



Wacky Words

The following sentences are missing two words. The two missing words may sound the same, but may not have the same meaning or be spelled the same way. Write the missing words on the lines below.



1. Mark _____ have built the dog's kennel out of _____, but he didn't have any nails.
2. My mother was _____ after she couldn't _____ her car and the parking meter expired by the time she did.
3. Without its fur the _____ would be _____ and get cold when hibernating through winter.
4. Penny _____ in the passenger seat as her father drove them down Abbey _____.
5. I will _____ the soup with hot pepper flakes, even if summer is not really the _____ for a spicy dish.
6. Jimmy told the men the company _____ around to his house that he would not be paying them a _____.

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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 _____



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Veg Out

Name as many vegetables as you can that have three or more syllables.



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I've Heard It Before

A **cliché** is an overused phrase or expression. For example, “food for thought” is a cliché that is no longer fresh. Make a list of as many clichés as possible in five minutes. Write them below.



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Vocabulary Lesson

Using a dictionary, find five unusual or difficult words. Write the definitions, then “teach” them to a partner. After you have taught the words, ask your partner to use each in a sentence. Did you both learn the meaning of the words? Write a reflection of the experience below.



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Incredible Journey

The word *safari* is the Swahili word for *journey*. How many words can you think of for *journey*? Write a short paragraph about a journey you took. The journey could be to a faraway destination, or it could be a journey within. Use at least three synonyms for *journey* in your paragraph.



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Be Positive

A connotation is an idea suggested by a word. Look at the pairs of words below. Match each positive word in the column on the left with a negative synonym on the right. Write the correct letter on the line.



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| ___ 1. save | a. delusion |
| ___ 2. critical | b. conceited |
| ___ 3. belief | c. hoard |
| ___ 4. avenge | d. carping |
| ___ 5. husky | e. obese |
| ___ 6. confident | f. retaliate |

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Red Alert

English is a language rich in adjectives. In the word search below, circle fourteen synonyms for the adjective *red*. You may want to brainstorm a list of synonyms to look for first.



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| F | L | E | R | G | A | R | N | E | T | I | D | L | O | A |
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To a Degree

When writing, it is important to use the most precise word to fit the meaning of a sentence. This makes your writing more interesting. For each pair of words below, circle the lower-degree word. Then write a sentence for each circled word.



1. cool frigid
2. forlorn lonely
3. laudation admiration
4. display flaunt
5. clean immaculate

6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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It's Elemental

Write each word under the appropriate element: *earth*, *air*, *fire* or *water*.



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|------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| aerosol | condensation | ignite | pulmonary |
| aquatic | ethereal | incendiary | pumice |
| char | geology | inflammable | respiration |
| clod | glacial | lachrymose | terrestrial |
| combustion | humidity | perspiration | territory |

EARTH

AIR

FIRE

WATER

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