

Lesson 25

administer ad•MIN•us•tur VERB

1. to manage; to direct the affairs of [Who will *administer* the baseball league at the park?]
2. to carry out; to give; to supply [Emergency rooms can *administer* medical help quickly.]

barbaric bar•BAIR•ik ADJECTIVE

uncivilized; crude and cruel [Whipping someone as a punishment seems very *barbaric* to me.]

chipper CHIP•ur ADJECTIVE

cheerful and energetic [You look *chipper*!]

cluster KLUS•tur

NOUN a number of things growing, collected, or lying together [A *cluster* of tulips grew beside the front door.]

VERB to grow or gather in a cluster [Children often *cluster* in the park after school.]

consecutive kun•SEK•yoo•tiv ADJECTIVE

following in regular order without a break [The temperature was below zero for eight *consecutive* days.]

culprit KUL•prit NOUN

one guilty of a crime or wrongdoing [The *culprit* was captured after a police chase.]

dispute dis•PYOOT

NOUN an argument; a debate [There was a *dispute* over the umpire's call.]

VERB to question or deny the truth or rightness of [Do you *dispute* my statement?]

ember EM•bur NOUN

a glowing piece of coal or wood in the ashes from a fire [A single *ember* can start a huge forest fire.]

jest JEST

NOUN a joke, amusing remark, or playful act [He made a *jest* about my appearance.]

VERB to say something funny; to joke [People are more likely to *jest* when they're in a good mood.]

materialize muh•TEER•ee•ul•ize VERB

1. to become actual or real [I fear my dream won't *materialize*.]
2. to give something a physical form or to take on a physical form [With her knitting needles, my aunt rapidly made a scarf *materialize* from a ball of yarn.]

omen OH•mun NOUN

anything that is supposed to be a sign of a future event, whether good or bad [Are you one of the people who think that breaking a mirror is a bad *omen*?]

spendthrift SPEND•thrift

NOUN a person who spends his or her money carelessly [The *spendthrift* went bankrupt.]

ADJECTIVE wasteful with one's money [She'll regret her *spendthrift* ways.]

tier TEER NOUN

one of a series of layers or rows, arranged one above another [We sat in the second *tier* of seats.]

vegetation veh•juh•TAY•shun NOUN

things growing from the soil; plant life [The yard is covered in thick *vegetation*.]

writhe RITHE VERB

to twist and turn; to twist about [Watching the dancers *writhe*, I thought they looked as if they were in great pain.]

THE PATH IN THE WOODS PART 2



Three travelers follow the path. One speaks in a **chipper** voice. ("Why is it night? Are we almost home? There's a toad! Are toads vegetation?") A tired voice replies. ("No, Teddy.")

Exercise A: Synonyms

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

1. bunch; clump _____
2. happy; lively; carefree _____
3. wild; savage _____
4. develop; appear _____
5. criminal; outlaw _____
6. indication; warning; hint _____
7. squirm; bend _____
8. in a row; continuous _____
9. shrubs; greenery _____
10. lead; govern _____

Home at last, the travelers find their front door wide open.

Papa says, "Is this a jest?"

Mama says, "Is this an omen?"

Teddy says, "Is this a spendthrift? That's a vocabulary word I learned this week."

After a look around the living room, Papa speaks, his eyes glowing like embers.

"Some nasty culprit has moved my recliner and used up the batteries in the remote control!"

Almost in tears, Mama speaks. "Some barbaric creature has eaten all our porridge and left a whole cluster of my crystal kiddy people broken on the floor!"



Exercise B: What Is It?

Write the **Word** that each clue describes.

11. It helps you see well if you sit in it.
A number of seats often fit in it. _____
12. It has no flames, but it is hot.
Though not a lamp, it gleams a lot. _____
13. It can, or so some people think, forecast
The future, but it cannot tell the past. _____
14. A group of people stand in this to chatter.
But it is gone the instant that they scatter. _____
15. It may make people groan, or they may love it.
But no one wants to be the victim of it. _____
16. It's there when one side thinks the other's wrong.
It isn't there when people get along. _____
17. Farmers work to grow it, but they also pull it out.
Some of it they want, but some they'd rather do without. _____

Exercise C: Yes or No

Circle YES or NO for each question.

18. Are these numbers in **consecutive** order: 2, 4, 8, 6? YES NO
19. Is an **ember** something people hold in their hands? YES NO
20. Does a **spendthrift** save lots of money in the bank? YES NO
21. Are the seats in a movie theater arranged in **tiers**? YES NO
22. Does a mayor **administer** the affairs of a city? YES NO
23. Are corn and wheat examples of **vegetation**? YES NO
24. Does a **culprit** deserve blame? YES NO
25. Do grapes grow in a **cluster**? YES NO

Exercise D: Antonyms

Write the **Word** that is an antonym for each set of words.

26. agree; support _____
27. miser; tightwad _____
28. weary; gloomy; dull _____
29. gentle; kind; civilized _____
30. disappear; fade; crumble _____

Exercise E: Questions

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

31. What does a police officer try to find? _____
32. What do you do when you clown around or crack a joke? _____
33. What would a superstitious person pay great attention to? _____
34. What do dogs do when they scratch their backs on the ground? _____
35. What are you if your allowance is always gone the same day you get it? _____

In his turn, Teddy speaks. "Why do we talk in consecutive order most of the time, and who has been using my computer, and who ordered all that expensive stuff on the Internet, and who charged it all on Papa's credit card? *And, most of all, who is SHE?*"



Quick LIST

- administer** V.
barbaric ADJ.
chipper ADJ.
cluster N., V.
consecutive ADJ.
culprit N.
dispute N., V.
ember N.
jest N., V.
materialize V.
omen N.
spendthrift N., ADJ.
tier N.
vegetation N.
writhe V.

Exercise F: Fill-in

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

36. His _____ made everyone roar with laughter.
37. On the top _____ of the wedding cake, there was a little statue of a bride and groom.
38. There is so much _____ in her back yard that it looks like a jungle.
39. My sister is such a _____ that she is always running out of cash.
40. Greg greeted me with a _____ "Good morning!" that made it clear he was feeling great.
41. I am really tired of this _____; can we just agree to disagree?
42. Okay, who is the _____ who broke Mr. Cobb's window? Confess!
43. A group of _____ invaders drove the people from their homes and burned the city.
44. You shouldn't _____ all the little statues together; spread them out so everyone can see them.
45. After it had rained for six _____ days, we all had to deal with flooded basements.
46. A red sunset is supposed to be an _____ that the next day's weather will be fine.
47. Our plans for a vacation trip did not _____ because Mom couldn't take time off from work.
48. You help those people over there, and I'll _____ aid to the ones on this side.
49. We didn't leave our campsite until every last _____ had been put out.
50. The girl had awful stomach cramps that made her _____ in pain.

The girl materializes from who-knows-where. "Oh!" She smiles. "Hi! I bet you folks are the Bears, huh? I was on my way to Grandma's and got lost and saw your nice little house and so I, uh, . . . Would anyone like some of my, uh, your popcorn?"



"You guys eat only vegetation-type food, right?"

THE END

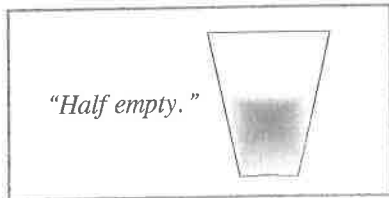
Word Fun 5!

Puzzling

Identify the **Word** from Unit 5 that fits the clue in each box. The word's first letter is shown in the answer blank.



1. w _____



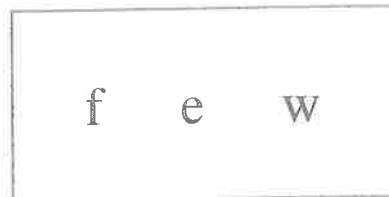
2. p _____



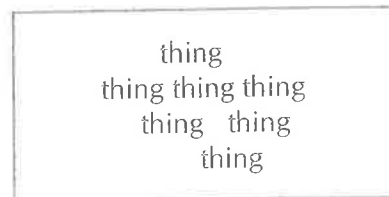
3. o _____



4. b _____



5. s _____



6. c _____



7. l _____

Naming

Match each person's name ...

- _____ 1. Bennie Fakter
- _____ 2. X. Tingwish
- _____ 3. Barb Erick
- _____ 4. Chip Purr
- _____ 5. Ella Gunt

Matching

Match the phrases ...

- _____ 1. omit a bit
- _____ 2. a rash dash
- _____ 3. a hare's lair
- _____ 4. crave a cave
- _____ 5. appear to jeer
- _____ 6. suggest a quest
- _____ 7. savor the flavor
- _____ 8. my folks' hoax
- _____ 9. a fruit dispute
- _____ 10. the best jest
- _____ 11. verify a buy
- _____ 12. a frail male

Defining

Match the invented word ...

- _____ 1. delima
- _____ 2. boysterous
- _____ 3. vegenation
- _____ 4. confidential
- _____ 5. accluesation

to the description it goes best with.

- A. He's lively and cheerful.
- B. She's always beautifully dressed.
- C. He gives his money to the needy.
- D. She always blows out the candles.
- E. She's cruel and not very civilized.

that are closest in meaning.

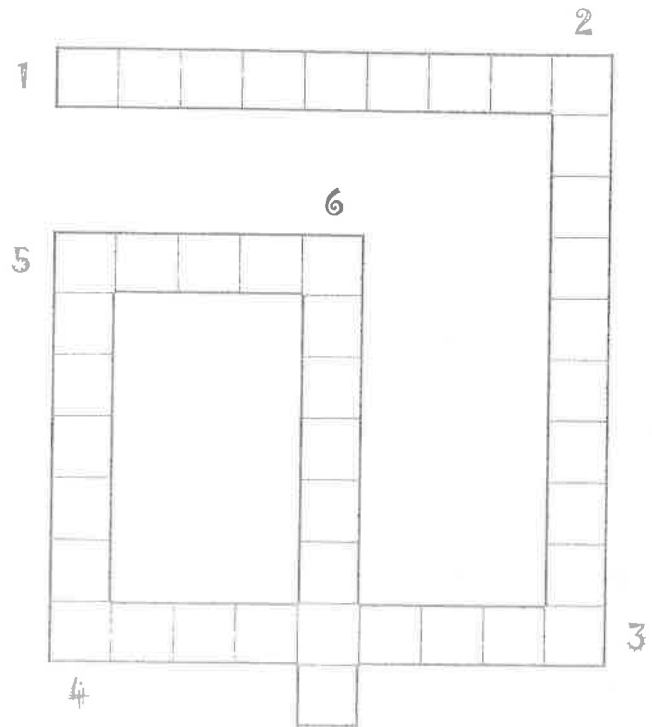
- A. seem to sneer
- B. the greatest gag
- C. leave out a little
- D. prove a purchase
- E. deeply desire a den
- F. a rabbit's resting place
- G. a battle over bananas
- H. my parents' prank
- I. propose a pursuit
- J. treasure the taste
- K. a breakable boy
- L. a reckless race

with its meaning.

- A. a country's flowers and trees
- B. a problem involving vegetables
- C. what male children are when they're making noise
- D. a criticism you make that is based on a piece of evidence
- E. what your secrets are if you tell them while getting a filling

A-maze-ing

As a maze, this puzzle is not too amazing, but you do have to know the words from Unit 5—and your directions. (And it will help to know some words both backwards and forwards!)



- 1 RIGHT easy to keep in mind; hard to forget
- 2 DOWN what Smokey the Bear wants you to do to your campfire
- 3 LEFT * every which way; not carefully done
- 4 UP ** what you face when you're "between a rock and a hard place"
- 5 RIGHT to change or modify, as a tailor does to tight pants
- 6 DOWN sensible, reasonable, practical; not crazy

* Here, "left" means backwards from right to left.

** Here, "up" means backwards from bottom to top.

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