

Lesson 20

anguish ANG•gwish NOUN

great pain or suffering of body or mind
[We waited in *anguish* to find out if anyone had been saved.]

billow BIL•oh

NOUN a great wave [The *billow* that hit our boat nearly sank it.]

VERB 1. to roll in great waves or clouds
[Look at the ocean *billow*.]

VERB 2. to swell out [The sheets on the clothesline *billow* in the wind.]

dwindle DWIN•dul VERB

to keep on becoming smaller or less [Don't allow your savings to *dwindle* away by making unimportant purchases.]

enable en•AY•bul VERB

to make able; to provide with strength, power, ability, or opportunity (to do something) [That scholarship will *enable* her to go to college.]

grievance GREEV•unce NOUN

something that one is angry or hurt about because of feeling that it is unfair; a complaint about a real or imagined wrong [Any worker here can talk to the boss about any *grievance* he or she has about work.]

grope GROPE VERB

1. to feel or search about blindly or uncertainly
[I had to *grope* my way down the hall in the dark.]

2. to search for an answer or a solution in an uncertain manner [I didn't know what to say in answer and had to *grope* for the right words to use.]

hence HENCE ADVERB

1. therefore; as a result; so [The boxes were large and *hence* awkward to carry.]

2. from this time forward; from now ["Come back six months *hence*," said the dentist.]

hover HUV•ur VERB

1. to remain in or near one place in the air [A hummingbird can *hover* by a flower as it feeds.]

2. to remain in one place or stay very close by [Parents often *hover* near their sick child.]

mockery MOK•ur•ee NOUN

the act of mocking, or making fun of someone or something [The children's *mockery* of the boy's limp hurt his feelings.]

nonetheless nun•thuh•LES ADVERB

in spite of that [The dog wagged its tail, but I was scared of it *nonetheless*.]

pauper PAW•pur NOUN

one who is entirely without money; a very poor person [The rich man gave some coins to the *pauper*.]

pell-mell PEL•MEL ADVERB

1. in a jumbled or confused way [Don't throw the seeds *pell-mell* into the garden.]

2. in reckless haste [Hearing a scary sound, Byron ran *pell-mell* down the dark street.]

perchance pur•CHANCE ADVERB

perhaps [*Perchance* we'll find ourselves on the same team.]

query KWHR•ee

NOUN a request for information; a question [I responded to Jess's *query* by telling him that the rehearsal would be at four o'clock.]

VERB to ask a question or questions [I need to *query* the clerk about the price of this jacket.]

tyrant TY•runt NOUN

1. a ruler who has complete control; a cruel ruler [The *tyrant* was fond of throwing people into the dungeon.]

2. anyone who uses power in a cruel or unfair way [Our landlady is a *tyrant* who won't let us hang pictures, paint a wall, or have any kind of pet at all.]

Exercise A: Completion

Choose the correct answer to complete each sentence.

- 1. You would have to **gripe** for a memory if it was
 - A. dim.
 - B. sad.
 - C. clear.
- 2. The part of a sailboat that **billows** is the
 - A. deck.
 - B. mast.
 - C. sail.
- 3. One thing that causes **anguish** is
 - A. a tragedy.
 - B. a triumph.
 - C. an annoyance.
- 4. Someone most people would assume to be a **pauper** is a
 - A. jogger.
 - B. beggar.
 - C. robber.
- 5. The punctuation mark that usually goes at the end of a written **query** is
 - A. a question mark.
 - B. an exclamation point.
 - C. a colon.
- 6. A person who talks a lot about his or her **grievances** might be called a
 - A. bragger.
 - B. whiner.
 - C. comedian.

Exercise B: Synonyms

Write the **Word** that is a synonym for each set of words.

- 7. decrease; shrink _____
- 8. dictator; slave driver _____
- 9. misery; grief _____
- 10. hastily; speedily _____
- 11. anyway; regardless _____
- 12. scorn; disrespect _____
- 13. maybe; possibly _____
- 14. fumble; seek _____
- 15. gripe; injustice _____
- 16. assist; support _____
- 17. hang; float; flutter _____



Is it perchance Percy's purpose to propose to pretty Prissy?



Positively!



What'll Dudley do when his dollars all have dwindled down the drain?



"Gotta dime?"

Exercise C: Questions

Write the **Word** that best answers the question.

18. What will happen to your bank account if you always spend a little more money than you earn?
19. What might you call a very bossy person who insists on having everything go his or her way?
20. What would you have to do in order to move around if you were blindfolded?
21. What is a really bad way to put eggs, bread, and bananas into a grocery bag?
22. What would a pillowcase do if you held it open in front of a fan?
23. What can a helicopter do that an airplane cannot do?
24. What is part of any kind of interview and most kinds of tests?
25. What is going on when someone is imitated in a cruel way?

Exercise D: Antonyms

Write the **Word** that is an antonym for each underlined word or phrase.

26. I wanted Mom to say, "Absolutely! For sure!" but she only said, "___."
27. Unexpected bad news turned our joy to ___.
28. I don't intend to go away; I plan to ___ right nearby.
29. I expected admiration; instead, the reaction was ___.
30. I cannot get a good, clear answer to my ___.
31. Do this job slowly and carefully, don't go at it ___!
32. No, no, no, your appointment was a week ago, not a week ___.
33. It wasn't because of Sam's pitching that we won; we won ___.
34. Screens prevent bugs from flying in but ___ fresh air to enter.
35. The millionaire lost his wealth and became a ___.



Hansel had to sell all her chickens. Hence Hansel hasn't any hens anymore.



Hugh once floated high over Earth. Now Hugh hovers happily in Heaven.



Exercise E: Fill-in

Write the **Word** that best completes each sentence. Use each word only once.

36. Jenna had a _____, so she stopped at the Information desk in the lobby.
37. Can you imagine a world without the _____ of war?
38. If you _____ in that drawer, the scissors in it may poke you.
39. My hope that we would win began to _____ as the other team scored run after run.
40. Jeffrey saw a mosquito _____ above his arm and whacked it.
41. When some people have a _____, they go to a lawyer; others try to handle the situation themselves.
42. The king in the story is a _____ who allows his people no freedoms.
43. Racing _____ down the stairs, I missed a step and fell the rest of the way.
44. My cousin Lily often used _____ to poke fun at the way we spoke and behaved, and so we all dreaded her visits.
45. Steam will _____ out when you take the lid off a pot of boiling water.
46. My aunt is so fearful of becoming a _____ that she is extremely careful with her money.
47. A good map will _____ a traveler to find his or her way almost anywhere.
48. It's freezing cold now, but a few months _____, spring will arrive.
49. I asked Wally to leave me alone; _____, he continued to pester me.
50. If I study really hard, _____ I'll get a good grade.

Quick LIST

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billow N., V.

dwindle V.

enable V.

grievance N.

grope V.

hence ADV.

hover V.

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pauper N.

pell-mell ADV.

perchance ADV.

query N., V.

tyrant N.

Word Fun 4!

Puzzling

Identify the **Word** from Unit 4 that fits the clue in each box. The word's first letter is shown in the answer blank.

SIGHRIGHTT

1. C

RIGHT
NOW
!!!!!!!

2. u

something chase

3. p

Shrink

4. d

danNOTger

5. i

float

6. h

Crossing

Use the clues in this short, short story to solve the short, short crossword puzzle on the right.

Once upon a time, there was a (1 Across) person who had no money at all. Though poor, he was happy. Until now. Now he faced a (1 Down) serious and difficult problem.

The (2 Across) cruel and very bossy ruler had seen him outside the palace and ordered him to take a bath. Since the poor man didn't own a bathtub or even a bar of soap, he couldn't help but (3 Down) feel angry and annoyed about the order. Then the fellow had a bright idea. Surely the palace had a bathtub and some soap. The guards let him in because he was, after all, just obeying the boss's order!

When the ruler went to brush his teeth, he was a little bit startled, but what could he do?

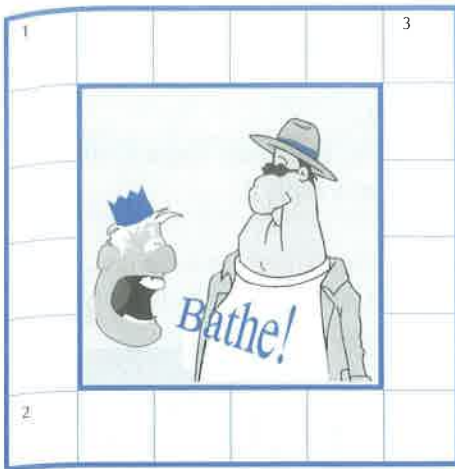
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Naming

Match each person's name ...

- ___ 1. Lee Neeyent
- ___ 2. Anne Gwish
- ___ 3. Pa Thet Tikk
- ___ 4. Dee Lusion
- ___ 5. Rhea Shurr
- ___ 6. Ella Kwent
- ___ 7. E. Senshul
- ___ 8. Ma Curry
- ___ 9. Ann Tikk
- ___ 10. N. Able

6 + 4



Digging

Find and underline the **Word** from Unit 4 that's buried in each sentence. These are the words you need to dig up:

agile billow gourmet morale
ally gape mingle prank

1. Skip ran khaki trousers up the flagpole for a joke.
2. Of course, my jaw dropped and I stared in wonder because I was seeing a peculiar sight!
3. When we play ball, you be on my team, and our side will win.
4. You should try using our method of cooking if you want a truly delicious meal.
5. We need more spirit on our team, or a lesser team will beat us.
6. If "It" tries to catch me when we're playing tag, I leap gracefully out of reach.
7. We joined with them in glee and made one great big, happy group.
8. Bill owes me a ride on his sailboat.

to the description it goes best with.

- A. She's full of cute tricks.
- B. She makes you feel confident.
- C. He helps people get things done.
- D. Everyone feels really sorry for him.
- E. She is a fabulous speaker and writer.
- F. He'll let you get away with anything.
- G. She won't stop making fun of people.
- H. She's always in terrible pain, poor thing!
- I. She thinks the sun goes around the Earth!
- J. She has a sense of what's truly important.

Rhyming

Make each set of lines rhyme (and have a poetic rhythm) by filling in a **Word** from Unit 4.

1. My rapid feet
Make me _____
2. No light at night
Can be a _____
3. "How're you, dearie?"
Was her _____
4. My poems are worse
If they're not _____

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