

The Wordier Vocabulary Workbook

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USING THIS BOOK

A “little and often” approach to vocabulary will help you to remember words in the long-term. We therefore recommend that you complete just one or two exercises (not chapters!) every one to two days.

Before completing a new exercise, try to look back on the previous couple of exercises in order to revise.

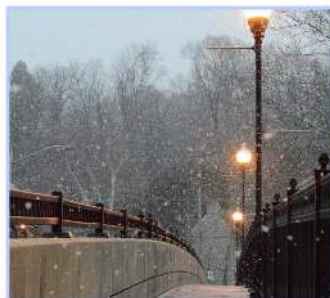
GOOD AND BAD WORDS

Match the words below to their definitions.

malnourished Clue: "nourished" sounds a bit like "nutrition".	meaning to do evil Clue: this word comes from the Latin "volent", meaning "wishing".
dismal	meaning to do good Clue: this word comes from the Latin "volent", meaning "wishing".
benevolent	suffering from a lack of proper nutrition
malicious	of a gentle and kind manner
benign	having a good or useful effect
malady	gloomy, often used to describe the weather Clue: the word from the Latin "dies mali" meaning "evil days".
malevolent	deliberately hurting someone and their feelings; spiteful
beneficial	

Use the clues in red to help you to match the words with the definitions. If you're not sure of an answer, try looking up the word in a dictionary.

Collocations tell you which words are commonly used together. For example, you can say "a flurry of snow" or "a flurry of activity".



flurry

Example Sentence: A flurry of snow made the bridge look like it had been sprinkled with icing sugar.

Collocations: of snow, of activity

Definition:

1. a small amount of rain or snow that falls for a short period
2. a short period of time where there is a lot of activity, interest or excitement

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PREFIXES



Add negative prefixes to the words below to form their antonyms. Write your answer in full in the correct column. The first one has been done for you.

sane	appear	visible
stoppable	approve	authentic
finished	prove	calculable
definite	fair	believe
finite	agree	due

IN-	DIS-	UN-
		unfair

Add prefixes to the following words to form their antonyms.

_____ normal _____ clockwise _____ behave
 _____ noble _____ code _____ sense



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reliable	mortal	fortunate	healthy
legible	regular	reversible	
literate	responsible	logical	
mobile	mature	modest	

IM-	IR-	IL-	UN-
			unhealthy

GOOD AND BAD WORDS

Match the words below to their definitions. Start by matching up the words you know already. You may wish to use a dictionary to help you.

noble

having a limit in size; not unlimited

sane

not crazy; rational

due

to appear and become visible

finite

genuine and real

authentic

able to move or be moved

emerge

having good morals

literate

Clue: "Literate" relates to the word "literacy", which involves reading and writing.

1. expected or planned for a certain time
2. owed to someone or deserved

mortal

able to read and write

mobile

Clue: A mobile phone gets its name from the fact that it can be moved; it is not stuck in one place.

someone that cannot live forever



THE VELVETEEN RABBIT CLOZE TEST

Fill in the gaps in the story with the appropriate words provided.

shabbier

arms

lived

clasped

trouble

after

splendid

uncomfortable

dragged

breathe

dropped

One evening, when the Boy was going to bed, he couldn't find the china dog that always slept with him. Nana was in a hurry, and it was too much _____ to hunt for china dogs at bedtime, so she simply looked about her, and seeing that the toy cupboard door stood open, she made a swoop.

"Here," she said, "take your old Bunny! He'll do to sleep with you!" And she _____ the Rabbit out by one ear, and put him into the Boy's _____.

That night, and for many nights _____, the Velveteen Rabbit slept in the Boy's bed. At first he found it rather _____, for the Boy hugged him very tight, and sometimes he rolled over on him, and sometimes he pushed him so far under the pillow that the Rabbit could scarcely _____.

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And he missed, too, those long moonlight hours in the nursery, when all the house was silent, and his talks with the Skin Horse. But very soon he grew to like it, for the Boy used to talk to him, and made nice tunnels for him under the bedclothes that he said were like the burrows the real rabbits _____ in. And they had _____ games together, in whispers, when Nana had gone away to her supper and left the night-light burning on the mantelpiece. And when the Boy _____ off to sleep, the Rabbit would snuggle down close under his little warm chin and dream, with the Boy's hands _____ close round him all night long.

And so time went on, and the little Rabbit was very happy—so happy that he never noticed how his beautiful velveteen fur was getting shabbier and _____, and his tail becoming unsewn, and all the pink rubbed off his nose where the Boy had kissed him.

PROVERBS

Match the proverbs below with their definitions.

birds of a feather flock together

if there is a rumour that someone is unpleasant then there is probably a reason for it

make hay while the sun shines

leave something alone if it could cause you trouble

don't carry all your eggs in one basket

once someone has experienced a bad outcome they are less likely to do the same thing again

a bad workman always blames his tools

don't be dependent on only one outcome or plan

let sleeping dogs lie

make the most of opportunities while you have them

there's no smoke without fire

people will always blame something else for their failings

once bitten twice shy

people that are alike stick together

NUMERAL PREFIXES

Use the clues below to match the words with their definitions.
You may also wish to use a dictionary to help you.

ONE OR FIRST	TWO OR SECOND	THREE
uni-, mono- or prim-	bi-, du- or second-	tri-
FOUR	FIVE	SIX
quad- or quart-	pent- or quin-	sext- or hexa-
SEVEN	EIGHT	NINE
sept- or hept-	oct-	nov- or non-
TEN	HUNDRED	THOUSAND
deci-	centi-	milli-
	MANY	
	multi- or poly-	

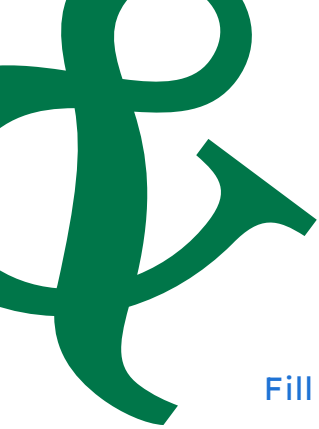
Write one word that matches each of the definitions below. Use the table of numeral prefixes to help you.

The first school that a child attends.	
The second school that a child attends.	
A period of one hundred years.	
An eight-sided shape.	
A three-wheeled cycle.	



NUMERAL PREFIXES

A two-wheeled cycle.	
A period of one thousand years.	
Describing something that has many colours.	
A period of ten years.	
A four-sided shape.	
Taking place twice a year. Clue: Add a prefix to “annual”, which means “happening once a year”.	
An athletic contest consisting of five separate events.	
A series of three related plays, books or films.	
A person in their nineties. Clue: octogenarian is the name for someone in their eighties.	
A sea creature with eight legs.	
Using only one colour or only black and white. Clue: Also derives to ‘khrôma’ meaning ‘colour’.	
One hundredth of a litre.	
Creating five identical copies. Clue: duplicate means to make two identical copies.	



A CHRISTMAS CAROL CLOZE TEST

Fill in the gaps in the story with the appropriate words provided.

voice

reflected

undergone

oranges

chestnuts

leaves

glistened

peeping

roaring

The moment Scrooge's hand was on the lock, a strange _____ called him by his name, and bade him enter. He obeyed.

It was his own room. There was no doubt about that. But it had _____ a surprising transformation. The walls and ceiling were so hung with living green, that it looked a perfect grove; from every part of which, bright gleaming berries _____ . The crisp _____ of holly, mistletoe, and ivy _____ back the light, as if so many little mirrors had been scattered there; and such a mighty blaze went _____ up the chimney, as that dull petrification of a hearth had never known in Scrooge's time, or Marley's, or for many and many a winter season gone. Heaped up on the floor, to form a kind of throne, were turkeys, geese, game, poultry, brawn, great joints of meat, sucking-pigs, long wreaths of sausages, mince-pies, plum-puddings, barrels of oysters, red-hot _____, cherry-cheeked apples, juicy _____, luscious pears, immense twelfth-cakes, and seething bowls of punch, that made the chamber dim with their delicious steam. In easy state upon this couch, there sat a jolly Giant, glorious to see, who bore a glowing torch, in shape not unlike Plenty's horn, and held it up, high up, to shed its light on Scrooge, as he came _____ round the door.

"Come in!" exclaimed the Ghost. "Come in, and know me better, man."

SIAMESE TWINS



Siamese twins (also known as binomials) are pairs of words that are commonly used together. The words are usually joined by “and” or “or” and are generally considered to be irreversible; that is, the words must always be said in a particular order. Complete the Siamese twins below.

famous	tired	pepper	alive	butter
shine	later	tuck	thin	light

1. Anna seasoned her food with salt and _____.
2. Many people are jealous of the lifestyles of the rich and _____.
3. The little girl seemed all sweetness and _____, but behind closed doors she was a menace.
4. Edna wrote stories in her spare time, but her teaching job was her bread and _____.
5. In twelve years of friendship, the buddies had been through thick and _____ together.
6. “I am sick and _____ of your behaviour!” screamed the children’s mother.
7. “Come rain or _____, I will be at that party,” assured Chloe’s best friend.
8. Sooner or _____ the boy would have to reveal that he had lost the school gerbil.
9. The old lady went to a plastic surgeon for a bit of nip and a _____.