

Lesson 22

extract ek•STRAKT VERB

1. to pull out; to draw out [I hope the dentist doesn't need to *extract* my tooth.]
2. to get out by pressing or squeezing [Wring the towel to *extract* water from it.]

frail FRAIL ADJECTIVE

1. slender and delicate; weak [My uncle's illness has left him so *frail* that he can't walk.]
2. easily broken or damaged [That old chair is too *frail* to support my weight.]

gawk GAWK VERB

to stare rudely or stupidly because of curiosity or amazement [I didn't want everyone to know I was a tourist, so I tried not to *gawk* at the unusual clothes and buildings.]

ingenious in•JEEN•yus ADJECTIVE

1. very clever and inventive [George Washington was an *ingenious* military leader.]
2. cleverly planned and made [This *ingenious* tool can get the top off any jar.]

insistent in•SIS•tunt ADJECTIVE

demanding strongly and, usually, repeatedly [My brother was *insistent* about wanting to go, so we took him with us.]

interrogate in•TAIR•uh•gate VERB

to ask questions of; to examine or get information from by asking questions [The lawyer will *interrogate* the witness.]

irreplaceable ih•rih•PLAY•suh•bul

ADJECTIVE that cannot be replaced [An original painting is *irreplaceable*.]

lair LAIR NOUN

the bed or resting place of a wild animal [The fox returned to its *lair* every night.]

luminous LOO•muh•nus ADJECTIVE

giving off light; shining [The stars are *luminous*.]

morsel MOR•sul NOUN

1. a small bite or bit of food [He barely ate a *morsel*.]
2. any small amount or piece [I haven't a *morsel* of energy left.]

neutral NOO•trul ADJECTIVE

not joining either side in a disagreement or war [Many countries remained *neutral* in the war.]

sullen SUL•un ADJECTIVE

silent and unfriendly because one feels angry, bitter, or hurt [When Ethan doesn't get what he wants, he becomes *sullen*.]

sultry SUL•tree ADJECTIVE

very hot and damp, without a breeze [On a *sultry* day, the beach is very crowded.]

surge SURJ

NOUN 1. a large wave of water or its violent rushing motion [The *surge* knocked us over.]

NOUN 2. any sudden, strong rush [The *surge* of the crowd nearly crushed us.]

VERB to move in a surge [The fans at the stadium *surged* around us.]

vengeance VEN•junce NOUN

the act of getting even for a wrong; punishment in return for harm done [When I insulted Ron, he took *vengeance* by embarrassing me.]

THE PATH IN THE WOODS PART 1



A girl walks sullenly down a path. It's a sultry evening, and she is hot, lost, tired, and hungry. ("Is that tasty-looking morsel a mushroom or a rock? Yuck! A toad! Ohhh.") She goes on.

Exercise A: Rhyme Time

Write the **Word** that completes each rhyme.

1. That fellow is so thin and pale
I fear he must be rather _____
2. A statue that began to talk
Would surely make me stop and _____
3. I yanked and tugged and pulled, but it's a fact,
A nail can be a hard thing to _____
4. I hope the ink you drew with is the kind that is erasable.
The tablecloth you made the picture on is _____

The girl stops suddenly when a strange voice interrogates her. ("Whooo? Whoo? Whoo are yoo?") An owl blinks at her from its branch in a tree, and the girl rushes on. ("I'm not scared of yooooo!")

Exercise B: Other Forms of Words

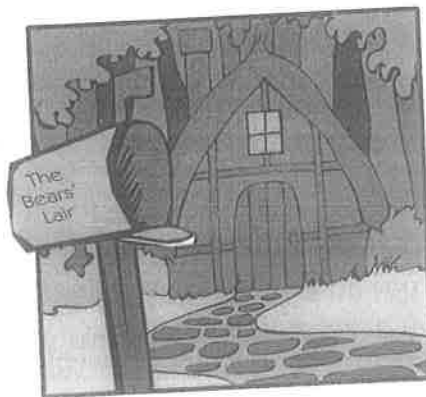
Use what you know about the **Words** to choose the correct answers.

5. What is a person with **ingenuity** very good at?
A. sympathizing B. obeying orders C. solving problems
6. Which of the following is an **interrogative** sentence?
A. "I can!" B. "Why try?" C. "They went."
7. During a baseball game, whose behavior must show **neutrality**?
A. a coach's B. a player's C. an umpire's
8. What is used for **extractions**?
A. a thumbtack B. a tweezers C. a scissors
9. What part of an oak tree has the most **frailty**?
A. a twig B. an acorn C. the trunk
10. What does a person usually do **sullenly**?
A. yell B. pout C. yawn

Exercise C: Antonyms

Write the **Word** that is an antonym for each of these words. This exercise continues on the next page.

11. cool _____
12. peek _____
13. insert _____
14. trickle _____



At the path's end, she gawks at a tiny house and its mailbox. ("Bears' Lair. Cutesy.") Feeling surges of hunger, she insistently knocks, then goes inside, uninvited.

15. stupid _____
16. answer _____
17. cheerful _____
18. forgiveness _____

Now frail from hunger, the girl extracts all the food from the cupboards—every can, bag, box, and bottle of . . . porridge! ("Ma Bear must be an ingenious cook!") She eats it all—too hot, too cold, and some that's sort of neutral.



("This porridge stuff doesn't have a lot of flavor, but it does stick to the ribs!")

Exercise D: Questions

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

19. What is a judge supposed to be? _____
20. What is weather like in a jungle? _____
21. What might knock you off your feet? _____
22. Where does a wild bear spend the winter? _____
23. What describes a quilt your great-grandmother made? _____
24. What do the police do to someone suspected of a crime? _____
25. What describes a person who just won't take no for an answer? _____
26. What do a car's headlights become when they're turned on? _____
27. What might you do if you could hardly believe your eyes? _____
28. What is a chocolate chip? _____

Quick LIST

- extract** V.
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lair N.
luminous ADJ.
morsel N.
neutral ADJ.
sullen ADJ.
sultry ADJ.
surge N., V.
vengeance N.

Exercise E: Synonyms

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

29. den; burrow; resting place _____
30. glum; moody; grumpy _____
31. sliver; tidbit; fragment _____
32. revenge; getting even _____
33. creative; original _____
34. bright; glowing _____
35. fragile; feeble _____

Exercise F: Fill-in

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

36. The most uncomfortable days of summer are the really _____ ones.
37. The forest rangers tracked the bobcat back to its _____.
38. The boards had rotted, making the porch too _____ to be safe.
39. My dog Rex is one of a kind; he is truly _____.
40. I apologized to my brother, but his _____ silence told me I wasn't forgiven.
41. Germany invaded several _____ countries that hadn't taken sides in the war.
42. A person who wants _____ looks for a way to "get even."
43. My sister was so _____ about playing another game that I gave in.
44. Dad began to _____ me about where I'd been and what I'd done.
45. Will you help me _____ this splinter in my foot?
46. We watched the waves _____ toward the shore.
47. Many people are grateful to the _____ woman who invented the dishwasher.
48. We were so hungry that we ate every _____, and not a crumb was left.
49. I can read my watch in the dark, thanks to its _____ face.
50. Someone who'd never seen a giraffe would probably _____ at the sight of one.

Moving through the now-dark house, the girl bumps into something and hears glass crash to the floor. ("I hope that wasn't irreplaceable.") She steps on something else, and a TV comes on. ("Aha! It's a remote control!") Settling into a big chair, she skips through the channels. ("What? No cable?")



A familiar luminous glow catches her eye. Wandering into a small bedroom, she finds the computer and sits down. ("Maybe I can go online!")

TO BE CONTINUED

Exercise G: Writing

Now that you've read Part 1 of "The Path in the Woods," what do you think happens in Part 2? On your own paper, write *your* ideas about what happens next. If you like, you can write a whole ending of your own. Use at least **THREE Words**.