



Daily Warm-Ups

VOCABULARY

WORD PLAY

Level II



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Food Fun

The following sentences are missing two words. The two missing words are spelled the same, but may not have the same meaning. At least one of the words in each pair has to do with food. Write the missing words on the lines below.

1. The boy did not _____ the _____ the vendor put on his hot dog.
2. Although she was not a _____ character, her _____ sauce made her rudeness bearable.
3. Although it was tempting to _____ on the desserts, a fly in the custard made the meal rise in her _____ .
4. The disturbing story in the _____ of the week's news articles made it difficult for him to _____ his dinner.
5. I will _____ the soup with hot pepper flakes, even if summer is not really the _____ for a spicy dish.
6. After he _____ the eggs into soft peaks, he _____ the dirty dishes into the sink.



Please Define

Samuel Butler once said, "A definition is the enclosing of a wilderness of idea within a wall of words." Write your explanation of definition below.

Now write definitions for the following three words.

1. vexing _____

2. superfluous _____

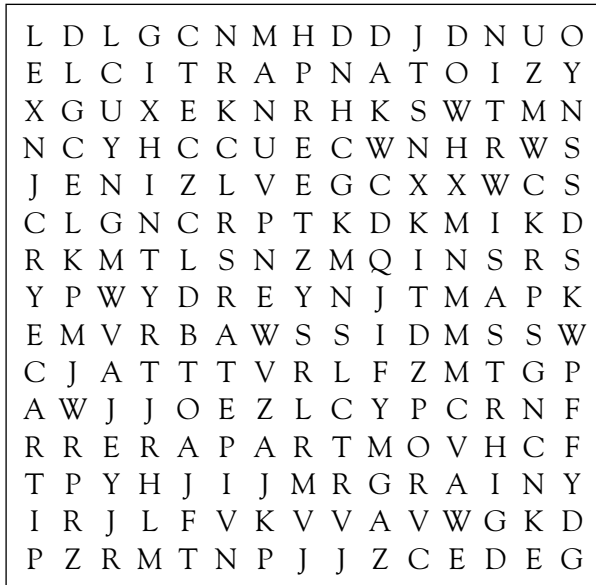
3. preamble _____



Just a Tad

How many ways do you know of to say “a very small amount”?

In the word search below, circle ten words with that meaning.

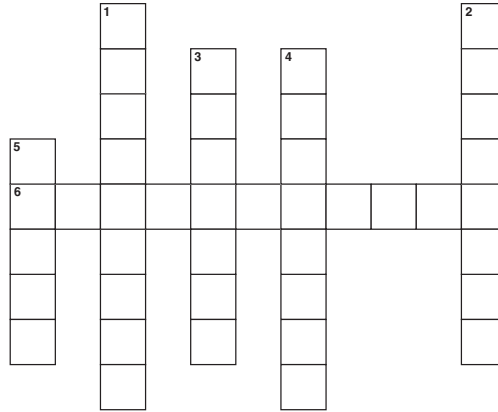




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Let There Be Light

The words in this crossword puzzle all relate to light. Solve the puzzle using the clues below.



Across

6. a wavelength beyond visible light

Down

1. the flash of light produced by the discharge of atmospheric electricity

2. the colors that make up white light, arranged by wavelength
3. a skin pigment that helps protect against sunlight
4. glowing
5. the opening in the eye that responds to light



Shakespeare Stumper

William Shakespeare added thousands of new words to the English language. Read the clues below. Then choose the word from the box that best matches each clue. Write it on the line.

courtship	excellent	laughable	obscene
dwindle	gloomy	lonely	premeditated

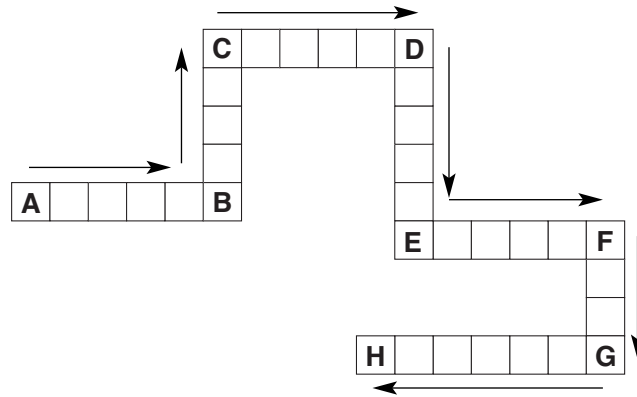
- _____ 1. ridiculous
- _____ 2. the act of dating
- _____ 3. dark
- _____ 4. repulsive
- _____ 5. solitary
- _____ 6. to decrease
- _____ 7. superior
- _____ 8. deliberate





Alphabet Trail

Fill in the alphabet trail with words that begin and end with the letters given. Follow the arrows when writing in the answers.



- A: a word that may modify an adjective
- B: fundamental
- C: frank
- D: to damage someone's reputation
- E: to surround and cover
- F: to whip
- G: to decorate



On the Job

Surnames often refer to a profession. See if you can match each name on the left with the job it refers to on the right. Write the correct letter on the line.

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|---------------|-------------------------|
| ___ 1. Carter | a. barrel maker |
| ___ 2. Cooper | b. clothes maker |
| ___ 3. Taylor | c. flour grinder |
| ___ 4. Smith | d. metalworker |
| ___ 5. Miller | e. transporter of goods |

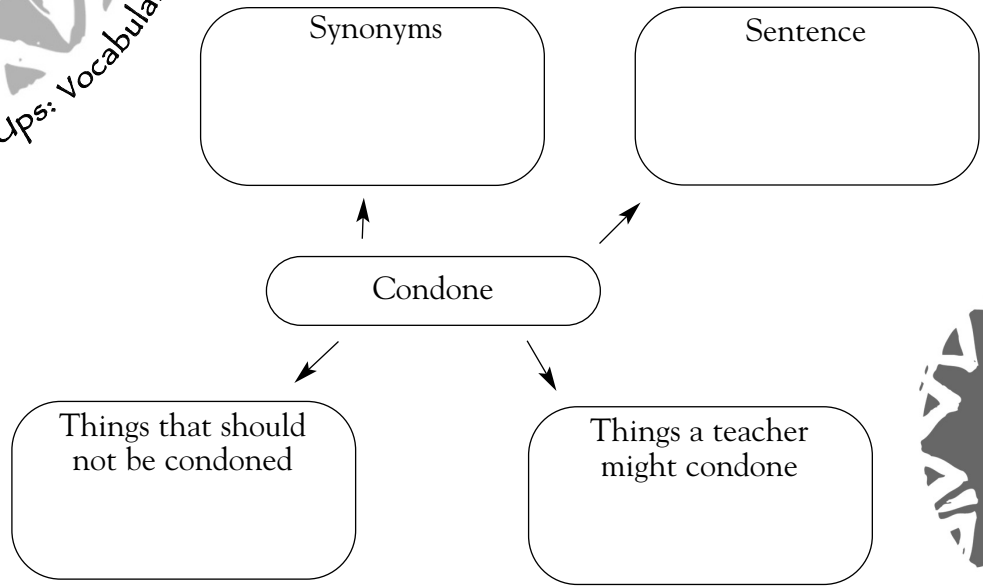




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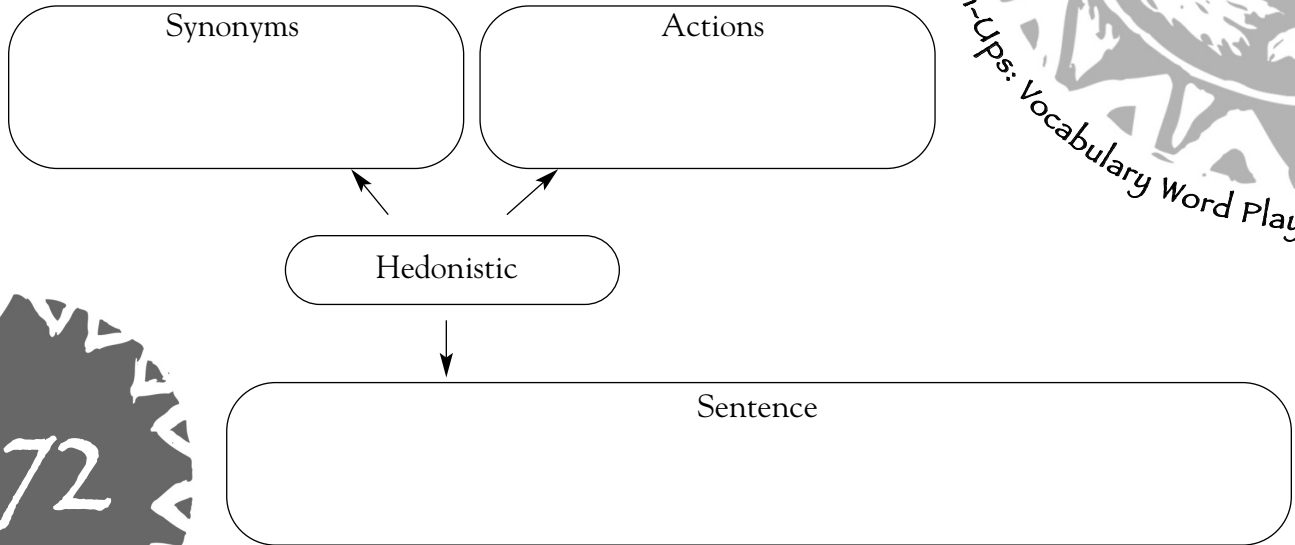
Concept Map III

The word *condone* means “to agree with by overlooking.”
Complete the concept map below for the word *condone*.



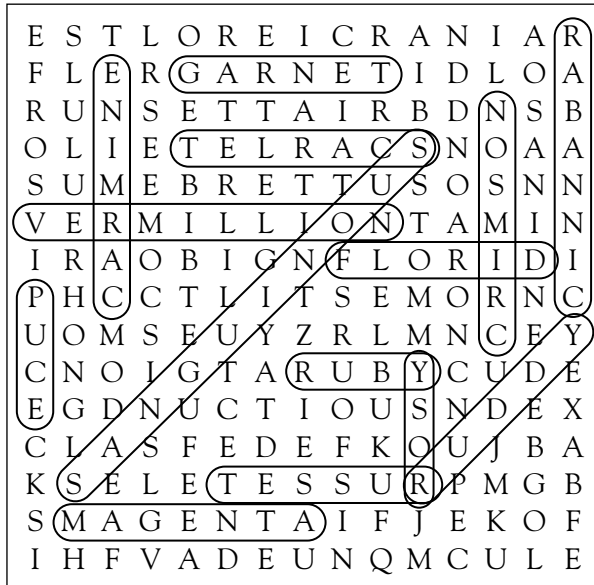
Concept Map IV

The word *hedonistic* means “pleasure-seeking” or “wild.” Complete the concept map below for the word *hedonistic*.



1. 1. relish; 2. savory; 3. gorge; 4. digest; 5. season; 6. whisked
2. Explanations will vary. 1. bringing trouble or distress; 2. unnecessary; 3. an introductory statement
3. Answers will vary.
4. Answers will vary.
5. 1. tractor; 2. distractions; 3. retracted; 4. detract; 5. contract; 6. subtract; 7. traction; 8. intractable; 9. extract; 10. protracted
6. Paragraphs will vary.
7. Answers will vary.
8. Answers will vary.
9. Answers will vary. Sample answers: artichokes, broccoli, cucumber, celery, cauliflower, potatoes
10. Answers will vary.
11. Answers will vary.
12. Answers will vary. Sample answers: links, lynx; hair, hare; deer, dear
13. Answers will vary.
14. Answers will vary.
15. Answers will vary. Sample answers: joyous, merry, gleeful, genial, jolly, hilarious, exhilarated, congenial, elated, radiant, jubilant, thrilled
16. 1. the cat's pajamas; 2. raining cats and dogs; 3. horse of a different color; 4. cat got your tongue; 5–6. Answers will vary.
17. 1. c; 2. d; 3. a; 4. f; 5. e; 6. b

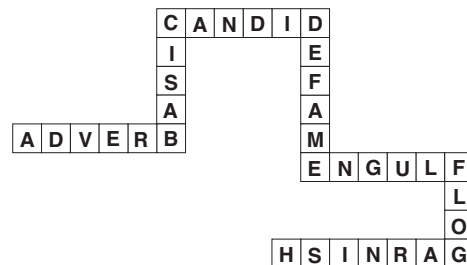
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19. 1. torrent; 2. finicky; 3. peril; 4. obstinate; 5. ornate; 6–10. Sentences will vary.
20. 1. blue; 2. red; 3. yellow; 4. blue; 5. green; 6. red; 7. white; 8. gray; 9. brown; 10. black
21. 1. cool; 2. lonely; 3. admiration; 4. display; 5. clean; 6–10. Sentences will vary.
22. EARTH: clod, geology, pumice, terrestrial, territory
AIR: aerosol, ethereal, pulmonary, respiration
FIRE: char, combustion, ignite, incendiary, inflammable
WATER: aquatic, condensation, glacial, humidity, lachrymose, perspiration
23. 1. well; 2. amount; 3. hoard; 4. uninterested; 5. conscious; 6. lose; 7. among; 8. good; 9. eminent; 10. word usage
24. 1. N; 2. P; 3. P; 4. N; 5. P; 6. N; 7. N; 8. P; 9. P; 10. N; 11. N; 12. P; 13. P; 14. P; 15. N; 16. P; 17. N; 18. N

118. 1. cinquain; 2. secondary; 3. biped;
4. septuagenarian; 5. centipede; 6. Pentagon;
7. biennial; 8. uniform; 9. tercentennial;
10. bipartisan
119. Answers will vary.
120. Answers will vary. Sample answer: High-sounding words: inalienable rights, independence, equality, representation, diplomacy, democracy; High-minded actions: granting voting rights for women, showing respect for differences, finding a way to fairly represent the different states, providing true equality under the law, using speeches and wit rather than violence to solve problems, acting rather than just talking
121. Answers will vary.
122. Answers will vary.

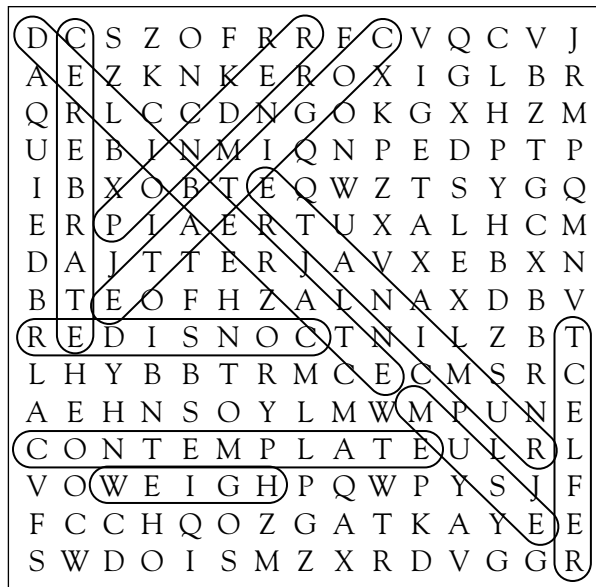
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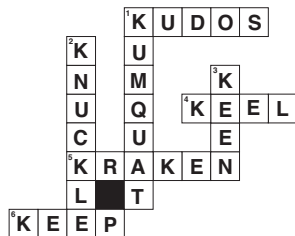
124. 1. e; 2. a; 3. b; 4. d; 5. c
125. Answers will vary. Real definitions: 1. to shrink from drying up; The diminutive is *crinkle*; 2. to waste away; The diminutive is *drindle*; 3. to weep in anger (rather than in sorrow); 4. to complain; 5. to grow old
126. 1. a; 2. d; 3. b; 4. e; 5. c
127. 1. distress, mortification; 2. imitation, usually inferior; 3. one who takes the law into his or her own hands, usually in revenge for a specific crime; 4. (adj.) relating to a suicide mission; 5. spirit, vitality

128. Answers will vary. Real definitions: 1. restless; 2. quarrelsome; 3. heavy, difficult to move; 4. hot and stuffy; 5. unreasonable (in arguments)
129. 1. happiness; 2. fifth son; 3. bailiff, steward; 4. white; 5. assistant
130. Answers will vary.
131. Answers will vary.
132. Answers will vary. Sample answers: 1. engaged, interested; 2. agitated, enervated, discombobulated; 3. sad, dejected; 4. depressed, miserable
133. Answers will vary.
134. 1. b; 2. d; 3. c; 4. a;
135. Answers will vary.
136. Answers will vary.
137. Answers will vary.

138.



153.



154. Spender: profligate, spendthrift, squanderer, wastrel; Saver: cheapskate, closefisted, frugal, miser, parsimonious, stingy, thrifty
155. 1. Liverpool, England; 2. Cambridge, Massachusetts; 3. Glasgow, Scotland; 4. Denmark; Adjectives will vary.
156. Answers will vary.
157. Answers will vary.
158. 1. a mean-spirited grouch; 2. someone who is annoyingly optimistic; 3. a hoarder; 4. hypocritical
159. Answers will vary.
160. 1. altogether; 2. rise; 3. lie; 4. alter

161. Answers will vary. Sample answers: dull, mundane, tedious, soporific, insipid, ho-hum, bland, dry
162. Answers will vary. Sample answers: pester, hector, vex, pique, try, irritate, peeve
163. 1. pronounce; 2. elocution; 3. linguist; 4. vocabulary; 5. cognate; 6. lexicon; 7. diction; 8. interpreter
164. GOOD: lofty, moral, noble, virtuous, wholesome
BAD: corrupt, demonic, depraved, immoral, reprobate, sinister
UGLY: gargoyle, gorgon, grotesque, hideous, homely
165. 1. c; 2. a; 3. d; 4. b
166. Answers will vary. You may wish to have some magazines available for students to look at in class, or have students bring in materials from home.
167. Answers will vary. Students may observe that Lincoln was commenting on someone who seemed to talk a lot without saying anything meaningful.

