

Independent Practice

Vocabulary: Definitions Write the Basic Word that matches each definition. Use your Spelling Dictionary.

1. a rectangular cracker made of whole-wheat flour
2. a garden plant with showy, variously colored flowers
3. growths of hair down the sides of a man's face
4. a tree or shrub with large white or pink flowers
5. a system of writing and printing for the blind
6. a plant with waxy flowers and often colorfully marked leaves
7. a shrub with glossy evergreen leaves and large, fragrant white flowers
8. a man or fellow
9. a unit of electrical measurement
10. a tight-fitting garment often worn by dancers
11. a stiff felt hat with a round crown and a narrow, curved brim
12. a large crane for lifting and moving heavy objects
13. a wind instrument with a curved metal body



Definitions

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Vocabulary: Using Context Write the Basic Word that completes each sentence. Use your Spelling Dictionary.

14. The tree's _____ was like a dark hand against the sky.
15. Will you join the _____ of Halley's Flower Shop to protest the store's high prices?
16. The red fruit hanging from the _____ bush looked ripe.
17. Mr. Seiji is considered a _____ by other botanists because of his independent views.
18. Emma wore a _____ in case it rained during the nature hike.
19. Each time we reached the top of the _____, we could see the entire fairground and the surrounding gardens.
20. My grandmother knitted me a _____ and added flower-shaped buttons.

Challenge Words Write the Challenge Word that fits each clue. Use your Spelling Dictionary.

21. My upper leaves look like petals.
22. I am a ship of the air.
23. I am a huge tree from California.
24. My drooping flowers are usually red and purple.
25. When I do this, I am hypnotic.

Using Context

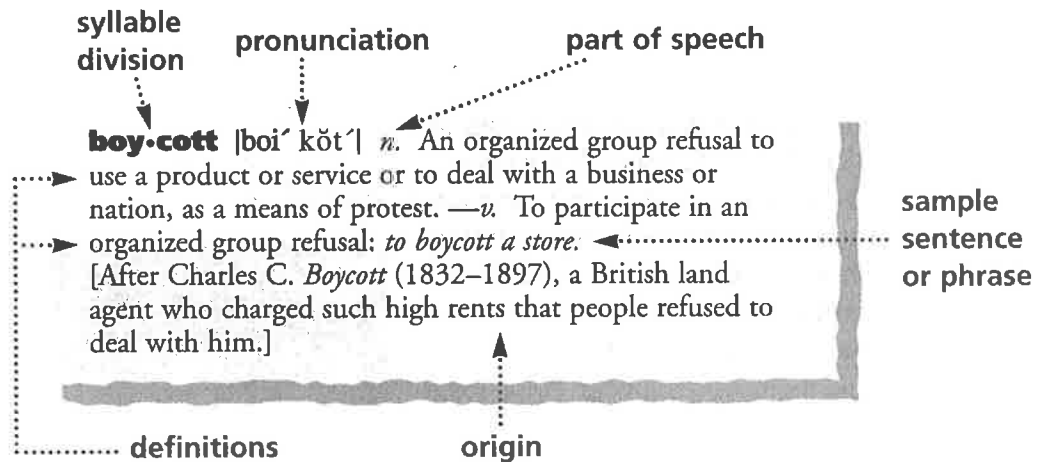
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Challenge Words

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Dictionary

Parts of a Dictionary Entry A dictionary entry gives a great deal of information about a word.



Word Origins

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Practice Study the sample entry above. Then write the answer to each of the following questions.

1. How many definitions are given for *boycott*?
2. What is the origin of *boycott*?
3. Write *boycott* and draw a line between its syllables.
4. What sample phrase illustrates the use of *boycott*?

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| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |

Review: Spelling Spree

Word Origins Write the Basic or Review Word that fits each clue.

Example: a German botanist's flower *zinnia*

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| 5. a Belgian musician's horn | 13. a Texas rancher's calf |
| 6. an English earl's hat | 14. a Roman god's fiery mountains |
| 7. a U.S. engineer's ride | 15. an English earl's sweater |
| 8. a Scottish chemist's coat | 16. an English executioner's crane |
| 9. a German engineer's engine | 17. a protest of an English officer |
| 10. a U.S. dietician's snack | 18. a French minister's outline |
| 11. a U.S. general's whiskers | 19. a French acrobat's suit |
| 12. an Italian physicist's electrical unit | 20. a French teacher's writing |

Proofreading and Writing

Proofread for Spelling Use proofreading marks to correct nine misspelled Basic or Review Words in this magazine excerpt.

Example: I wear an old ~~cardigan~~^{cardigan} when I work in the garden.

It's spring, and you're furious that your garden is the messiest one on the block. Dried stems and stalks provide only echos of last year's glory. Don't panik.

With a little work, you can transform your garden into a showpiece. Plant a gracious magnowlia tree or make a border of bright begonna flowers. Consider the gardenea for its lovely scent or the zinia for a splash of autumn color. To taste the fruits of your labor, plant a boysunberry bush. If you want to be a real maverick, plant daffodil bulbs everywhere. Next

spring they'll create a blanket of color that even the giy with the prize roses will envy!

Basic

1. gardenia
2. zinnia
3. magnolia
4. begonia
5. boysenberry
6. saxophone
7. leotard
8. guy
9. graham cracker
10. volt
11. sideburns
12. Braille
13. maverick
14. silhouette
15. cardigan
16. mackintosh
17. boycott
18. derby
19. Ferris wheel
20. derrick

Review

21. diesel
22. echoes
23. panic
24. furious
25. volcanoes

Challenge

26. sequoia
27. poinsettia
28. fuchsia
29. mesmerize
30. zeppelin

Proofreading Marks

- ¶ Indent
- ^ Add
- ^ Add a comma
- “ ” Add quotation marks
- Add a period
- ~ Delete
- ≡ Capital letter
- / Small letter
- ~ Reverse order

Write an Ad What new and exciting products are in stock at the Green Garden Center? Write an ad for the store. Make its plants sound so appealing that people won't be able to resist them. Try to use five spelling words.

Vocabulary Enrichment

Unit 4
BONUS

Expanding Vocabulary

Spelling
Word Link
guy

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Informal Words When you say "Look at that guy!" you are using *guy* as an **informal word** for "man." In each pair below, the formal and informal words mean the same thing.

trumpet/horn detective/private eye

For each sentence below, write the informal word that has the same meaning as the underlined word or words. Use your Spelling Dictionary.

snoop beat tacky gab

1. Everyone wears unstylish clothes to the "Bad Taste Ball."
2. Dirk likes to converse on the telephone with his friends.
3. Nothing can be better than relaxing on the beach.
4. Jessie decided to sneak a look around Zoe's room.

TEST-TAKING TACTICS

Vocabulary-in-Context Some tests require you to answer vocabulary-in-context questions. First, you will read a passage that has line references. Then you will be asked to choose the correct meaning of a word found in a specific line of the passage.

Sample passage excerpt:

Many varieties of cactus grow in the dry regions of the Southwest.
(40) To survive in their arid habitat, most cacti store water in their stems.
In turn, the succulent plants attract thirsty desert animals. The plants' sharp spines, however, protect their juices from the animals.

Sample question:

The word "succulent" in line 41 means

- (A) hollow (B) thorny (C) juicy (D) greedy (E) tasty

To answer a question like this one, look for context clues in the sentence in which the tested word appears *as well as* in the surrounding sentences.

Answer these questions about the sample.

5. Which meaning of "succulent" is correct? Write its letter. _____
6. What context clues helped you select that meaning?

Real-World Connection

Science: Plant Life All the words in the box relate to plant life. Look up these words in your Spelling Dictionary. Then write the words to complete this paragraph from a textbook.



You may think of (1) as the study of green plants. However, this science also includes the study of the various (2) of fungi, such as mushrooms and mold. These plants reproduce in a special way. While flowering plants have grains of (3) that serve to (4) other plants, most fungi reproduce through (5). Wind and water carry these to environments where they can begin to grow, or (6), rapidly. Fungi live almost everywhere. Some feed on other living things. Scientists (7) this type of fungus as a (8).

Spelling Word Link

gardenia

botany
pollen
fertilize
spores
germinate
classify
species
parasite

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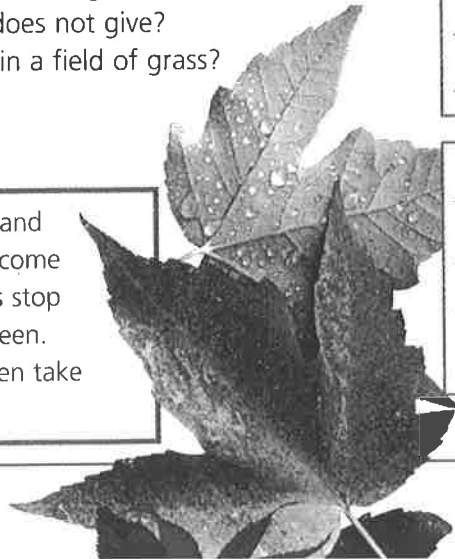
TRY THIS!

Riddle Time! Write the Vocabulary Word that answers each riddle.

9. What powder determines the shape of things to come?
10. What unwelcome visitor takes and does not give?
11. What field of study can be pursued in a field of grass?
12. What can one plant do to another?

Fact File

What makes the maple trees in New England turn to red, or the aspens in Colorado become gold? As summer draws to a close, leaves stop making chlorophyll, which keeps them green. Red and yellow pigments in the leaves then take over, giving us the vivid autumn colors.



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