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Proofreader's Marks

MARK (In margin)	EXPLANATION	EXAMPLE (In text)
	Begin new paragraph.	story. Once in a while
	Boldface.	<u>what</u> you want to write
	Close up.	may be one or two lines
	Delete and close up.	story may be one you've
	Italics.	the word <u>hilarious</u> would work
	Keep as originally written.	You may need to put it aside
	No new paragraph.	at the end.
	Put in a colon.	A good way to find the the following pens, papers,
	Put in a comma.	If not, look for another word.
	Put in a hyphen.	to reexamine the spelling
	Put in a period.	once. Now you are ready to
	Put in a question mark.	Is it what you wanted to say?
	Put in a semicolon.	this way, however, it may not
	Put in a space.	sometimes you will want to
	Put in an exclamation mark.	Just say it!
	Put in or insert a word or words.	There's ^{good} way to write it.
	Put in parentheses.	a word or a number in the
	Put in quotation marks.	Then she said, Help!
	Run in with previous line.	You may want to read it aloud to see if it
	Spell it out.	there could be 40 or more
	Take out or delete.	see it if it rhymes with the
	Transpose or change places.	The people didn't want to
	Use a capital letter.	The capital of Ohio is on the
	Use a lower-case letter.	A word or two may need to be

Preface



What are some words that mean the same as nice?

Is it's or its the right word to use in your sentence?

What words rhyme with the word moon?

Words, Words, Words provides the answers to these questions and hundreds more that beginning writers ask as they work to put their ideas on paper.

Words, Words, Words provides a single source where beginning writers can quickly and easily find thousands of words that have been carefully selected and organized in the section “Words, Words, Words.” Here, beginning writers have at their fingertips comprehensive lists of synonyms and antonyms, metaphors and similes, homophones and homographs, compound words and contractions, fun words, and more than two-hundred families of rhyming words.

In addition to a glossary and index, *Words, Words, Words* includes proofreader’s marks, library classifications, and specialized indexes that help beginning writers find particular synonyms and rhyming-word families.

Whether writing for school assignments or for pleasure, beginning writers will find *Words, Words, Words* an invaluable resource to assist them in becoming the best wordsmiths they can be.

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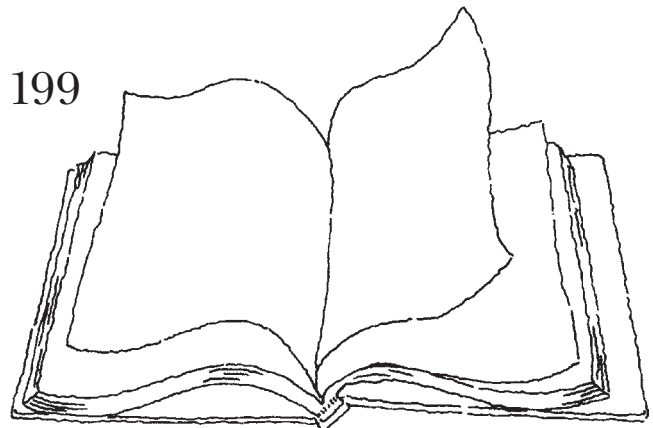
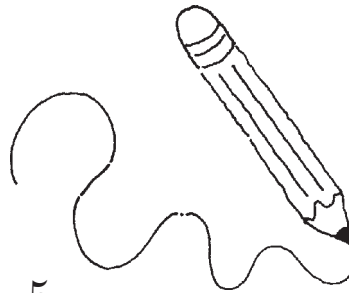
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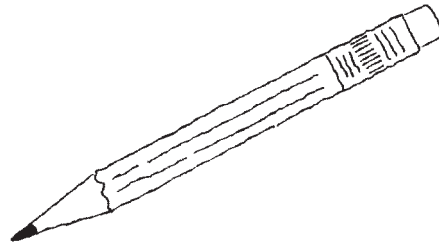
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Kinds of Writing



Did you know that everyone is a writer? It's true. Chances are, before today is over, you will use a pen or pencil or a computer keyboard to write something. Look at some of the reasons you may write.

You want to explain something:

a sign

directions

a caption

rules or instructions

a label

an excuse

a note

a recipe



Kinds of Writing

You want to convince someone:

an advertisement

an application form

a sign

a complaint



You need to ask a question
or get someone's attention:

a sign

an announcement

an advertisement

a lost or found notice

an invitation

a survey

an interview

a questionnaire

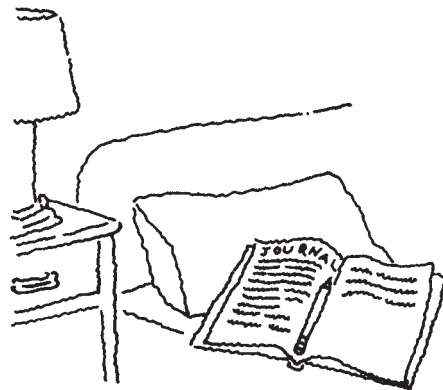


You want to answer a question:

- a definition
- an essay
- an application
- a questionnaire

You want to keep a record of events:

- a list
- a diary
- a journal
- a biography
- an autobiography



Kinds of Writing

You want to share thoughts and ideas or tell a story:

letter

diary

journal

story

poem

play

joke or riddle

editorial

biography

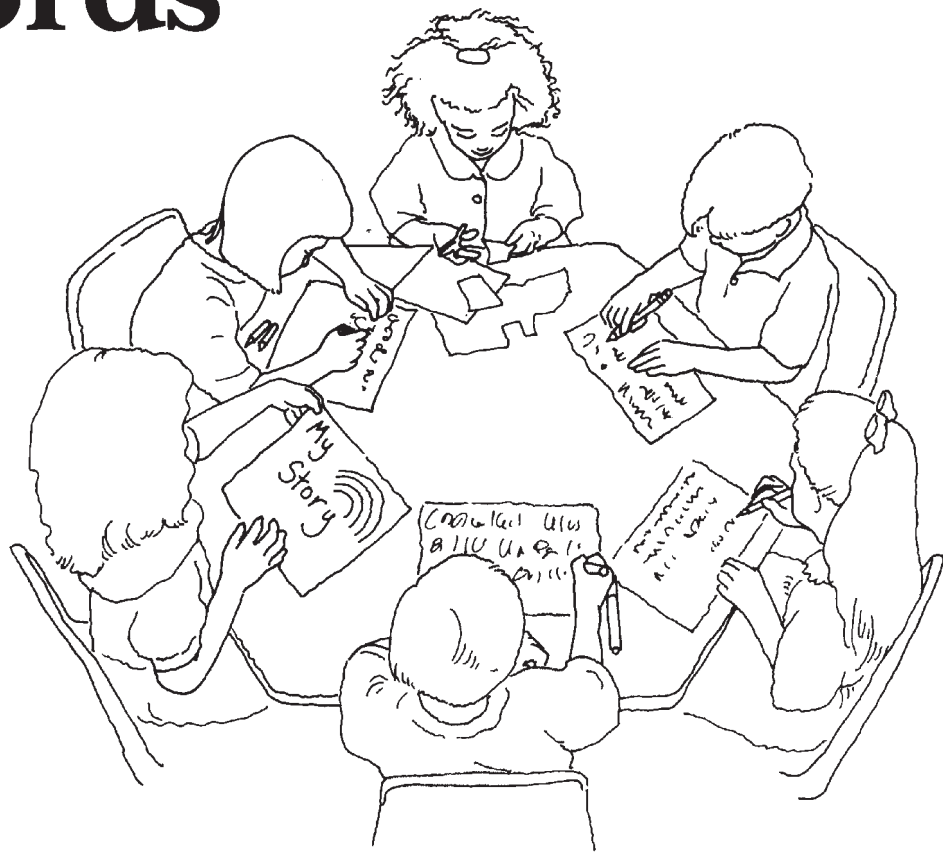
autobiography



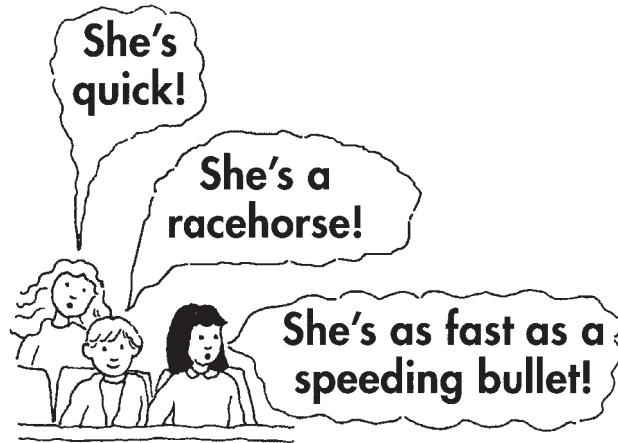
Whether you write a note to a friend, write your thoughts in a diary or journal, make a sign to ask for help in finding a lost pet, or write “This belongs to” and your name on a notebook, you are using words to communicate with yourself or others.

So what words will you choose to use in your writing? And how will you organize these words on paper or the computer screen? The kind of writing you do depends on the words you choose to use and how you choose to use them.

Words, Words, Words



Another Way to Say It



(Synonyms, Metaphors, Similes)

Three children describe a runner—but they all use different words! And here are more words that might be used to describe the runner:



She's speedy!

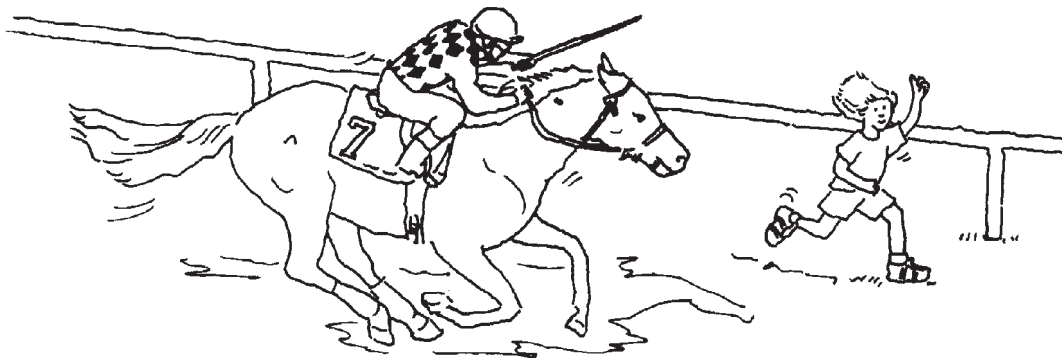
She's like Jackie Joyner-Kersey!

She's a streak of lightning!

Can you think of more ways to describe the runner?

The words quick and speedy are called synonyms. Synonyms are words that mean the same or nearly the same.

The words “a streak of lightning” and “a racehorse” are called metaphors. A metaphor compares one thing to another. The runner’s speed is compared to the speed of a racehorse or a flash of lightning.

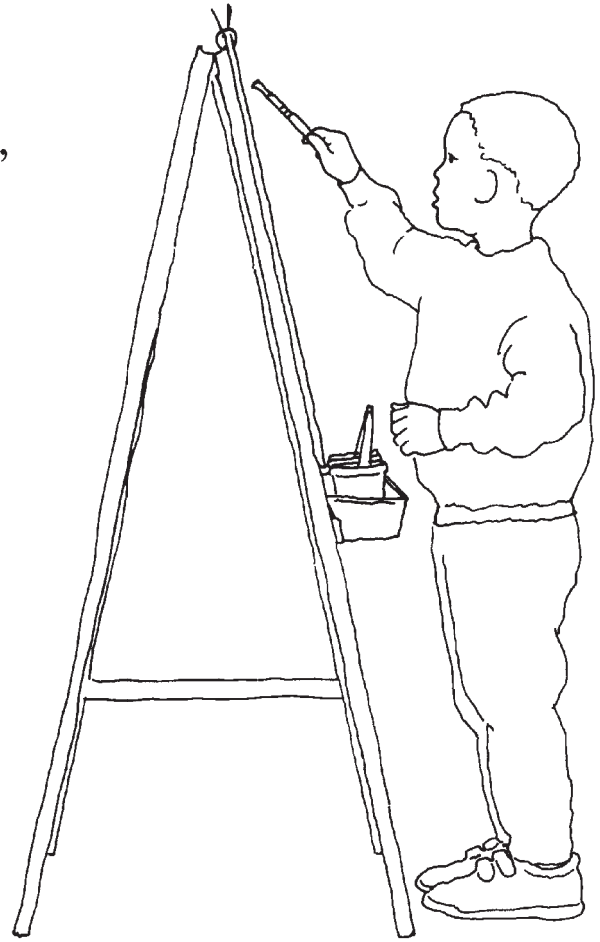


The words “as fast as a speeding bullet” and “like Jackie Joyner-Kersey” are called similes. A simile uses the words like or as to compare one thing to another. The runner’s speed is compared to a bullet’s speed or the speed of champion runner Jackie Joyner-Kersey.

Metaphors and similes are figures of speech or figurative language. As a writer, you want your reader to be able to “picture” what you are saying.

So you may want to use synonyms and figures of speech to help you “paint” your pictures.

A cliché is a figure of speech that is used so often that it is said to be “overworked.” You could use the cliché “runs like a racehorse” to describe the runner. But your language would be more original if you said the runner was “like a champion sprinter” or “as swift as a cheetah.”



You will find many synonyms and figures of speech on the following pages. Basic words are listed alphabetically in dark type. Under each basic word you will find synonyms, metaphors, and similes. You will want to choose the word or words that say exactly what you want to say. You may even want to add some of your own ideas to the lists.



alike

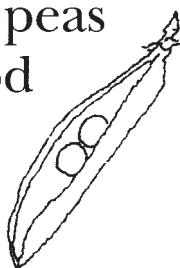
equal

like two peas
in a pod

same

similar

twin



almost

about

around

as good as

close to

for the most
part

nearly

not quite

angry

about to
explode

as mad as a
hornet

at your wit's
end

boiling

burned up

cross

fed up

fit to be tied

flying off the
handle

furious

losing your
temper

like a wild
animal

mad

mad at the
world

out of control

seeing red

answer

explain

reply

respond

solve

tell

argue

battle

debate

disagree

lock horns

pick a fight

quarrel

spat



ashamed

embarrassed
guilty
like the
cat that
swallowed
the canary
red-faced
sheepish

ask

beg
call for
inquire
invite
look for
plead
question

request
summon

B

bad

awful
criminal
crooked
dishonest
evil
harmful
horrible
like yesterday's
garbage

mean
nasty
poor
rotten
rude
spoiled
terrible

begin

call to order
cut the ribbon
dedicate
dive in
fire away
get going
get the show
on the road
kick off
open
start
take off
take the first
step

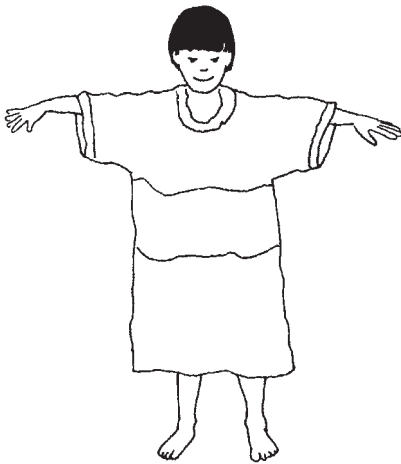
believe

be convinced
get it through
your head
have faith in
trust
value

b

big

as big as Texas
awesome
elephant-sized
enormous
gigantic
great
huge
humongous
large
monstrous
outstanding



blame

accuse
bawl out
come down
hard on
criticize
give a tongue
lashing
point the
finger at
scold
tell off

boring

dreary
dull
ho-hum
lifeless
not exciting
pointless
tiring
uninteresting

bother

annoy
bug
disturb
drive you crazy
get under your
skin
irritate
pester
pick on
tease

brag

blow your own
horn
boast
pat yourself
on the back
gloat
show off
sing your own
praises

brave

courageous
daring
fearless
gutsy
heroic
spunky
unafraid

break

crack
damage
demolish
destroy
pull to shreds
ruin
smash
tear
wreck



bright

brilliant
dazzling
glowing
like a million
stars
like a newly
polished
dance floor
like diamonds
like the
noonday sun
shiny
sparkling
sunny

build

assemble
construct
create
develop
erect
make
manufacture
mold
produce

burn

char
go up in smoke
scorch
set on fire
smolder

b

busy

active
bustling
involved
no time to
blink
occupied
on the go
racing against
time
working

buy

bargain for
get your hands
on
pay for
pick up
purchase

C

car

automobile
caboose
convertible
dragster
limousine
streetcar
taxicab
trolley
van
vehicle



carry

bring
cart
deliver
fetch
haul
lug
pass along
take
tote
transport

catch

capture
grab
grasp
hook
net
receive
seize
snatch
trap

celebrate

dedicate
go out on the town
honor
kick up your heels
observe
whoop it up

change

improve
make over
substitute
switch
trade out
turn color
turn over a new leaf
whistle a different tune

chase

follow
hunt
pursue
run after
stalk
tag along
track
trail

**cheat**

con
deceive
do out of
hoodwink
mislead
outwit
pull a fast one
pull the wool over your eyes
take advantage of
trick

choose

adopt
elect
pick
select
vote for

C

clean

bathed
dusted
fresh
laundered
polished
pure
scoured
scrubbed
shiny
sparkling
spick and span
spotless
stainless
swept
tidy
vacuumed
washed

clear

as clear as day
cloudless
like
handwriting
on a wall
obvious
plain



cold

an ice cube
bitter
breezy
chilly
cooled
crisp
freezing
frosted
frosty
iced
icy
lifeless
like a witch's
heart
polar
refrigerated
remote
shivering
unfriendly
windy
wintry

come

appear
 approach
 arrive
 bear down
 upon
 gain
 reach
 show up
 turn up

complain

bellyache
 bewail
 crab
 fume
 gripe
 grouch
 grumble
 nag
 squawk
 yammer

confused

at a loss for
 words
 baffled
 bewildered
 buffaloed
 can't make
 heads or tails
 of it
 disturbed
 don't know if
 you're
 coming or
 going
 don't know
 which end
 is up
 draw a blank
 flipped out
 flustered
 going in circles
 in a maze



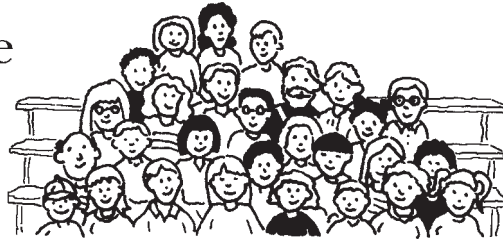
like a train
 with no
 engine
 lost at sea
 out of it
 spaced out
 taken aback
 thrown off
 balance
 torn
 troubled
 uncertain
 upset

C

crazy

absurd
batty
bonkers
crazed
dippy
foolish
goofy
has a screw
loose
somewhere
idiotic
insane
irrational
loony
lunatic
mad
mad as a
March hare
nonsensical
not playing
with a full
deck

off the wall
out in left field
preposterous
silly
stark raving
mad
stupid
unbalanced
wacko



crowd

bevy
drove
flock
jam
mob
swarm
throng

cry

bawl
blubber
break down
moan
snivel
sob
wail
weep
whimper
whine

curious

inquiring
inquisitive
investigative
itching to
know
like a cat
nosy
questioning
searching
snoopy

cut

amputate
carve
dissect
divide
prune
rip
saw
shave
slash
slice
slit
snip
split
tear
trim

**D****dangerous**

a red light
alarming
chancy
hazardous
like an open
pit
like jumping
into a fire
risky
sounds an
alarm
treacherous
unsafe

dark

dim
dismal
dreary
dull

evil
faint
gloomy
lightless
shadowy

dead

like a corpse
deceased
departed
dormant
extinct
gone
history
inorganic
lifeless
numb
passed away
perished
smothered
suffocated
terminated
tired

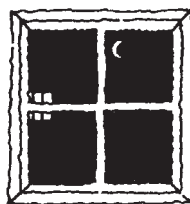
d

deep

bottomless
cavernous
in the bowels
of the earth
like the ocean
way down

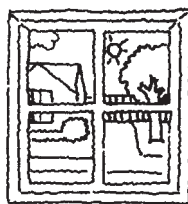
different

assorted
contrasting
distinctive
extraordinary
like night
and day
odd
unique
unlike
unusual
varying



difficult

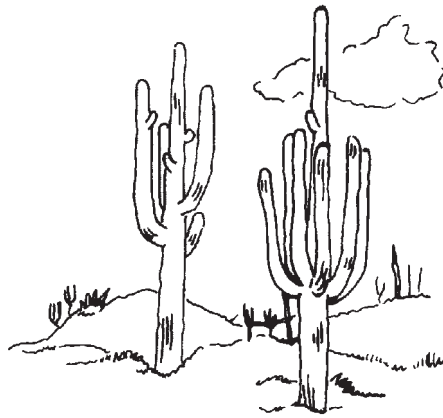
as clear as mud
exhausting
hard
like beating
your head
against a
brick wall
like being in a
maze
like finding
your way in
the dark
like having
your hands
tied behind
your back



like rowing
upstream
like trying to
find a needle
in a haystack
like trying to
move
mountains
mind-boggling
no bed of roses
no picnic
puzzling
tedious
troubling
trying

dirty

dusty
filthy
foul
grimy
a pig sty
a pit
messy
muddy
soiled
spotted
stained
unclean

**dry**

arid
as dry as a
bone
bare
boring
dehydrated
like a desert
parched
thirsty
tiresome

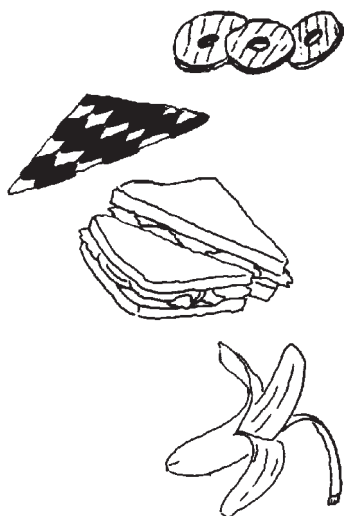
E**easy**

a cinch
a piece of cake
an ace in the
hole
all in a day's
work
elementary
like taking
candy from a
baby
like turning on
a faucet
natural
obvious
like being on
automatic
pilot
plain
simple
uncomplicated

e

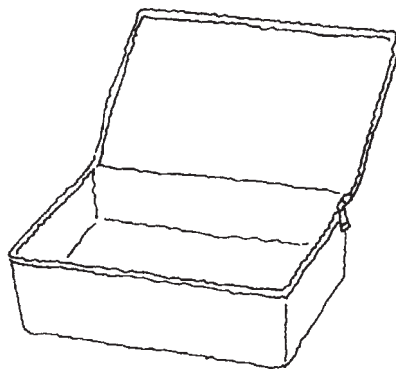
eat

bolt
consume
devour
dine
feast
gobble up
gorge
gulp down
pack it in
pig out
put away
scarf down
snack
stuff your face
wolf it down



empty

a bottomless
pit
abandoned
blank
deserted
hollow
unfulfilled
unfurnished
vacant



excited

a live wire
alive
all pumped up
anxious about
bustling
can't wait
eager
energetic
enthusiastic
eyes popping
out
full of steam
full of vim and
vigor
gung-ho
hyped
keyed-up
like running
on new
batteries
worked-up

F**fall**

collapse
 crumple
 drop
 go head over
 heels
 keel over
 sink
 slide
 slip
 slump
 stumble
 take a
 nose dive
 take a spill
 topple
 trip
 tumble

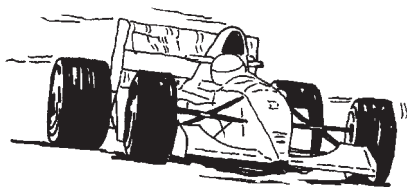
family

ancestors
 ancestry
 background
 bloodline
 children
 dynasty
 folks
 heritage
 household
 kin
 pedigree
 people
 relatives
 roots
 tribe

**famous**

a shining star
 big cheese
 celebrated
 distinguished
 esteemed
 great
 king of the
 mountain
 popular
 respected
 top banana
 well-known

f



fast

a race horse
as swift as a deer
fleeting
lightning-swift
like a champion sprinter
like a speeding bullet
like a streak of lightning
like Jackie Joyner-Kersey
quick
rapid
speedy
swift

fat

ample
as fat as a pig
big
broad
bulky
chubby
heavy
husky
large
massive
obese
overweight
plump
solid
stout
wide

find

come across
detect
discover



get to the bottom of
locate
notice
pinpoint
solve
spot
turn up
uncover

first

beginning
chief
earliest
foremost
initial
leading
main
major
opening
original
premiere
primary

fix

cobble
 correct
 do up
 doctor up
 mend
 patch
 prepare
 put right
 remedy
 repair
 restore
 solve
 straighten
 touch up

friend

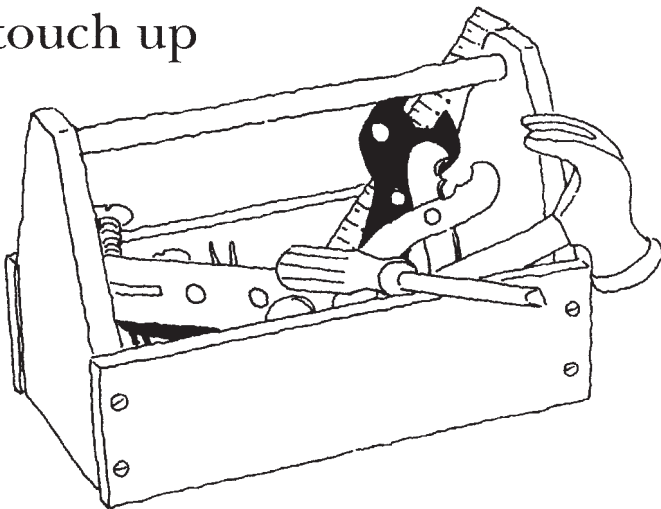
acquaintance
 buddy
 chum
 classmate
 companion
 helper
 pal
 peer
 playmate
 sidekick
 teammate

full

ample
 crammed full
 crowded
 developed
 filled
 jam-packed
 overflowing
 packed
 stuffed

fun

amusement
 delight
 enjoyment
 entertainment
 excitement
 like a day with
 your best
 friend
 play
 pleasure
 recreation



f

funny

amusing
 bringing down
 the house
 comical
 entertaining
 hilarious
 humorous
 laughable
 like a clown
 like an
 elephant on
 stilts
 like something
 from
 "Saturday
 Night Live"
 ridiculous
 side splitting
 silly
 witty

G

good

all right
 AOK
 appropriate
 best
 correct
 delicious
 excellent
 fine
 first class
 great
 healthful
 hits the spot
 magnificent
 not bad
 obedient
 okay
 outstanding
 perfect
 praiseworthy



right
 safe
 suitable
 super
 superb
 superior
 takes the cake
 tops
 trustworthy
 well-behaved
 well-mannered

grow

add to
become
greater

bloom

bulge

deepen

develop

double

enlarge

expand

fill out

flourish

germinate

heighten

increase

lengthen

magnify

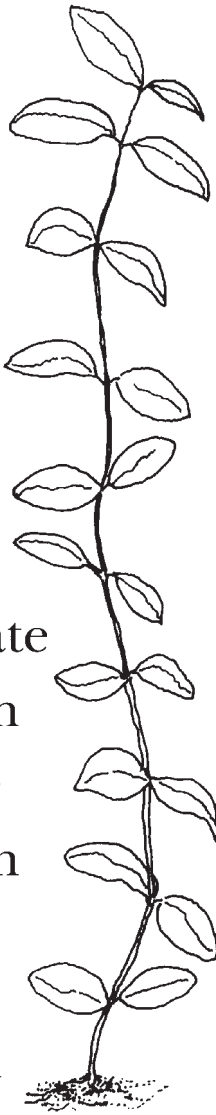
mature

multiply

prosper

shoot up

snowball



spread
spring up

sprout

stretch

swell

thicken

thrive

widen

H**happy**

as happy as a
lark

at peace with
the world

blissful

cheerful

contented

delighted

elated

glad

in seventh
heaven

jolly

joyful

jubilant

lighthearted

like a clam at
high tide

merry

on cloud nine

on top of the
world

optimistic

overjoyed

pleased

positive

satisfied

sunny

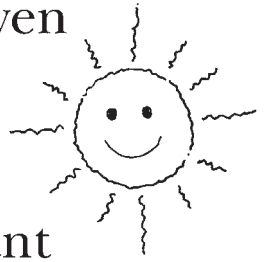
thrilled

tickled pink

upbeat

walking on air

without a care
in the world



h

hard

demanding
rigid
set in your ways
stiff as a board
taut
tense
unbending
unyielding

hate

abhor
bear a grudge
 against
can't bear
can't stand
despise
detest
dislike
have no use for
loathe

have

acquire
hold
keep
own
possess

help

aid
assist
boost
come through
do the honors
give a hand
nurse
prevent
rescue
serve
stick together
support
work



high

elevated
heavenly
like a kite
lofty
out of sight
steep
tall
towering

hit

bash
beat up
conk
cream
hammer
knock
pound
slap
smack
strike
thump
whack

**home**

address
apartment
bungalow
cabin
castle
condominium
cottage
hotel
house
pad
residence
shelter
tent
townhouse
trailer

hot

boiling
burning
feverish
fiery
flaming
heated
roasting
sultry
sweating
sweltering
torrid

hungry

famished
hungering
like a
 bottomless pit
like a
 marooned
 sailor
ravenous
starving

h

hurry

accelerate
burn rubber
bustle
fly on the
wings of
the wind
get a move on
get cracking
get in gear
go like greased
lightning
hasten
hightail it
hustle
lose no time
make haste

make hay
while the
sun shines
make it snappy
move quickly
race
ride hard
run like mad
rush
scurry
shake a leg
skedaddle
speed
step on the gas
step tall



hurt

abused
broken
bruised
damaged
harmed
injured
like a piece of
bruised fruit
like a pin
cushion
feeling like
you've lost
your best
friend
mistreated
pained
ruined
sprained
wounded

I

interesting

amusing
attractive
charming
enchanted
enjoyable
entertaining
exciting
fascinating
fun
inviting
spellbinding
stimulating
tempting
thought-provoking

J

jealous

desirous
eating your heart out
envious
green with envy
itching
yearning

join

bind
bridge
connect
consolidate
couple
link
marry
meet
merge

team up
tie
unite

jump

bounce
bound
hop
hurdle
leap
like a kangaroo
like a leapfrog
pounce
spring
vault

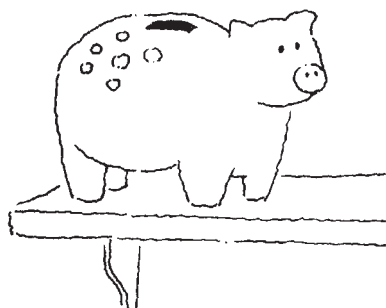


k

K

keep

preserve
protect
reserve
salvage
save
squirrel away



L

last

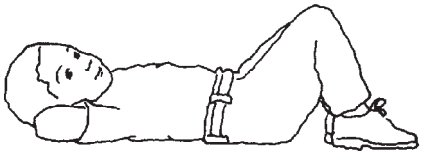
all she wrote
caboose
closing
concluding
end
end of the line
ending
final
latest
rearmost

late

behind
schedule
delayed
overdue
past due
postponed
tardy

laugh

be in stitches
cackle
chortle
chuckle
giggle
guffaw
hoot
howl
make fun of
roar
roll on the
floor
snicker
split your sides
tee-hee
titter

**lazy**

a couch potato
idle
inactive
listless
unmotivated

let

admit
allow
approve of
authorize
permit

light

airy
delicate
feathery
like a spider's
web
nimble
slight
spry
tiny
weightless

little

ant-sized
brief
dinky
dwarfed
itty-bitty
mini
miniature
minor

peewee

scant

short

small

teeny

tiny

wee

lonely

alone

companionless

cut off

forlorn

friendless

haven't a
friend in the
world

isolated

lonesome

separate

withdrawn

I

lots

a flood of
a great deal
acres
an army
an excess of
aplenty
as plentiful as
air
considerable
amount
enormous
amount
extra
gobs
heaps
loads
many
masses
more than you
can handle
mountains of
much

numerous
quantities
oodles
quite a few
scads
tons
tremendous
amount
umpteen
volumes

loud

blaring
booming
deafening
earsplitting
earthshaking
fortissimo
harsh
intense
noisy
roaring
thunderous

love

admire
adore
be fond of
be infatuated
with
care for
cherish
delight in
enjoy
get a kick
out of
have a liking
for
hold dear
idolize
like
long for
think the
world of
treasure
worship

M

mean

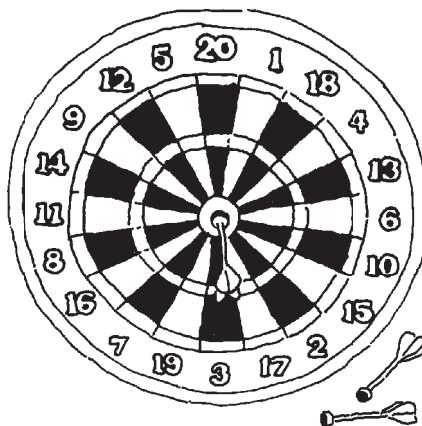
barbaric
bloodthirsty
brutal
cold-blooded
cruel
evil
hateful
hurtful
inhuman
like an old
buzzard
savage
unfeeling
vicious
wicked

middle

average
bull's eye
center
core
dead-center
focus
heart
hub
like sandwich
spread
mean
median
midpoint
nucleus

money

bill
bread
bucks
change
coins
deposit
dollar
dough
income
pay
riches
salary
savings
wealth



N

never

at no time
not a fat
 chance
hardly ever
not at all
not ever
not in a
 million years
rarely
the second
 Tuesday of
 next week
under no
 circumstances

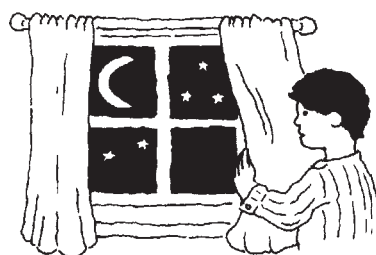
new

contemporary
extraordinary
fresh
hot
latest
modern
recent
unfamiliar
unusual
up-to-the-
 minute

nice

a fountain of
 kindness
a good egg
agreeable
appropriate
correct
delightful
enjoyable
friendly

good-natured
kind
likable
neighborly
pleasant
polite
proper
right
thoughtful
suitable



night

bedtime
dark
darkness
dusk
evening
nighttime
sunset
twilight

noise

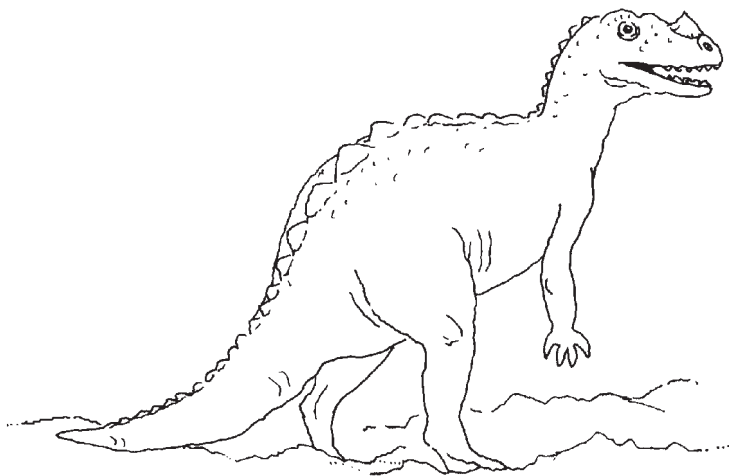
bedlam
 commotion
 hubbub
 hullabaloo
 pandemonium
 racket
 ruckus
 turmoil
 uproar
 yelling

O**often**

a lot
 every time you
 turn around
 frequently
 oft
 over and over
 periodically
 regularly
 time after time
 time and time
 again
 usually

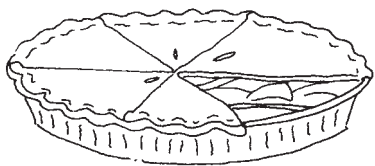
old

a dinosaur
 a fossil
 aged
 ancient
 antique
 as old as
 Methuselah
 as old as the
 hills
 elderly
 extinct
 getting on in
 years
 old-fashioned
 outdated
 over the hill
 prehistoric
 used
 worn



p

P



part

chunk
crumb
fraction
part and parcel
particle
piece
portion
scrap
section
segment
share
slice

poor

bankrupt
broke
don't have two pennies to rub together
financially challenged
half-baked
hard up
indigent
needy
penniless
poverty-stricken
strapped

pretty

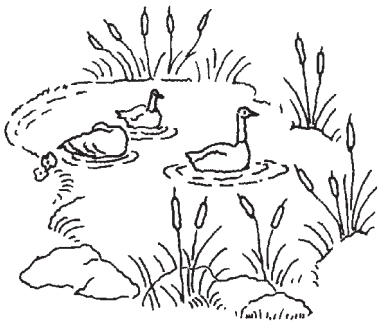
appealing
as lovely as a rose
attractive

beautiful
becoming
chic
cool
cute
delightful
eye-catching
fair
fine
glamorous
good-looking
gorgeous
lovely
magnificent
neat
nice
pleasing
striking
stunning
stylish

Q

quiet

calm
hushed
like a church
mouse
on cat feet
passive
peaceful
silent
still
tranquil



R

ready

about to
agreeable
all set
available
on top of
things
on your toes
prepared
primed
willing

rich

affluent
loaded
prosperous
rolling in
dough
wealthy
well-off

right

accurate
correct
exact
fair
fair and square
flawless
honest
just
lawful
legal
licensed
logical
moral
perfect
precise
rational
reasonable
true



rough

bumpy
coarse
crinkly
difficult
irregular
jagged
like
sandpaper
uneven

rub

brush
curry
groom
knead
massage
pat
pet
polish
scour
scrub
smooth
stroke

run

beat it
bolt

canter
dart
dash
depart
flee
gallop
hurry
jog
leave
lope
race
retreat
rush
scamper
scoot
scramble
scurry
speed
sprint
tear out
trot
zoom

S

sad

broken-
hearted
cheerless
crummy
crushed
depressed
discouraged
down in the
dumps
downcast
downhearted



feeling blue
feeling like you
lost your song
feeling like
your bubble
burst
feeling like
your dog just
died
forlorn
gloomy
heartbroken
joyless
let down
miserable
sorrowful
sorry
tearful
unhappy
wearing a long
face

safe

all right
guarded
harmless
home free
in good shape
invulnerable
like money in
the bank
okay
on solid
ground
out of harm's
way
out of reach
out of the
woods
protected
secure
sheltered
undamaged
under lock
and key

S

said

added

admitted

admonished

announced

answered

argued

bawled

bragged

breathed

called

cautioned

challenged

claimed

commanded

commented

cried

croaked

declared

demanded

described

exclaimed

explained



gasped

hinted

informed

laughed

lied

mentioned

mouthed

murmured

offered

ordered

panted

pleaded

praised

preached

promised

proposed

ranted

recited

remarked

reminded

replied

reported

responded



roared

sassed

screamed

shouted

shrieked

sighed

smirked

snapped

spoke

sputtered

stammered

stated

stuttered

suggested

told

uttered

volunteered

warned

wept

whispered

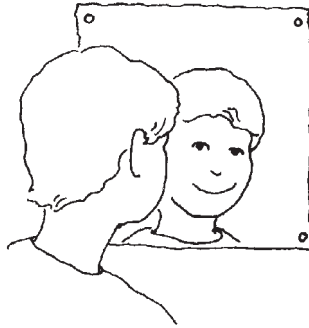
wondered

yelled



saw

beheld
 examined
 eyed
 glanced at
 glimpsed
 got an eyeful
 inspected
 kept your eyes
 peeled
 laid eyes on
 noted
 noticed
 observed
 paid attention
 to
 perceived
 pictured
 realized
 sighted
 spied
 spotted



stared at
 surveyed
 took note of
 understood
 viewed
 watched
 witnessed

scared

a real chicken
 afraid
 afraid of your
 own shadow
 alarmed
 as white as a
 sheet

fearful
 frightened
 getting cold
 feet
 hair-raising
 horrified
 intimidated
 like a toddler
 in a haunted
 house
 like you've
 seen a ghost
 quivering like
 a bowl of jelly
 terrified
 your hair's
 standing on
 end

S

shiny

bright
clean
glistening
glossy
glowing
like a newly
polished
dance floor
polished
radiant

shout

bellow
cheer
cry
exclaim
holler
howl
let off steam
make yourself
heard
roar

scream
whoop it up
yap
yell
yelp
yip

shy

a clinging vine
apprehensive
bashful
hesitant
meek as a lamb
reluctant
timid

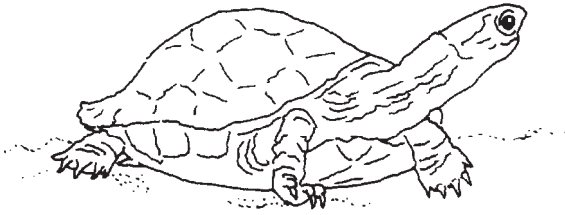
sick

ailing
diseased
ill
unhealthy
unwell

sleep

catch forty
winks
catnap
conk out
count sheep
crash
doze
get some
shuteye
grab some Z's
hit the hay
hit the sack
nap
retire
sack out
saw logs
slumber
snooze
zonk out





slow

as slow as a
seven-year
itch
dawdling
hesitant
like a sloth
like molasses in
January
plodding
sluggish
snaillike

smart

a brain
a whiz
as smart as a
whip
brainy
bright

brilliant
clever
intelligent
keen
knows the
ropes
like a regular
computer
like a walking
encyclopedia
sharp

smooth

flat
like glass
polished
sanded
satiny
seamless

soft

comfortable
cushiony
flexible
like a baby's
bottom
like cotton
like old leather
plush

steal

cabbage onto
con
hustle
plunder
rip off
rob
shoplift
snitch
swindle
thieve

S

stop

abandon
back off
call it quits
cease
complete
cut off
discontinue
end
finish
give up the
ship
halt
hit the road
hold your fire
nip in the bud
pull up stakes
put an end to
quit
throw in the
sponge
wrap up
yield

storm

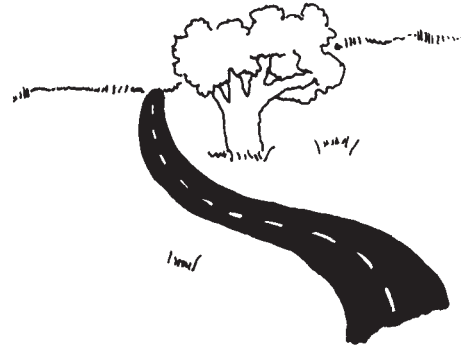
blizzard
cloudburst
cyclone
downpour
hurricane
monsoon
sandstorm
snowfall
tornado
typhoon

story

adventure
biography
fable
fantasy
folktale
legend
myth
narrative
novel
play

tale

yarn

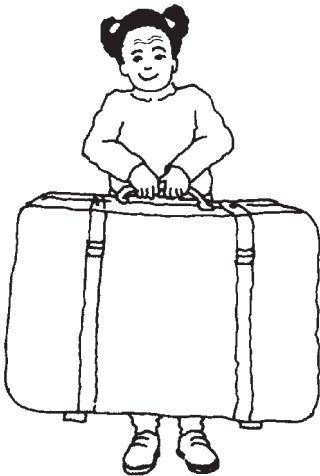


street

alley
avenue
boulevard
driveway
freeway
highway
lane
pavement
road
route
strip
superhighway
thoroughfare
toll road
turnpike

strong

durable
 hardy
 Herculean
 like an ox
 mighty
 powerful
 rugged
 sturdy
 tough

**suddenly**

abruptly
 all at once
 all of a sudden
 before you can
 say "Jack
 Robinson"
 hurriedly
 immediately
 in a flash
 instantly
 on short notice
 on the spur of
 the moment
 out of the blue
 promptly
 quickly
 rapidly
 speedily
 swiftly
 without
 warning

T**take**

accept
 acquire
 gain
 gather
 grasp
 grip
 hold
 obtain
 pick
 possess
 receive

talk

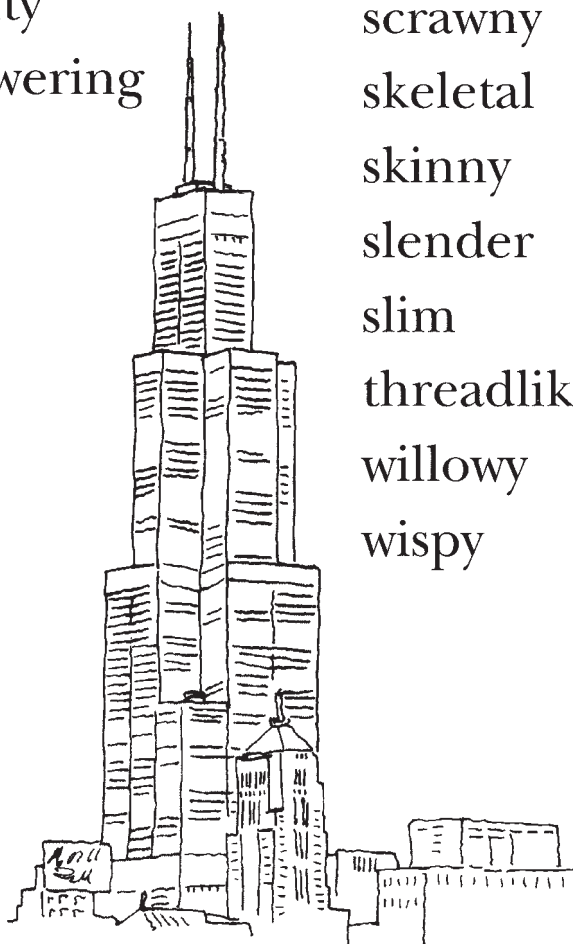
address
break the news
call the shots
chatter
chatter like a monkey
communicate
converse
declare
exchange ideas
express
make a point
pipe up
point out
put in two cents worth
rap
say
speak
state
utter

tall

aerial
as tall as the Empire State Building
elevated
full-grown
high
like Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
lofty
towering

thin

all skin and bones
as skinny as a rail
gaunt
lanky
lean
narrow
pencil-thin
scrawny
skeletal
skinny
slender
slim
threadlike
willowy
wispy

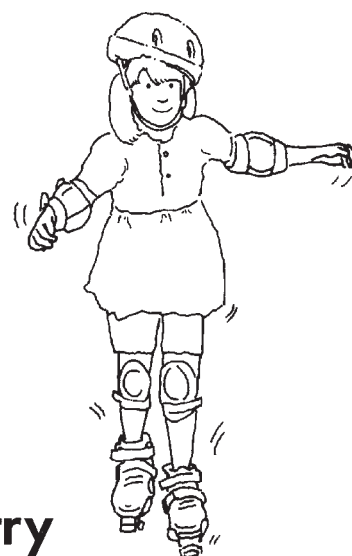


tired

beat
bored
bushed
dead to the world
dead-tired
dog-tired
drowsy
exhausted
fatigued
ready to drop
restless
sleepy
spent
tuckered out
weary
wiped out
worn out

true

accurate
authentic
correct
dependable
factual
flawless
genuine
legitimate
natural
nonfictional
official
perfect
proper
real
sincere
tried and true
trusted
truthful
valid



try

attempt
consider
experiment with
give it a whirl
have a go at it
make a stab at it
sample
take a risk
taste
test
think about
try your hand at it
undertake

U

U

ugly

an ugly
 duckling
 bad-looking
 disfigured
 displeasing
 hideous
 homely
 like
 Frankenstein
 nasty
 repulsive
 unappealing
 unattractive
 unpleasant
 unsightly

under

at the bottom
 of
 below
 beneath
 submerged in
 underneath



understand

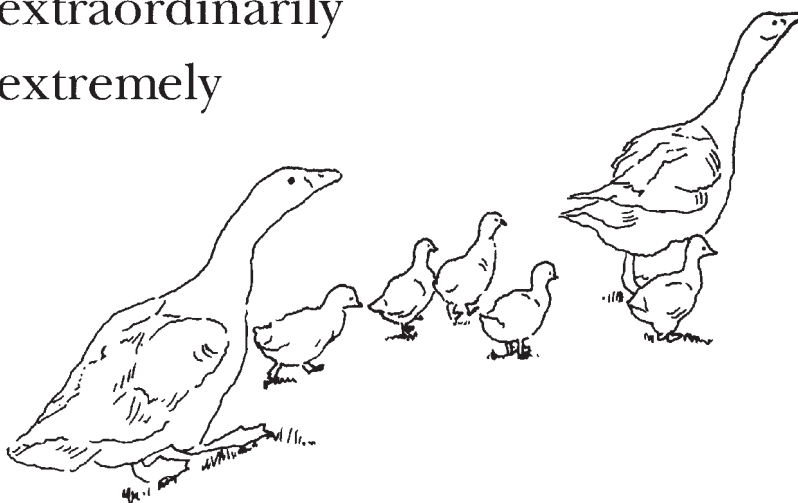
be in the know
 catch on
 comprehend
 deduce
 fathom
 figure out
 get it
 get it through
 your head
 get the drift of
 get the hang of
 get the
 message
 get the picture
 grasp
 realize
 see the light

V

very

absolutely
altogether
awfully
by and large
chiefly
completely
considerably
downright
enormously
entirely
especially
exceedingly
extraordinarily
extremely

highly
in particular
mainly
mighty
mostly
particularly
primarily
quite
terribly
thoroughly
to the nth
degree
totally
uncommonly
uniquely
unusually



W

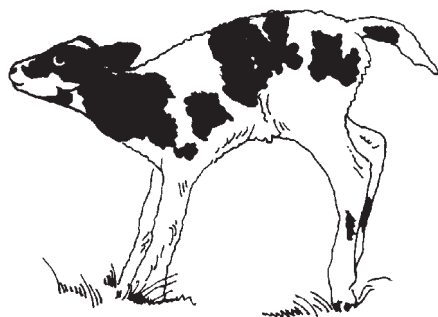
walked

ambled
hoofed it
paced
padded
plodded
pranced
roamed
shuffled
strode
strolled
strutted
swaggered
tiptoed
tottered
trekked
trudged
waddled
wandered
went

W

want

be attracted
to
be in need of
covet
crave
desire
fancy
feel inclined
toward
feel like
hanker after
have occasion
for
hope for
hunger for
long for
need
prefer
set your heart
on
thirst for
wish for
yearn



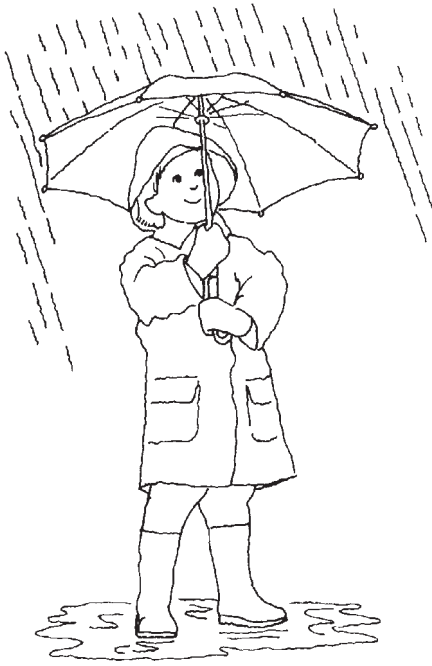
weak

a pushover
a wet noodle
delicate
diluted
faint
feeble
flimsy
fragile
frail
puny
shaky
unstable

went

abandoned
advanced
ambled

departed
descended
deserted
disappeared
escaped
fled
flew
journeyed
left town
made headway
made off
migrated
passed
proceeded
rambled
ran off
retreated
scrammed
traveled
trekked
vamoosed
wandered
withdrew

**wet**

damp
 drenched
 humid
 like a drowned
 rat
 moist
 saturated
 soaked
 soggy
 sopping

won

accomplished
 achieved
 brought home
 the bacon
 came in first
 came out
 ahead
 carried the day
 conquered
 excelled
 gained a
 victory
 netted
 pulled down
 reaped
 scored
 succeeded
 swept
 waltzed off
 with
 won the
 jackpot

work

assignment
 business
 career
 chore
 duty
 effort
 elbow grease
 employment
 errand
 homework
 job
 project
 schoolwork
 task

W

worried

anxious
apprehensive
at loose ends
behind the
eight ball
concerned
disturbed
fearful
fretful
ill-at-ease
nervous
on edge
on pins and
needles
troubled
under the gun
uneasy
upset

write

communicate
compose
drop a line
jot
note
pen
record
scribble

wrong

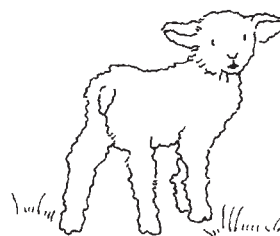
awful
bad
corrupt
criminal
flawed
full of errors
illegal
immoral
improper
inaccurate
incorrect

irrational
mistaken
mixed-up
out in left field
unlawful
untrue



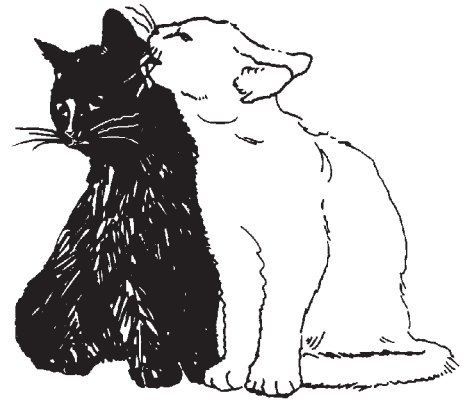
young

a newborn calf
childlike
fresh
immature
minor
new
recent
youthful



Opposites Attract

(Antonyms)



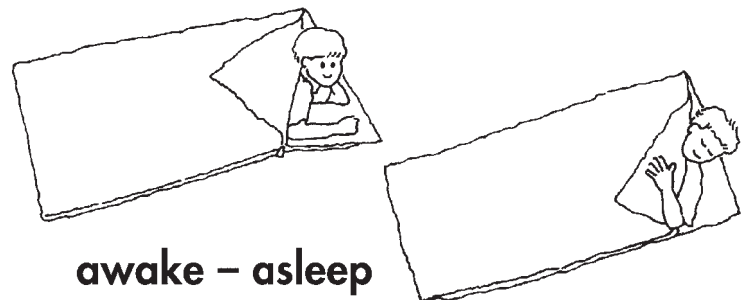
black – white

Antonyms are words that have opposite meanings. Look for a word and its antonym in the alphabetical list below. Can you think of others?

A

above – below
absent – present
add – subtract
adult – child
after – before
against – for
alive – dead
all – none
alone – together
always – never

ancient – modern
answer – question
arrival – departure
ask – tell
asleep – awake
attack – defend
awake – asleep



awake – asleep

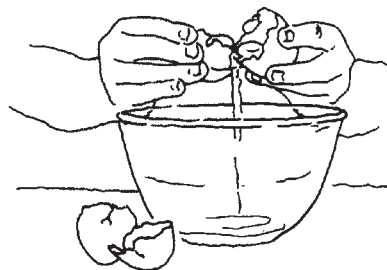
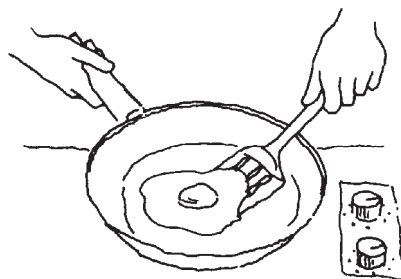
b

B

back – front
backward – forward
beautiful – ugly
before – after
beginning – end
below – above
big – little
birth – death
black – white
boring – exciting
bottom – top
boy – girl
break – repair
bright – dim
buy – sell

C

cause – effect
child – adult
clean – dirty
cold – hot
come – go
cooked – raw
cool – warm
coward – hero
cruel – kind
cry – laugh
curved – straight

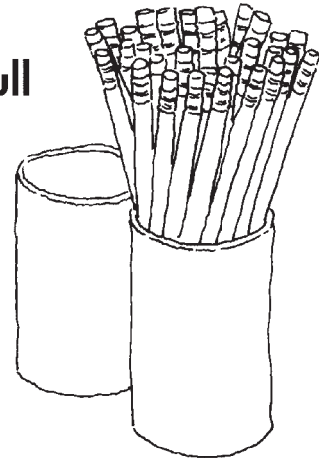


cooked – raw

D

dangerous – safe
 dark – light
 day – night
 dead – alive
 death – birth
 decrease – increase
 deep – shallow
 defend – attack
 departure – arrival
 different – same
 difficult – easy
 dim – bright
 dirty – clean
 divorced – married
 down – up
 dry – wet
 dull – shiny
 dumb – smart
 dwarf – giant

empty – full



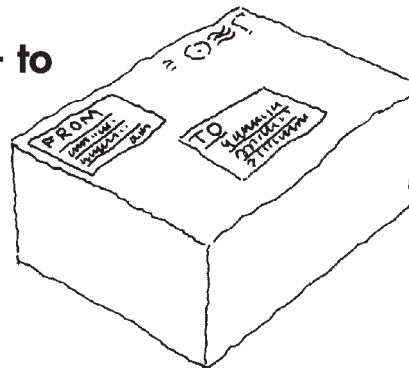
E

early – late
 earn – spend
 east – west
 easy – difficult; hard
 effect – cause
 empty – full
 end – beginning
 enemy – friend
 entrance – exit
 even – odd
 evening – morning
 evil – good
 exciting – boring
 exit – entrance

F

fact – fiction
 fail – pass
 false – true
 fancy – plain
 far – near
 fast – slow
 female – male
 few – many
 fiction – fact
 find – lose
 finish – start
 first – last
 float – sink
 follow – lead
 foolish – wise
 for – against
 forget – remember
 forward – backward

from – to



friend – enemy
 from – to
 front – back
 frozen – melted
 full – empty

G

giant – dwarf
 give – receive
 go – come; stop
 good – evil
 guilty – innocent

H

happy – sad

hard – easy

hard – soft

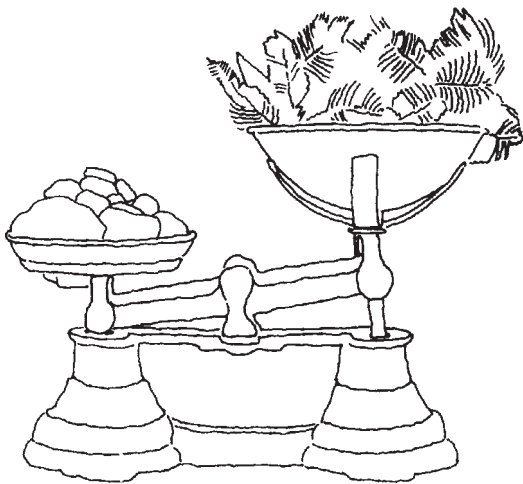
hate – love

heavy – light

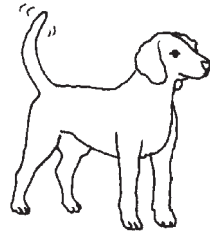
hero – coward

high – low

hot – cold



heavy – light



real – imaginary



I

imaginary – real

increase – decrease

innocent – guilty

inside – outside

J

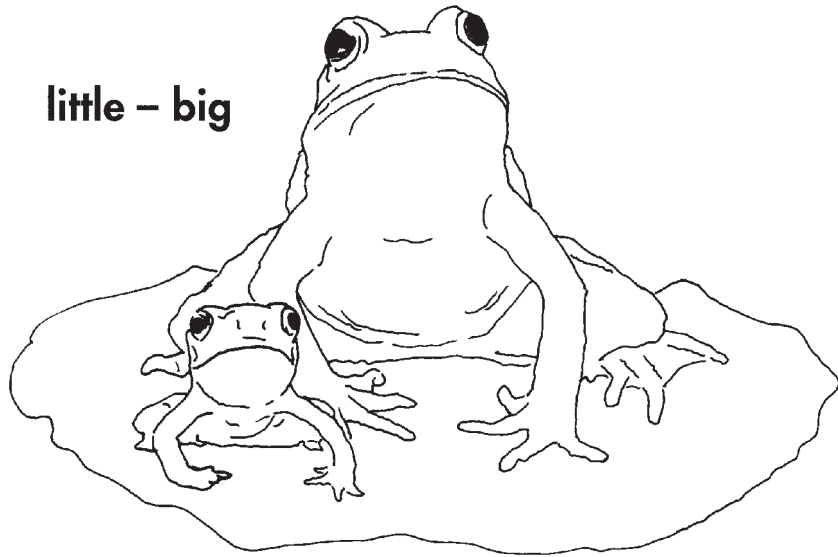
joy – pain

K

kind – cruel

L

little – big



large – small

last – first

late – early

laugh – cry

lead – follow

learn – teach

least – most

left – right

less – more

light – dark

light – heavy

little – big

loose – tight

lose – find

lost – won

love – hate

low – high

M

male – female

many – few

married – divorced

melted – frozen

messy – tidy

modern – ancient

more – less

morning – evening

most – least

N

narrow – wide
 near – far
 never – always
 new – old
 night – day
 no – yes
 noisy – quiet
 none – all
 north – south

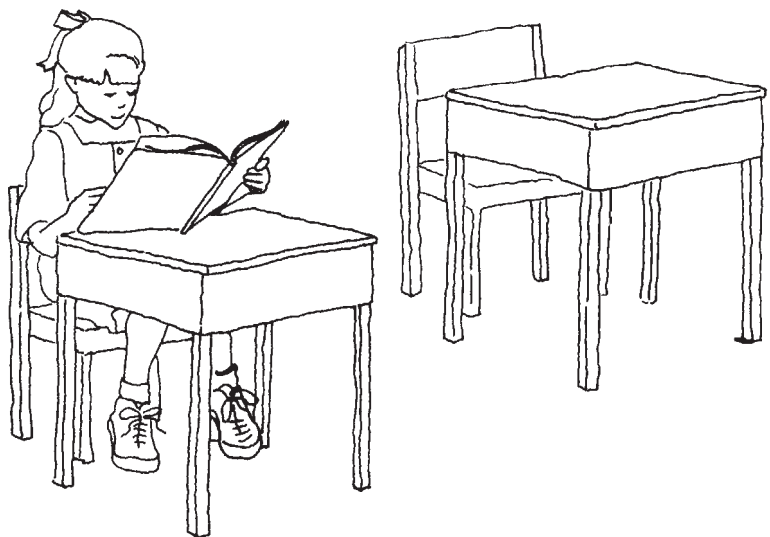
P

pain – joy
 pass – fail
 plain – fancy
 play – work
 polite – rude
 poor – rich
 present – absent
 private – public
 pull – push

O

odd – even
 off – on
 old – new; young
 open – shut
 outside – inside
 over – under

present – absent



q

Q

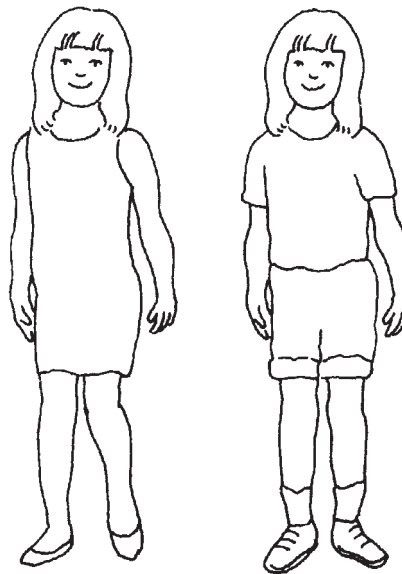
question – answer
quiet – noisy

R

raw – cooked
real – imaginary
receive – give
remember – forget
repair – break
rich – poor
right – left
rough – smooth
rude – polite

S

sad – happy
safe – dangerous
same – different
sell – buy
serious – silly
shallow – deep
shiny – dull
short – tall
shout – whisper



same – different

shut – open
sick – well
silly – serious
sink – float
sit – stand
slow – fast
small – large
smart – dumb
smooth – rough
soft – hard
sour – sweet
south – north
spend – earn
stand – sit
start – finish
stop – go
straight – curved
subtract – add
sunrise – sunset
sweet – sour

T

tall – short
tame – wild
teach – learn
tell – ask
thick – thin
tidy – messy
tight – loose
to – from
together – alone
top – bottom
true – false



teach – learn

U

U

ugly – beautiful
under – over
up – down

W

warm – cool
well – sick
west – east
wet – dry
whisper – shout
white – black
wide – narrow
wild – tame
wise – foolish
won – lost
work – play

Y

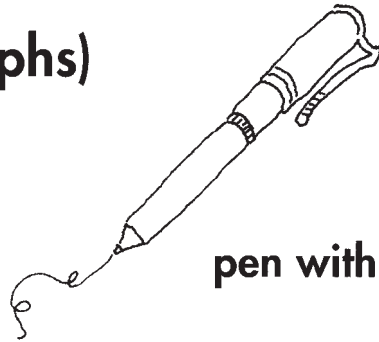
yes – no
young – old



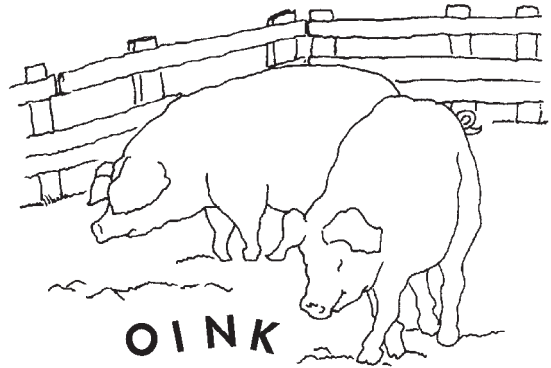
young – old

They Look the Same, But . . .

(Homographs)



pen with ink



pen with oink

The words pen and pen look alike. But they have very different meanings! Words that are spelled alike but have very different meanings are called homographs.

TIP: It is easy to remember that homographs are words that look the same. Just think about a graph—you look at a graph.

Here are some homographs and their meanings. Can you think of others?

b

ball That dog ran off with the ball.
(round object)

My parents went to the holiday ball.
(formal dance)

band The marching band played at the game.
(group of musicians)

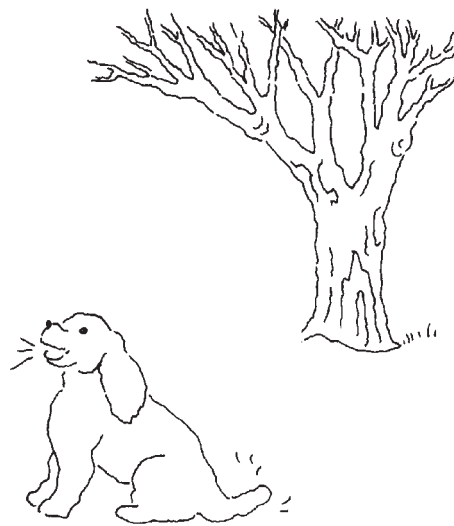
The band is missing from my hat.
(thin strip around)

bank I put my money in the bank.
(a business place)

We fished along the bank.
(edge along a river)

bark The tree is missing
some bark.
(tree covering)

She'll bark when
someone comes.
(dog's noise)



bat

We saw a bat in our attic. (animal)

Who will bat first? (strike a ball)

The baseball players used my bat for practice. (club)

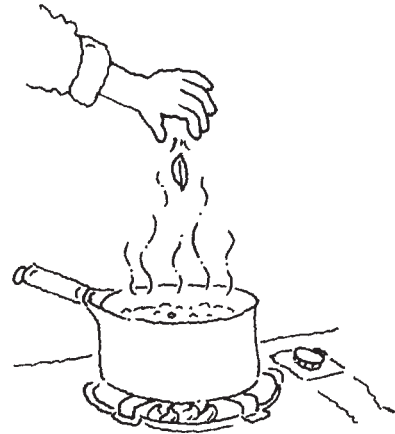
batter

Andy is the first batter. (baseball player)

The cake batter is good.
(uncooked mixture)

bay

Dad put a bay leaf
in the stew.
(leaf used in
cooking)



We live near
the bay.
(part of a sea)

**bill**

Dad paid the bill.
(statement of what is owed)

The bird's bill was stuck. (beak)

b

bit

May I have a bit of that? (small piece)

Mom bought a new bit for the drill.
(pointed tool)

Murphy bit into a bad apple. (did bite)

bow

I would bow before a king.
(bend in respect)

The bow is sinking. (front of a ship)

bow

My little sis wears a bow in her hair.
(looped ribbon)

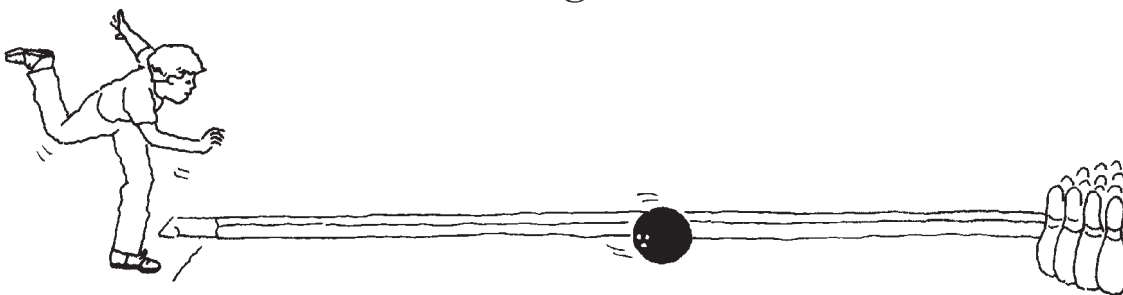
I have a bow and no arrows.
(wood weapon)

bowl

Put some cereal
in a bowl. (deep dish)

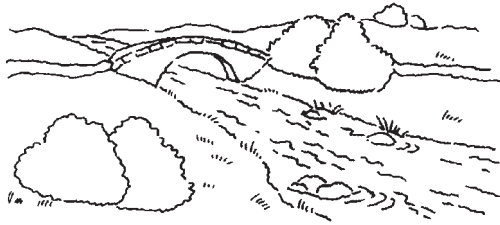


I like to bowl. (a game)



box Please put it in a box. (container)
Phil will box tonight. (sport with gloves)

bridge We drove over a long bridge.
(crossover)



My grandma
plays bridge. (card game)

can We can see a cave. (are able to)
I need a can of orange paint. (container)

count My sister is learning to count.
(number items in order)
Your opinion doesn't count. (have worth)
Randolph is a count. (nobleman)

C

crow

A crow is in that tree.
(large bird)

The rooster's
crow woke me.
(loud cry)



This is nothing to crow about.
(slang for brag)

My uncle is descended
from the Crow.
(Native-American tribe)

**date**

What is today's date? (specific day)

We have a date tomorrow.
(planned meeting)

I do not want to eat a date.
(fruit of a date palm)

down

We went down the stairs. (a lower place)

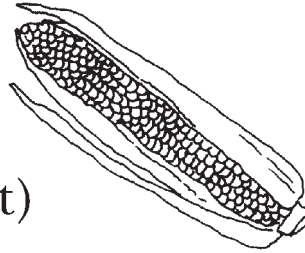
I like a down pillow. (soft feathers)

This is the third down. (football term)

ear

My ear hurts.
(hearing organ)

I ate an
ear of corn.
(part of a plant)

**fair**

We're going to the county fair. (event)

That's not fair! (equal; just)

Today's weather is fair. (clear and sunny)

She is fair-haired. (light)

fan

The fan helps keep us cool.
(blowing machine)

My mom is a Celtics fan. (admirer)

file

Help me file these papers.
(put away orderly)

I need a new file. (drawer; folder)

She uses a file on her fingernails.
(a manicure tool)

f

fine That is fine with me. (okay)

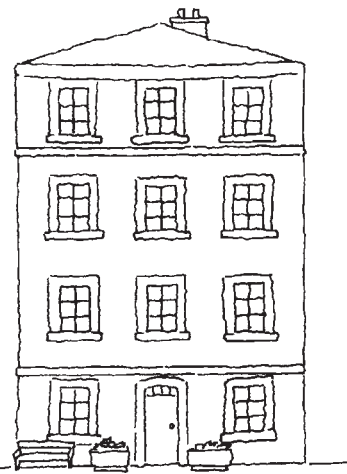
My brother paid my library fine.
(money as penalty)

fit This shirt won't fit me! (right size)

My two-year-old brother had a fit.
(tantrum)

flat The land is flat.
(not hilly)

Our flat is on the
second floor.
(apartment)



fly The bird can't fly. (soar through air)

A fly is on the table. (insect)

ground We sat on the ground. (soil; earth)

Mom cooked ground turkey.
(minced by grinding)

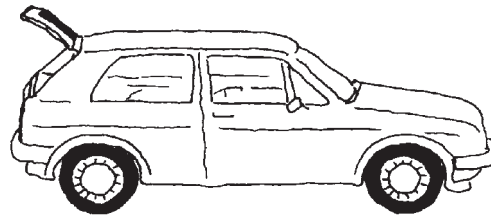
gum

There's gum stuck on my shoe.
(chewing substance from trees)

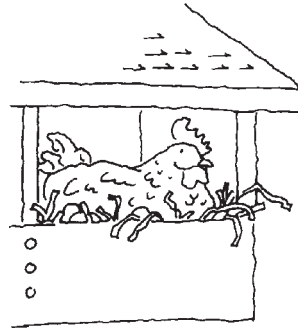
My gum is bleeding. (tissue around teeth)

hatch

Please close
the hatch.
(a cover)



The chicks might
hatch today.
(be born)

**heel**

I broke my heel.
(rear bottom of shoe or foot)

My dog will heel when I walk him.
(stay close behind)

The boat might heel. (tip to one side)

hide

I can't hide my feelings.
(keep from showing)

They made things from hide.
(animal skin)

j

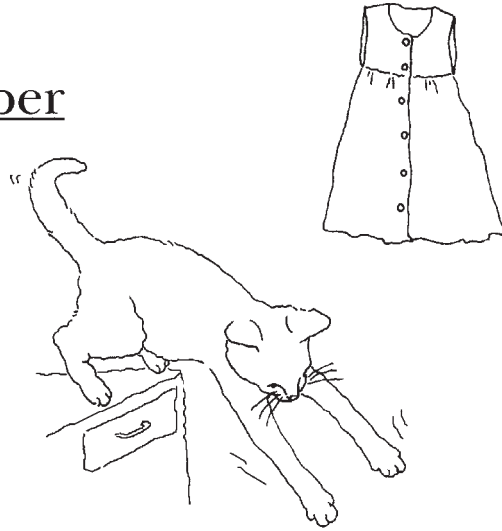
jam I like jam on peanut butter.
(sweet preserve)

We had to jam the things in. (pack tightly)

We sat in a traffic jam. (crowd)

jumper Nancie wore a jumper
to school.
(type of garment)

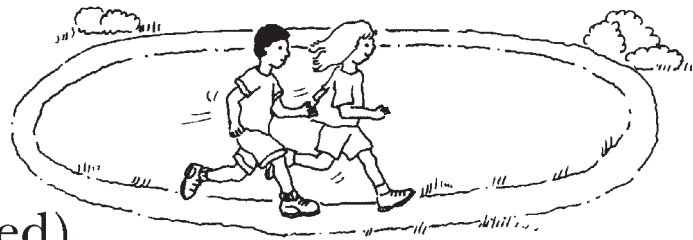
My cat is a jumper.
(one who jumps)



kind I try to be kind. (good-natured)

What kind of animal is that? (type)

lap I will run one
lap with you.
(course traveled)



This kitty loves
my lap.
(upper legs when sitting)



last

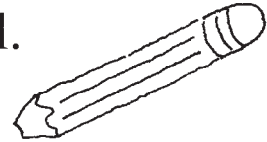
You won't be last. (at the end)

This will never last. (go on and on)

lead

We lead the others. (did lead; guided)

There's no lead in my pencil.
(soft graphite)

**left**

There's no food left. (remaining)

Put it on the left side. (opposite of right)

We left the concert. (did leave)

lie

I would never lie about this.
(tell an untruth)

I need to lie down. (stretch out flat)

light

This light is too bright. (ray of energy)

The feathers are light. (not heavy)

The bird might light on my head! (land)

I

like This is like a dream. (similar to)

I like you. (am pleased with)

line There's a line all the way to the street.
(single row)

I helped Mom line the drawers.
(cover insides)

We have a fax line. (wire circuit)

loaf I can't afford to loaf. (be idle)

I'll buy a loaf. (bread shape)

lock Please lock up
when you leave.
(fasten the entrance)



Mom saved a lock of my hair. (piece)

long I long for recess time. (wish for)

It's a long way away. (great length)

mail

The mail hasn't come yet. (letters)

I'll mail it tomorrow. (send)

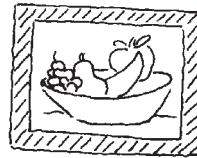
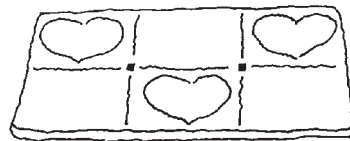
My brother tried to make a suit of mail.
(armor)

mat

Leave it under the mat. (small rug)

I like the mat on that picture. (border)

My dog's hair will mat if it gets wet. (tangle)

**match**

These clothes don't match. (go together)

The tennis match is tonight.
(planned contest)

Don't strike that match!
(stick that makes fire)

mean

He is not a mean person. (unkind)

I didn't mean that! (intend)

m

miss I miss my best friend. (long for)

Miss Thomas is my teacher.

(unmarried woman's title)

I hope I don't miss! (fail to hit target)

mole I have a mole on my arm.

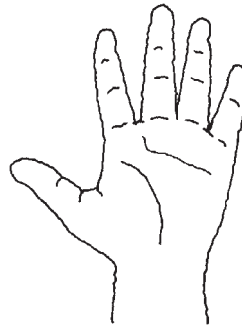
(brown skin spot)

There is a mole living in our yard.

(small animal)

palm My palm itches!
(inside of hand)

The palm is
growing nicely.
(kind of tree)

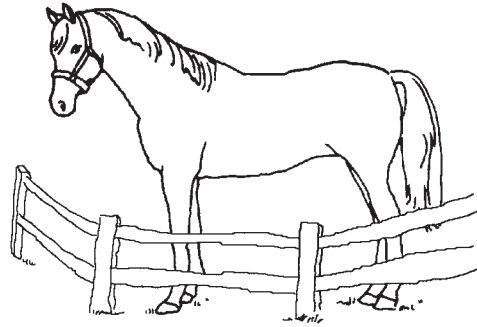


peck Birds sometimes peck at our windows.
(strike at with bill)

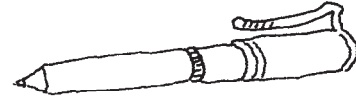
Who picked a peck of pickles?
(a measured amount)

pen

The pen won't
hold that horse.
(enclosed area)



I need some
paper and a pen.
(writing instrument)

**pitcher**

Please pass the pitcher of lemonade.
(jar with spout)

Who's the pitcher for your team?
(player who pitches)

pool

The pool water is cold. (tank of water)

We played pool at my house. (table game)

Let's pool our money. (put together)

pop

I heard it pop. (quick, short sound)

My pop says I can go. (dad)

I like some kinds of pop. (soft drink)

I like pop art. (popular)

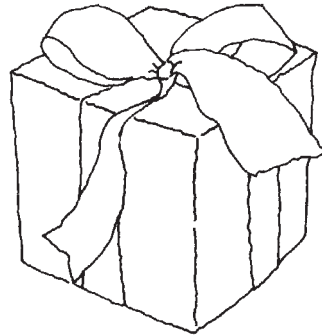
p

pound Please get a pound of beans.
(unit of weight)

We got our dog at the pound. (pen)

I'll pound on your door to wake you.
(hit hard)

present I need to take
a present. (gift)



Everyone is
present today. (not absent)

pupils Our class has two new pupils. (students)
Your pupils are so tiny. (black part of eye)

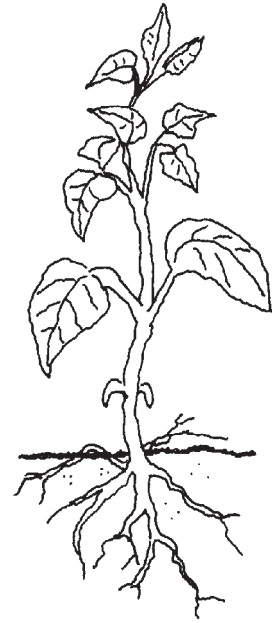
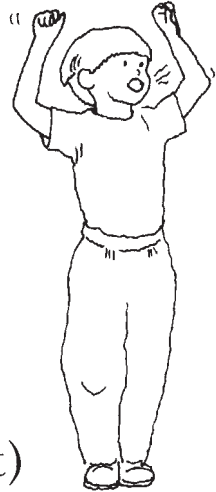
rest We ate the rest of the pizza. (what is left)
I like to rest after I run. (relax)

ring My sister has a class ring. (finger jewelry)
Did you hear it ring? (bell sound)
Elephants marched in the ring. (circle)

root

I will root
for you!
(cheer)

The root
is showing.
(plant's support)

**row**

You need to help me row.
(move using paddles)

I stood in the second row. (line)

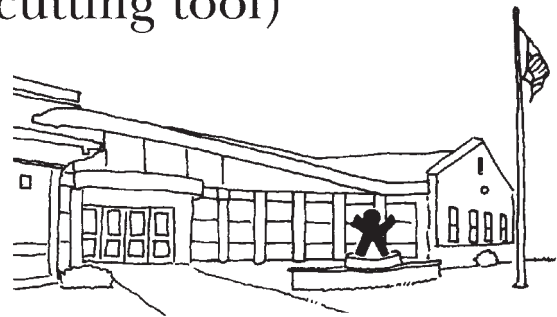
saw

I saw the accident. (did see)

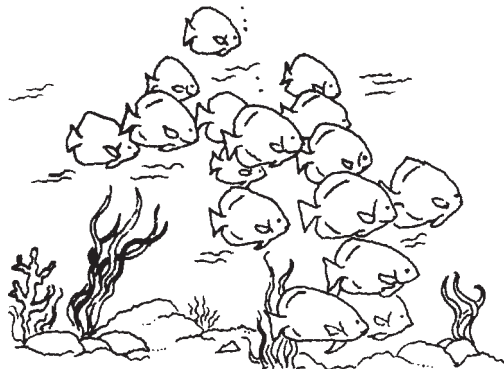
This saw is dull. (cutting tool)

school

I'll go to a new
school next year.
(place to learn)



A school
of fish
raced by.
(group)



S

seal My paper has an official seal.
(mark of approval)

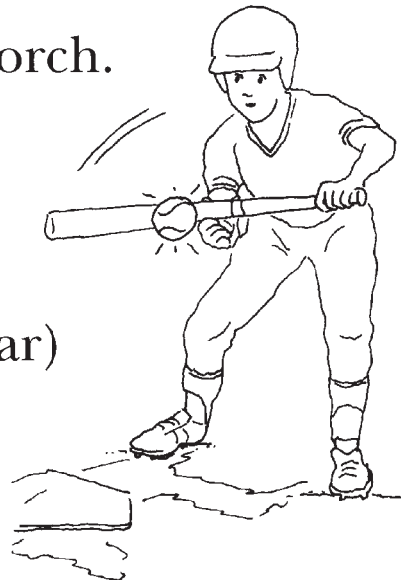
The sea lion is one kind of seal.
(sea mammal)

second Please wait a second. (part of a minute)
I was second in line. (number two)

slip I'll slip into my seat. (move easily)
You'll need this slip to get back in class.
(paper)
Mom's slip was showing. (underskirt)

slug She might slug her brother. (hit hard)
There's a slug on the porch.
(kind of snail)

sock One sock is
always missing. (footwear)
I will sock the ball!
(hit hard)

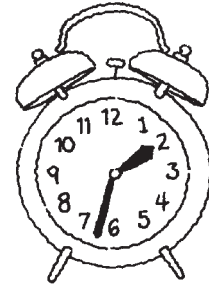


story His office is on the fifth story.
(building's floor)

Tell me a bedtime story. (tale)

tick The clock won't tick. (sound)

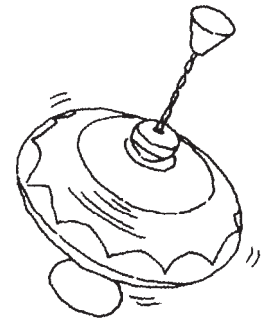
My dog had a tick
on his ear. (kind of insect)



toll You'll hear the toll every hour.
(bell sound)

We'll have to pay a toll every ten miles.
(fee for using)

top The baby giggled when she
saw the top. (spinning toy)



That cat is on top of the cupboard.
(highest place)

well I don't feel well. (good)

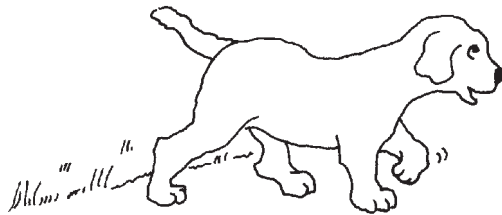
My uncle's farm has a well.
(hole as source of water)

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yard

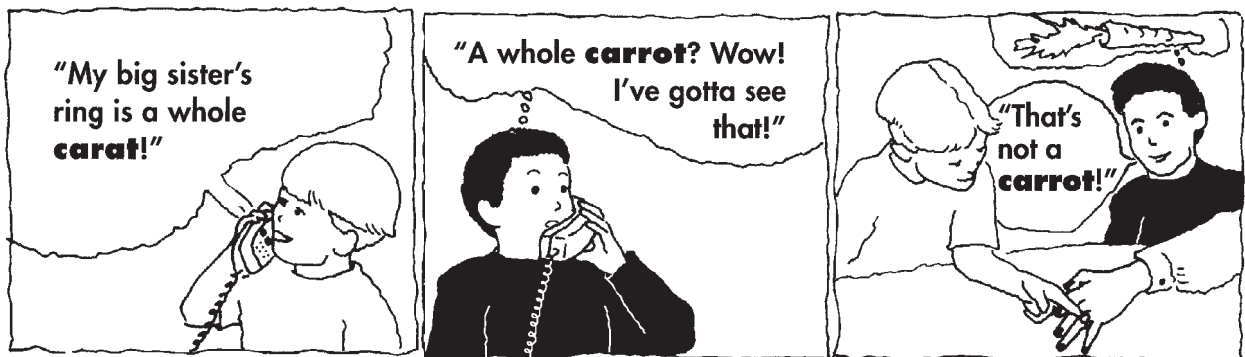
I need a yard of ribbon. (three feet)

My dog will not stay in the yard.
(grassy area)



They Sound the Same, But . . .

(Homophones)



The words carrot and carat sound alike. But they are not spelled alike. And they have very different meanings! Words that sound alike but are spelled differently and have very different meanings are called homophones.

TIP: It is easy to remember that homophones are words that sound the same. Just think of a telephone—you hear sounds when you use a phone.

Here are some homophones and their meanings. Can you think of others?

ad means an advertisement.

I read an ad in the newspaper.

add means to put numbers together.

He can add all the numbers.

aisle means a pathway.

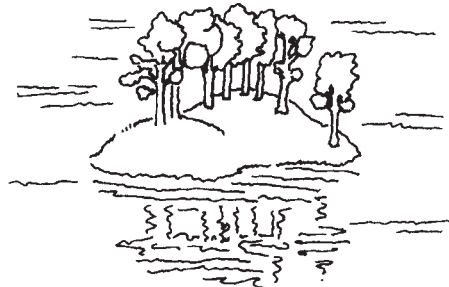
The bride is coming
down the aisle.



I'll means I will. I'll be there in a minute.

isle means an island.

We'll take a ferry
to the isle.



all ready means to be prepared.

I was all ready to go an hour ago!

already means earlier. I already brushed the dog.

allowed means to receive permission.

I'm not allowed to stay up late.

aloud means out loud. Please read that aloud.

ant means an insect.

Mom found a carpenter ant in the drawer.

unt means a female relative.

My unt is coming to visit.

ate means to have eaten in the past.

Raoul ate his lunch and most of mine.

eight means a number.

There are eight people in my family.

aye means yes. Everyone voted by saying, “Aye.”

eye means used for seeing.

Brittany has a sty in her eye.

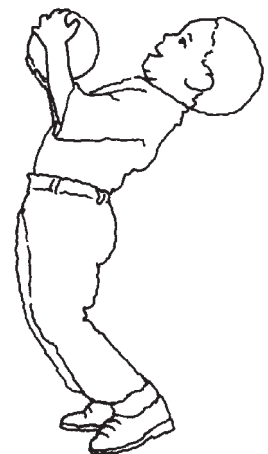
I is a pronoun. I like to write stories.

ball means a round object.

Milton caught every ball.

bawl means to cry.

The baby looks like she’s going to bawl.



b

bare means not covered. My dad's head is bare.

bear means an animal. The bear growled at us.

be means to be alive.

Jacque will be here any minute.

bee means an insect.

We stood still when
we saw the bee.



beach means the edge of a lake or sea.

My family's going to the beach.

beech means a kind of tree.

I think that's a beech tree.

beat means to whip. My team beat all the others.

beet means a red vegetable.

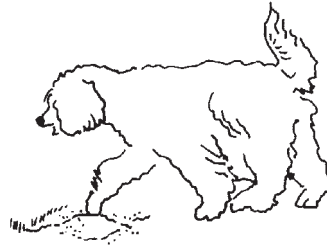
Mom sliced a beet for the salad.

berry means a kind of fruit. There's only one kind of berry in the salad.



bury means to cover up.

My dog likes to bury things.



billed means charged. We were billed for someone else's phone calls.

build means put together. We plan to build some bookshelves in my room.

blew means did blow.

The wind blew sand in our faces.

blue means a color. Corinne wore a blue shirt.

board means sawed wood.

This board will work as a shelf for books.

bored means not interested.

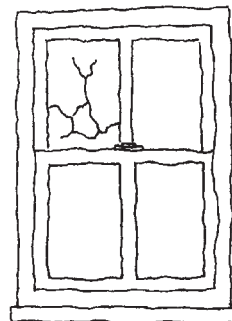
Phyllis says she's never bored.

b

brake means a part used for stopping.

Mom slammed her foot on the brake.

break means to come apart. I hope we didn't break the window!



buy means to purchase.

Natalie needs to buy some pens.

by means near. We drove by the radio station.

cent means a penny.

I don't have a cent to my name!

sent means being asked to go.

Mom sent me to my room.

scent means an odor.

My dog is tracking some animal's scent.

cheap means of little cost.

I bought a cheap pair of boots.

cheep means a bird sound.

It sounded like a baby bird's cheep.

chews means to use teeth.

Meg's sister chews her nails.

choose means to select.

You may choose whichever one you'd like.

close means to shut. I have to remember to close the hamster's cage.

clothes means clothing.

We went shopping for school clothes.

creak means a noise.

I heard a scary creak in the night.

creek means a small stream.

Let's wade across the creek.



deer means an animal.

A deer leaped across the road.

dear means much loved.

My grandma says I am dear.

d

desert means to go away from.

I promise I won't desert you.

dessert means part of a meal.

We had bread pudding for dessert.

die means to stop living.

I don't ever want my pets to die.

dye means to add color.

The red dye turned everything pink!

doe means a female deer. The fawn followed the doe into the stream.

dough means an unbaked mixture.

Cookie dough tastes good.



do means to work at. I will do that for you.

dew means water droplets.

Dew covered the ground this morning.

due means owed. My library book is due tomorrow.

fair means honest or just. It wasn't fair!

fare means cost. Do you need the exact fare to ride the subway?

find means uncover.

Could you help me find my jacket?

fin means charged.

I'll get fin if I've lost that book.

fir means a kind of tree. The snow-covered fir trees looked like ghosts.



fur means an animal's coat.

Some animals shed fur in the spring.



flea means an insect. I found a flea in the carpet.

flee means to run away.

Barkley tries to flee when I brush him.

f

flew means went away.

The birds flew off when I went outside.

flu means an illness. Fever and aching all over are flu symptoms.

flour means ground grain.

My mom makes gravy with flour.

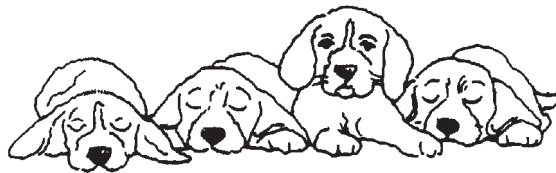
flower means a part of a plant.

A wild flower grew in the sidewalk crack.

for means the purpose of. I have news for you.

four means a number.

All four puppies curled up to sleep.



forth means forward.

We'll go forth when you're ready.

fourth means after third. Eddie is fourth in line.

gnu means an antelope.

The gnu looks much like an ox.

new means not old.

Our new sofa arrived last night.

knew means did know.

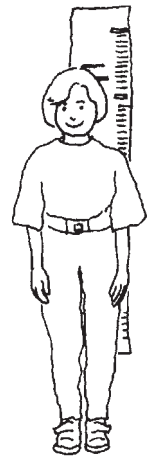
I knew you would understand.

grown means to get bigger.

I have grown three inches this year.

groan means a sound.

Don't groan when I tell you this.



guessed means decided without facts.

Tad says he guessed the answer.

guest means a visitor.

Our class is having a guest tomorrow.

hair means a head covering.

My hair is long and curly.

hare means a rabbit. We had a pet hare once.

h

hall means a passageway.

Ms. Tilly is coming down the hall.

haul means to carry.

Brenda has to haul all her books home.

hay means a dried grass.

We had to give hay to
the horses.



hey means an expression. “Hey! Stop that!”

heal means to make well.

My broken arm will heal soon.

he’ll means he will.

He’ll never want to do this again!

heel means the back of the foot.

The shopping cart caught my heel.

hear means to use ears.

Timothea likes to hear scary stories.

here means this place. I can stay here with you.

heard means did hear. Pilar heard about it first.

herd means an animal group.

We ran down the hall
like a herd of buffaloes.

hi means a greeting. I said “Hi” to the new kid.

high means way up.

The temperature is too high in my room.

horse means an animal.

My best friend has her own horse.

hoarse means a husky voice.

I was hoarse after cheering at the game.

hole means an opening.

There’s a hole in my favorite shirt.

whole means all. No one watched the whole movie.

k

knead means to mix with hands.

I will help you knead the yeast dough.

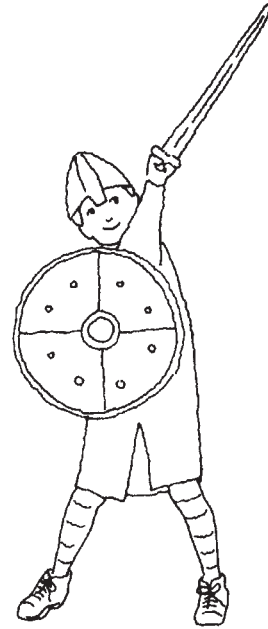
need means to want badly. Shelly may need some help too.

knight means a warrior.

My little brother loves to pretend he's a knight.

night means evening.

Our neighbor never goes out at night.



knot means a tied loop.

We need to tie a square knot here.

not means in no way. Arthur is not going with us.

know means to be sure of.

Do you know when the movie begins?

no means not so. There is no way that can be true!

made means created.

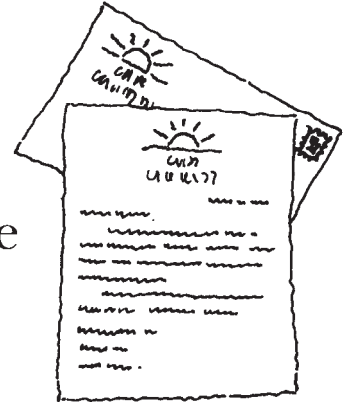
A committee made costumes for the play.

maid means a hired person.

My sister seems to think I am her maid.

mail means letters. I love to get mail.

male means a man. The paper said the male dancer stole the show.



main means important.

Here's the main idea of the story.

mane means horse's hair. I got to comb Pauper's mane after the race.

Maine means a state.

Augusta is the capital of Maine.

meat means animal flesh.

Vegetarians prefer not to eat meat.

meet means to come together.

Let's meet in the hall after school.

oar means a pole used to row.

Alex lost an oar in the river.



or means you have a choice.

Do you want to see this movie or that one?

ore means a mineral. They hauled iron ore out of the canyon.

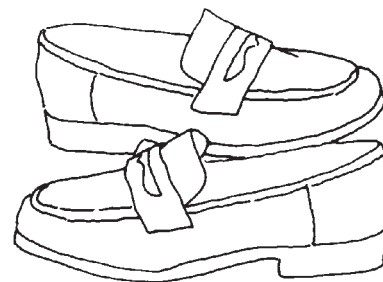
one means a number.

Priscilla answered one question.

won means succeeded.

The Sox won the game last night.

pair means two alike. Dominie has a new pair of loafers.



pare means to peel.

I'd like it if you would pare this apple.

pear means a fruit.

That pear is bruised.



passed means moved beyond.

You passed my house on your way home.

past means an earlier time.

It's already past nine o'clock.

peace means a quiet time.

Let's try for some peace in here.

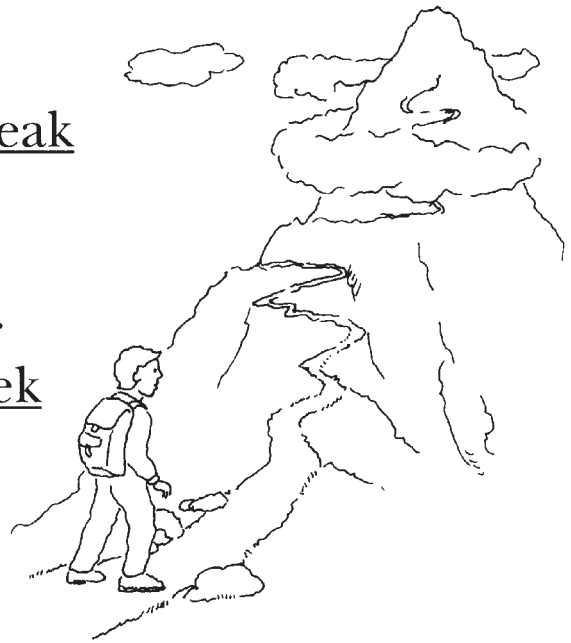
piece means a part. May I have a piece of gum?

peak means the top of.

I can hike to the peak
of that mountain.

peek means to sneak a look.

Don't you dare peek
in that box!



pore means a skin gland.

The doctor says it's a clogged pore.

pour means to flow out of.

You may pour juice for all of us.

r

rain means wet weather. It will surely rain today.

rein means part of a horse's bridle.

Pull back on the rein.

read means to have gotten
meaning from print.

I read the best book!



red means a color.

Our school color is red.

real means not pretend.

Nonfiction is about real things.

reel means a part of a fishing pole.

Dad bought a new reel for his pole.

right means correct.

It may not seem right, but it's the rule.

write means to form letters.

Don't forget to write
me when you move.



ring means jewelry worn on a finger.

Demetrius lost his class ring.

wring means to squeeze.

Wring the rug to get the water out.

road means a street. That road goes nowhere.

rode means moved along on.

Tom and Adrian rode their bikes.

rowed means used oars.

Olivia said they rowed for hours.

rose means a flower. The rosebush is prickly.

rows means in lines. We'll have to line up in rows.

sail means to go by boat.

My grandparents will sail
to the Bahamas.

sale means lowered prices.

We found a fantastic
sale on shoes.



S

scene means place and time.

They found a wig at the scene.

seen means viewed. I have seen every new movie.

sea means a body of water.

The sea is full of plants.

see means to use eyes. Did you see what happened?

seam means where joined.

The seam in my shirt needs mending.

seem means appear to be.

They didn't seem to notice anything.

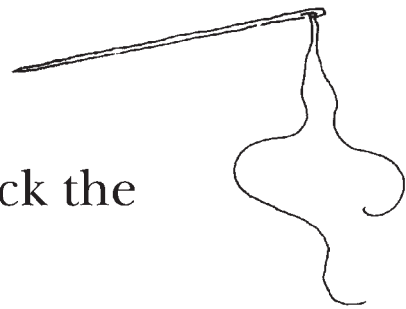
sew means to stitch. We'll need to

sew costumes next week.

so means therefore. I have to unlock the door so others can enter.

sow means to plant.

Mom helped us sow grass seed.



soar means to fly high.

An eagle can soar a long time.

sore means painful. I have a sore throat.

some means an amount. You might bring along some of your music.

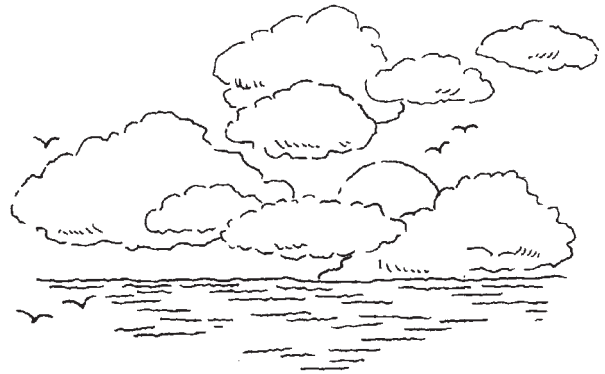
sum means the total when adding.

The sum is less than one hundred.

son means a boy or man. My aunt has a new son.

sun means a hot star.

The sun hid
behind the
billowy clouds.



stair means a step.

I thought I left my books on the stair.

stare means to look at. Everyone will stare at me!

tale means a story. Sheila told a scary tale.

tail means a body part. He'll wag his tail as soon as he sees you.

their means there is ownership. The kids found their own props for the play.

they're means they are. They're about to open the curtain on Act I.

there means that place. If you put it there, it should be easy to find.

theirs means there is ownership. He and his friends think the room is theirs.

there's means there is.

There's a reason why we did it this way.

threw means having tossed. Who threw this shirt in the laundry?

through means by way of.

Po came through the back door.



to means toward. Annette went to get more paper.

two means a number. Two heads are sometimes better than one.

too means also. I'd like to have one of those, too.

toad means an animal. I saw a toad on the sidewalk.

towed means pulled. Our van had to be towed.

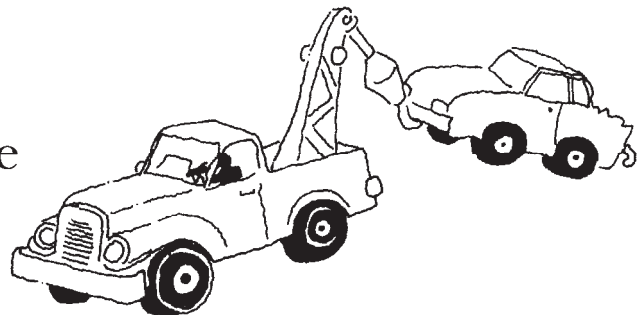
toe means a part of the foot.

Don't stub your toe
on that brick.



tow means to pull.

Who will tow the
wrecked car?



waist means a body part just above the hips.

My jeans are tight at the waist.

waste means to destroy.

You'll waste time if you don't begin now.

W

wait means to stop a while.

Please wait for me outside.

weight means heaviness.

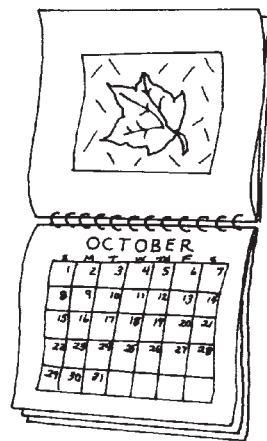
There's too much weight on one end.

weak means not strong.

Your argument is weak.

week means seven days.

Cecil had no homework
at all last week.



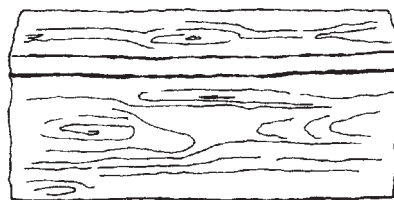
who's means who is. Who's going to go first?

whose means there is ownership.

Whose shoes are these?

wood means a product from a tree.

This wood box
is full.



would means willing to.

Would you like to tell us what you think?

Stuck with Each Other

(Compound Words)

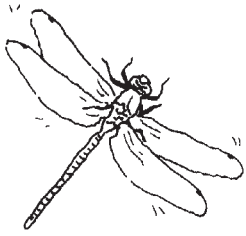


groundhog

The two words ground and hog are “glued” together to make one word. One word made from two smaller words is a compound word.

What happens to the meanings of the little words? Sometimes the meanings change. For example, understand is a compound word. The little words under and stand are put together. But understand does not mean to stand under something! And a brainstorm is a good idea—it is not really a storm inside of the brain!

Here are some more compound words. The words are organized into categories. Can you think of more compound words?



Animals

anthill
bluebird
butterfly
catfish
dragonfly
earthworm
goldfish
jellyfish
longhorn
rattlesnake
wildcat
woodpecker

Body

armpit
eyelid
toenail
windpipe

Business

drugstore
junkyard
lumberyard
supermarket

Celebrations

birthday
Thanksgiving

Clothing

cutoffs
earring
nightgown
sweatshirt
turtleneck
underwear

Communication

goodbye
network
password
postcard
understand
videocassette

Descriptive Words

awesome
nationwide
oddball
outstanding
trustworthy
waterproof

Foods

applesauce
blueberry
breakfast
buttermilk
doughnut
gingerbread
grapefruit
gumball
meatball
mushroom
peanut
popcorn
strawberry
watermelon

Home

bathroom
bookshelf
carport
cupboard
doorbell

driveway
fireplace
rooftop
teapot
wallpaper

Music

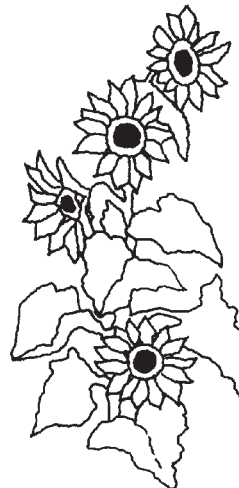
bagpipe
earphones

Nature

buttercup
cattail
earthquake
iceberg
moonlight
quicksand
rainbow
seashell
snowstorm
sunflower
sunshine

Objects

billfold
candlestick
flashlight
handcuff
haystack
padlock
ponytail
something
suitcase
toothpaste
washcloth
wastebasket
yardstick



People

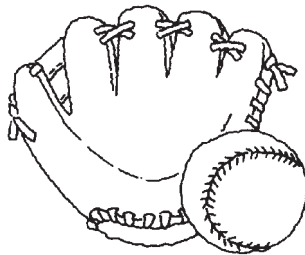
anybody
everyone
gentlemen
grandchild
nickname
sweetheart

Places

airport
anywhere
downstairs
fairgrounds
inside
lighthouse
offstage
outdoors
somewhere
treehouse
uptown

School

blackboard
classmate
homework
knapsack
notebook
playground



Sports & Recreation

baseball
basketball
dugout
hopscotch
joystick
kickball
playoffs
quarterback

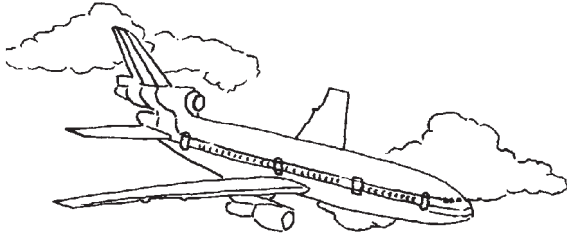
sandbox
scoreboard
touchdown

Time

afternoon
daytime
meanwhile
midnight
weekend

Tools

jigsaw
sandpaper
sawhorse
screwdriver
stepladder



Transportation

airplane
freeway
handlebar
headlight
highway
motorcycle
railroad
rowboat
wheelchair

Work

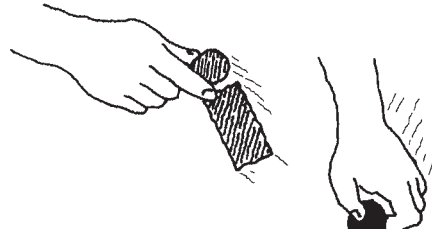
cabinetmaker
cowboy
firefighter
landlord
lawmaker
lifeguard
ringmaster

Other Words

another
goosebump
itself
nightmare
runaway
tablespoon
whirlpool

Trade-Offs

(Contractions)



here's

Some words are made by joining parts of two words. A contraction always has an apostrophe. Missing letters are traded for an apostrophe.

Here are some contractions you use when you speak. You may want to use contractions when you write a note or a letter to a friend.

he has	he's	they are	they're
he is	he's	we are	we're
here is	here's	you are	you're
I am	I'm	what is	what's
it has	it's	I would	I'd
it is	it's	you would	you'd
she has	she's	I have	I've
she is	she's	we have	we've
that is	that's	I will	I'll

Contractions

you ~~will~~

you'll

who ~~will~~

who'll

let ~~us~~

let's

can ~~not~~

can't

do ~~not~~

don't

is ~~not~~

isn't

would ~~not~~

wouldn't

are ~~not~~

aren't

did ~~not~~

didn't

Can you add more contractions to the list?

Word Play

(Onomatopoeia,
Palindromes,
Hink-Pinks,
Hinky-Pinkys)



Writers work with words. Writers also play with words. You can have fun with the sounds of words. You can put words next to each other to say funny or odd things. You can turn a word's letters around to make a different word. You can even make up or "coin" new words whenever you want.

Here are some lists of Sound Words, Palindromes, Hink-Pinks, and Hinky-Pinkys. You may just want to play with these words and their sounds. Or you may want to use some of these fun words in your writing.

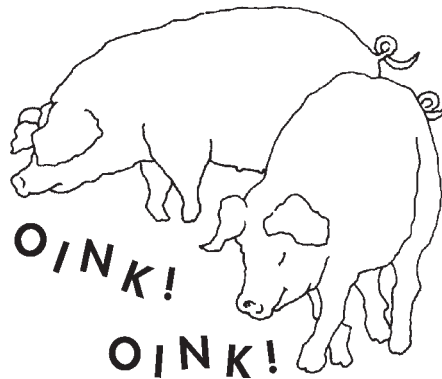
Onomatopoeia

(Sound Words)

Listen! What sounds do you hear around you? Sound words, or onomatopoeia, are words that spell actual sounds.

Sometimes every letter of a sound word is written in capital letters.

OINK!



Sometimes a sound word is written again and again.

DRIP! DRIP! DRIP!

Sometimes the first or last letter of a sound word is repeated:

r-r-ring

who-o-o-o

And sometimes the letters of a sound word are stretched out:

C R E A K!

Here are some more words for sounds.
The words are organized under some general categories. Can you think of more sound words?

Animal Sounds

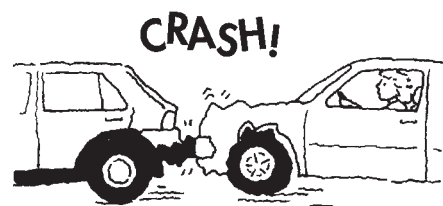
baa
buzz
cheep
chirp
clip-clop
cluck
cock-a-doodle-do
cuckoo
growl
hiss
meow
moo
neigh
purr
quack
squeak
tweet
woof

Bumping/ Falling Sounds

bang
clang
crash
kerplop
ping
plop
scrunch
smack
splash
splat
thump
whack
zing
zonk

People Sounds

giggle
ha-ha
hmmm
kerchoo
oomph
ugh
waa
yuck



Machine Sounds

beep
boing
choo-choo
clank
click
ding-dong
ping
pop
squeak
tick-tock
whirr
zoom

Weather Sounds

bang
boom
crash
ping
zing

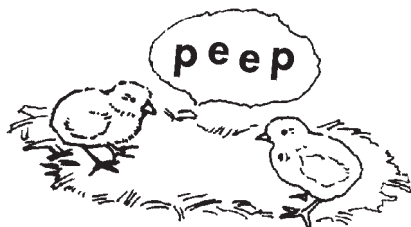
Other Sound Words

bubble
crinkle
fizz
glug
gurgle
sizzle
slurp
swish
whoosh
zap
zip
zoom



Palindromes

Can you tell which chick is saying “peep”? Is it the chick on the left? or the chick on the right?



It doesn't matter, does it? The word PEEP is spelled the same way backward and forward! The word PEEP is a palindrome.

Here are some more words that are spelled the same way backward and forward. Can you think of other palindromes?

Anna	gag	sees
bob	kayak	toot
dad	mom	tot
did	noon	
eye	pop	

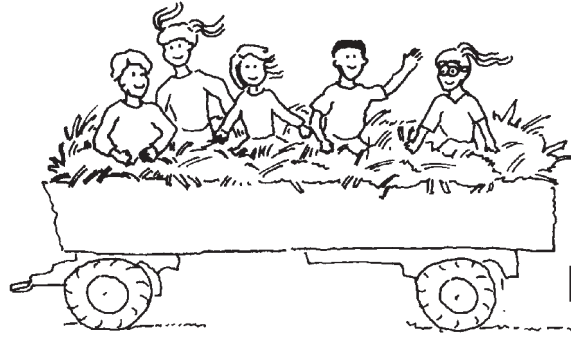
Some words can be arranged so that a sentence is a palindrome. Check out these palindrome sentences. Do they read the same way backward and forward? Can you make up some more palindrome sentences?

Now Dad won.

Ward did draw.

We sew.

Hink-Pinks

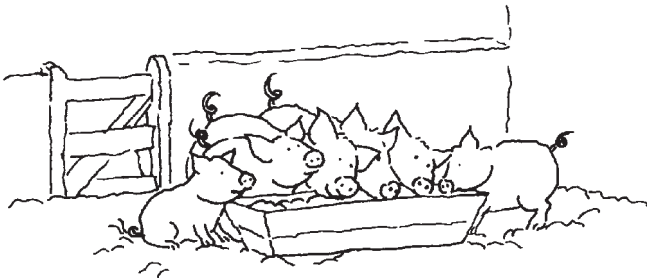


hay play

The two words hay and play rhyme. Hay is a one-syllable word, and play is a one-syllable word.

A hink-pink is two one-syllable words that rhyme. Here are some more hink-pinks.

Can you make up others?



ham jam



mad dad



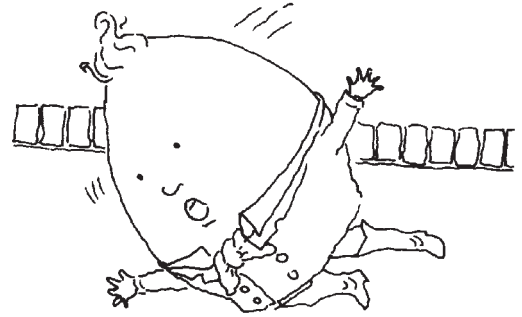
leaf thief



mice rice

Hinky-Pinkys

The words Humpty and Dumpty rhyme. Humpty is a two-syllable word, and Dumpty is a two-syllable word.



A hinky-pinky is two two-syllable words that rhyme. Here are some more hinky-pinkys. Can you make up others?



hokey-pokey



muscle tussle

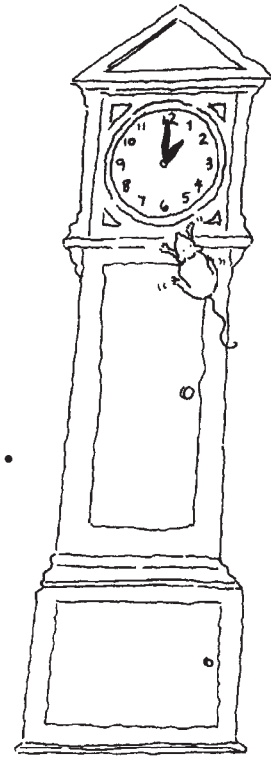
See if you can find more hink-pinks and hinky-pinkys in the rhyming word lists that begin on page 132 of this book.



walkie-talkie

Rhyme Time

Hickory dickory dock
The mouse ran up the clock . . .



What is a rhyming sound?

Two words that rhyme have the same ending sound. Their ending sound is called a rhyming sound.

Rhyming sounds are all around you.
You hear rhyming sounds in nursery rhymes.
You also hear rhyming sounds in poems and songs and jump-rope jingles.

A rhyming sound always begins with a vowel.
A rhyming sound can be written by writing the alphabet letter or letters that you hear in that sound. For example, the rhyming sound at the



**Jack and Jill
went up the hill . . .**



**Jack Sprat
could eat no fat . . .**

ends of the words dock and clock can be written ok. The rhyming sound in Jill and hill can be written il. And the rhyming sound in Sprat and fat can be written at.

What is a rhyming-word family? Rhyming words can be grouped into families—just like people! In a rhyming-word family, every word has the same ending sound.

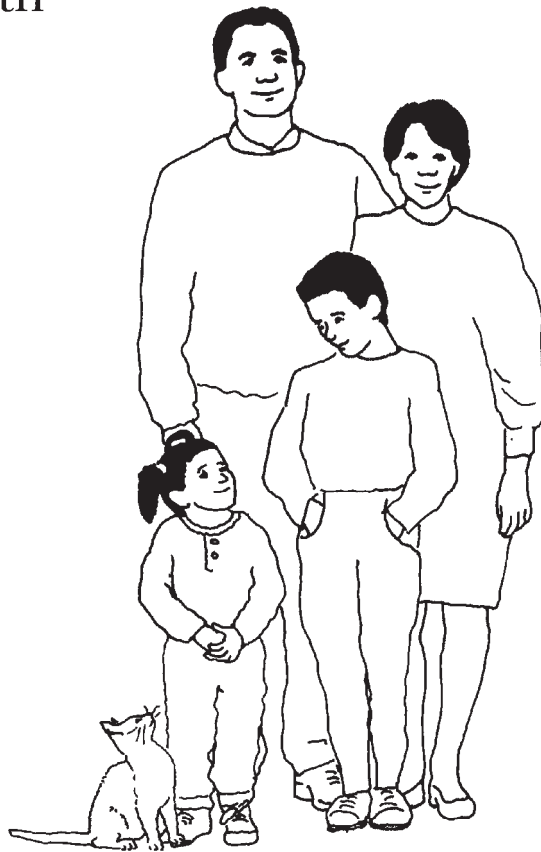
Here are two families of rhyming words. One family includes words that end in the at sound. So we might call that family the “at as in fat” family. The other family of words might be called the “ath as in math” family.

at as in *fat*

at
bat
brat
cat
chat
fat
flat
gnat
hat
mat
pat
rat
sat
that

ath as in *math*

bath
math
path



Some human families have many people in them. And some human families are small, with only two or three people. Like human families, rhyming-word families may be large or small. Some rhyming-word families have many words in them. Others have few.

How do I find words that rhyme? More than 200 rhyming-word families are listed on the following pages. So how will you find any one family of rhyming words? Let's find out!

Suppose you want to find the family of words that rhyme with the word toes. To find the words that rhyme with toes, you'll need to know the ending sound in the word. Then you'll need to know which alphabet letters could spell that sound. So you'll need to answer two questions:

Question #1: What is the ending sound in the word toes?

Your Answer: I hear the sound of long o and the sound that the letter z makes.

Question #2: What alphabet letter or letters could spell that ending sound?

Your Answer: The letters oz could spell that sound.

Now you're ready to look for oz in the lists of rhyming words on the following pages. The families of rhyming words are listed in alphabetical order under the vowels A, E, I, O, and U. Remember, a rhyming sound always begins with a vowel. So the family of oz words will be found under the vowel **O**.

Turn to page 163 in this book. Look for the large vowel letter **O**. Look down the lists of words under the large vowel **O**. You will find oz as in nose on page 177. Do the words toes and nose rhyme? Yes! All the words in the oz as in nose family rhyme with the word toes.

Wow! Look at all those words that rhyme with the word toes.

Count them . . .

twenty-two words!

What a large family!

And guess what! There are even more words that rhyme with the word toes. You may want to add other words, like throws or a girl's name Rose.



toes



crows



bows

Sometimes the ending sound you hear in a word can be written different ways. For example, the ending sound you hear in the word moose might be written us or oos. So you will find words that rhyme with the word moose listed under the vowel **O** (oos as in moose) and under the vowel **U** (us as in moose).

Now and then, you may find a word that doesn't seem to rhyme with the other words in a family. That's because different people say some words in different ways.

Remember: any time you have a word and want to find its family of rhyming words, you begin by asking (and answering!) two questions:

1. What is the ending sound in your word?
2. What alphabet letters could spell that ending sound?

Then you can use the list of rhyming-word families to find just what you want!



What is a **STEP AHEAD** list of words?

The word nose has one syllable. And so do the first twenty-two words in the family of words that rhyme with the word nose.**

So what are those other eight words, like borrows and heroes and windows? Those longer words also rhyme with the words nose and toes. But when you say one of those longer words, you don't hear just one syllable. You hear two syllables!

Sometimes when you are writing, you may want to use a longer word that rhymes with a short word. That's when you will want to use one of the **STEP AHEAD** lists of two-syllable words.

To see the names of all the families of rhyming words included in this book, look for the Index of Rhyming-Word Families on page 195 at the back of this book.

****A pair of one-syllable words that rhyme can suggest a funny or interesting idea that's called a hink-pink. Look for leaf thief, snake shake, and other hink-pinks as you use the lists of rhyming-word families.**



a

Rhyming-Word Families

A

a as in *day*

bay

clay

day

gray

hay

hey

Jay

lay

May

neigh

pay

play

pray

Ray

say

sleigh

spray

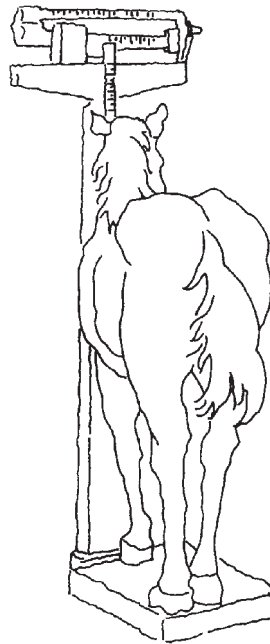
stay

they

tray

way

weigh



neigh weigh

STEP AHEAD

away

ballet

birthday

bouquet

delay

display

halfway

hallway

highway

hooray

okay

relay

runway

subway

Sunday

today

x-ray

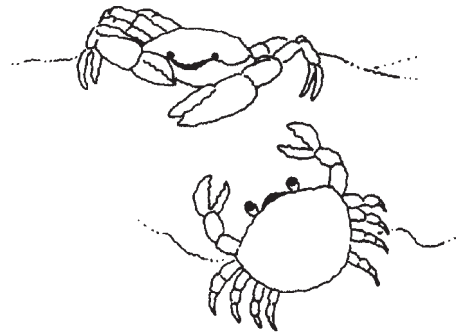
a as in *raw*

ah
caw
claw
draw
gnaw
ha
jaw
law
ma
pa
paw
raw
saw
slaw
squaw
straw
thaw

STEP AHEAD

coleslaw
grandma
grandpa
hurrah
jigsaw
seesaw
Utah

drab
gab
grab
lab
nab
scab
slab
stab
tab



crab gab

ach as in *catch*

batch
catch
hatch
latch
match
patch
scratch
snatch

ab as in *cab*

blab
cab
crab
dab

a

ad as in *made*

aid
blade
braid
fade
grade
made
maid
paid
played
prayed
raid
shade
stayed
trade
wade
weighed



mad dad

ad as in *dad*

add
bad
Chad
dad
fad
glad
had
lad
mad
pad
sad

STEP AHEAD

afraid
arcade
Band-aid
bridesmaid
delayed
displayed
homemade
invade
lampshade
mermaid
parade
stockade

aft as in *raft*

craft
draft
graphed
laughed
raft
shaft

ag as in wag

bag
brag
drag
flag
gag
nag
rag
sag
snag
tag
wag

aj as in page

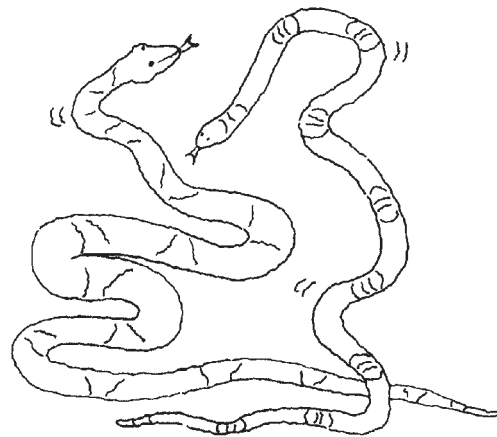
age
cage
gauge
page
rage
stage
wage

ak as in make

bake
brake
break
cake
fake
flake
Jake
lake
make
quake
rake
shake
snake
steak
take
wake

STEP AHEAD

awake
cupcake
earthquake
headache
keepsake
mistake
pancake
snowflake
toothache

**snake shake**

a

ak as in *pack*

back

black

crack

jack

pack

quack

rack

sack

shack

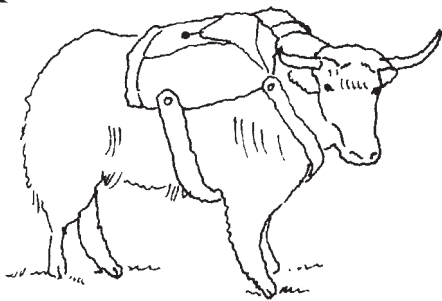
smack

snack

stack

track

yak



yak pack

aks as in *tax*

acts

ax

cracks

facts

fax

jacks

packs

sacks

smacks

stacks

tax

tracks

wax

akt as in *fact*

act

backed

cracked

fact

packed

sacked

tracked

STEP AHEAD

attract

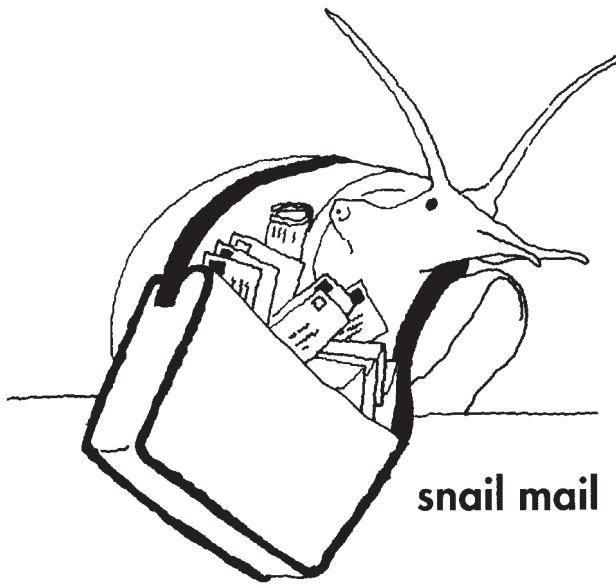
contact

contract

exact

react

subtract

**al** as in *sale*

bale
Braille
fail
hail
jail
mail
male
nail
pail
quail

rail
sail
sale
scale
snail
tail
tale
they'll
trail
whale

al as in *pal*

Al
gal
pal
shall

al as in *fall*

all
ball
call
crawl
doll
fall
hall
mall
Paul
small
stall
tall
wall

a

am as in **game**

aim

blame

came

claim

fame

flame

frame

game

name

same

shame

tame

am as in **jam**

am

clam

ham

jam

lamb

ram

Sam

scram

slam

swam

wham

yam

amp as in
lamp

camp

champ

clamp

cramp

damp

lamp

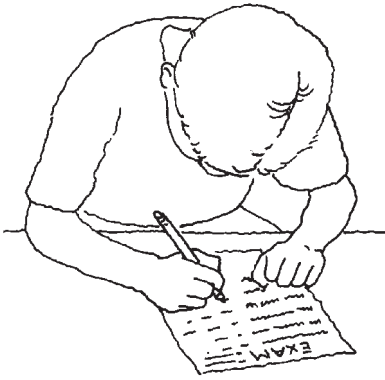
ramp

stamp

tramp

tame flame



**brain drain****an as in *cane***

brain
 cane
 chain
 crane
 drain
 gain
 grain
 lane
 main
 Maine
 mane

pain
 plain
 plane
 rain
 rein
 sane
 slain
 Spain
 sprain
 stain
 train
 vane
 vein
 Wayne

STEP AHEAD

airplane
 contain
 explain
 remain

an as in *can*

an
 can
 fan
 man
 pan
 plan
 ran
 Stan
 tan
 than
 van

STEP AHEAD

began
 Japan
 pecan
 suntan

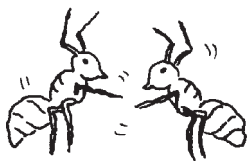
a

and as in *hand*

and
band
brand
canned
fanned
gland
grand
hand
land
planned
sand
stand

STEP AHEAD

command
demand
expand
quicksand



ants dance

ang as in *rang*

bang
clang
fang
gang
rang
sang

ank as in *tank*

bank
blank
drank
Hank
prank
sank
spank
tank
thank

ans as in *dance*

ants
chance
chants
dance
France
glance
pants
plants

ant as in *paint*

faint
paint
saint

ant as in *can't*

ant
aunt
can't
chant
grant
plant

ap as in *tape*

ape
cape
drape
grape
scrape
shape
tape

ap as in *map*

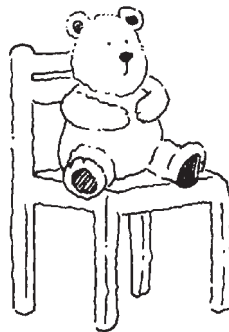
cap
clap
flap
gap
lap
map
nap
scrap
slap
snap
strap
tap

trap
wrap

ar as in *hair*

air
bare
bear
care
chair
dare
fair
fare
glare
hair
hare
pair
pear

prayer
rare
scare
share
spare
square
stair
stare
swear
tear
their
there
they're
wear
where



bear chair

STEP AHEAD

beware
compare
prepare
repair
unfair

a

ar as in *car*

are
bar
car
far
jar
scar
star
tar

ard as in *yard*

barred
card
guard
hard
lard
scarred
yard

ark as in *park*

ark
bark
dark
mark
park
shark
spark

STEP AHEAD

boxcar
guitar
jaguar
streetcar

STEP AHEAD

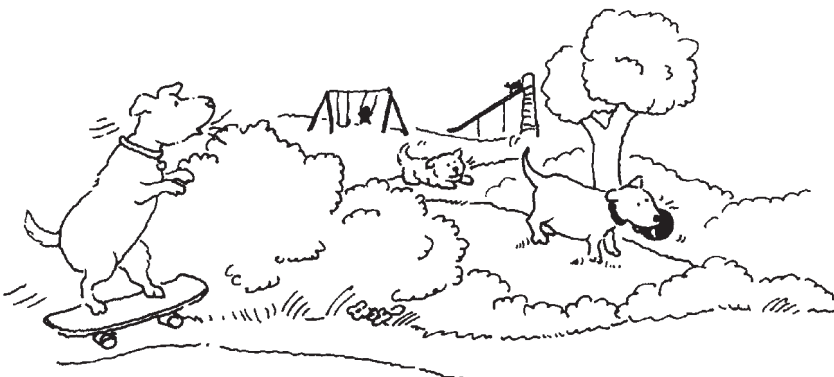
barnyard
graveyard
leotard
lifeguard
postcard

STEP AHEAD

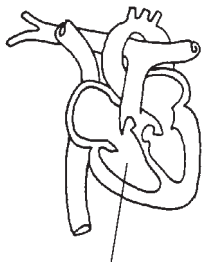
aardvark
birthmark
bookmark

arm as in *farm*

arm
charm
farm
harm



bark park



heart part

art as in *cart*

art
cart
chart
dart
heart
part
smart
start

as as in *base*

ace
base
brace
case
chase
face

Grace
lace
place
race
space
trace
vase

STEP AHEAD

erase
shoelace
staircase
suitcase

as as in *gas*

brass
class
gas
glass
grass
pass

ash as in *dash*

cash
clash
crash
dash
flash
rash
slash
smash
splash
trash

ask as in *mask*

ask
cask
mask
task

a

ast as in ***paste***

based
baste
chased
faced
paste
placed
spaced
taste
traced
waist
waste

ast as in ***last***

blast
cast
fast
last
passed
past

at as in ***gate***

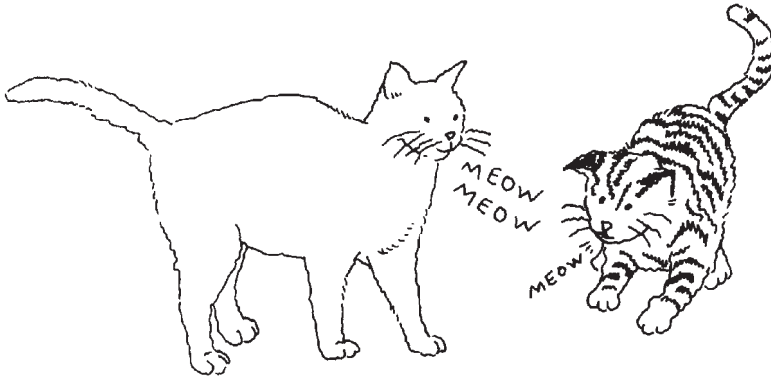
ate
bait
date
eight
gate
great
hate
late
plate
skate
state
straight
strait
wait
weight

STEP AHEAD

classmate
create
donate
locate
playmate



The great plate wait.



cat chat

at as in *fat*

at
bat
brat
cat
chat
fat
flat
gnat
hat
mat
pat
rat
sat
that

ath as in *math*

bath
math
path

av as in *gave*

brave
cave
gave
grave
save
shave
slave
they've
wave

az as in *days*

days
lays
maize
maze
neighs
pays
plays
praise
prays
sprays
stays
vase
ways
weighs

az as in *jazz*

as
has
jazz

e

E

e as in *fee*

be

bee

flea

free

he

key

knee

me

pea

sea

see

she

ski

tea

three

tree

we

wee

STEP AHEAD

agree

easy

monkey

teepee

trophy



Said the flea to the bee,
"It's a mystery to me
how, with wings that are wee,
you can fly so easily."

Said the bee to the flea,
"I'm no curiosity!
Though my wings may be wee,
they are perfect for a bee."

ech as in *teach*

beach

bleach

each

peach

reach

speech

teach

ed as in *bead*

bead

bleed

breed

feed

knead

lead

need

read

seed

skied

speed

we'd

weed

ed as in head

bed
bread
dead
fed
head
lead
led
read
red
said
sled
spread
thread
wed

STEP AHEAD

ahead
bedspread
bunkbed
forehead
instead



leaf thief

eg as in leg

beg
egg
Greg
leg
Peg

ek as in week

beak
cheek
creek
leak
peek
sneak
speak
squeak
weak
week

ef as in beef

beef
brief
chief
grief
leaf
thief

ef as in deaf

chef
deaf
Jeff

e

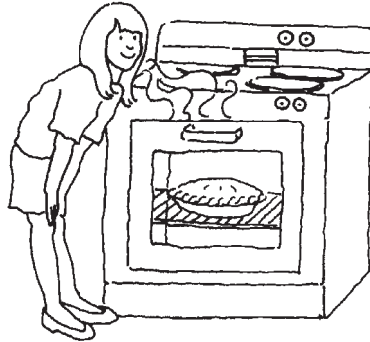
ek as in *neck*

check
deck
neck
peck
wreck

el as in *heal*

deal
eel
feel
he'll
heal
heel
kneel
meal
peel
real
seal
she'll
squeal
steal

steel
we'll
wheel



swell smell

el as in *fell*

bell
cell
fell
sell
shell
smell
spell
swell
tell
well
yell

eld as in *yelled*

held
smelled
spelled
weld
yelled

elf as in *self*

elf
self
shelf

STEP AHEAD

bookshelf
herself
himself
itself
myself
yourself

elt as in ***melt***

belt
felt
melt
pelt
smelt

em as in ***hem***

gem
hem
M
stem
them

en as in ***pen***

den
hen
men
N
pen
ten
then
when
wren

em as in ***seam***

beam
cream
dream
scream
seam
seem
steam
stream
team

en as in ***mean***

bean
clean
Dean
Gene
green
mean
queen
screen
seen

end as in ***send***

bend
blend
end
friend
lend
mend
send
spend



dream team

e

ens as in ***fence***

cents
fence
scents
sense
tents

ent as in ***tent***

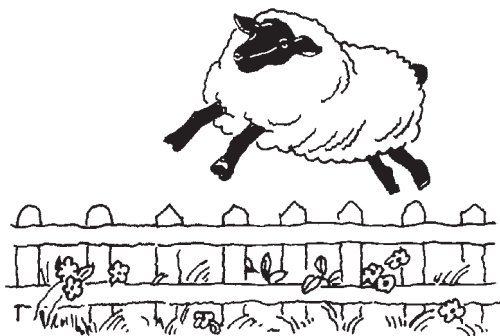
bent
cent
dent
meant
rent
scent
sent
spent
tent
went

ep as in ***keep***

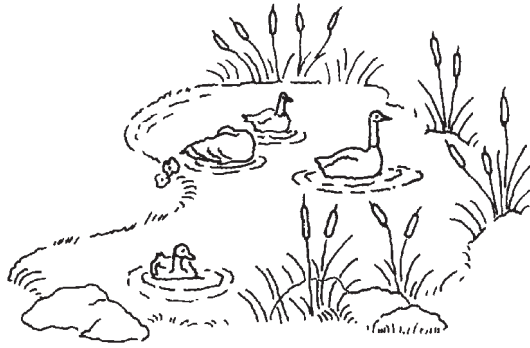
beep
cheap
creep
deep
heap
jeep
keep
leap
peep
sheep
sleep
steep
sweep
weep

er as in ***dear***

cheer
clear
dear
deer
ear
fear
gear
hear
here
near
pier
rear
sheer
smear
spear
steer
tear
year



sheep leap



geese peace

es as in geese

cease
crease
fleece
geese
grease
lease
niece
peace
piece

es as in guess

bless
chess
dress

guess
less
mess
press
stress
yes

est as in feast

beast
ceased
east
feast
least
yeast

est as in test

best
blest
breast
chest
dressed
guessed
guest
nest
pest
quest
rest
stressed
test
vest
west

e

et as in *feet*

beat
beet
cheat
eat
feet
greet
heat
meat
meet
neat
seat
sheet
sleet
street
suite
sweet
treat
wheat

STEP AHEAD

athlete
complete
defeat
repeat

pet
set
sweat
threat
vet
wet
yet



wet pet

STEP AHEAD

forget
sunset
upset

et as in *jet*

bet
debt
get
jet
let
met
net

ex as in *necks*

checks
decks
necks
pecks
wrecks

ez as in *keys*

breeze
cheese
ease
fees
fleas
freeze
he's
keys
knees
peas
please
seas
she's
skis
sneeze
squeeze
tease
these
trees

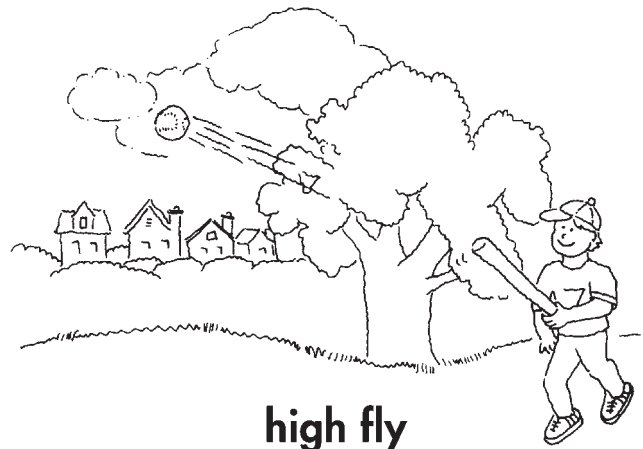
I**i** as in *pie*

buy
by
bye
cry
die
dry
dye
eye
fly
fry
guy
hi
high
I
lie
lye
my
pie

shy
sigh
sky
spy
thigh
tie
try
why

ib as in *rib*

bib
crib
fib
rib

**high fly**

i

ich as in *rich*

ditch
hitch
itch
pitch
rich
stitch
switch
which
witch

id as in *ride*

bride
cried
died
dried
fried
guide
hide
I'd
lied
ride

side
sighed
slide
spied
tide
tried
wide

STEP AHEAD

beside
decide
divide
inside
outside

id as in *did*

bid
did
hid
kid
lid
rid

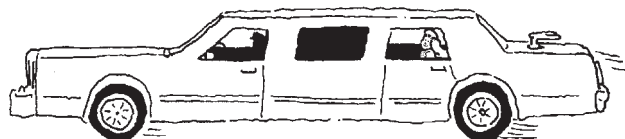
skid
slid
squid

if as in *life*

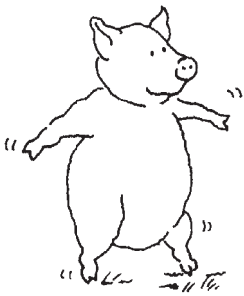
knife
life
wife

ift as in *gift*

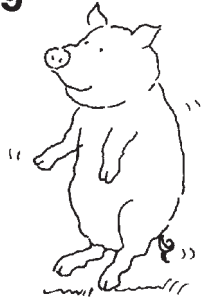
drift
gift
lift
shift
sift
sniffed
swift
thrift



bride ride



pig jig

**ig as in fig**

big
dig
fig
jig
pig
sprig
swig
twig
wig

ik as in like

bike
dike
hike
like
spike
strike

ik as in lick

brick
chick
click
kick
lick
Nick
pick
quick
sick
slick
stick

thick
tick
trick

STEP AHEAD

attic
chopstick
homesick
magic
picnic
plastic
toothpick

i

iks as in ***fix***

bricks
chicks
clicks
fix
kicks
licks
mix
picks
six
sticks
ticks
tricks

STEP AHEAD

attics
chopsticks
picnics
toothpicks

il as in ***mile***

dial
file
I'll
mile
pile
smile
tile
while

il as in ***hill***

bill
chill
dill
drill
fill
gill
grill
hill
ill
kill
mill

pill
skill
spill
still
thrill
till
will

ild as in ***wild***

child
dialed
filed
mild
piled
smiled
wild



ild as in *filled*

billed
build
chilled
drilled
filled
grilled
killed
skilled
spilled
thrilled

im as in *dime*

chime
climb
crime
dime
I'm
rhyme
time

STEP AHEAD

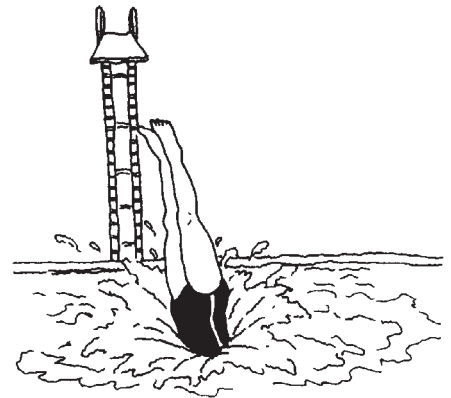
bedtime
daytime
mealtime
meantime
springtime

im as in *him*

dim
grim
gym
him
Kim
limb
rim
slim
swim
Tim
trim

**in** as in *line*

dine
fine
line
mine
nine
pine
shine
sign
spine
vine
whine

**Gym & Swim**

i

in as in ***pin***

bin
chin
fin
grin
in
inn
pin
shin
sin
skin
spin
thin
tin
twin
win

ind as in ***kind***

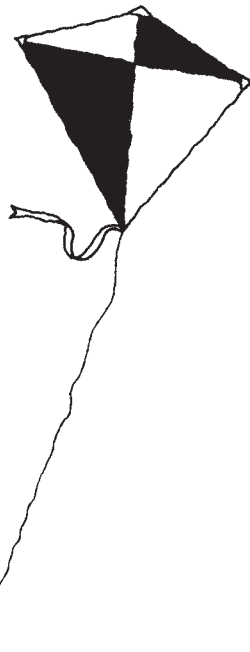
blind
dined
find
fined
grind
kind
lined
mind
shined
signed
whined

ind as in
pinned

chinned
grinned
pinned
sinned
skinned
spinned

ing as in ***sing***

bring
cling
king
ping
ring
sing
sling
spring
sting
string
swing
thing
wing



spring thing

ink as in ***sink***

blink
 drink
 ink
 link
 mink
 pink
 rink
 shrink
 sink
 slink
 stink
 think
 wink

inks as in
winks

blinks
 drinks
 jinx
 links
 lynx

rinks
 shrinks
 sinks
 slinks
 sphinx
 stinks
 thinks
 winks

ins as in ***since***

hints
 mints
 prince
 prints
 rinse
 since
 splints
 sprints
 squints
 tints

int as in ***mint***

hint
 lint
 mint
 print
 splint
 sprint
 squint
 tint

**prince rinse**

i

ip as in ***ripe***

gripe
pipe
ripe
stripe
swipe
type
wipe

ip as in ***dip***

chip
clip
dip
drip
flip
grip
hip
lip

rip
ship
sip
skip
slip
snip
strip
tip
trip
whip
zip

ir as in ***tire***

fire
hire
tire
wire



mice rice

is as in ***rice***

dice
ice
lice
mice
nice
price
rice
slice
spice
twice

is as in ***miss***

hiss
kiss
miss
sis
this

ish as in *wish*

dish
fish
squish
swish
wish

**fish dish****ist** as in *list*

fist
hissed
kissed
list
missed
mist
twist

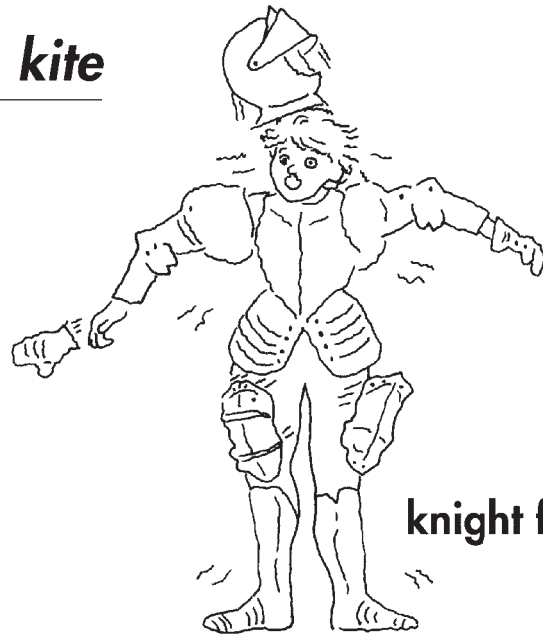
it as in *kite*

bite
bright
fight
flight
fright
height
kite

knight
light
might
night
quite
right
sight
tight
white
write

it as in *sit*

bit
fit

**knight fright**

hit
it
kit
knit
lit
mitt
pit
quit
sit
skit
slit
spit
split
wit

i

iv as in ***five***

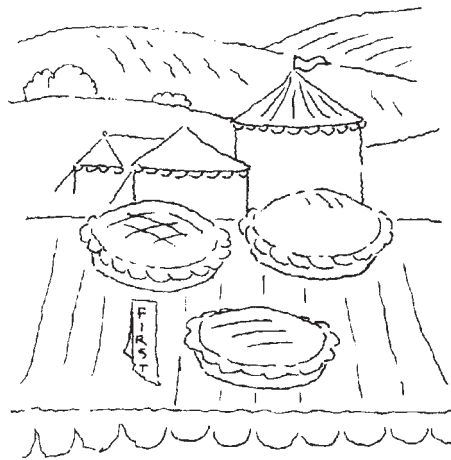
dive
drive
five
hive
I've
jive

iz as in ***pies***

buys
cries
dies
dries
eyes
flies
fries
guys
lies
pies
prize
rise
sighs
size
skies
spies
thighs
ties
tries
wise

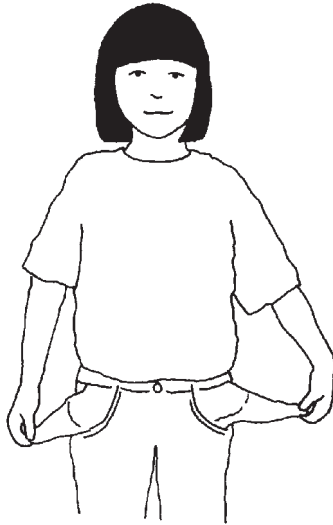
iz as in ***his***

fizz
his
is
Ms.
quiz
whiz



prize pies

O



no dough

o as in go

blow

bow

crow

doe

dough

flow

glow

go

grow

hoe

know

low

mow

no

oh

owe

pro

row

sew

show

slow

snow

so

sow

throw

toe

tow

STEP AHEAD

ago

although

below

borrow

burro

elbow

hello

hero

pillow

rainbow

shadow

window

ob as in ***job***

Bob
cob
glob
job
knob
mob
rob
slob
snob
sob
throb

od as in ***road***

bowed
code
crowed
flowed
glowed
hoed
load
mowed

owed
road
rode
rowed
sewed
showed
slowed
snowed
sowed
toad
towed

og as in ***fog***

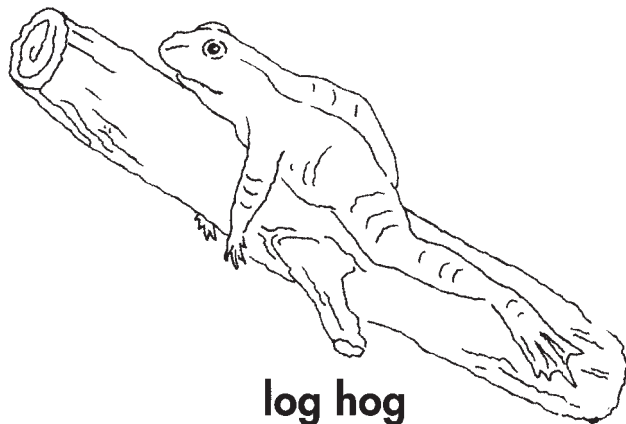
clog
dog
fog
frog
hog
jog
log

oi as in ***toy***

boy
Joy
soy
toy
Troy

STEP AHEAD

annoy
cowboy
destroy
enjoy



log hog

oil as in **soil**

boil
broil
coil
foil
oil
soil
spoil

ois as in **voice**

choice
Joyce
Royce
voice

oiz as in **noise**

boys
joys
noise
poise
toys

STEP AHEAD

annoys
cowboys
destroys
enjoys

**clock rock****ok** as in **lock**

block
clock
crock
dock
flock
hawk
hock
knock
lock
pock
rock
shock
sock
wok

ok as in **joke**

broke
choke
cloak
Coke
croak
joke
oak
poke
smoke
soak
spoke
stroke
woke
yoke

oks as in *fox*

blocks

box

clocks

crocks

docks

flocks

fox

knocks

locks

ox

pox

rocks

shocks

socks

ol as in *hole*

bowl

coal

goal

hole

mole

pole

roll

scroll

soul

stole

toll

whole

ol as in *fall*

all

ball

call

crawl

doll

fall

hall

mall

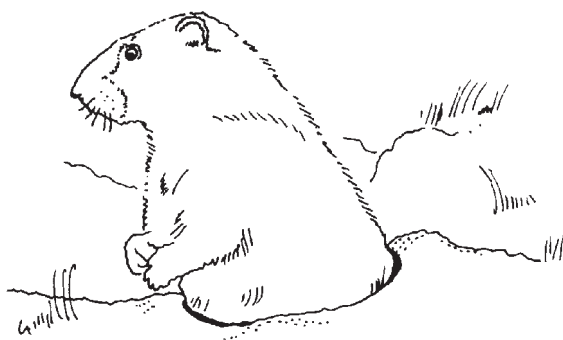
Paul

small

stall

tall

wall



mole hole

old as in *fold*

bold
 bowled
 cold
 fold
 gold
 hold
 mold
 old
 rolled
 sold
 told

olk as in *walk*

chalk
 stalk
 talk
 walk

om as in *home*

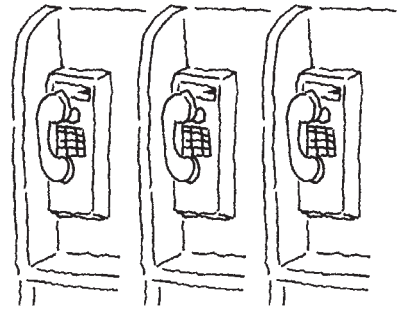
comb
 dome
 foam
 home
 roam

om as in *mom*

bomb
 mom
 prom
 Tom

on as in *bone*

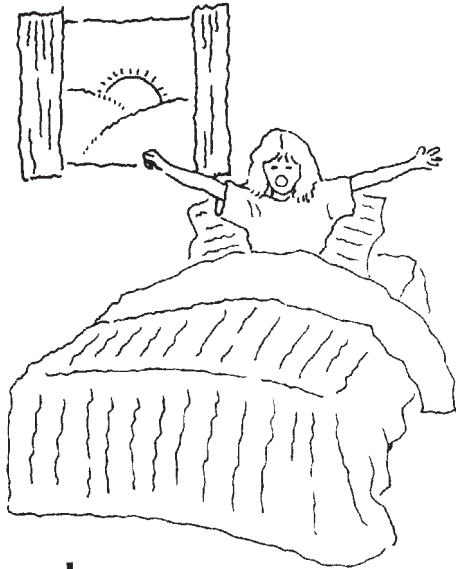
blown
 bone
 cone
 flown
 grown
 known
 loan
 lone

**phone zone**

moan
 own
 phone
 sewn
 shone
 shown
 sown
 stone
 throne
 thrown
 tone
 zone

STEP AHEAD

alone
 backbone
 headphone



dawn yawn

on as in ***lawn***

dawn
drawn
fawn
gone
lawn
on
swan
yawn

ond as in ***bond***

blond
bond
dawned
fond
frond
pond
wand
yawned

ong as in ***long***

gong
long
song
wrong

STEP AHEAD

along
belong
Hong Kong
King Kong

oo as in ***few***

cue
few
mew
pew
view
yew

oo as in **zoo**

blew
blue
boo
brew
chew
clue
crew
dew
do
drew
due
flew
glue
gnu
grew
knew
moo
new
shoe
stew
sue
through

to
too
true
two
who
you
zoo

STEP AHEAD

bamboo
cuckoo
into
kerchoo
shampoo
unto

ood as in **good**

could
good
hood
should
stood
wood
would

ood as in
mood

chewed
dude
food
glued
mood
rude
stewed
you'd

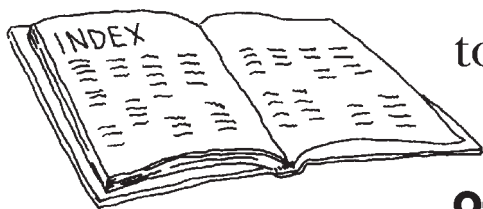


It's easy to see
this dude is a Rude—
He talks while his mouth
is crammed full of food.

oof as in ***roof***

goof
hoof
poof
proof
roof
woof

If I don't know
on which page to look,
I'll use the index
in the back of the book.



ool as in ***cool***

cool
cruel
drool
fool
pool
rule
school
spool
stool
tool

oom as in ***room***

bloom
boom
broom
doom
gloom
groom
loom
room
tomb

whom
zoom

oon as in
moon

dune
June
moon
noon
prune
soon
spoon
tune

ook as in ***cook***

book
cook
crook
hook
look
shook
took

STEP AHEAD

baboon
balloon
cartoon
cocoon
monsoon
raccoon

oop as in **soup**

coop
droop
group
hoop
loop
scoop
sloop
snoop
soup
stoop
swoop

oos as in
moose

goose
juice
loose
moose
noose
spruce
truce
Zeus



Norman Newt
can toot a flute.

oot as in **suit**

boot
chute
flute
fruit
hoot
loot
newt
root
route
scoot
shoot
suit
toot

ooth as in
tooth

booth
Ruth
sleuth
tooth
truth
youth

oov as in
you've

groove
move
prove
you've

STEP AHEAD

improve
remove

ooz as in *lose*

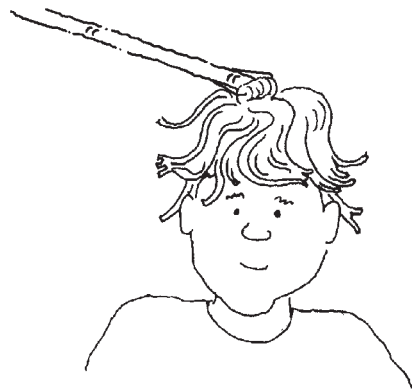
blues
boos
bruise
chews
choose
clues
crews
cruise
dues
fuse
glues
gnus
lose
shoes
snooze
stews
sues
use
whose

STEP AHEAD

abuse
accuse
amuse
confuse
cuckoos
excuse
refuse
shampoos
tissues

op as in *soap*

hope
nope
rope
slope
soap



Dad was getting
bald on top,
but now he sports a
brand new mop.

op as in *hop*

chop
cop
crop
drop
flop
hop
mop
pop
shop
stop
top



floor chore

or as in *pour*

bore
chore
door
drawer
floor
for
four
more
oar
or
poor
pour
roar

score
shore
snore
sore
store
war
wore
your

ord as in *roared*

board
bored
cord
lord
poured
roared
scored
snored
stored
sword
ward

orn as in *corn*

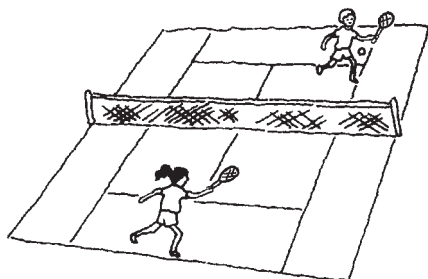
born
corn
horn
morn
thorn
torn
warn
worn

ors as in *horse*

coarse
course
force
horse

ort as in ***fort***

court
fort
quart
short
sort
sport
wart



court sport

os as in ***loss***

boss
cross
floss
loss
moss
sauce
toss

ost as in ***most***

boast
coast
ghost
host
most
post
roast
toast

ost as in ***cost***

bossed
cost
crossed
flossed
frost
lost
tossed



ghost host

ot as in ***goat***

boat
coat
float
goat
note
oat
throat
tote
vote
wrote

ot as in **hot**

clot
cot
dot
got
hot
jot
knot
lot
not
plot
pot
rot
shot
slot
spot
squat
swat
taut
tot
trot
what

ot as in **taught**

bought
brought
caught
fought
sought
taught
thought

ow as in **cow**

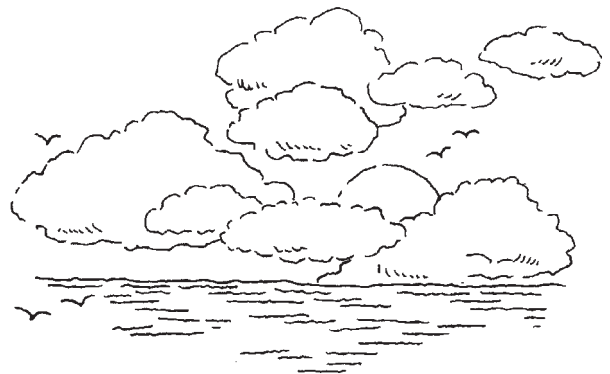
bow
brow
chow
cow
how
now
plow
sow
wow

owch as in **pouch**

couch
grouch
ouch
pouch

owd as in **loud**

bowed
cloud
crowd
loud
plowed
proud



cloud crowd

own as in
down

brown
clown
crown
down
drown
frown
gown
noun
town



clown frown

ownd as in
found

bound
clowned
crowned
drowned
found
frowned
ground
hound
mound
pound
round
sound
wound

owr as in **sour**

flour
flower
hour
our
power
shower
sour
tower

ows as in
house

blouse
house
louse
mouse
spouse

owt as in *pout*

doubt
out
pout
scout
shout
snout
spout
sprout
trout

STEP AHEAD

about
campout
cookout
lookout
without

oz as in *nose*

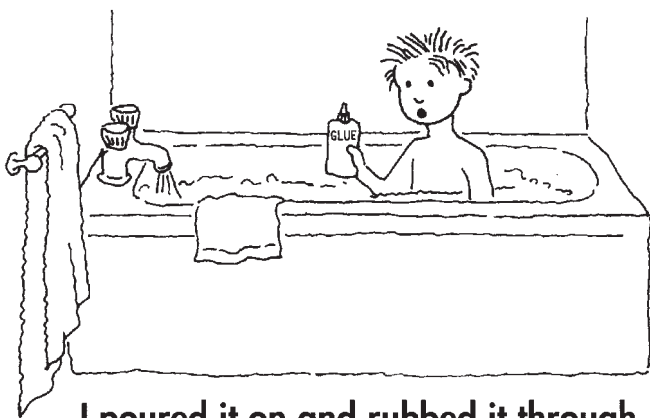
blows
bows
chose
close
clothes
crows
flows
froze
glows
goes
grows
hoes
hose
nose
owes
pose
rows
shows
snows
those
toes
tows

STEP AHEAD

borrows
burros
elbows
heroes
pillows
rainbows
shadows
windows

**Rose hoes rows**

U



I poured it on and rubbed it through
before I read the label: GLUE!

U

U as in zoo

blew
blue
boo
chew
clue
crew
dew
do
drew
due
flew

glue
gnu
grew
knew
moo
new
shoe
shoo
stew
sue
threw
through
to
too
true

two
who
woo
you
zoo

STEP AHEAD

bamboo
cuckoo
into
kerchoo
shampoo
tissue
unto

U as in few

few
mew
pew
view
yew

ub as in *rub*

club
cub
hub
rub
scrub
shrub
stub
sub
tub

**tub scrub****uch** as in *such*

crutch
hutch
much
such
touch

ud as in *mood*

chewed
dude
food
glued
mood
rude
stewed
you'd

ud as in *mud*

blood
bud
flood
mud

udj as in *fudge*

budge
fudge
judge
smudge

uf as in *roof*

goof
hoof
poof
proof
roof
woof

uf as in *cuff*

bluff
buff
cuff
fluff
gruff
huff
muff
puff
rough
scuff
stuff
tough

U

ug as in ***rug***

bug
chug
drug
dug
hug
jug
mug
plug
rug
shrug
slug
smug
snug
tug



snug bug

uk as in ***duck***

buck
chuck
cluck
duck
luck
puck
struck
stuck
suck
truck
tuck
yuck

ul as in ***cool***

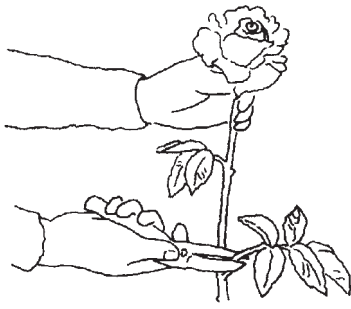
cool
cruel
drool
fool
pool
rule
school
spool
stool
tool

ul as in ***full***

bull
full
pull
wool

STEP AHEAD

bedbug
earplug
fireplug
humbug



bloom groom

um as in *room*

bloom
boom
broom
doom
gloom
groom
room
tomb
whom
zoom

um as in *gum*

bum
chum
come
crumb
drum
dumb
from
glum
gum
hum
mum
plum
scum
slum
some
strum
sum
thumb
yum

STEP AHEAD

become
eardrum
welcome

ump as in *jump*

bump
clump
dump
grump
hump
jump
lump
pump
slump
stump
thump

U

un as in ***moon***

dune
June
moon
noon
prune
soon
spoon
tune

STEP AHEAD

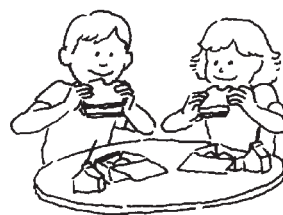
baboon
balloon
cartoon
cocoon
lagoon
monsoon
raccoon
teaspoon
typhoon

un as in ***fun***

bun
done
fun
gun
hon
none
one
run
son
sun
ton
won

unch as in
lunch

brunch
bunch
crunch
lunch



lunch bunch

munch
punch
scrunch

ung as in
young

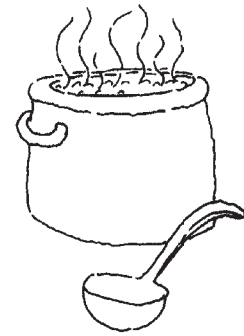
hung
lung
sprung
strung
stung
sung
tongue
young

unk as in *junk*

bunk
chunk
clunk
drunk
dunk
flunk
junk
monk
shrunk
skunk
spunk
stunk
sunk
trunk

**skunk stunk**up as in *soup*

droop
group
hoop
loop
scoop
snoop
soup
troop

**soup scoop**ur as in *fur*

blur
burr
cure
fir
fur
her
poor
pure
purr
sir
stir
sure
were
you're
your

up as in *pup*

cup
pup
up

STEP AHEAD

hiccup
lineup
makeup
teacup

U

urch as in
search

birch
church
perch
search



bird word

urd as in **herd**

bird
blurred
curd
heard
herd
purred
stirred

third
word

STEP AHEAD

backward
blackbird
crossword
password

urk as in **work**

clerk
jerk
perk
quirk
shirk
work

url as in **girl**

curl
earl
girl

pearl
squirrel
swirl
twirl
whirl

urld as in
world

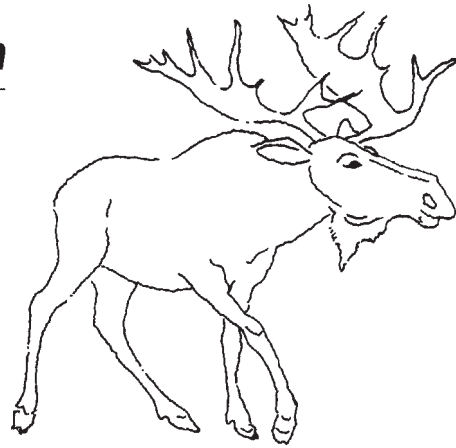
curled
swirled
twirled
whirled
world

urm as in **germ**

firm
germ
perm
squirm
term
worm

urn as in ***learn***

burn
churn
earn
fern
learn
turn
urn

**loose moose****us** as in ***moose***

goose
juice
loose
moose
noose
spruce
truce
Zeus

urs as in ***verse***

curse
hearse
nurse
purse
verse
worse

nursed
thirst
worst

urt as in ***dirt***

blurt
curt
dirt
flirt
hurt
shirt
skirt
spurt
squirt

us as in ***bus***

bus
cuss
fuss
muss
plus
pus
thus
us

urst as in ***first***

burst
cursed
first

U

ush as in ***push***

bush
push
whoosh



flute toot

ush as in ***rush***

blush
brush
crush
flush
hush
plush
rush
slush

ust as in ***must***

bussed
bust
crust
dust
fussed
just
mussed
must
rust
thrust
trust

ut as in ***suit***

boot
chute
flute
fruit
hoot
loot
newt
root
route
shoot
suit
toot

usk as in ***tusk***

dusk
husk
musk
tusk

STEP AHEAD

compute
salute
uproot

ut as in *cut*

but
cut
hut
mutt
nut
putt
rut
shut
strut



**Whose shoes
are whose?**

uth as in *tooth*

booth
Ruth
tooth
truth
youth

uv as in *you've*

move
prove
you've

uv as in *love*

dove
glove
love
shove

uz as in *lose*

blues
boos
bruise
chews
choose
clues
dues
gnus
lose
shoes
snooze
stews
use
whose

uz as in *fuzz*

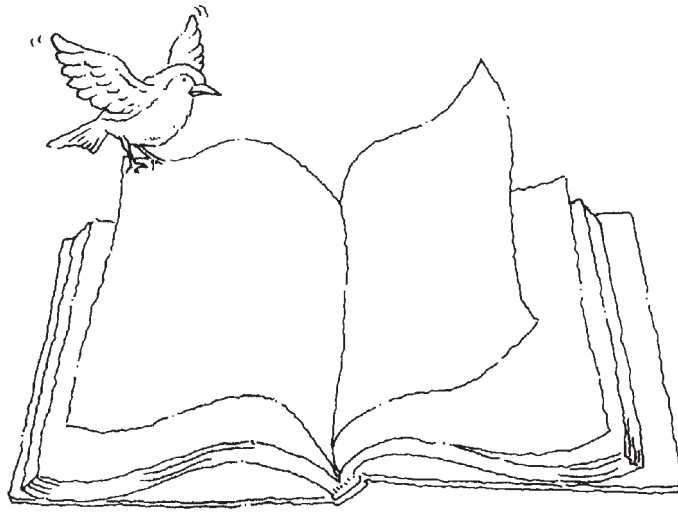
buzz
does
fuzz
was

STEP AHEAD

chestnut
doughnut
peanut
walnut

ut as in *put*

foot
put



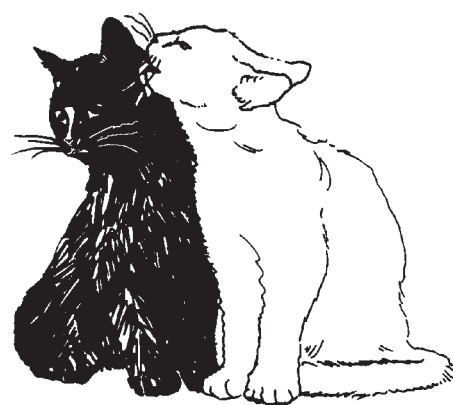
Glossary

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Glossary

**Antonym**

A word that means the opposite of another word.

Cliché

A figure of speech that is overused.

Compound word

A word made up of two or more smaller words.

Contraction

A short form of two words. An apostrophe is used in place of a missing letter or letters.

Dewey Decimal System

A system that organizes library books into ten main categories.

Ellipsis

Three periods used when one or more words have been left out.

Figurative language

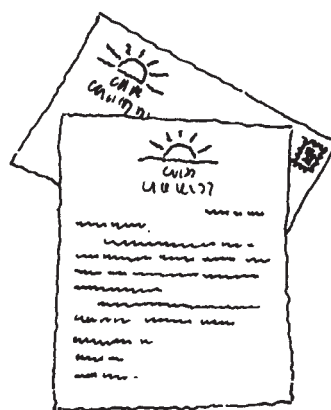
Phrases whose meanings are different from their literal or real meanings.

Figure of speech

A phrase that has a meaning different from its literal or real meaning.

Formal writing

Writing, such as a business letter or manuscript, that is meant to be read by people other than oneself or friends.



Hink-pink

A pair of one-syllable rhyming words that suggest an interesting or funny idea.

Hinky-pinky

A pair of two-syllable rhyming words that suggest an interesting or funny idea.

Homograph

A word that is spelled like another word but has a different meaning and is sometimes pronounced differently.

Homophone

A word that sounds like another word but has a different spelling and different meaning.

Informal writing

Writing, such as notes or friendly letters, that is meant to be read by oneself or friends.

Library of Congress System

A system that organizes library books into main categories noted by a letter of the alphabet.

Metaphor

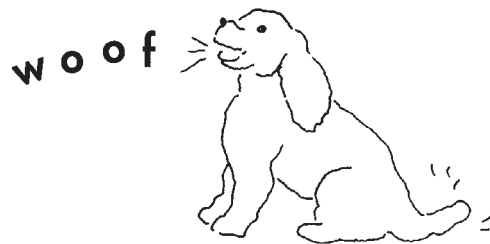
A figure of speech that compares two ideas.

One-syllable rhyme

One-syllable word endings that sound alike.

Onomatopoeia

A word, such as woof, whose pronunciation imitates a real sound.



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Palindrome

A word, phrase, sentence, or number that reads the same way backward or forward.

Proofreader

A person who makes corrections to a piece of writing.

Rhyming sounds

Word endings that sound alike.

Rhyming word family

A group of words whose endings sound alike.

Simile

A figure of speech that uses the words like or as to compare two ideas.

Synonym

A word that means the same or nearly the same as another word.

Index of Rhyming-Word Families

A

a as in *day*
a as in *raw*
ab as in *cab*
ach as in *catch*
ad as in *made*
ad as in *dad*
aft as in *raft*
ag as in *wag*
aj as in *page*
ak as in *make*
ak as in *pack*
aks as in *tax*
akt as in *fact*
al as in *sale*
al as in *pal*
al as in *fall*
am as in *game*
am as in *jam*

amp as in *lamp*
an as in *cane*
an as in *can*
and as in *hand*
ang as in *rang*
ank as in *tank*
ans as in *dance*
ant as in *paint*
ant as in *can't*
ap as in *tape*
ap as in *map*
ar as in *hair*
ar as in *car*
ard as in *hard*
ark as in *park*
arm as in *farm*
art as in *cart*
as as in *base*
as as in *gas*
ash as in *dash*
ask as in *mask*

ast as in *paste*
ast as in *last*
at as in *gate*
at as in *fat*
ath as in *math*
av as in *gave*
az as in *days*
az as in *jazz*

E

e as in *fee*
ech as in *teach*
ed as in *bead*
ed as in *head*
ef as in *beef*
ef as in *deaf*
eg as in *leg*
ek as in *week*

e

ek as in *neck*
 el as in *heal*
 el as in *fell*
 eld as in *yelled*
 elf as in *self*
 elt as in *melt*
 em as in *seam*
 em as in *hem*
 en as in *mean*
 en as in *pen*
 end as in *send*
 ens as in *fence*
 ent as in *tent*
 ep as in *keep*
 er as in *dear*
 es as in *geese*
 es as in *guess*
 est as in *feast*
 est as in *test*
 et as in *feet*
 et as in *jet*
 ex as in *necks*
 ez as in *keys*



I

i as in *pie*
 ib as in *rib*
 ich as in *rich*
 id as in *ride*
 id as in *did*
 if as in *life*
 ift as in *gift*
 ig as in *fig*
 ik as in *like*
 ik as in *lick*
 iks as in *fix*
 il as in *mile*
 il as in *hill*
 ild as in *wild*
 ild as in *filled*
 im as in *dime*
 im as in *him*
 in as in *line*
 in as in *pin*
 ind as in *kind*
 ind as in *pinned*
 ing as in *sing*
 ink as in *sink*
 inks as in *winks*
 ins as in *since*
 int as in *mint*

ip as in *ripe*
 ip as in *dip*
 ir as in *tire*
 is as in *rice*
 is as in *miss*
 ish as in *wish*
 ist as in *list*
 it as in *kite*
 it as in *sit*
 iv as in *five*
 iz as in *pies*
 iz as in *his*

O

o as in *go*
 ob as in *job*
 od as in *road*
 og as in *fog*
 oi as in *toy*
 oil as in *soil*
 ois as in *voice*
 oiz as in *noise*
 ok as in *joke*
 ok as in *lock*
 oks as in *fox*
 ol as in *hole*
 ol as in *fall*

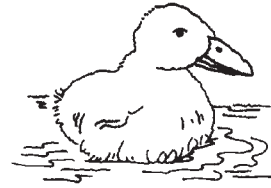
old as in *fold*
olk as in *walk*
om as in *home*
om as in *mom*
on as in *bone*
on as in *lawn*
ond as in *bond*
ong as in *long*
oo as in *few*
oo as in *zoo*
ood as in *good*
ood as in *mood*
oof as in *roof*
ook as in *cook*
ool as in *cool*
oom as in *room*
oon as in *moon*
oop as in *soup*
oos as in *moose*
oot as in *suit*
ooth as in *tooth*
oov as in *you've*
ooz as in *lose*
op as in *soap*
op as in *hop*
or as in *pour*
ord as in *roared*
orn as in *corn*
ors as in *horse*

ort as in *fort*
os as in *loss*
ost as in *most*
ost as in *cost*
ot as in *goat*
ot as in *hot*
ot as in *taught*
ow as in *cow*
owch as in *pouch*
owd as in *loud*
own as in *down*
ownd as in *found*
owr as in *sour*
ows as in *house*
owt as in *pout*
oz as in *nose*

U

u as in *zoo*
u as in *few*
ub as in *rub*
uch as in *such*
ud as in *mood*
ud as in *mud*
udj as in *fudge*
uf as in *roof*
uf as in *cuff*

ug as in *rug*
uk as in *duck*



ul as in *cool*
ul as in *full*
um as in *room*
um as in *gum*
ump as in *jump*
un as in *moon*
un as in *fun*
unch as in *lunch*
ung as in *young*
unk as in *junk*
up as in *soup*
up as in *pup*
ur as in *fur*
urch as in *search*
urd as in *herd*
urk as in *work*
url as in *girl*
urld as in *world*
urm as in *germ*
urn as in *learn*
urs as in *verse*
urst as in *first*

U

urt as in *dirt*

us as in *moose*

us as in *bus*

ush as in *push*

ush as in *rush*

usk as in *tusk*

ust as in *must*

ut as in *suit*

ut as in *cut*

ut as in *put*

uth as in *tooth*

uv as in *you've*

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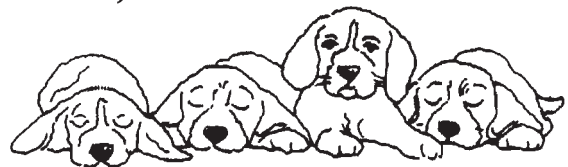
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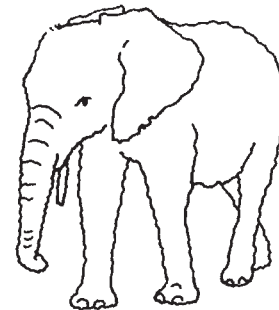
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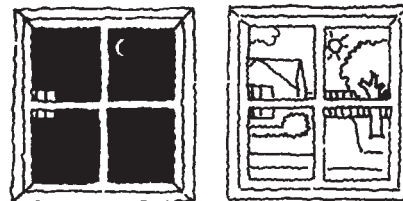
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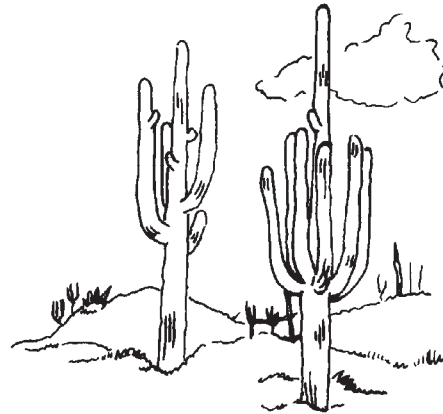
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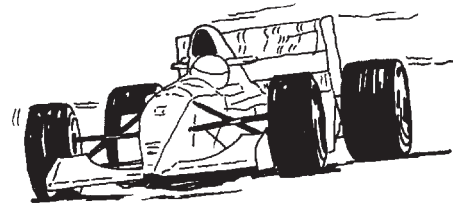
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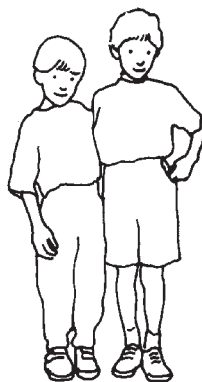
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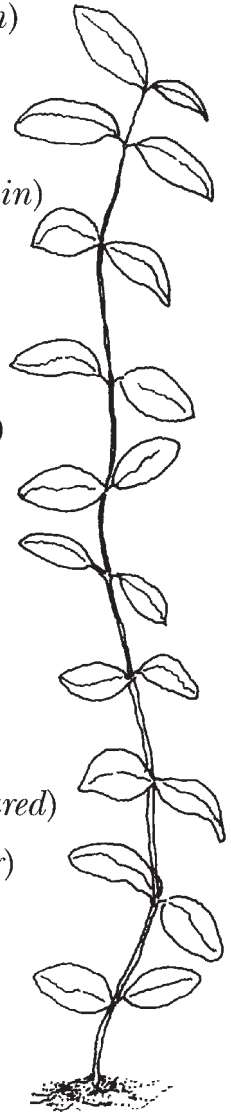
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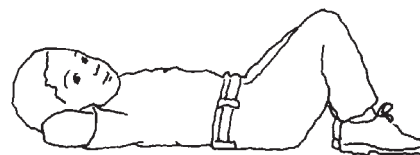
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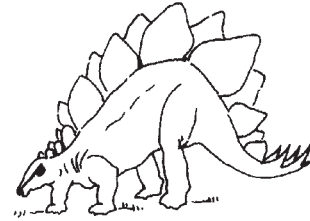
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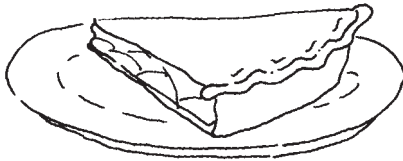
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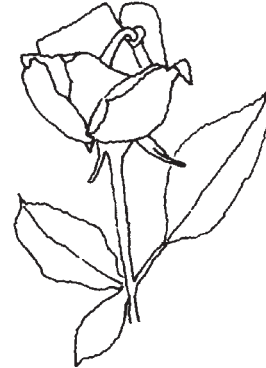
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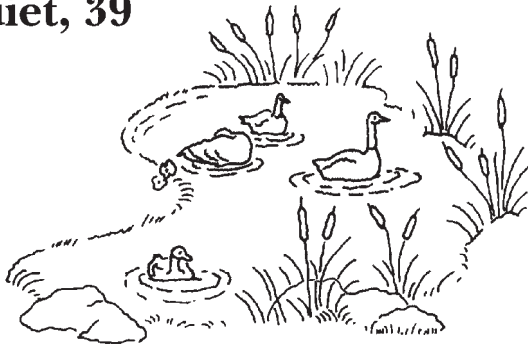
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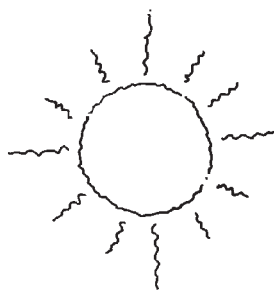
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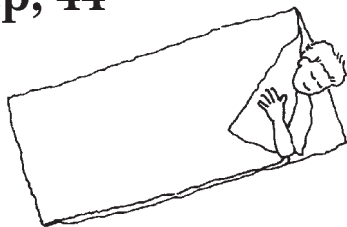


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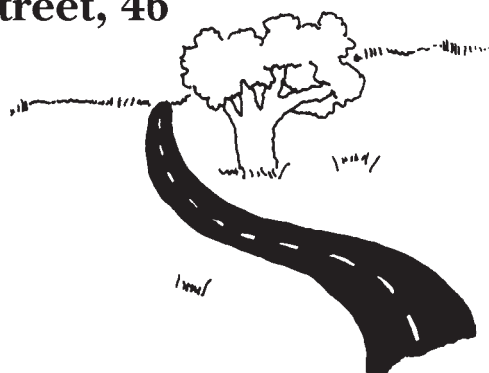
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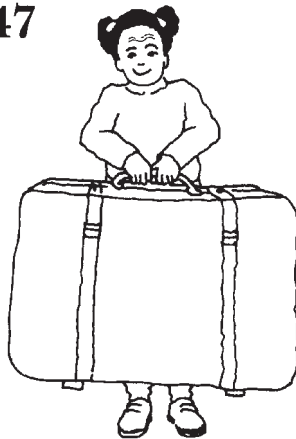
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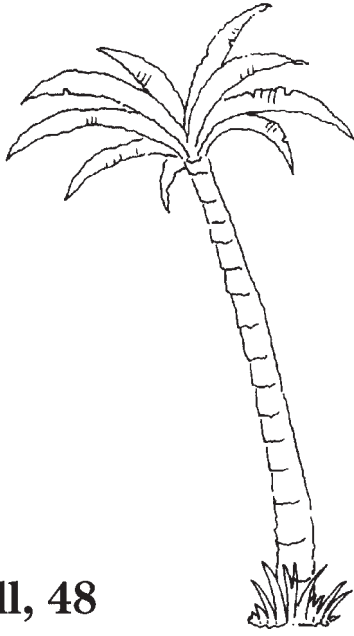
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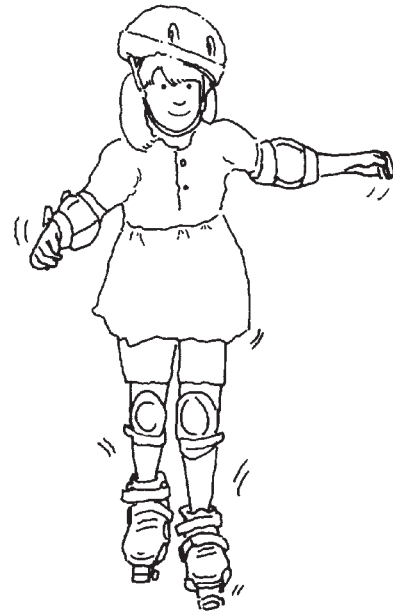
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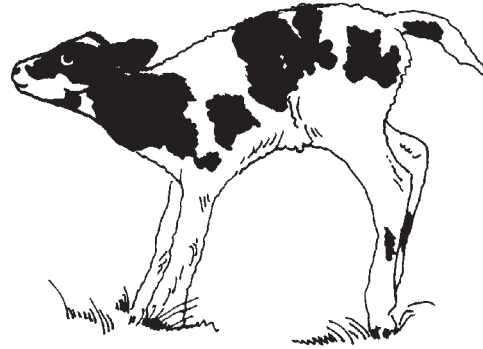
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