Which word makes sense in the blank?
I hit my head—ouch!—on the wall.
The door is short, but I am ____.

- A. all
- B. fall
- C. small
- D. tall

None of the adult birds seemed tired during the long flight south. But Junior was so exhausted he had to take a nap.
What does exhausted mean in the sentence?

- A. tired
- B. adult
- C. long
- D. south

What does irritate mean in the sign?

- A. feed
- B. photograph
- C. annoy
- D. adopt
Which word makes sense in the blank?
Emma’s teddy bear was ____ because she took a bath with it. She had to sleep with her rubber duck.

- A. wet
- B. soft
- C. cute
- D. old

Which word makes sense in the blank?
“It was a good idea to bring Rex on this camping trip,” said Mrs. Nelson. “But it may have been a ____ to let him drive.”

- A. plan
- B. choice
- C. mistake
- D. decision

Hojin was reading a story. He thought it said this.
Dana saw a cartoon of milk in the refrigerator.
Which word belongs in the sentence instead of cartoon?

- A. carpet
- B. cartwheel
- C. carton
- D. carrot
**My Family**
My sister Holly is happy and jolly. But my brother Roy is one grumpy boy.

**What does jolly mean in the poem?**

- A. mad
- B. sad
- C. merry
- D. sleepy

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**Going Down**
Row, row, row your boat faster than a wink.
Rapidly, rapidly, rapidly, rapidly—it’s about to sink!

**What does rapidly mean in the poem?**

- A. happily
- B. gently
- C. sadly
- D. quickly

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The princess had many suitors, including Prince Charming and Sir Bragsalot. She turned them down because she wanted to wed a frog.

**In the sentence, suitor means a man who wants to do what?**

- A. sew a suit
- B. marry a princess
- C. be a frog
- D. dress like a princess
Marie was reading a menu. She thought it said this.
Kid’s Breakfast Special
One slice of bacon, one eight, fruit, toast, and milk or juice

Which word belongs in the sentence instead of eight?

- A. edge
- B. egg
- C. eat
- D. early

Which word makes sense in the blank?
Camping in the great ____ is lots of fun—until it pours.

- A. indoors
- B. outdoors
- C. downpours
- D. seashores

Which word makes sense in the blank?
Mr. Hart shoveled all the snow off his car and into the street. Then the ____ came and pushed all the snow off the street and onto his car.

- A. snowflake
- B. snowman
- C. snowplow
- D. snowball
Which word makes sense in the blank?
My mother said I could ____ anything from the menu for dinner. But she wouldn’t let me pick a banana split!

- A. bring
- B. cook
- C. choose
- D. read

Menu
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Spaghetti
- Pizza
- Hot dog
- Chocolate Cake
- Banana Split

What does **applaud** mean in the cartoon?

- A. drive
- B. eat
- C. stomp
- D. clap

My mother made me wear a jacket, even though the weather is **scorching**. She said she didn’t want me to get a sunburn.

What does **scorching** mean in the sentence?

- A. very wet
- B. very windy
- C. very cold
- D. very hot
Which word makes sense in the blank?

“I have to go to school again today?” sighed Justin. “I just went there ____!”

A. tomorrow  B. early
C. yesterday  D. late

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Which word makes sense in the blank?

Riddle: What did the duck say when she bought some lipstick?

Answer: Please put it on my ____.

A. lips  B. wing
C. bill  D. cheek

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The monster was so hungry it __devoured__ the porcupine without taking the time to remove its spines.

What does __devour__ mean in the sentence?

A. to eat greedily
B. to feel ill
C. to hurt seriously
D. to frighten

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Luis: Look, Dad! I made an igloo from glue and sugar cubes!

Dad: Sweet!

What does made mean in the sentence?

☐ A. built ☐ B. sewed

☐ C. found ☐ D. earned

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Which word makes sense in the blank?

If you are stuck on an island, you can send a ___ in a bottle, for example “Save me!” or “Please send chocolate.”

☐ A. message ☐ B. ship

☐ C. drink ☐ D. cork

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Which word makes sense in the blank?

From Cinderella to Her Stepsister
Before the rooster crowed, I rose.
I baked the bread and washed your clothes.
I polished your toes and wiped your nose.
Pardon me, Sis, if I ____.

☐ A. doze ☐ B. pose

☐ C. froze ☐ D. suppose
Leslie was reading a cookbook. She thought it said this.
Spread butter on both sides of your toes.

Which word belongs in the sentence instead of toes?

- A. taste
- B. toast
- C. toss
- D. toads

It was a dark, gloomy day. The sun wasn’t bright enough to wake up the early bird. He overslept and didn’t get the worm!

What does gloomy mean in the sentence?

- A. hungry
- B. dim
- C. late
- D. sunny

Ramon was reading a cookbook. He thought it said this.
Learning to cook is fun for kids, and it serves an important porpoise, helping them make healthier choices.

Which word belongs in the sentence instead of porpoise?

- A. porcupine
- B. purpose
- C. purchase
- D. purple
Which word makes sense in the blank?

A ___ Day

Today’s a good day for a swim in the lake, a nap in the shade, a dip in the pool.
Today’s a good day for a chocolate shake.
Today’s a good day for anything cool!

- A. Winter
- B. Summer
- C. School
- D. Windy

Which word makes sense in the blank?

Mother: You owe your little sister an ___ for calling her a pest.

Big sister: I’m sorry you’re a pest.

- A. apology
- B. idea
- C. advice
- D. opinion

Parker was reading a letter from his aunt. He thought it said this.

Jane and the twins are in a marching band. Jane plays flute and the twins play ___.

Which word belongs in the sentence instead of bubbles?

- A. bugles
- B. bundles
- C. blubbers
- D. buckles
Jumbo pushed the button for the ninth floor, but nothing happened. He would have to take the stairs.

What does pushed mean in the sentence?

- A. washed
- B. peeled
- C. shoved
- D. pressed

Akiko was reading a story. She thought it said this.

Mr. Henson liked his car to stay clean and safe, so he always parked it in the garbage.

Which word belongs in the sentence instead of garbage?

- A. garden
- B. garage
- C. gravy
- D. grass

Talia was reading a biography. She thought it said this.

Robert Peary was an attic explorer. He claimed to be the first to reach the North Pole.

Which word belongs in the sentence instead of attic?

- A. attack
- B. arctic
- C. attitude
- D. active
Counting sheep didn’t make B.B. Wolf drowsy. After an hour, he was still wide awake.

**What does drowsy mean in the sentence?**

- A. sleepy
- B. scary
- C. happy
- D. hungry

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**The Helpful Giant**

Brawny Ronny was big as an ox; he had the strongest shoulders. We asked him to collect some rocks, and Ronny brought us boulders.

**What is a boulder?**

- A. a brick
- B. a rare stone
- C. a small rock
- D. a very large rock

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Fatima told her dad she liked citrus fruits, so he packed a lemon in her lunch.

**Which are examples of citrus fruits?**

- A. oranges and limes
- B. grapes and cherries
- C. apples and bananas
- D. peaches and plums
Which word makes sense in the blank?

**Arturo:** I like ____: carrots, peas, and green beans.

**Andrew:** I like jelly beans!

- A. sweets
- B. meals
- C. meats
- D. vegetables

Carlos was reading a book about space. He thought it said this.

Pluto is smaller than Mercury or Mars. In 2006, scientists stopped classifying it as a plant.

Which word belongs in the sentence instead of plant?

- A. plan
- B. planet
- C. plate
- D. plane

Suki was reading a book about the human body. She thought it said this.

Arteries and veins are connected by smaller blood vessels known as caterpillars.

Which word belongs in the sentence instead of caterpillars?

- A. capillaries
- B. calendars
- C. calories
- D. capitals
Milo was reading a book. He thought it said this.

Mary’s dad gave her some coins. She put the monkey in her piggy bank.

**Which word belongs in the sentence instead of monkey?**

- A. money
- B. Monday
- C. many
- D. maybe

Sonya was reading a book. She thought it said this.

Mr. Clark got a haircut. Then he asked the barber to trim his bird.

**Which word belongs in the sentence instead of bird?**

- A. beard
- B. bread
- C. bride
- D. bear

**Which word makes sense in the blank?**

**The Visitor from Outer Space**

The ____ was green and had three big yellow eyes. He did not want the sandwich we offered him, but he ate all the roses in our garden.

- A. grasshopper
- B. frog
- C. gardener
- D. alien
Aisha was reading the rules at her new school. She thought they said this.

School Dress Code
Girls must wear a white top and a black skate.

Which word belongs in the sentence instead of skate?

- A. state
- B. sheet
- C. skirt
- D. shirt

“You can’t play basketball in the ballroom!” gasped the queen. “You might scratch the dance floor.”

What is a ballroom?

- A. a room where sports are played
- B. a field where sports are played
- C. a room where dances are held
- D. an outdoor stage for music

A dog has two forelegs and two back legs; therefore their four dogs have eight forelegs!

What does foreleg mean in the sentence?

- A. a left leg
- B. a right leg
- C. a front leg
- D. a back leg
Which word makes sense in the blank?
We had a picnic at the beach. I got some sand in my ____.
Crunch!

A. bucket  B. shovel
C. sandwich  D. sandal

“Two dozen robbers knocked on one door?” thought Blanca.
“That must be a big door.”

How many is a dozen?
A. one  B. two
C. twelve  D. twenty-four

Dogs love the aroma, or scent, of Ms. Oolala’s perfume. It’s called “Lilacs and Lamb Chops.”

What does aroma mean in the sentence?
A. a pleasing smell  B. a blossom
C. a nice sound  D. an animal
Morgan read a sign near a hiking trail. She thought it said this. Please stay on the trail. Hikers walking in the bushes may be bitten by snacks.

Which word belongs in the sentence instead of snacks?

- A. snaps
- B. snakes
- C. sacks
- D. sneaks

Which word makes sense in the blank?

Super Dude jumped over a house. Super-Duper Dude leaped over a ____.

- A. skyscraper
- B. dollhouse
- C. housefly
- D. footstool

The Undersea Ball

Come sea creatures large and small—you’re invited to the Undersea Ball! Shark and herring, tuna and whale, swim on over and shake your tail.

What is a herring?

- A. a type of music
- B. a type of boat
- C. a type of dance
- D. a type of fish
### Which word makes sense in the blank?

**Mother:** If you don’t ____, we will be late to the dentist.

**Sasha:** I know. That’s why I’m taking my time.

- A. worry
- B. stay
- C. hurry
- D. wait

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### Lili was reading a story. She thought it said this.

A flock of seashells swooped in and flew away with my crackers.

Which word belongs in the sentence instead of seashells?

- A. seafood
- B. shellfish
- C. sheep
- D. seagulls

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### Which word makes sense in the blank?

“*The letter L shows where we stopped to visit a ____*, like the Statue of Liberty,” explained Marc. “The letters GL show where we got lost.”

- A. landmark
- B. landscape
- C. lifeboat
- D. lifeguard
Teacher: Will you take the bus home today?
Student: I can’t carry a bus! The bus will take me home.
What does take mean in the last sentence?

☐ A. steal  ☐ B. bring
☐ C. give  ☐ D. win

An Unusual Band
Clever Dan, the one-man band, plays drums and harp with his left hand, trumpet and piccolo with his right, and even shines his own spotlight!
What is a piccolo?

☐ A. a musical instrument  ☐ B. a light
☐ C. a marching band  ☐ D. a type of song

Christy is a fast runner. Our teacher gave her the nickname Fleet Feet!
What does fleet mean in the sentence?

☐ A. smart  ☐ B. speedy
☐ C. stinky  ☐ D. slow
My eight cousins are all **cowboys**. They herd cattle on a ranch. My aunt herds my cousins!

**What does a cowboy do?**

- A. rides cows
- B. herds boys
- C. listens to boys
- D. herds cows

Mr. Pham told his friends they could park in front of his house. He didn’t know that their **vehicles** included a plane, a bus, and a boat.

**Which of these things is a vehicle?**

- A. a kite
- B. a bus driver
- C. a truck
- D. a roller skate

“I’m one of thirty-two kids in my family,” said the girl. “I have so many siblings that my mother doesn’t know what to do.”

**What does siblings mean in the sentence?**

- A. brothers and sisters
- B. dogs and cats
- C. uncles and aunts
- D. shoes and socks
Riddle: What kind of orange is yellow?
Answer: The kind that isn’t ripe!
What does ripe mean in the riddle?

- A. bright yellow
- B. ready to be planted
- C. spoiled or rotten
- D. ready to be picked

Mimi was reading a book about animals. She thought it said this.

A balloon, like most other monkeys, has a tail.
Which word belongs in the sentence instead of balloon?

- A. banana
- B. raccoon
- C. ballroom
- D. baboon

Julia was doing her geometry homework. She thought it said this.

Draw a shape with four sides and two right ankles.
Which word belongs in the sentence instead of ankles?

- A. angels
- B. anchors
- C. angles
- D. answers
Which word makes sense in the sentence?

**Riddle:** Why did the student eat a book?

**Answer:** Because he was ____ for knowledge.

- A. happy
- B. hungry
- C. sick
- D. angry

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**Teacher:** This nut, called an **acorn**, has a seed inside it. If we plant it, an oak tree may grow.

**Student:** I think it should grow into a **corn** tree!

**What is an **acorn**?**

- A. a corn nut
- B. a corn seed
- C. an oak tree
- D. an oak nut

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**Teacher:** You have been 10 minutes late every day this week.

**Student:** At least I’m **consistent**!

**What does **consistent** mean in the sentence?**

- A. getting better
- B. getting worse
- C. always the same
- D. always different
Lucy read the sign next to the slide on the playground. She thought it said this.

Only one student at a time may climb the letter.

Which word belongs in the sentence instead of letter?

- A. laughter
- B. lighter
- C. later
- D. ladder

My father did approve my outfit. However, my mother made me change my clothes.

What does approve mean?

- A. to okay
- B. to dislike
- C. to sell
- D. to mend

Teacher: Unless there is a catastrophe, such as an earthquake, fire, or flood, your project must be turned in Monday morning.

Student: Would you call my dog eating it a catastrophe?

What does catastrophe mean in the sentence?

- A. good excuse
- B. important homework
- C. careless mistake
- D. extremely terrible event
Manraj read a letter from his friend. He thought it said this.
My baby bother cried in the middle of the night and woke up everyone in the house.

Which word belongs in the sentence instead of bother?

- A. bought  B. bottle
- C. brought  D. brother

Hakeem was reading an owner’s manual about a car. He thought it said this.
Your mother will run better if you change the oil often.

Which word belongs in the sentence instead of mother?

- A. motor  B. monster
- C. mirror  D. mouth

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Mother: We have a million things to do today!
Child: You only listed twenty. Either you exaggerate or you forgot some.

What does exaggerate mean in the sentence?

- A. to finish a task  B. to think of an excuse
- C. to enlarge a fact  D. to invent a lie
Joey was reading a book. He thought it said this. “What's the secret password?” asked the spy. “Whisker it in my ear.”

Which word belongs in the sentence instead of whisker?

- A. whistle
- B. wiser
- C. whisper
- D. wish

Isabelle was reading a news article. She thought it said this. A new Chef of Police was chosen. He will command all of the city's police force.

Which word belongs in the sentence instead of Chef?

- A. Check
- B. Cheese
- C. Chase
- D. Chief

“I can’t say you’re wrong,” said the science teacher. “But I was looking for a more precise answer, for example 70 percent.”

What does precise mean in the sentence?

- A. exact
- B. unclear
- C. creative
- D. lengthy

Earth Science Quiz
1. What part of Earth is covered by water? [the wet part]
Which word makes sense in the blank?

The ___’s Apology
I’m sorry about all those holes that I dug, and also the ones that I chewed in the rug. When you went to school and left me alone, I couldn’t recall where I’d buried my bone.

A. Dog  B. Student
C. Gardener  D. Baby

The old woman did not seem to be sure how many children she had. When asked, she answered, “Approximately thirty.”

What does approximately mean in the sentence?

A. more than  B. less than
C. exactly  D. about

Eddie was reading a biography. He thought it said this.

Nell’s ____ was to be an astronaut. That had been her goal ever since she was a little girl.

Which word belongs in the sentence instead of ____?

A. ambulance  B. ammunition
C. ambition  D. addition
Keira was reading about birds in a science book. She thought it said this.

All birds:
• lay eggs,
• are warm-blooded,
• have two legs,
• have wings, and
• have fathers.

Which word belongs in the sentence instead of fathers?

☐ A. farmers  ☐ B. fighters

☐ C. feathers  ☐ D. flippers

Rachel was reading a news article. She thought it said this.

A powerful tomato blew through the town, ripping up trees and scattering cars like toys.

Which word belongs in the sentence instead of tomato?

☐ A. tomorrow  ☐ B. tornado

☐ C. torpedo  ☐ D. tractor

Cassie: I want to paint my room azure to match my blue eyes.

Mother: How about brown to match your dirty socks?

What is azure?

☐ A. a good smell  ☐ B. a bad smell

☐ C. a shade of blue  ☐ D. a shade of brown
Which word makes sense in the blank?

From the Zookeeper to the
I sweep and scrub all day.
You hang around and play.
I’ll fix your snacks and meals.
But please pick up those peels!

☐ A. Children  ☐ B. Parents
☐ C. Visitors  ☐ D. Monkeys

Which word makes sense in the blank?

Henry, isn’t it calming to watch the fish here at the ____? Henry?

☐ A. ocean  ☐ B. fountain
☐ C. television  ☐ D. aquarium

What does predicament mean in the cartoon?

☐ A. a difficult situation  ☐ B. a scenic place
☐ C. a safe shelter  ☐ D. a diving competition
Customer: You spelled sail wrong.
Shop Owner: No, I didn’t. I’m selling a canoe.

What is a canoe?

- A. a type of boat
- B. a type of shop
- C. a sailor
- D. a low price

My friend Patricia is known as Chatty Patty. She loves to jabber so much that she even does it in her sleep.

What does jabber mean in the sentence?

- A. sing
- B. whistle
- C. talk
- D. dream

The Knight’s Warning
Pedestrians, take heed, as you wander down this road. For here my noble steed has left a stinking load.

What does steed mean in the poem?

- A. messenger
- B. sword
- C. king
- D. horse
Which word makes sense in the blank?

A Tricky Name
It wasn’t such a smart idea to call my ___ Polly Wog. She doesn’t like that baby name now that she’s a grown-up frog.

- A. caterpillar
- B. cricket
- C. tadpole
- D. parrot

Simon was reading a book about gardening. He thought it said this.

If you like butterflies, you can plant wildflowers in your garden to attack them.

Which word belongs in the sentence instead of attack?

- A. attach
- B. act
- C. attitude
- D. attract

Which word makes sense in the blank?

“Those berries you ate are poisonous,” said the forest ranger. “Lick this toad and you’ll be fine. Its slime is the ____.”

- A. antelope
- B. antidote
- C. anteater
- D. antonym
Which word makes sense in the blank?
Daniel was ____ because Jill ate the last chocolate chip cookie. “You’re mad?” said Jill. “You ate the other twenty-three!”

- A. tardy
- B. amused
- C. full
- D. angry

Emily: Animals that are active at night are described as ____.
Mother: Children who are active at night are in big trouble.

What does ____ mean in the sentence?

- A. in the wild
- B. in trouble
- C. awake at night
- D. asleep at night

Jake was reading a magazine article. He thought it said this.

Tips for Saving Energy
• Turn off unused lights
• Hang clothes to dry
• Install solar panels
• Insult your house

Which word belongs in the blank instead of ____?

- A. invite
- B. insulate
- C. interrupt
- D. instruct
Which word makes sense in the blank?

Eva: Did you bring that ___ because you wanted to sit in the shade?

Sean: No, I brought it because my mother says it never rains if you bring one.

A. tree  B. towel

C. umbrella  D. bucket

Our homework was to study a cycle and make a diagram, or a drawing that explains steps or parts. Ben chose the water cycle, and I chose my bicycle.

Where would you be most likely to see a diagram?

A. in a photo album  B. in a textbook

C. in an art museum  D. in a poetry book

The Melodious Maloney Family was a quartet, a musical group with four members. Mrs. Maloney had a baby, and then they were a quintet.

What does quintet mean in the sentence?

A. a set of four songs

B. a group of five siblings

C. a group of five musicians

D. a family of six people
Which word makes sense in the blank?

Oops!
Oh, my darling, oh, my darling,
oh, my darling valentine,
I forgot to buy a present,
then ____ just in time.

☐ A. created ☐ B. remembered
☐ C. apologized ☐ D. explained

Maria was reading a story. She thought it said this.
It started to rain during Shira’s softball game.
Afterwards, she had to wash her muddy unicorn.

Which word belongs in the sentence instead of unicorn?

☐ A. uniform ☐ B. uncle
☐ C. unicycle ☐ D. uncover

Salim was reading a biography. He thought it said this.
Albert Einstein won the Nobel Prize, which is considered the highest award a scientist can receive. It’s the pineapple of success.

Which word belongs in the sentence instead of pineapple?

☐ A. pinecone ☐ B. pinnacle
☐ C. pinwheel ☐ D. porcupine
William was reading a travel story. He thought it said this. We saw many types of cactus growing in the dessert.

Which word belongs in the sentence instead of dessert?

A. deserve  B. detour
C. dresser  D. desert

Cleo won the prize at the fair for laying the greatest quantity of eggs.

What does quantity mean in the sentence?

A. quality  B. shape
C. number  D. size
Which word makes sense in the blank?
My kite is stuck; my kite won’t fly!
What a time for the ____ to die!

A. leaves  B. string
C. breeze  D. toy

Which word makes sense in the blank?
“Is that our chimney in the ____ of this picture?” exclaimed Emmet’s mother. “You’re not supposed to go on the roof!”

A. underground  B. playground
C. foreground  D. background