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Spitting Cobra

aims¹⁷

Aims means points something in a certain direction, usually in order to hit another thing. *Alberto aims the water hose at his sister so that he can spray her.*

deadly¹⁸

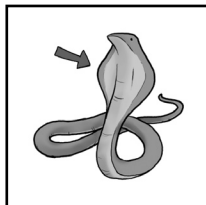
Deadly means likely to cause death. *Stay away from the cobra because it can give you a deadly bite.*

enemies¹³

Enemies are people or animals that are not friendly to each other and may want to harm each other.

hood¹⁶

A hood is a wide body part around an animal's head or neck. *A cobra may spread its hood when it is scared or startled.*



playing¹¹

Playing means acting or pretending. *Max was playing that he was a pirate.*

protects¹⁴

Protects means keeps safe from danger.

spray¹⁵

Spray means to send out many small drops of a liquid. *To wash the car, I will spray it with water from the hose.*

trick¹²

Trick means to make someone think something else is true. *Jill hid to trick us into thinking she had gone home.*

The Feat of Firewalking

amazing¹⁹

Amazing means great, special, or surprising. *The amazing little dog swam all the way across the lake.*

bare²³

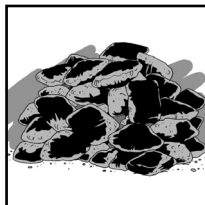
If something is bare, it has nothing on it. *Frieda doesn't wear gloves when she gardens because she likes the feel of dirt on her bare hands.*

checked²⁵

Checked means looked at something carefully. *The doctor knew the man had fallen down the stairs, so he checked to see if the man had any broken bones.*

coals²²

Coals are pieces of burned wood or coal.



dangerous²⁹

Dangerous means unsafe or likely to cause harm. *I don't play with fire because it is dangerous.*

feat²⁰

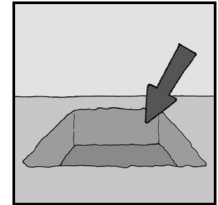
A feat is an act that takes strength, skill, or courage to do. *Lifting 500 pounds would be a feat for most people.*

length²⁴

Length is the distance from one end of something to the other end. *Our new rug covers the length of the living room; it goes all the way across the floor.*

pit²¹

A pit is a hole in the ground.



protect²⁶

Protect means to keep something safe. *When I ride my skateboard, I wear a helmet and wrist guards to protect my head and wrists.*

religious²⁷

Religious means having to do with religion. *Churches and temples are religious buildings.*

rituals²⁸

Rituals are activities that have meaning and are done in a certain way. *They performed many rituals at the 4th of July ceremony, including the raising of the American flag and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.*

awards¹⁸

Awards are things given for great work.



cartoons¹⁵

Cartoons are funny drawings.



characters¹⁶

Characters are people or animals in a story. *In the story of Snow White, my favorite characters are the seven dwarfs.*

drew¹³

Drew means made a picture of something. *Carla drew hearts on her letter to Grandpa.*

famous¹⁷

Famous means known by many people. *George Washington is a famous American.*

imagination¹¹

Imagination is the ability to think of pictures and ideas in your mind. *My brother has a good imagination; he always tells stories about dragons.*

in time¹⁴

In time means later or after a while. *Li was happy when summer vacation started, but in time, she started to miss her friends from school.*

special¹⁹

Special means different from the rest. *All the pillows on my bed were white except for the special purple pillow Mom sewed for me.*

tar¹²

Tar is liquid that gets hard and is used to make roads.



99 percent²⁹

Ninety-nine percent means 99 out of 100. *I got a score of 99 percent because I knew 99 of the 100 multiplication facts on the test.*

breeding²⁸

Breeding means producing and bringing up or taking care of young.



common²⁰

Common means ordinary, regular, normal, or not special. *Milk is a common drink for babies.*

Hershey bar²²

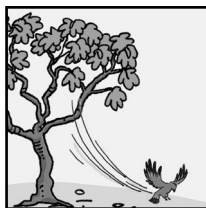
The Hershey bar is a famous candy bar made of chocolate. A standard-size Hershey bar weighs about an ounce and a half.

My grandma always asked to have a piece of my Hershey bar because she loved chocolate.



land²⁶

Land means to come down from the air to the ground or some other surface. *Eagles often land on trees to watch for their prey.*



nest²³

Nest means to make a home or to use a place as a home. *Bluebirds like to nest in the wooden box my brother hung on a post in our yard.*

site²⁷

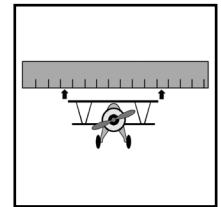
A site is the place where something happens. *The police hurried to the site of the car crash.*

uncommon²⁵

Uncommon means special, unusual, not regular, or not normal. *Walking on the moon is an uncommon experience.*

wingspan²¹

Wingspan is the distance between the tips of the wings of an airplane, bird, or other animal with wings when its wings are stretched out. *A large airplane has a greater wingspan than a smaller one.*



young²⁴

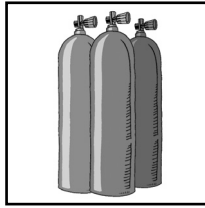
Young are babies. *I watched the robin feed its young; it brought worms to the baby birds.*



Scuba Diving

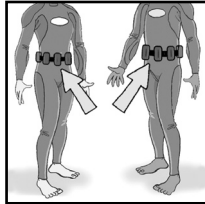
air tanks¹⁸

Air tanks are containers filled with air; this air is used for breathing.



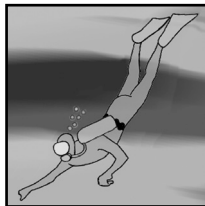
belts¹⁶

Belts are things people wear around their waists. In scuba diving, the belts are heavy to help keep the divers' bodies under water. *Without their heavy diving belts, Daisy and Linda would not be able to get to the bottom of the lake.*



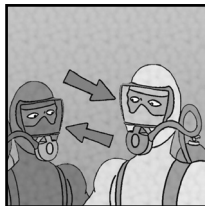
dive¹¹

Dive means to go headfirst into or through water.



face masks¹⁴

Face masks are things that cover divers' mouths and noses. They help bring air from the tanks to the divers.

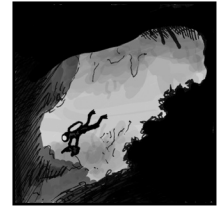


gear¹³

Gear is the special things you need to do an activity. *We packed our tents, sleeping bags, and other camping gear when we went camping.*

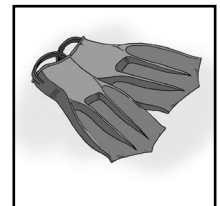
scuba dive¹²

Scuba dive means to use special clothing and other tools to swim underwater. *On our trip to the beach, we learned to scuba dive so that we could see the fish at the bottom of the sea.*



swim fins¹⁷

Swim fins are long, thin things you wear on your feet to help you swim.

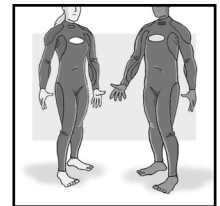


treasures¹⁹

Treasures are things that are special or worth a lot of money. *The queen kept her crown, jewels, and other treasures in a safe place.*

wetsuits¹⁵

Wetsuits are special types of clothing worn to keep warm in cold water.

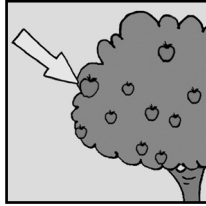


common²⁸

Common means often seen or heard.
Rain showers are common in the spring.

fruit²²

Fruit is the part of a plant that is usually sweet and good to eat.



goo²⁵

Goo is a liquid that is thick and sticky.

oil²⁶

Oil is a liquid that is greasy and helps things not stick. *She put oil in the pan so that the meat would not stick.*

pick²⁰

When you pick something, you take it in your hand and pull it off of something else. *You can pick flowers from a garden.*

problem²¹

A problem is something that is hard to deal with. *The noise was a problem for her when she was doing her homework.*

sour²³

If something tastes sour, it has a sharp or tart taste, like the flavor of a lemon. *Lemon juice is too sour to drink by itself, so we add sugar when we make lemonade.*

stews²⁴

Stews are meals that are made by slowly boiling foods together. A stew is often made of meat, vegetables, and gravy.

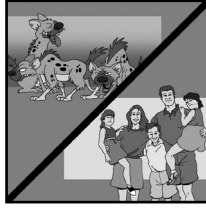
useful²⁷

Useful means helpful or able to be used.

The Laughing Hyena

clans¹⁵

Clans are large families.



collector¹⁴

A collector brings things to one place.

cry¹¹

A cry is a loud sound that a person or animal makes. *When the bird let out a cry, all the other birds knew that it had found food.*

den¹⁶

A den is a place where some animals live.



howl¹²

A howl is a long, loud call that an animal makes. *When we heard a howl, we knew that a wolf was near.*

leader¹⁸

The leader is the one others follow. *The class followed the line leader.*

related¹³

People or animals that are related to each other are in the same family.

young¹⁷

Young are babies. *I watched the robin feed its young; it brought worms to the baby birds.*

applied²²

Applied means asked for something, usually in writing. *Things people often apply for include jobs, loans, and entry to schools.*

at the top of the class²⁰

At the top of the class means having grades that are among the highest in the class. *Two students earned A's in all their subjects, so they both finished at the top of the class.*

awards²⁸

Awards are things given for great work.



Harvard Medical School²³

Harvard Medical School is the third oldest school of medicine in the United States and has been part of many important medical discoveries and improvements in modern medicine. *Many people apply to Harvard Medical School, but few get accepted.*

hospital²⁷

A hospital is a place where doctors and nurses take care of people who are sick or hurt. *When my father cut his hand, we took him to the hospital.*



medical¹⁹

Medical means having to do with medicine or things that help people feel better when hurt or sick. *Medical school is where future doctors learn ways to help people become or stay healthy.*

officials²⁵

Officials are people who enforce rules or have power. *The parade officials made sure nobody walked in front of the parade or tried to touch the floats.*

record²⁶

A record is a list of facts about someone and might include school grades, achievements, and other activities. *The company needed to see his work record before they could offer him a job.*

scholarship²¹

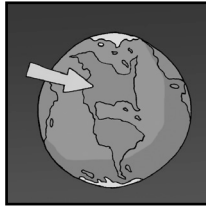
A scholarship is money awarded to a student to help him or her pay for school.

take²⁴

Take means to accept or to allow to come in. *Some colleges only take students who earned mostly A's in high school.*

continent¹⁶

A continent is one of the seven major land masses on Earth: Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, South America, Australia, or Antarctica.

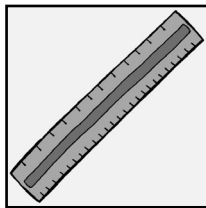


families¹²

Families are large groups of plants or animals that scientists know to be alike in many ways. *Many animal families have several species; for example, there are more than 30 species in the cat family.*

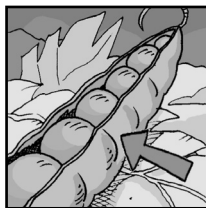
foot¹⁵

A foot is a unit of measurement equal to 12 inches. *Many rulers are a foot long.*



fruit²¹

Fruit is the part of a flowering plant that holds the seeds, such as a pod or a nut.



interesting¹¹

Interesting means exciting or unusual. *I saw an interesting painting at the museum; it was like nothing I have ever seen before.*

nutrients¹⁹

Nutrients are things that help other things grow by acting as food. *The nutrients found in food help your body to grow.*

roots¹⁸

Roots are the parts of plants that grow downward, often into the ground, and take in water and nutrients for the plant.

species¹³

A species is a group of plants or animals that are alike in most ways. *One species in the bear family, the giant panda, doesn't eat meat, but the other species in the bear family do eat meat.*

striking¹⁴

Striking means interesting, unusual, or beautiful enough to be noticed.

tropical¹⁷

Tropical means from or in the hottest and rainiest parts of the world.

vanilla²⁰

Vanilla is a flavoring made from the dried pods of a kind of flower. *Vanilla is my favorite ice-cream flavor, but my sister likes chocolate.*

bays³⁰

Bays are areas filled with ocean or lake water that have land around all but one of their sides.



bothers²⁵

If something bothers you, it makes you feel mad or uncomfortable.

The neighbor's dog bothers me; it always barks when I'm trying to read.

dangerous²⁴

Dangerous means able to hurt or harm.

A lion is a dangerous animal.

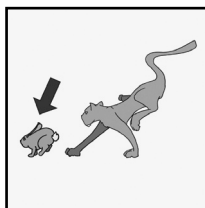
freshwater³²

Freshwater means having to do with the water in rivers or lakes, not in the ocean.

The salt water of the ocean would not be a good home for a freshwater turtle.

prey²⁷

Prey is an animal hunted by another animal for food. *A fly is a frog's prey, and a mouse is prey for cats and owls.*



sense²⁸

A sense is a way that the body can get information from the world around it.

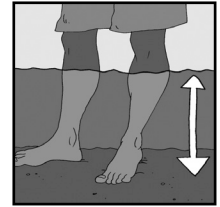
My sense of sight got much better when I put on my new glasses.

sensors²⁹

Sensors are body parts that help people or animals get information about the world around them. *My taste buds are sensors that help me taste the food I eat.*

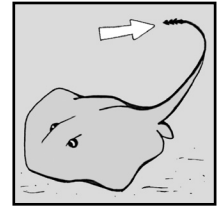
shallow³¹

Shallow means not deep. *People can walk or sit in shallow water.*



spine²³

A spine is a hard, sharp point that grows on some plants and animals.



unusual²²

If something is unusual, it is strange or different from what you see most of the time.

venomous²⁶

Venomous means filled with a harmful, poison-like substance that can hurt or kill other animals. *If the venomous snake bites the mouse, the mouse will die.*

A Mexican Tradition

attach¹⁵

Attach means to connect things together. *You can attach two pieces of paper together with a paper clip.*

blindfold¹⁶

A blindfold is a piece of cloth that covers a person's eyes. *The sun was still shining when I went to bed, so I wore a blindfold to keep the light out of my eyes.*



claim¹⁸

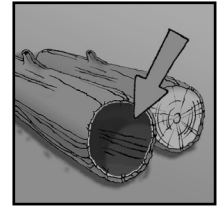
When you claim something, you take it and say it is yours. *Maddie will claim her prize at the end of the day.*

figure¹⁴

A figure is a shape, form, or outline. *When we looked at the clouds, we could see a figure that looked like a bear.*

hollow¹³

If something is hollow, it is empty on the inside.



rush¹⁷

When you rush, you move fast or hurry. *Mom had to rush to work this morning, so she did not have time to eat breakfast.*

special¹²

Special means different from the rest. *All the pillows on my bed were white except for the special purple pillow Mom sewed for me.*

tradition¹¹

A tradition is something that has been done in a special way for a long time. *We have a tradition in my family of opening birthday presents after dinner.*

ancient²⁴

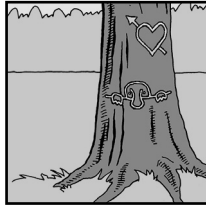
Ancient means very old. *He found an ancient coin; it was over 2,000 years old.*

carved²²

Carved means having been cut into. *My grandfather's cane was made of carved wood and looked like a snake.*

carvings²³

Carvings are shapes or designs made by scraping or cutting into something.



eroded²⁵

Eroded means wore or washed away over time. *The wind and rain eroded the stone statue over many years, so it started to lose its shape.*

figures²⁰

Figures are shapes, forms, or outlines. *We could see figures in the clouds that looked like bears.*

glimpse²⁹

A glimpse is a small or incomplete idea of what something is like. *The magazine article gave a glimpse of the president's life, but I would like to know more details.*

human¹⁹

Human means having to do with a person or people.

modern²⁸

Modern means new, up-to-date, and in the present day. *The new school will be more modern—it will have more computers and a pool.*

protect²⁶

Protect means to keep something safe. *When I ride my skateboard, I wear a helmet and wrist guards to protect my head and wrists.*

scientists²¹

Scientists are people who study things using tests and experiments. *Some scientists watch and study animals; some scientists study the weather.*

treasure²⁷

A treasure is something that is special, valuable, or precious. *The boy thought the arrowhead he found was a treasure.*

Baltimore Orioles¹²

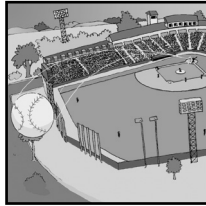
The Baltimore Orioles are a baseball team from Baltimore, Maryland.

hit¹³

In baseball, hit means to get to a base safely after hitting the ball with a bat. *Juan hit two home runs in the baseball game.*

home runs¹⁴

Home runs are hits by batters that let them run all four bases and score.



hospital¹⁷

A hospital is a place where doctors and nurses take care of people who are sick or hurt. *When my father cut his hand, we took him to the hospital.*



orphanage¹¹

An orphanage is a home for children who do not have parents or for children whose parents cannot take care of them.

record¹⁵

A record is information used to keep track of something.

reminded¹⁸

Reminded means made someone think about something from the past. *The pink dress reminded the old woman of when she was a child; she used to have one just like it.*

visited¹⁶

If you visited someone, you went to see and talk with that person. *The boy visited his grandparents.*

Paul Bunyan

acre²⁶

An acre is a large area of land. *The shopping center covers an acre of land.*

actually²³

Actually means really, truly, or in fact. *His birthday is actually tomorrow, but he is celebrating today.*

ax²⁷

An ax is a tool with a handle and a sharp blade that is used to cut down trees.



character²²

A character is a person or animal in a story. *Charlotte the spider is my favorite character in the book Charlotte's Web.*

imaginary²¹

Imaginary means made up or not real. *Unicorns are imaginary; you will not see them in real life.*

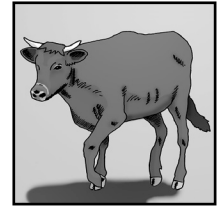
loggers¹⁹

Loggers are people whose job is to cut down trees.



ox²⁸

An ox is a large animal often used to pull or carry heavy things.



picked²⁵

Picked means poked or scraped in order to remove small pieces from something.

prized³⁰

Prized means thought of as important or special. *They prized their garden; they loved the fresh flowers it gave them.*

qualities²⁹

Qualities are specific features or traits that make a thing what it is. *Two qualities of gum are that it is sticky and that it is stretchy.*

tall tales²⁰

Tall tales are made-up stories that are told as if they were true. In tall tales, things are bigger, better, or worse than they are in real life. *Grandpa liked to tell tall tales, like the story about the time he caught a fish as big as his boat.*

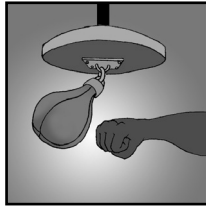
wrestled²⁴

Wrestled means tried to throw to the ground or hold down. *The boys wrestled to see who was stronger.*

Komodo Dragon

blow¹⁸

A blow is a hard hit.
A blow from a baseball bat could make you fall.



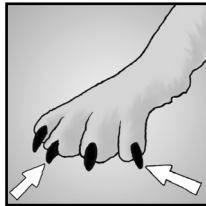
burrow¹⁹

A burrow is a hole in the ground dug by an animal for shelter. *We could see the rabbit run down into its burrow.*



claws²⁰

Claws are sharp nails on the feet of some animals.



dragons¹¹

Dragons are pretend monsters that look like big lizards and breathe fire.

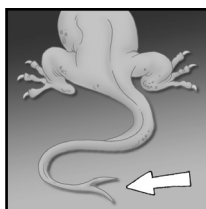


fairy tales¹²

Fairy tales are stories about magic, dragons, monsters, and other imaginary things. *Snow White and Little Red Riding Hood are two well-known fairy tales.*

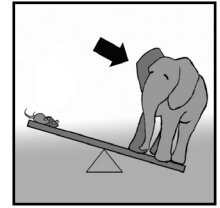
forked¹⁵

Forked means split in two.



heaviest¹⁴

Heaviest means hardest to carry, move, or pick up. *The heaviest bag weighed 100 pounds, but each of the other bags weighed only 50 pounds.*



islands²¹

Islands are lands surrounded by water.

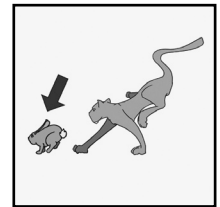
lizard¹³

A lizard is a reptile with scaly skin and a long tail.



prey¹⁶

Prey is an animal hunted by another animal for food. *A fly is a frog's prey, and a mouse is prey for cats and owls.*



young¹⁷

Young means not old or started not long ago. *Babies are young, and grandparents are older.*

Tiny but Tough

among²²

Among means in a group, set, or category of something. *Those singers are among the best entertainers in the country.*

boiled²⁸

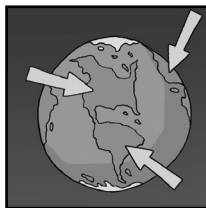
Boiled means cooked in a liquid hot enough to bubble and steam. *Erika boiled some eggs so she could use them in a salad.*

conditions²⁷

Conditions means the way things are. *Ferns grow best in shady conditions while cactuses grow best in sunny conditions.*

continents³¹

Continents are the major land masses on Earth. *The seven continents are Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, South America, Australia, and Antarctica.*



decades³⁰

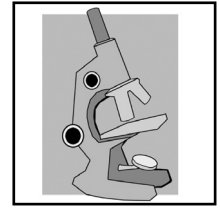
Decades are periods of 10 years. *Two decades is 20 years, and three decades is 30 years.*

frozen²⁹

Frozen means made cold enough to turn into a solid. *Water becomes ice when it is frozen.*

microscope²³

A microscope is an instrument that makes small things look larger.

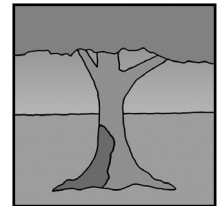


millimeter²⁴

A millimeter is a very small unit of measurement. If you divide a meter into 1,000 equal pieces, each tiny piece is a millimeter. *A credit card is about a millimeter thick.*

moss³²

Moss is a clump of tiny green plants that usually grows where it is damp and shady. *Moss sometimes grows on the shady side of trees.*



survive²⁶

Survive means to keep living. *Some of the young trees may die during the cold winter months, but most will survive.*

tough²⁵

Tough means not easily damaged or destroyed. *Plants must be tough to survive snow and freezing winter temperatures.*

died out¹⁷

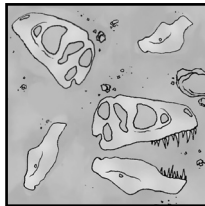
If a kind of animal or plant has died out, all of that kind have died and none of that kind are living anymore. *Dinosaurs died out long ago; they have not been alive for millions of years.*

extinct²⁰

If a kind of animal or plant is extinct, all of that kind have died out, and none of that kind are living anymore. *Dinosaurs became extinct long ago; no dinosaurs have been alive for millions of years.*

fossils¹⁹

Fossils are what is left of plants and animals that have been dead a very long time. *The museum has fossils of plants that lived millions of years ago.*



Ice Age¹⁴

Ice Age means a time very long ago when the earth was very cold and mostly covered with sheets of ice. *Some Ice Age people lived in caves to stay warm.*

mammals¹⁵

Mammals are warm-blooded animals that have fur or hair. *Most mammals do not lay eggs.*



museum¹⁸

A museum is a place that has beautiful, interesting, or unusual things to look at. *We saw dinosaur bones and mummies at the museum.*



sinkhole¹¹

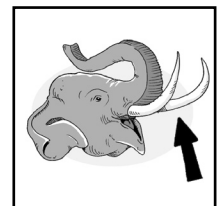
A sinkhole is an opening in the ground. A sinkhole is often deep and filled with water.

site¹³

A site is the place or location of something. *The square of dirt in the backyard is the site where we will plant the garden.*

tusks¹⁶

Tusks are long, sharp teeth that stick out of the faces of elephants and walruses.



uncovered¹²

Uncovered means found something that was buried. *The dog uncovered a bone that was buried in the field.*

band³⁰

A band is a group of people who play music together. *My brother is in a band that plays rock-and-roll music.*



on key³¹

If you sing on key, you make the right musical sound. *The choir sounded nice when they sang on key.*

chord²⁹

A chord is the sound of more than one musical note played at the same time. *Bill played a chord on the piano by pressing five keys at once.*

pick²⁸

A pick is a small piece of plastic that is sometimes used to play the guitar. *The guitar strings made Eli's fingers sore, so he played using a pick instead.*



guitars²¹

Guitars are musical instruments with six strings and a long neck.



plucks²⁵

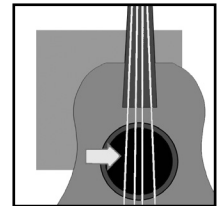
A person plucks the string of an instrument by pulling the string and then quickly letting go.

metal²³

Metal is a material like gold, silver, copper, or iron. *She decided to wear a silver ring because silver is her favorite metal.*

strings²²

Strings are the wires on some musical instruments. *Guitars and violins have strings.*



note²⁷

A note is a musical sound or tone. *Betsy played a high note on her flute, and Keith played a low note on his tuba.*

strums²⁶

A person strums an instrument by moving the fingers or a pick lightly over the strings.

nylon²⁴

Nylon is a strong material used to make many things. *Fishing lines, guitar strings, and stockings are often made of nylon.*

The Flute

ancient¹²

Ancient means very old.
He found an ancient coin; it was over 2,000 years old.

bands²⁰

Bands are groups of people who make music together. *Bands often have saxophones, trumpets, and drums.*



finger holes¹⁴

Finger holes are small openings on an instrument. People cover the finger holes to change the instrument's sound. *When Hazel uncovered the finger holes, the flute played a different sound.*

instrument¹¹

An instrument makes music. *A piano is an instrument.*

keys¹⁷

Keys are the parts of instruments you press down to make music.

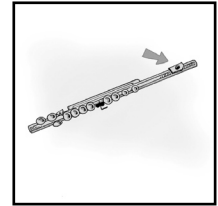


metal¹⁵

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mouthpiece¹⁸

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notes¹⁹

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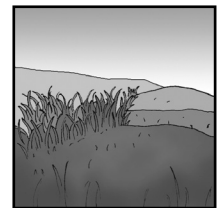
orchestras²¹

Orchestras are groups of people who make music together by playing instruments. *Violins, flutes, and cellos are some instruments played in orchestras.*



reeds¹³

Reeds are tall plants that grow in or near water.



solo²²

Solo means alone or without other instruments. *Luisa played solo; she was the only person making music.*

tubes¹⁶

Tubes are long, round shapes that are empty in the middle. *Garden hoses and drinking straws are two kinds of tubes.*

championship³¹

A championship is a game or sports contest to decide who will win first place. *The track team got a trophy for winning the championship.*

Hall of Fame³⁴

A Hall of Fame is a group of people who are the very best at something. *Michael Jordan was a great basketball player and is now in the Basketball Hall of Fame.*

lost his mind²⁴

We might ask if someone has lost his mind when we think the person is doing something strange.

low-scoring³²

Low-scoring means players do not get very many points. *The low-scoring hockey game ended in a 1–1 tie.*

national team²⁸

A national team is a group of some of the best players from one country in a sport. *Spain's national team was the winner of the 2010 World Cup.*

New York Cosmos³⁰

The New York Cosmos were a professional soccer team for New York City from 1971 to 1985.

pro³³

If you are a pro, or professional sports player, you are very good at that sport and get paid to play it.

professional²⁶

A professional player is a person who plays a sport for money.

Santos²⁷

Santos is a soccer team from the city of Santos, Brazil.

soccer²⁵

Soccer is a game played on grass by people who try to kick a ball into the other team's goal.



sock²³

A sock is a cloth you wear on your foot.

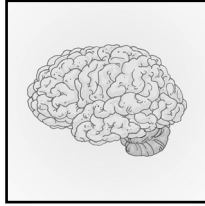


World Cup²⁹

The World Cup is an important soccer tournament played every four years. *Teams from all over the world compete in the World Cup.*

brain¹¹

The brain is the part of the body inside the head that controls how a person or animal thinks, feels, and moves.



command center¹²

A command center is a place where orders are given out. *The airport's command center told the pilot that she could land the plane.*

complex¹⁷

Complex means hard to understand; not simple. *When I took apart the watch and saw all the parts, I knew it was too complex for me to fix.*

controls¹⁴

Controls means directs or is in charge of someone or something. *She controls her dog by telling him what to do and giving him a treat when he does it.*

heartbeat¹⁵

A heartbeat is the action of a heart sending blood through the body. *After Betty ran a mile, her heartbeat was faster than usual.*

human¹⁶

A human is a person.



signals¹³

Signals tell you what is going on around you. *Fire alarms and smoke are signals that there is a fire.*

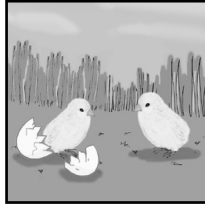
Cuckoo Birds

call¹⁹

A call is a special sound an animal makes. *A howl is the call of a coyote.*

chicks²³

Chicks are baby birds. *Bluebird chicks are not blue at first; they get their blue feathers as they grow into adult birds.*



cuckoo¹⁸

Cuckoo means crazy or strange. *The kids thought the clown was cuckoo.*

foster parents²⁵

Foster parents take care of babies that are not their own.

hatch²⁴

Hatch means to be born from an egg.



lays²¹

Lays means makes eggs come out of the body. *The bird lays its eggs in the nest.*

sit²²

Sit means to keep eggs warm by covering them with the body until they hatch.

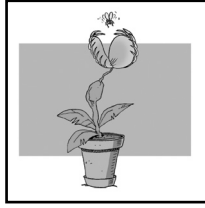
strange²⁰

If something is strange, it is different from what you are used to seeing. *Wilma thought the man looked strange because he was wearing a heavy jacket on the hottest day of summer.*

Meat-Eating Plant

flytrap¹¹

A flytrap is a plant that catches insects for food and eats them.



fold¹⁴

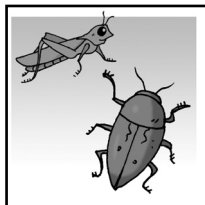
Fold means to bring two sides of something together. *I had to fold the letter so that it would fit into the envelope.*

hairs¹⁵

Hairs are thin growths on the skin of people, animals, and some plants. *You can see the hairs on your head, arms, and legs.*

insects¹²

Insects are small animals with six legs. Insects often have wings. *Flies and beetles are insects.*



inside¹⁶

The inside of something is the part that faces in or faces the center. *Mya wrote her name on the inside of her lunch bag, so people could not see her name unless they opened the bag.*

lock¹⁹

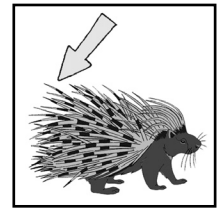
Lock means to shut in or out. *When I lock the car, nobody can open its doors.*

pressure¹⁷

Pressure is force or weight that is put on something. *When I studied outside, I put a heavy book on my papers so the pressure would keep them from flying away in the wind.*

spines¹⁸

Spines are hard, sharp points that grow on some plants and animals. *The quills on a porcupine are spines.*



trap¹³

A trap is something that catches animals and keeps them from getting away. *Andrea set a trap for the mouse; after she caught the mouse, it could not run around Andrea's house anymore.*

The Gentle Shark

bristles²⁴

Bristles are short, thin pieces that poke out of something.

diver²¹

A diver is a person who wears special gear to swim down into deep ocean water.

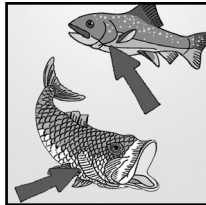


gentle²⁰

Gentle means mild or not likely to cause harm. *Her dog is gentle; it likes to curl up next to people, and it never bites.*

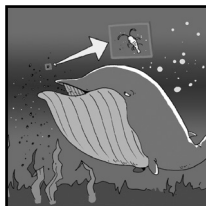
gills²⁷

Gills are body parts that help an animal breathe underwater.



plankton²⁶

Plankton are very small plants and animals that whales and bigger fish eat.



search²³

A search is a careful check in order to find something.

swallow²⁸

Swallow means to make something go through the mouth and into the stomach. *People usually chew their food before they swallow it.*

tons²²

If an animal weighs tons, it weighs many thousands of pounds. *If something weighs 2 tons, it weighs 4,000 pounds.*

trap²⁵

Trap means to catch and hold or stop from getting out or away. *She will trap the cool air in the room by closing all the windows and doors.*

