_\_\_\_\_ the inexpensive metal ring with gold to make it look shiny.

### **pole-Pole-poll**

- pole - a long, slender shaft.
- pole - either extremity of an axis of a sphere.
- pole - either of two opposites.
- Pole - a person of the Polish nationality.
- poll - the casting and recording of votes by a body of persons.
- poll - to question or canvass people randomly.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_ of the planet Earth is inhabited by people.

Edgar's father was a \_\_\_\_\_ and his mother a Swede.

Some voters do not admit in an exit \_\_\_\_\_ how they really voted.

His opinion on the subject takes the opposite \_\_\_\_\_ from his best friend's.

A \_\_\_\_\_ is used to reach the apples in the tops of the trees.

The final results of the \_\_\_\_\_ show that neither candidate won a majority of the votes.

**poor-pore-pour**

- \* poor - having few material possessions.
- \* poor - inferior in value or quality.
- \* poor - eliciting pity or sympathy.
- \* poor - unproductive; fruitless.
- \* pore - a tiny opening in the surface of a membrane through which materials pass.
- \* pore - to read or study something attentively.
- \* pore - to reflect on or ponder something.
- \* pour - to cause something to flow steadily.
- \* pour - to produce something freely in large supply or quantity.
- \* pour - to rain hard.

I feel sorry for \_\_\_\_\_ Betsy with all of her troubles.

Mark used to \_\_\_\_\_ over any book dealing with jets.

The weatherman said it will \_\_\_\_ for the next three days.

An old pickup truck is a \_\_\_\_\_ substitute for a luxury car when it comes to driving comfort.

Let me \_\_\_\_\_ over your suggestion before making a decision.

As a child, he was very \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ the milk slowly so you don 't spill it.

This year's corn crop was very \_\_\_\_\_.

Most parents \_\_\_\_\_ love and affection onto their children.

An infected skin \_\_\_\_\_ can be painful.

**precedent-president**

- precedent - an example, rule, or judgment that may later serve as a basis for decisions in similar cases.
- precedent - a prior occurrence of a similar type that provides an example.

- president - any presiding officer of an organization; a chief official or executive; a chief of state.

The teacher's behavior set a \_\_\_\_\_ for her student's behavior.

In the United States, a \_\_\_\_\_ is elected every four years.

In this judicial case, there is no \_\_\_\_\_ indicating how the problem might be handled.

### **principal-principle**

- principal - most important or influential.
- principal - the authoritative person in control, usually of a school.
- principal - a sum of money that is loaned and upon which interest is paid and repayment is due; the main part of an estate.
- principle - a fundamental rule, law, or code of conduct.
- principle - the underlying facts of operation of nature.

Ms. Brown will be the new \_\_\_\_\_ of the school.

This new invention is based on the \_\_\_\_\_ of gravity.

One of the \_\_\_\_\_ characters in the story is a stray dog.

Our system of justice is based on the \_\_\_\_\_-of equality.

The couple made monthly payments on the \_\_\_\_\_ - of their car loan

### **profit-prophet**

- profit - a gain or return over and above an expenditure.
- profit - to benefit or gain from something.
- prophet - a person who tells of divinely inspired revelations or predicts the future.
- prophet - a spokesperson for a cause or group.

In order for any progress to be made, a strong \_\_\_\_\_ for the cause needs to emerge.

Isaiah was a \_\_\_\_\_ in biblical times.

If you buy those stocks now, you stand to earn a nice \_\_\_\_\_ in the future.

We will all \_\_\_\_\_ from our hard work.

### **rabbet-rabbit**

- rabbet - a groove cut into a surface and designed to be fitted with a corresponding member to form a joint.
  - rabbet - to cut or fit a groove.
  - rabbit - a small, long-eared mammal belonging to the hare family.
- We need to \_\_\_\_\_ this surface in order to get a good fit.  
Sally plans to show her \_\_\_\_\_ at the fair this summer.  
Carpenters will often use a \_\_\_\_\_ to join two pieces of wood neatly.

### **rain-reign-rein**

- rain - falling precipitation in the form of droplets.
- rain - to fall or pour down on someone or something like rain.
- reign- to possess or exercise power or authority over someone or something.

reign - to predominate or rule over someone or something.

reign - the period of influence of a monarch or sovereign.

rein- a check line on either side of a bridle or halter that is used to control an animal.

- rein - complete freedom.

Sometimes monarchs \_\_\_\_\_ over their subjects for decades.

Some parents give free \_\_\_\_\_.

The cool, refreshing \_\_\_\_\_ was a relief after the hot, windy day.

The queen 's \_\_\_\_\_ was marred by much violence.

Pull back on the bridle \_\_\_\_\_ to get control of the horse.

Insult after insult continued to \_\_\_\_\_ down on the unpopular speaker.

Our bosses \_\_\_\_\_ over everyone in the company.

### **rap-wrap**

- rap -] a sharp knock or blow.
- rap - a criticism; a rebuke.
- rap - to arrest, retain, or charge with criminal action. (Police or underworld slang.)

- rap - to perform in a rhythmic, musical style by the same name in which lyrics are spoken to a steady background beat rather than sung.
- wrap - to enclose or bundle something or someone by enfolding or covering; to embrace someone or something.
- wrap [up] [rrep] to completely immerse or involve someone in something.
- wrap - an outer garment, similar to a cloak, that wraps around the body.

Her \_\_\_\_\_ was a simple woolen shawl.

I heard a \_\_\_\_\_ on the door.

Let's wrap\_\_ ourselves in these warm blankets.

The police plan to \_\_\_\_\_ the suspect with the recent crimes.

Some people \_\_\_\_\_ themselves up completely in their work.

Many high school students learn to \_\_\_\_\_ after school.

The man offered a stinging \_\_\_\_ to his opponent's comments.

### **read-reed**

- read - to understand or utter aloud written or printed matter.
- read - to interpret the meaning of someone or something.
- read - to predict or foretell something.
- reed - a tall, slender grass, usually found growing in marshy areas.
- reed [rid] a thin, flexible slat of wood or cane fixed to the end of the mouthpiece of some musical instruments.

How do you \_\_\_\_\_ the sudden change in John 's behavior ?

The stem of a \_\_\_\_\_ is hollow. \

The saxophone and clarinet are two instruments that require a \_\_\_\_\_ to produce sound.

Most children learn to \_\_\_\_\_ in first or second grade.

Astrologers claim to \_\_\_\_\_ the future by studying the stars.

### **recede-reseed**

- recede - to draw or pull back or away from something.
- recede - to decrease.
- reseed - to sow seed again.

His financial debt finally began to \_\_\_\_\_.  
After the heavy rain, we had to \_\_\_\_\_ the garden.  
After two days at flood level, the river began to \_\_\_\_\_  
wheat field. 0 Some fields naturally reseed themselves.

### **receipt-reseat**

- receipt - the act of receiving.
- receipt - a written acknowledgement of items or goods received.
- receipt - to mark something as paid.
- reseat - to seat someone again.
- reseat - to repair or replace the seat of something.

It will be necessary to \_\_\_\_\_ four of the antique chairs we purchased at the auction.

Bring your \_\_\_\_\_ if you must return an item to the store.

The ushers were asked to \_\_\_\_\_ the audience following the false fire alarm.

I will \_\_\_\_\_ the invoice when I receive the payment.

You will be paid upon the \_\_\_\_\_ of the signed contract.

### **rest-wrest**

- rest - to repose in sleep or relaxation.
- rest - a place for resting or lodging.
- rest - to bring something to an end.
- rest - remains; leftovers.
- rest - a rhythmic silence in music.
- wrest – to take something or someone forcibly; to gain something with difficulty.
- wrest - to change the significance or truth of something.

The prince was unable to \_\_\_\_\_ power from the king

Let's just let that unlikely idea \_\_\_\_\_.

My aunt's cat uses her mantle as \_\_\_\_\_

Put the \_\_\_\_\_ of the food in the refrigerator.

Joan tends to \_\_\_\_\_ the truth when making excuses for herself

I think I'll \_\_\_\_\_ after that vigorous walk.

The drummer ignored the \_\_\_\_\_ and continued playing.

**right-rite-wright-write**

- right - correct; appropriate.
- right [- righteous.
- right - genuine.
- right - to justify or change something that is wrong.
- right - a direction that is opposite of left.
- rite - ceremony; a precise manner of carrying out a ceremonial tradition.
- wright - someone who makes or repairs certain things. (Usually seen in compounds such as wheelwright and shipwright.)
- write - to draw up, author, or compose something in writing.

He is a \_\_\_\_\_ and honorable man.

The author hopes to \_\_\_\_\_ a biography about that famous sculptor.

The priest will perform the \_\_\_\_\_ of baptism at the church this morning.

Please wear the \_\_\_\_\_ type of clothing on the camping trip.

Grandpa looked all over the county for a wheel \_\_\_\_\_

Make sure the antiques you purchase are \_\_\_\_\_ and are not reproductions.

It is too late to \_\_\_\_\_ the damage that has been done.

Turn \_\_\_\_\_ at the next traffic light.

**roe-row**

- roe - the eggs of fish.
- row - to propel a boat by using oars.
- row - to form something into rows.
- row - a number of objects in a sequence or series.

Be careful how you \_\_\_\_\_ the vegetable plants in the garden.

If you don't want to \_\_\_\_\_, we can use the outboard motor.

Each \_\_\_\_\_ of desks was neatly aligned in the classroom.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of sturgeon is known as camar.

**role-roll**

- role - ] a part played by a singer or actor.
  - role - a function.
  - roll - a scroll.
  - roll - a list of names.
  - roll - something formed into the shape of a roll.
  - roll - to cause someone or something to move forward by turning over and over.
  - roll - to rob a person by pilfering his or her pockets.
- We 'll never know for sure what \_\_\_\_ he played in the discovery.  
Someone entered the dormitory room and tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the occupants while they slept.  
Her \_\_\_\_ in the play was a minor one.  
Jessie had a \_\_\_\_\_ of dollar bills in his pocket.  
Before we begin, let me call \_\_\_\_\_.  
The messenger handed the \_\_\_\_\_ to the king.  
It is easier to \_\_\_\_\_ an object down a hill than to carry it.

**rude-rued**

- rude - lacking refinement or tact; offensive in action or manner.
  - rued [rud] the past tense and past participle of rue 'to feel sorrow or regret about something. ' (Almost always in the expression rue the day. )
- As a lonely millionaire, John \_\_\_\_\_ the day he wished for fame and fortune.  
His supervisor is a \_\_\_\_\_ person.

**rye -wry**

- rye - a hardy grain used for cereal or grown for cover.
  - wry - cleverly humorous, often with a grim or ironic twist.
  - wry - made with facial contortions.
- His \_\_\_\_\_ smile made me suspicious.  
Most of the farmland is planted in barley and \_\_\_\_\_.

Tom has a \_\_\_\_\_sense of humor.

**sac-sack**

- sac - a pouch containing fluid inside a plant or animal.
- sack - a container made of paper or other material that is used to carry items.
- sack - a loose-fitting style of coat or dress.
- sack - dismissal.
- sack - to plunder or loot something after capture.
- sack - to put something into a sack.
- sack - to fire or let someone go.

Most employers don 't like to \_\_\_\_\_-faithful workers in bad times.

The soldiers continued to \_\_\_\_\_ the city for days.

Will you help me \_\_\_\_\_ these groceries ?

After working for the company for ten years, his \_\_\_\_\_ was totally unexpected.

I carried my groceries home in a \_\_\_\_\_

Will you help me \_\_\_\_\_ these groceries ?

Among seahorses, the male carries the egg \_\_\_\_\_ containing the young.

The \_\_\_\_\_ was once a very popular dress style.

**saver-savor**

- saver - a person who collects and keeps something.
- saver - a person who rescues someone or something from harm.
- savor – to relish or delight in something.
- savor - to smell or taste something with great pleasure.
- savor - a distinctive smell or flavor.

Vintage wine has a unique \_\_\_\_\_ - all its own.

Bernice is a compulsive \_\_\_\_\_ of food coupons.

Mary likes to \_\_\_\_\_ - her first cup of coffee of the morning.

The smell of the first campfire of the season is an odor to \_\_\_\_\_.

Smith is known as a \_\_\_\_\_-of lost or injured animals.

**sea-see**

- sea - the body of saltwater covering most of the earth's Surface
- see - to visualize something or someone.
- see - to understand something.
- see - to examine or watch someone or something.
- see - to escort or accompany someone or something to some place.

The boys promised to \_\_\_\_\_ their dates home.

Not all fish can live in \_\_\_\_\_

I can \_\_\_\_\_ trouble brewing.

Wait and \_\_\_\_\_ what develops.

Susan did not \_\_\_\_\_ the point he was trying to make.

**scull-skull**

- scull - a type of oar used at the stern or back of a boat to move it forward.
- scull - a racing boat propelled by sculls.
- scull - to propel a boat using a scull or large oar.
- skull - the skeleton of the head of a vertebrate that encloses and protects the brain.
- skull - a mind.

A great deal of strength is needed to man a racing \_\_\_\_\_

Workmen uncovered the \_\_\_\_\_ of a large mammal at the building site.

Try to get this message into your \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ accidentally fell into the water.

The plan was to \_\_\_\_\_ the vessel rather than use its motor.

**serf-surf**

- serf - a member of the peasant class bound to the land and subject to the will of the owner or overseer in a feudal society.
- surf - the swell, foam, splash, or sound of breaking waves upon a shore.
- surf - to ride the waves.

Curt learned to \_\_\_\_\_ while visiting relatives in California.  
Each \_\_\_\_\_ was allowed to keep a portion of the crops he grew.  
The sound of the \_\_\_\_\_ lulled me to sleep.

### **set-sit**

- set - to place something onto something.
- sit - to rest on one's buttocks, as in a chair.

Please \_\_\_\_\_ over there.

Would you please \_\_\_ - this vase on the mantel?

### **Soar- sore**

- soar - to sail or fly high and unencumbered.
- soar - to move upward in status or position.
- sore - an open, often infected wound.

sore - to be painfully sensitive.

sore - a source of irritation or pain.

sore - vexed or angered

The actor's popularity began to \_\_\_\_\_ with the release of his first movie.

You should put some salve on that \_\_\_\_.

I wonder what it is like to \_\_\_\_\_ in a glider plane.

Any discussion of his past was a \_\_\_\_\_ for him.

My back is \_\_\_\_\_ today for some reason.

Don't be a \_\_\_\_\_ - loser

### **sole-soul**

sole - the bottom part of a foot or shoe.

sole - the lower part or base of something on which something else rests.

sole - to furnish something with the lower part or base of something.

sole - a tasty, white-fleshed fish.

sole - only; lone.

soul - the spiritual part of a human being.

Fred felt that his \_\_\_\_\_ would live on after his death.

I have a cut on the \_\_\_\_\_ of my foot.

He couldn't decide whether to order the shrimp or the \_\_\_\_\_ on the menu.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of her golf club has been damaged.

The \_\_\_\_\_ judge in the case found the defendant not guilty.

The cobbler will \_\_\_\_\_ a pair of shoes for only eight dollars.

### **son-sun**

- son - a male offspring of human beings.
- sun- a warmth-providing celestial body around which the Earth and other planets revolve.
- sun - the light or heat given off from the sun.
- sun - something resembling the sun's brilliance.

The lawyer had her moment in the \_\_\_\_\_ when she won the famous court case.

In Scotland it is considered lucky to be the seventh \_\_\_\_\_ - of a seventh son.

I remember seeing a total eclipse of the \_\_\_\_\_ once as a child.

The bright \_\_\_\_\_ seemed to lighten our spirits.

### **stationary -stationery**

- stationary - not moving; unchanging in place or condition.
- stationery - letter-writing materials such as ink, pen, paper, and envelopes.

Dad went into the store to buy some \_\_\_\_\_ items.

The weatherman said a \_\_\_\_\_ storm front had settled over the region.

I have several pretty styles of \_\_\_\_\_.

### **suite-sweet**

- suite - a group of rooms occupied as a single unit.
- suite - the collection of personnel accompanying a dignitary or ruler on official business.

• suite - a musical composition with a number of movements, usually in the same key.

• sweet - pleasing to the taste, mind, or feelings.

• sweet - dearest; much beloved.

• sweet - great; terrific.

Winning the tournament was such a \_\_\_\_\_ experience.

The only vacancy in the hotel was a large \_\_\_\_\_.

The child's \_\_\_\_\_ temperament was the opposite of her twin sister's.

The king's entire \_\_\_\_\_ traveled with him wherever he went.

The audience applauded after the orchestra played the \_\_\_\_\_ of ballet music.

"Marry me, my \_\_\_\_\_, "

### **tail-tale**

• tail - an extension of the spine at the rear end of an animal, usually covered with hair.

• tail - the end or final process of something.

• tail - to follow behind or trail something or someone.

• tail - to follow someone in order to conduct surveillance.

• tale - ] an untrue report or piece of gossip.

• tale - a story.

• tale - a lie.

Streams of exhaust \_\_\_\_\_ the jets through the sky.

She fooled no one with her \_\_\_\_\_ of what happened.

We were all glad to see the \_\_\_\_\_ end of the project in sight.

We could not believe her \_\_\_\_\_.

The detective decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the suspect all night long.

She read the \_\_\_\_\_ with much expression.

My dog has a short, stubby \_\_\_\_\_.

### **tare-tear**

(See also tear- tier.)

• tare - a weedy plant often used as ground cover.

- tare - the calculation of the weight of a substance and its container minus the weight of the container.
- tear - a hole or flaw caused by tearing.
- tear - to separate or pull something into parts.
- tear - to remove or wrench something from someone or something forcibly.
- tear - to move or act hastily or violently.

Your cost will be figured by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the liquid.

The speeding car continued to \_\_\_\_ down the street in a dangerous manner.

He could not \_\_\_\_ himself away from the interesting novel.

Many gardeners use a \_\_\_\_ to keep the soil from eroding.

We need to \_\_\_\_\_ this paper into long strips.

Did you know this shirt has a \_\_\_\_\_ in it?

### **thyme-time**

- thyme - an aromatic garden herb that belongs to the mint family and is used in cooking.
- time - the period during which something occurs.
- time - an appointed moment or hour when something should happen.
- time - a tempo, rhythm, or beat.
- time- a geological or historical age.
- time - an experience.
- time - to keep the time of something or someone.

Jody was asked to \_\_\_\_ the swimmers at the swim meet.

The recipe calls for one-half teaspoon of \_\_\_\_\_.

The drummer kept \_\_\_\_\_ with the other musicians.

We had a wonderful \_\_\_\_ on our vacation.

At what \_\_\_\_\_ do you expect to be home ?

I never seem to have enough \_\_\_\_\_ to do my chores.

There was a \_\_\_\_\_ when dinosaurs roamed the earth.

### **tic-tick**

- tic -] a frequent, localized twitch, usually involving facial muscles.
- tick - a bloodsucking insect that is dependent upon a warm-blooded host for survival and often spreads disease.
- tick - a soft, rhythmic beat often associated with timepieces.
- tick - a light mark used as an indicator.
- tick - a straw, feather, or fabric-filled case used as a mattress.
- tick -to make a ticking sound.

Those clocks all \_\_\_\_\_ in different tones.

The common deer \_\_\_\_\_ is responsible for spreading Lyme disease.

Put a \_\_\_\_\_ next to each item on the invoice.

His awful experiences during the war left the soldier with a nervous \_\_\_\_\_.

The loud \_\_\_\_\_ of the clock kept Joe awake at night.

This sleeping \_\_\_\_\_ is not very comfortable.

### **tide-tied**

• tide -a rising and falling of the surface of an ocean, sea, or gulf, influenced by the gravitational pull of the sun and moon.

• tide - something that fluctuates like the tide.

• tied - the past tense and past participle of tie 'to make a knot or bow. '

• tied [together] - the past tense and past participle of tie [together] 'to unite two or more people or things.'

The two corporations \_\_\_\_\_ together to form one company.

Do not go swimming at high \_\_\_\_\_.

The child \_\_\_\_\_ his shoelaces all by himself

The \_\_\_\_\_ of her mood swings is unpredictable.

### **tray-trey**

• tray - a flat-surfaced, open receptacle, often without sides or with shallow sides, used for carrying or displaying articles.

• trey [tre] a card, die, or domino displaying three symbols or dots.

His poker hand revealed two pairs and a \_\_\_\_\_.  
Grandmother's silver tea service sits on a \_\_\_\_\_ in the china cabinet.

### **troop-troupe**

- troop - a group of soldiers.
- troop - a collection of objects or people.
- troop - a flock of birds; an assembly of mammals.
- troop - a unit of Girl or Boy Scouts under the direction of a leader.
- troupe - a group of stage or traveling performers.

An interested \_\_\_\_\_ of listeners heard the speaker talk.

That theatrical \_\_\_\_\_ has been on the road performing for a long time.

When my brothers were young, my father served two as leader of their \_\_\_\_\_.

The small \_\_\_\_\_ entered the city after dark.

A baboon \_\_\_\_\_ is a highly organized and complex unit.

### **undo-undue**

- undo - to open or unfasten something by releasing.
- undo - to nullify something.
- undo - to ruin or reverse the fortunes of someone or something.
- undue - unnecessary or inappropriate.
- undue - not due.

He could not \_\_\_\_\_ the damage done to his garden by the heavy rain.

The bill is undue until the end of the month.

I was unable to \_\_\_\_\_ the padlock on the gate.

The political candidate thought \_\_\_\_\_ attention was being given to his private life.

The athlete tried to undo his competitor's chances of winning

### **vail-vale-veil**

- vail - to remove one's hat to show respect. (Archaic English.)
- vale - a valley; a dale.

- veil - a covering of cloth worn to conceal the face.
- veil - a covering used to conceal or hide something.
- veil - to conceal something.

The man tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his uneasiness by laughing.

From the mountaintop the little hamlet nestled in the \_\_\_\_\_ looked like a miniature village.

The bride's \_\_\_\_\_ was made of white netting.

The peasant was told to \_\_\_\_\_ his hat in the presence of the noble family.

Women in some countries are required to wear a \_\_\_\_\_ when in public.

A \_\_\_\_\_ was used to cover the sculpture until the dedication ceremony.

### **vain-vane-vein**

- vain - conceited; self-centered.
- vain - unsuccessful.
- vane - a device used to determine the direction of the wind.
- vane - the wide, flat part of a feather.
- vane - a blade of a windmill.
- vein - a layer of minerals in the earth.
- vein - a blood vessel that carries blood to the heart.
- vein - a line of thought.

The prospector discovered a \_\_\_\_\_ of silver in the earth.

The speaker continued his discussion in a serious \_\_\_\_\_.

The business will continue to operate along the same \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ on the bird's wing is bright red.

The movie star is a very vain \_\_\_\_\_ person.

Only a single \_\_\_\_\_ remained on the rusted windmill.

The nurse will draw blood from a \_\_\_\_\_ in your arm.

The \_\_\_\_\_ on the roof of the barn is pointing north.

Her many \_\_\_\_\_ attempts to pass the driver's test left her unhappy.

**vary-very**

- vary - to change something; to cause something to deviate.
- very - to a high degree.
- very - precise.
- very - mere.

The \_\_\_\_\_ idea of eating insects sickened him.

Janice has been \_\_\_\_\_ successful in her new job.

Each year the firm tries to \_\_\_\_\_ its marketing campaign.

His comments struck my \_\_\_\_\_ conscience.

My aunt bought the \_\_\_\_\_ dress I liked.

**vice-vise**

- vice - corruption; crime.
  - vice - a moral or physical shortcoming, imperfection, or taint.
- vice - secondary; serving in the place of someone.
- vise - a device used to hold some object in place by means of a clamp.

Her only \_\_\_\_\_ is a weakness for chocolate.

The gangster was involved in all sorts of \_\_\_\_\_.

A \_\_\_\_\_ has many uses in carpentry.

His father was the \_\_\_\_\_-president of the poetry society.

**wail-wale-whale**

- wail - a mournful cry.
- wail - a prolonged expression of grief, sadness, or pain.
- wail - to utter a cry of grief or pain.
- wale - a raised rib in a piece of fabric.
  - wale - a welt, usually on the surface of the skin.
  - wale - to raise or mark the skin with welts.
- whale [w\el] a large, ocean mammal that bears and suckles live young.
- whale - a person, event, or object massive or impressive in size or qualities.
  - whale - to thrash someone.

That corduroy fabric comes in both a wide and narrow \_\_\_\_\_.  
The scratch by the tree branch left a long \_\_\_\_ on his arm.  
The forlorn \_\_\_\_\_ of the coyote was heard throughout the valley.  
The attackers continued to \_\_\_\_\_ the helpless man.  
The \_\_\_\_\_ of the mourners was terrible to hear.  
The blue \_\_\_\_\_ is the earth 's largest living creature.  
We heard the woman \_\_\_\_\_ from a distance.  
"Boy, that was a \_\_\_\_\_ of a concert!" commented Todd.  
"If you don 't behave, I'll \_\_\_\_\_ your behind!" threatened the upset mother.

### **waist-waste**

- waist- the mid-section of a human torso between the ribs and the hips.
- waist - a short garment or part of a garment covering the body from the neck to the waist; a bodice.
- waste - debris; garbage.
- waste - scrap.
- waste - loss of body weight, tissue, or vigor.
- waste - sewage or excrement.
- waste - to ravage; to devastate.
- waste - to cause something to diminish in size, strength, or vitality.
- waste - to consume something carelessly; to allow something to be lost or discarded unused.

We must be careful not to \_\_\_\_\_ our precious natural resources.  
The waist of her gown was richly detailed.  
The city 's \_\_\_\_\_ is treated at a nearby sewage treatment plant.  
Scarlett O 'Hara boasted the tiniest \_\_\_\_\_ in three counties.  
Collect all of the \_\_\_\_\_ metal to be recycled.  
To see his \_\_\_\_\_ over a long period of time was very sad.  
The war continues to \_\_\_\_\_ the impoverished nation.  
All of this \_\_\_\_\_ must be hauled to the dump.  
We watched her enthusiasm slowly \_\_\_\_\_ away.

### **wait-weight**

- wait - to remain in place in expectancy.
- wait -to delay or postpone.
- wait - to serve as a waitress or waiter.
- weight - a heavy object.
- weight - a burden or pressure.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the difficult decision was almost unbearable.

- weight - a unit of mass or measure.
- weight- the relative value or importance given to something.
  - weight - to place heaviness or weight upon someone or something.
  - weight - to impose a burden upon someone.

A \_\_\_\_\_ is needed to keep this drapery hanging straight.

I didn 't mean to \_\_\_\_\_ you down with all of my troubles.

Alex put some \_\_\_\_\_ in the back of his car to give added traction.

Let's \_\_\_\_\_ and see what happens next.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of this issue is very apparent to everyone involved.

\_\_\_\_\_ down those papers so they don 't blow away.

He decided to \_\_\_\_\_ for the rain to stop before dashing to the parking lot.

Greg has decided to \_\_\_\_\_ tables at the local pub for a summer job.

### **ware-wear-where**

- ware - a manufactured commodity or article; merchandise.
- ware - pottery of fired clay.
- wear - to dress in or adorn oneself with articles of clothing.
- wear - to display or have an appearance of something.
- wear - to diminish or deteriorate through use.
- where - in, at, or to what place, position, or situation.
- where - wherever.
- where - locale or place.

Many tennis players now choose to \_\_\_\_\_ bright colored clothing.

No one is sure of the \_\_\_\_\_ - and why of the crime.

The carpeting by the front door is beginning to \_\_\_\_\_.  
The cats tend to wander \_\_\_\_\_they like.  
The only \_\_\_\_\_ - that the company produces is transistor radios.  
" \_\_\_\_\_did you find such a deal ?" quizzed Ray.  
\_\_\_\_\_a look of confidence at your job interview.  
After painting the ceramic \_\_\_\_\_, the artist must fire it again

### **warn-worn**

- warn - to alert, notify, or counsel someone.
- warn - to tell someone to go or leave.
- worn - the past participle of wear 'to dress in or adorn oneself with an article of clothing. '
- worn - the past participle of wear 'to display or have an appearance of something.'
- worn - the past participle of wear [away] 'to cause something to diminish or deteriorate.'

The referees had to \_\_\_\_\_ the disruptive players off the playing field.

Her illness has \_\_\_\_\_ - away her energy.  
Doctors must \_\_\_\_\_ - their patients of the side effects of medication.  
It seems he hasn 't \_\_\_\_\_ a smile in weeks.  
Have you \_\_\_\_\_ - that hat before ?

### **weak-week**

- weak - lacking strength, vigor, or stamina.
- weak - deficient in mental or physical capabilities.
- weak - not based soundly on fact or logic.
- weak - lacking required or usual ingredients.
- weak - lame or ineffective.
- weak - barely sounded.
- week - a seven-day cycle or period.

They will be vacationing out East for a \_\_\_\_\_ in July.  
He felt very \_\_\_\_\_ following his long illness.

This coffee tastes \_\_\_\_\_ and watery.  
The evidence supporting that theory is \_\_\_\_\_.  
The kitten uttered a \_\_\_\_\_ meow.  
As she aged, my aunt's eyesight grew \_\_\_\_\_.  
The boy offered a \_\_\_\_\_ excuse for his tardiness.

### **wet-whet**

- wet - moist, damp.
- wet - containing liquid.
- wet - rainy.
- wet - permitting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages.
- wet - all wrong. (Slang.)
- wet - to make something wet.
- wet - to urinate on or in something.
- whet - to sharpen something by rubbing on or with an object.

• whet - to make something sharp or more acute.

Yesterday was a \_\_\_\_\_ day.

A glass of wine before dinner will only \_\_\_\_\_ your appetite.

Harry was all \_\_\_\_\_-in his recollection of the accident.

You may \_\_\_\_\_ that knife on this special stone.

Hubbard County is one of the few \_\_\_\_\_ counties in the state.

This towel is soaking \_\_\_\_\_.

His shirt was \_\_\_\_\_ with sweat.

\_\_\_\_\_ - down the driveway to keep the dust from blowing around.

The child got so excited that she \_\_\_\_\_ her trousers.

### **which -witch**

- which - what one or ones out of a group.
- which - a pronoun that introduces a clause.
- which - whichever.
- witch - a woman who practices witchcraft.

- witch - to bewitch someone or something.

\_\_\_\_\_ picture do you prefer?

Don 't try to \_\_\_\_\_ me with your black magic.

You may choose \_\_\_\_\_ you like best.

The woman who lived alone down by the creek was thought to be a \_\_\_\_\_.

The stolen items, \_\_\_\_\_h were thought to be lost forever, were finally located.

### **whine-wine**

- whine - a plaintive, prolonged cry.
- whine - to cry in a forlorn or distressed way.
- whine - o complain in a manner resembling a whine.

• wine - a fermented, alcoholic beverage made from fruit or plants; something that intoxicates or makes heady.

• wine - a purplish-red color.

• wine - to drink wine.

The company likes to \_\_\_\_\_ and dine its new executives.

The \_\_\_\_\_ has a full, fruity flavor.

The constant \_\_\_\_\_ of the puppy upset the entire household.

The new house is decorated in colors of forest green and \_\_\_\_\_.

The baby continued to \_\_\_\_\_ - after getting an injection.

My sister is not one to \_\_\_\_\_ when things don 't go her way.

### **yoke-yolk**

- yoke - a wooden frame worn over the necks of work animals.
- yoke Uok] some oppressive or restrictive bond, duty, or agency.
- yoke - a shaped and fitted piece of fabric that is part of the shoulders of a garment; the top portion of a skirt.

The dress had a smocked \_\_\_\_\_.

• yolk - the mass of yellow inside an egg.

I cracked open an egg that had a double \_\_\_\_\_-.

The team of oxen were joined by a \_\_\_\_\_

His impending court appearance was a \_\_\_\_\_ he did not look forward to.

Use the correct form of the words in the boxes to complete the sentences in each group A-H below. You may use some of the words more than once. In some cases, more than one word may be correct.

**A**    **job**    **occupation**    **work**    **employment**    **profession**

1. People in the medical \_\_\_\_\_ work long hours.
2. In order to get a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ as a computer analyst, you need a degree in computer science.
3. Betty has been out of \_\_\_\_\_ since January
4. \_\_\_\_\_ agencies help people find work in their field.
5. I was asked to write my present \_\_\_\_\_ on the application form.

**B**    **task**    **course**    **duty**

1. They were set the \_\_\_\_\_ of cleaning the room after the meeting
2. It is a nurse's \_\_\_\_\_ to make the patients feel comfortable.
3. Her marks are quite high, so she can choose between a medical or a law \_\_\_\_\_ at university.

**C**    **employer**    **employee**    **colleague**    **assistant**  
**clerk**    **office**    **attendant**

1. The shop \_\_\_\_\_ helped me choose a jumper that suited me.
2. The car park \_\_\_\_\_ is responsible for parking customer' cars.
3. All \_\_\_\_\_ are expected to be at work by 8.30. Our \_\_\_\_\_ insists on it.
4. Jill worked as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ or a law firm before entering politics.
5. All my \_\_\_\_\_ at the office are friendly.
6. Bob is a senior \_\_\_\_\_ in the armed forces.

**D party crew staff**

1. A member of a political \_\_\_\_\_ gave a speech in the town centre last night.
2. The teaching \_\_\_\_\_ at our school have formed a basketball team
3. The search \_\_\_\_\_ had no luck in finding the missing child.
4. The ship's \_\_\_\_\_ served drinks as the ship set sail.

**E aim goal intention challenge success  
ambition**

1. The Maths problem was a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ and took me over an hour to solve.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of environmental organisations is to stop environmental destruction.
3. People with \_\_\_\_\_ will always try to achieve their \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Their first album was a great \_\_\_\_\_ and sold two million copies worldwide.
5. I have no \_\_\_\_\_ of changing my plans for tonight.

**F achieve fulfil cope deal  
face succeed**

1. John \_\_\_\_\_ in convincing his boss to give him the day off.
2. He doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ with crisis situations very well.
3. Despite his health problems, Joe \_\_\_\_\_ his ambition to play in the local football team.
4. The Johnstons are \_\_\_\_\_ financial difficulties after Mrs Johnston lost her job.
5. Kim put a lot of work into her project and \_\_\_\_\_ excellent results.

6. During his career as a teacher, he has \_\_\_\_\_ with students from different backgrounds.

**G      manage      run      operate      undertake**

1. You have to read the instructions carefully before you \_\_\_\_\_ the photocopying machine.
2. Brett couldn't find experienced staff so he \_\_\_\_\_ his business on his own for a few months.
3. Kate was supposed to \_\_\_\_\_ the training of the new staff.
4. The company is \_\_\_\_\_ by two people who share the responsibilities.

**H      skills      qualities      qualifications      experience**

1. To get the job you must have three years' \_\_\_\_\_ in telecommunications and the necessary \_\_\_\_\_, one of which is a university degree.
2. Leadership \_\_\_\_\_ are required by a Prime Minister, as well as communication \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Learning to windsurf was a fantastic \_\_\_\_\_!

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**A      look    see      watch      notice      regard  
          stare            glance      observe**

1. We spent weeks in Africa \_\_\_\_\_ the way lions catch their prey.
2. Did you \_\_\_\_\_ the tie he was wearing? It had pink elephants on it!
3. The students \_\_\_\_\_ the new teacher with curiosity.

4. Always \_\_\_\_\_ left and then right before crossing the road.
5. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ at people like that! It's really rude.
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ a great science fiction film last night.
7. Before I bought the magazine, I \_\_\_\_\_ through it quickly.
8. I couldn't help \_\_\_\_\_ the big red spots on his face.
9. Bill \_\_\_\_\_ at his watch and started running. He was late for school.

**B      find out      invent discover      detect**

1. Many serious illnesses may be cured if they are \_\_\_\_\_ early enough.
2. "We must \_\_\_\_\_ as much as we can about the gang," said the detective.
3. Was it Captain Cook who \_\_\_\_\_ Australia?
4. The first camera, the Kodak 1, was \_\_\_\_\_ by G. Eastman in 1888.

**C      explore      investigate      look for      look up  
(do) research**

1. The police came to \_\_\_\_\_ the murder immediately.
2. I still have \_\_\_\_\_ to do for my project on sharks.
3. I must \_\_\_\_\_ this word in the dictionary, because I don't remember what it means.
4. Mum, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ my trainers. Have you seen them?
5. As soon as the five friends got to the cave, they decided to \_\_\_\_\_ it

**D      attempt      effort      trial      experiment**

1. It takes a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ and patience to learn how to play a musical instrument.

2. John's case came to \_\_\_\_\_ and in the end he was found innocent.
3. The athlete failed in his last \_\_\_\_\_ to break the world record.
4. Many cosmetic companies claim they don't carry out \_\_\_\_\_ on animals.
5. I worked for the company for a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ period of two weeks before I was fully employed.

**E      audience      spectators      viewers      sightseers**  
**onlookers      witnesses**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ disagreed with the referee's decision and interrupted the football match.
2. The two teenagers claimed they were just \_\_\_\_\_ and had nothing to do with the fight.
3. Paris attracts thousands of \_\_\_\_\_ all year round.
4. At the end of the play, the \_\_\_\_\_ applauded enthusiastically.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ were asked to give a detailed description of the accident.
6. The concert was broadcast on TV and attracted one billion \_\_\_\_\_ worldwide.

**F      memorise      remind      recall      recognise**

1. I didn't \_\_\_\_\_ her at first. She had changed a lot.
2. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ his phone number because I didn't have a pen to write it down.
3. I'll ring Dad to \_\_\_\_\_ him to buy coffee, otherwise he'll forget.
4. My grandfather can slit \_\_\_\_\_ scenes of World War II.

**G      view                      sight   image   vision                      scene**

1. The sun affects my \_\_\_\_\_ . when I'm driving, so I always wear sunglasses.
2. We have a superb \_\_\_\_\_ of the sea from our balcony.
3. The child started to cry at the \_\_\_\_\_ the dogs.
4. The television show was about the \_\_\_\_\_ you can visit in Rome.
5. The police arrived at the \_\_\_\_\_ .of the accident within minutes.
6. An actor's \_\_\_\_\_ is important for his career.
7. I ran out of paint, so I couldn't finish the sky for the background \_\_\_\_\_ in the play.
8. When we were leaving the flower show, we were asked to fill in a questionnaire to give our \_\_\_\_\_ on what we had seen.

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**A      rise                      raise                      arise                      lift**

1. Should the need \_\_\_\_\_ we'll order more food for the extra guests.
2. The charity organization \_\_\_\_\_ enough money to build a shelter for the refugees.
3. The sun \_\_\_\_\_ in the East and sets in the West.
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ at seven every weekday to get ready for school.
5. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ the table so that I can slide the rug underneath?

**B**      **grow**            **grow up**            **bring up**            **(be) born**  
          **become**

1. In the last six months Joe has \_\_\_\_\_ taller by 15 centimetres.
2. When Brett was \_\_\_\_\_ he weighed 3.8 kilograms.
3. Most parents have fond memories of the years they were \_\_\_\_\_ their children.
4. When Jean \_\_\_\_\_, she wants to \_\_\_\_\_ a mechanical engineer.

**C**      **educate**            **learn**            **teach**            **study**  
          **read**            **instruct**

1. I always \_\_\_\_\_ a book just before I go to sleep.
2. John was \_\_\_\_\_ in France, so his French is very good.
3. Michelle works in the gym \_\_\_\_\_ people how to use the equipment properly.
4. In my final year I had to \_\_\_\_\_ at least four hours every day to \_\_\_\_\_ everything that was required for the exams.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ Physics and Maths at the local high school.
6. The examiner \_\_\_\_\_ us to pick up our pens once we had \_\_\_\_\_ the questions carefully.

**D**      **behavior**            **attitude**            **temper**            **mood**  
          **manner**            **manners**

1. My parents had to see the headmaster because of my bad \_\_\_\_\_ in class.
2. After the argument, Jake was in a bad \_\_\_\_\_ and wouldn't speak to anyone.
3. If Betty wants to keep her job, she must change her \_\_\_\_\_ towards her boss

4. Where did you learn such excellent table \_\_\_\_\_?
5. The children like him because of his gentle \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Cliff is so calm that I have never seen him lose his \_\_\_\_\_.
7. What you're saying should be done in a professional \_\_\_\_\_.

**E      familiar                      accustomed                      aware**

1. I hope you're \_\_\_\_\_ of the dangers involved in rock climbing.
2. Is anyone in this classroom \_\_\_\_\_ with the word "incubator"?
3. That woman looks \_\_\_\_\_ to me. I'm sure I've seen her before.
4. Paul is feeling tired because he's not \_\_\_\_\_ to working for so long without a break.

**F      custom              habit              fashion      trend      routine**

1. Going to work has become a daily \_\_\_\_\_ for most people.
2. The general \_\_\_\_\_ for men in the 1970s was to have long hair and sideburns.
3. In many countries it is the \_\_\_\_\_ to roast turkey for Christmas.
4. Sandra has the bad .. \_\_\_\_\_ .of biting her nails.
5. Slightly flared trousers are in \_\_\_\_\_ this year so many people are wearing them.
6. If you go shopping, definitely go to Blare's. They've got all the latest \_\_\_\_\_.

**G      common      ordinary      usual              normal              regular**

1. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to feel weak when you are ill, even if you've just got a \_\_\_\_\_ cold.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ exercise means working out for one hour at least twice a week.
3. It was a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ weekend. We went to the cinema on Saturday evening and for a drive on Sunday morning, as \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I get on very well with my friends because we have many things in \_\_\_\_\_.

**H**      **eager**                  **keen**                  **enthusiastic**  
**interested**                  **willing**

1. I am \_\_\_\_\_ to help you with your homework if you make an effort.
2. He's really \_\_\_\_\_ on heavy metal music. That's all he listens to.
3. Please sit down as I'm \_\_\_\_\_ to start the meeting.
4. Billy is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ tennis player, so he plays tennis every afternoon.
5. Sheila is \_\_\_\_\_ in taking up gardening this spring.
6. We were \_\_\_\_\_ about going to Ireland for Christmas.

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**A**      **travel**                  **transfer**                  **transport**                  **transmit**

1. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ some money from my savings account to my current account.
2. My father usually \_\_\_\_\_ to work by car.
3. The goods were \_\_\_\_\_ to the United States.

4. The information is \_\_\_\_\_ by satellite throughout the world.
5. Jerry got \_\_\_\_\_ to Bristol and he is moving there next week.

**B arrive get reach come approach appear**

1. It took us a long time to \_\_\_\_\_ to the theatre but we, \_\_\_\_\_ in time for the first act.
2. The ocean liner \_\_\_\_\_ on the horizon and within two hours it had \_\_\_\_\_ the port.
3. Would you like to \_\_\_\_\_ to our house tonight?
4. I was \_\_\_\_\_ by a beggar asking for money.
5. We \_\_\_\_\_ at the village late at night.

**C carry fetch deliver**

1. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ that bottle from the top shelf?
2. Some supermarkets now arrange for your shopping to be \_\_\_\_\_ to your door.
3. I couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ the boxes by myself so I asked the shop assistant to bring them to my car.

**D voyage journey trip tour excursion travel expedition cruise flight**

1. Our class is going on a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ to the zoo tomorrow.
2. Joan kept a diary of her \_\_\_\_\_ through Europe.
3. Our \_\_\_\_\_ on the ocean liner lasted two weeks.
4. Many explorers have died on \_\_\_\_\_ to the Antarctic.
5. It's a nine-hour bus \_\_\_\_\_ from Melbourne to Sydney.

6. We went on a Mediterranean \_\_\_\_\_ for our honeymoon.
7. We were given a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of the ancient castle as soon as we arrived.
8. Our \_\_\_\_\_ to Bangkok was delayed so our \_\_\_\_\_ to Asia was out off for a day.

**E      guide                  direct                  lead                  ride**

1. I recently bought a bicycle to \_\_\_\_\_ to work. Surprisingly, I get there faster than when I used to drive my car there.
2. Could you please \_\_\_\_\_ me to the train station?
3. This road \_\_\_\_\_ to the castle at the top of the hill.
4. We were \_\_\_\_\_ around the museum and saw its most famous exhibits.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ the way. John, and we'll follow you.

**F      address                  road    street                  way    direction  
          route                  path**

1. You'll need a map to find your \_\_\_\_\_ around this city.
2. I need your new \_\_\_\_\_ so that I can keep in touch with you.
3. I'll find the \_\_\_\_\_ to your house by looking up the \_\_\_\_\_ in the directory.
4. We must follow the \_\_\_\_\_ Judy gave us, or we'll never find the \_\_\_\_\_ her house is on.
5. The hikers took the \_\_\_\_\_ that led to the castle.
6. They walked carefully through the woods following the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. We were up and ready at sunrise and headed in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the mountains.

**G**      **site**      **position**      **location**      **point**  
         **place**              **room**              **space**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the house is ideal, with the living \_\_\_\_\_ overlooking the bay/
2. To enter the building \_\_\_\_\_ you must wear a hard hat.
3. What \_\_\_\_\_ do you play in the school football team?
4. Do you live in a \_\_\_\_\_ of your own or do you still rent?
5. The starting \_\_\_\_\_ for the marathon is on the corner of Bell and Church Street.
6. He travelled to a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ while working as a flight attendant.
7. There wasn't enough \_\_\_\_\_ In the house for the children to play, so I told them to go outside.
8. It took us over half an hour to find a parking \_\_\_\_\_.

**H**      **foreign**      **strange**      **different**  
         **peculiar**      **curious**

1. He's got a \_\_\_\_\_ accent; I can't understand which part of England he comes from.
2. According to astrologers. Aquarians are \_\_\_\_\_ people who want to know everything about everyone.
3. Melissa buys a \_\_\_\_\_ car every two years.
4. It's definitely an advantage to know a few \_\_\_\_\_.
5. There's a \_\_\_\_\_ smell coming from the kitchen. Is something burning?

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**A**      **borrow**      **lend**              **let**      **hire**      **rent**

1. My friends and I \_\_\_\_\_ a car to travel around the island.
2. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ me some money? I'll pay you back on Friday.
3. Some of the rooms in the country house were \_\_\_\_\_ to tourists for the weekends.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ money from the bank to buy a house.
5. My parents \_\_\_\_\_ a tutor to help me with Maths.
6. The first thing I did when I went to Crete was \_\_\_\_\_ a house by the sea.

**B      spend                  waste                  save                  afford**

1. I have been \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money lately on things I don't really need. I usually \_\_\_\_\_ all my income and don't \_\_\_\_\_ any money for a rainy day.
2. John \_\_\_\_\_ too much time on the computer and doesn't pay enough attention to his homework. Of course, he can't \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_ time, especially now that he's got exams.

**C      bill      fare      fee      fine      ticket                  receipt  
            account      discount      tax**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ department expects all customers to get a \_\_\_\_\_ with every purchase they make, otherwise they will have to pay a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I had to complain to the telephone company about my extremely high phone \_\_\_\_\_ which I was not prepared to pay. In the end they gave me a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ and I paid less.
3. When he had his wallet stolen, he didn't have any money to pay for his bus \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I bought an airline \_\_\_\_\_ for Madrid with British Airways.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is automatically withdrawn from my pay every month.

6. Most universities require that tuition \_\_\_\_\_ should be paid at the beginning of each academic year.
7. Sheila got a parking \_\_\_\_\_ for parking on the pavement.
8. My parents have a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ with the local shop and pay the amount they owe every month.

**D     salary     wage     payment     income     bonus  
allowance     award     reward     donation**

1. My \_\_\_\_\_ gets paid into my bank account every fortnight.
2. Steve's parents give him a weekly \_\_\_\_\_, which he can use any way he likes.
3. Some people give \_\_\_\_\_ to charity organisations.
4. Young workers under the age of 21 get the minimum \_\_\_\_\_ set by the law.
5. My \_\_\_\_\_ from my job isn't sufficient to cover my weekly expenses. Only when I get a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ for excellent results can I afford something special for myself.
6. Your car \_\_\_\_\_ are due on the 10th of each month.
7. I received a Young Achiever's \_\_\_\_\_ for getting the best exam score in the school.

**E     owe     own     possess     keep     belong**

1. Who does this pen \_\_\_\_\_ to? If no one \_\_\_\_\_ It, then I'll \_\_\_\_\_ it.
2. Muhammad Ali \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of strength and speed in the ring.
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ their house, but still \_\_\_\_\_ some money to the bank.
4. He's \_\_\_\_\_ all his toys in a box in the attic.

**F price prize charge value bargain worth tip**

1. The National Lottery's main \_\_\_\_\_ was £2 million.
2. When eating out, it is advisable to leave a \_\_\_\_\_ for the waiter.
3. The thieves stole millions of dollars \_\_\_\_\_ of paintings from the gallery.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our house has gone up since we renovated it.
5. That restaurant has very reasonable \_\_\_\_\_. It's certainly \_\_\_\_\_ for money and \_\_\_\_\_ visiting.
6. My new sofa was a real \_\_\_\_\_. I got it for half the price.
7. You can have the appliances delivered free of \_\_\_\_\_.

**G precious valuable priceless worthless  
economic economical financial**

1. Some of Picasso's paintings are \_\_\_\_\_. Only a billionaire could afford to buy them.
2. The police have been guarding the \_\_\_\_\_ stones on display at the gallery.
3. When Rose lost her job, she was in a difficult \_\_\_\_\_ situation for a while. It didn't help that she hadn't been \_\_\_\_\_ and not saved a penny while she was employed.
4. The country's \_\_\_\_\_ situation has improved ever since the development of the tourist industry.
5. Thank you for your \_\_\_\_\_ advice. You've helped me a great deal.
6. Julie gave away some of her fake jewellery because she thought it was \_\_\_\_\_ and just took up space.

**H loan debt sum amount deposit  
instalment budge**

1. We're on a tight \_\_\_\_\_ this month because we have many expenses. Our housing \_\_\_\_\_ and car \_\_\_\_\_ are due in the next few days.
2. He had parked illegally and was fined the \_\_\_\_\_ of £20.
3. Could you please tell me the exact \_\_\_\_\_ I owe?
4. Joan went to the bank because she wanted to make a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.
5. He has asked me to lend him money, as he is in \_\_\_\_\_.

**I      cheque      cash      coins      currency  
          (bank)notes      change**

1. When we arrived in Indonesia, we exchanged some of our money for local \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I must take all the \_\_\_\_\_ I've received as \_\_\_\_\_ to the bank and exchange them for \_\_\_\_\_ which are lighter.
3. When paying by \_\_\_\_\_ always write your address and sign the back of it.
4. I'm paying-for the shoes in \_\_\_\_\_.

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**A      think      consider      regard      believe      mean**

1. Please \_\_\_\_\_ my offer and call me if you decide to sell.
2. I have been \_\_\_\_\_ of taking a holiday. I \_\_\_\_\_ I deserve it because I've worked hard all year.
3. The death penalty is \_\_\_\_\_ as a barbaric practice by most people.

4. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ he really \_\_\_\_\_ what he is saying, because he's usually joking.

5. I didn't \_\_\_\_\_ to offend you. Please \_\_\_\_\_ me.

**B**      **realize**      **understand**      **recognize**      **meet**  
**introduce**      **present**      **appreciate**

1. One day I'd like to \_\_\_\_\_ my favorite film star and get his autograph.

2. That's the journalist that \_\_\_\_\_ the evening news.  
Don't you \_\_\_\_\_ her?

3. The teacher didn't \_\_\_\_\_ that the students hadn't understood what he was saying.

4. Aren't you going to \_\_\_\_\_ me to your friend? I haven't \_\_\_\_\_ her before.

5. I \_\_\_\_\_ your help, but you must \_\_\_\_\_.  
that I want to do this on my own.

**C**      **assume**      **guess**      **suppose**      **estimate**  
**calculate**      **predict**

1. Since I hadn't studied for the test. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ most of the answers.

2. We were \_\_\_\_\_ to play football today, but we cancelled it.

3. It's almost impossible to \_\_\_\_\_ what the future holds.

4. I \_\_\_\_\_ I'll be late for work, since there's so much traffic.

5. We had \_\_\_\_\_ the value of the house to be around 60.000 dollars but we hadn't \_\_\_\_\_ the cost of the renovation.

**D**      **idea**   **view**                      **thought**      **point**  
          **aspect**                      **respect**                      **matter**

1. She's very rude and has no \_\_\_\_\_ for anyone.
2. You should consider all \_\_\_\_\_ of his proposal, because he made some interesting \_\_\_\_\_.
3. In my \_\_\_\_\_ the education system should change.
4. I can't bear the \_\_\_\_\_ of going back to work after such a great holiday.
5. There's no \_\_\_\_\_ in talking to Clark about this problem, as he has no \_\_\_\_\_ about it.
6. As a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of fact, I hired an interior decorator, who gave me some good \_\_\_\_\_.

**E**      **queue**                      **line**                      **aisle**      **corridor**  
          **hall**                      **row**

1. The cornflakes are in the third \_\_\_\_\_, sir.
2. Walk down the \_\_\_\_\_ and the toilet is the third door on your right.
3. The entrance \_\_\_\_\_ to my flat is so small that it's a waste of space.
4. Please get in \_\_\_\_\_ and wait your turn, madam!
5. We were lucky enough to be given seats in the front \_\_\_\_\_ at the theatre.
6. There was such a long \_\_\_\_\_ in the bank that I couldn't be bothered to go in.

**F**      **available**                      **spare**                      **free**      **convenient**  
          **handy**                      **usable**

1. When I bought my car, I got the air-conditioner \_\_\_\_\_ of charge. It really came in \_\_\_\_\_ during the summer.
2. Every car must have a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ tyre in the boot.
3. The Red Dog's new album is now \_\_\_\_\_ in music stores.

4. A laptop computer is very \_\_\_\_\_ because it is portable and \_\_\_\_\_ anywhere.
5. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow evening. Would you like to go to the cinema?
6. A car is a very \_\_\_\_\_ means of transport compared to buses and trains.

**G      absence      lack      shortage      loss**

1. After the accident, my father suffered a gradual \_\_\_\_\_ of memory.
2. Vicky's \_\_\_\_\_ from work was noticed, so the boss rang her at home.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of rain created severe \_\_\_\_\_ of fresh fruit and vegetables.
4. There's a world \_\_\_\_\_ of energy and scientists are looking for alternative sources.
5. Although I liked living with my family. I was annoyed by the \_\_\_\_\_ of privacy.

**H      short      scarce rare      inadequate  
insufficient**

1. As a botanist he specialises in \_\_\_\_\_ species of plants.
2. The book costs \$ 21 and I'm \_\_\_\_\_ by one dollar. Could you lend me some money?
3. A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ supply of oxygen to the brain can prove lethal.
4. In many parts of the world water is \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Parking space in the city centre is \_\_\_\_\_ due to the \_\_\_\_\_ number of car parks.

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- The doctor \_\_\_\_\_ me to take a few days off work due to a persistent illness.
- The government \_\_\_\_\_ making radical changes to the health system.

**D      tip                      clue                      advice                      information**

- The FBI is still looking for \_\_\_\_\_ to help them catch the dangerous criminal.
- Take my \_\_\_\_\_ and see your bank manager if you're having financial problems.
- I need \_\_\_\_\_ regarding the polar bear for my project.
- Our teacher gave us some useful \_\_\_\_\_ on how to prepare for the exams.

**E      reliable              responsible      reasonable      respectable**

- I bought a television set, as I found the price very \_\_\_\_\_.
- At camp, each teacher was \_\_\_\_\_ for twenty students.
- Judges are considered \_\_\_\_\_ members of society.
- She's a very \_\_\_\_\_ person, so you can turn to her if you are having any problems.

**F      mention              refer                      express                      comment  
report**

- Most western economies are \_\_\_\_\_ to as "free markets".
- My manager asked me to \_\_\_\_\_
- The woman \_\_\_\_\_ her dissatisfaction to the builder for not having the house ready on time.
- The politician refused to \_\_\_\_\_ on the new tax laws.

5. The children didn't \_\_\_\_\_ anything about the trip until the last minute.
6. He \_\_\_\_\_ the theft of his briefcase to the police.

**G**      **announce**      **inform****confess**      **introduce**  
           **reveal**            **publish**

1. When the thief \_\_\_\_\_ to the robbery, he was officially charged with the crime.
2. The journalist refused to \_\_\_\_\_ her source, saying it was highly confidential.
3. The well known author \_\_\_\_\_ his new novel last week.
4. The finance minister \_\_\_\_\_ that there would be no wage increases for the following year.
5. The headmaster \_\_\_\_\_ the new teacher to the class.
6. If you lose your credit card, \_\_\_\_\_ the bank immediately.
7. The potato was \_\_\_\_\_ to Europe in 1565.

**H**      **ensure**            **insure**            **reassure**      **make**  
           **sure**                **confirm**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ you lock the windows before you go.
2. I had to ring the airline to \_\_\_\_\_ my flight 48 hours In advance.
3. You should \_\_\_\_\_ your car against fire and theft.
4. She \_\_\_\_\_ me that everything would go according to the plan.
5. The role of the judge is to \_\_\_\_\_ proper legal proceedings.

**I**      **agree**            **accept**            **admit**            **approve**

1. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ of people smoking In a doctor's waiting room.

2. I don't always \_\_\_\_\_ with Jessica, because we don't share the same views.
3. After being questioned, the student \_\_\_\_\_ that he had cheated in the test.
4. Children are warned not to \_\_\_\_\_ sweets from strangers.

**Use the correct form of the words in the boxes to complete the sentences in each group A-I below. You may use some of the words more than once. In some cases, more than one word may be correct.**

**A**      **stop**                  **avoid**                  **forbid**                  **prohibit**  
             **ban**                    **prevent**                **escape**

1. Smoking has been \_\_\_\_\_ in all public places.
2. The examiner asked the students to \_\_\_\_\_ writing and put down their pens.
3. The government has taken strict measures to \_\_\_\_\_ accidents on motorways.
4. I take these pills to \_\_\_\_\_ getting seasick while travelling by boat.
5. For reasons of hygiene, animals are \_\_\_\_\_ to enter hospitals.
6. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her husband from informing the authorities.
7. She was lucky to \_\_\_\_\_ a conviction for shoplifting.

**B**      **blame**   **accuse**                  **arrest**   **charge**                  **convict**  
             **sentence**

1. The police \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Jones and \_\_\_\_\_ him with assault.
2. Despite the student's protests, the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ her of cheating.

3. The man was \_\_\_\_\_ of murder and \_\_\_\_\_ to twenty years in prison.

4. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ us for the broken window, we weren't playing football this morning.

**C**      **complaint**                      **annoyance**                      **accusation**  
                 **disappointment**

1. Much to our \_\_\_\_\_, we had to wait for over an hour to purchase the tickets.

2. Despite the media hype, the concert was a real \_\_\_\_\_.

3. I wish to make a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ about the quality of the food.

4. Don't make false \_\_\_\_\_ when you don't have proof.

**D**      **chase**                      **pursue**                      **hunt**                      **follow**

1. A stray dog \_\_\_\_\_ me home today and I'm thinking of keeping it.

2. My brother and I used to \_\_\_\_\_ each other around the house when we were young.

3. Police have been \_\_\_\_\_ the terrorists for weeks now but still haven't found them.

4. He wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ a career in engineering.

**E**      **cause**                      **excuse**                      **reason**                      **purpose**                      **aim**

1. John has to find a good \_\_\_\_\_ for being late, otherwise he'll get into trouble.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the meeting is to discuss next year's plans. If you can't attend it, you must have a good \_\_\_\_\_, as the \_\_\_\_\_ is to get everybody's opinion.

3. The carelessness of the driver was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the fatal accident.

**F**      **rob**      **steal**      **burgle**                      **hijack**                      **deceive**  
                 **cheat**                      **lie**      **shoplift**                      **blackmail**

1. The criminal's innocent looks \_\_\_\_\_ people into trusting him.
2. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ to me. I know you weren't at school today!" shouted my mother.
3. Our house was \_\_\_\_\_ last night and all our valuables were \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Two terrorists \_\_\_\_\_ the plane and made the pilot change course.
5. The student tried to \_\_\_\_\_ during the test, but the teacher caught him and took away his paper.
6. As a teenager. Bob \_\_\_\_\_ from the local store and was even caught once.
7. Two men \_\_\_\_\_ the bank on Elm Street this morning.
8. Kim \_\_\_\_\_ John by demanding \$1000 so that she wouldn't reveal his secret.

**G**      **attack**              **knock**              **hit**      **beat**  
             **blow**                      **strike**

1. It's dangerous to \_\_\_\_\_ people on the head.
2. The child was \_\_\_\_\_ by a vicious dog and had to be taken to hospital.
3. She never - \_\_\_\_\_ on the door before entering.
4. Some football hooligans started to \_\_\_\_\_ each other after the match, so the police had to intervene.
5. He received a severe \_\_\_\_\_ on the head, which left him unconscious.
6. The church clock in the village square began to \_\_\_\_\_ ten.

**H**      **robber**              **thief**   **burglar**              **kidnapper**   **convict**  
             **criminal**              **pickpocket**   **victim**              **hostage**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ demanded one million dollars as ransom for the release of their \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ snatched the old lady's handbag from her arm.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ responsible for breaking into the flat next door have been caught.
4. The bank \_\_\_\_\_ escaped through the fire exit.
5. Most of the gang's \_\_\_\_\_ were old people living on their own.
6. The escaped \_\_\_\_\_ was caught within 24 hours.
7. When you travel, always be wary of \_\_\_\_\_ , who can steal your wallet without you realising it.
8. Jack the Stabber is one of the country's most wanted \_\_\_\_\_ . It is said that he has murdered ten people.

**I            forget            leave            ignore**  
**neglect            omit**

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ to turn off the TV last night, so it was left on all night long.
2. It's cruel to \_\_\_\_\_ pets as they rely on their owners.
3. Why is Jill \_\_\_\_\_ Bill? Aren't they talking to each other anymore?
4. I don't want people to know I was involved in this project so \_\_\_\_\_ my name from the credits.
5. I've \_\_\_\_\_ the concert tickets upstairs. Could you get them?

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