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Garter Snakes

Arctic Circle¹⁶

The Arctic Circle is the region around the North Pole, where temperatures are very cold.



dart¹⁴

Dart means to move suddenly and quickly. *A rabbit may dart away if a noise frightens or surprises it.*

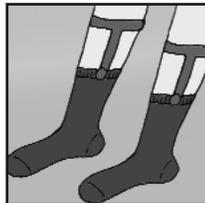
deserts¹⁹

Deserts are places that are very dry. *Plants that do not need much water live in deserts.*



garters¹¹

Garters are elastic bands that are used to hold up stockings or socks.



harmless¹⁵

Harmless means not likely to hurt anyone or anything. *The little ant is harmless.*

markings¹³

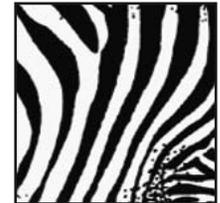
Markings are the colors or patterns on an animal's body. *A zebra's markings are black stripes, and a cheetah's markings are black dots.*

marshes¹⁷

Marshes are areas of low, wet land. *Animals that need to live in water often live in marshes.*

stripes¹²

Stripes are pieces of color that are usually narrow and somewhat long; the color of a stripe is different from the colors on either side.



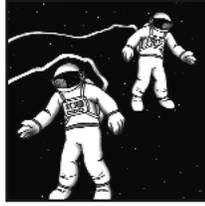
usually¹⁸

Usually means most of the time. *Summer days are usually hot, but sometimes they can be cool.*

The Awful Shuttle Launch

astronauts²²

Astronauts are people who travel in space. *The astronauts went to the moon.*



awful²⁷

If something is awful, it is very bad or horrible. *The food was awful, so the boy did not eat it.*

Challenger²⁸

The Challenger was a United States space shuttle. It blew up after lift-off in 1986, killing all of the people inside.

dawn²¹

Dawn is the start of the day when the sun rises. *The girl got up at dawn because she had to be at school early.*

haunts²⁹

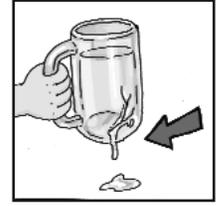
When something haunts you, it comes to your mind again and again.

launch²³

A launch is when something is sent upward into the air. *The rocket launch would happen at noon.*

leak²⁵

Leak means to lose liquid or gas through a crack or hole. *The water began to leak out of my glass through a crack.*



lift-off²⁶

Lift-off is the moment a space vehicle leaves the ground and rises into the air. *A large group of people came to see the lift-off of the space shuttle.*



O-rings²⁴

O-rings are the rubber rings used to keep gas from escaping from a rocket.

shuttle²⁰

A shuttle is a vehicle that can fly into space and return to Earth.



arched¹⁴

If something is arched, it has a curved shape.

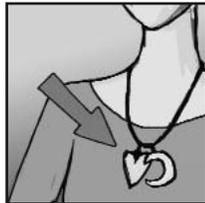


bizarre¹¹

If something is bizarre, it is very strange. *I had a bizarre dream about a flying horse.*

charms¹⁹

Charms are small things people wear on chains. *She wore charms around her neck.*



claws¹³

Claws are sharp nails on the feet of some animals.



harm¹⁷

Harm is damage or injury. *The rainstorm caused no harm to the flowers.*

hides¹⁸

Hides are the skins of animals. *Some people use the hides of animals to make jackets.*

marks¹²

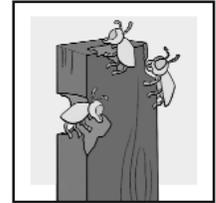
Marks means leaves a spot, stain, or dent on something. *The black spot marks the place where he spilled the ink.*

protect¹⁶

Protect means to keep something safe. *When I ride my skateboard, I wear a helmet and wrist guards to protect my head and wrists.*

termites¹⁵

Termites are small insects that eat wood and damage wooden structures.



The Mohawk

Constitution²⁹

The Constitution is the basic set of written laws of the United States. *The U.S. Constitution was written in 1787 and is still used when new laws are written.*



dark²⁴

Dark is when there is no light because the sun went down. *The children had to be home every night before dark.*

dawn²³

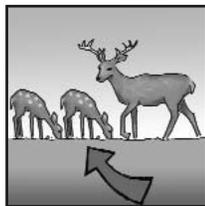
Dawn is the start of the day or when the sun rises. *The girl got up at dawn because she had to be at school early.*

fall²⁶

Fall is the season of the year between summer and winter. *Children go back to school in the fall.*

fawns²¹

Fawns are deer that are less than one year old.



longhouses²²

Longhouses are long, wooden houses that many families share.



Mohawk²⁰

The Mohawk are a Native American people from northern New York and Canada.

spears²⁵

Spears are long weapons with pointed ends that are thrown and used to hunt. *The fisherman threw two spears at the whale.*



tribes²⁸

Tribes are groups of people or families who speak the same language and do some things in the same way. *Some tribes have leaders called chiefs.*

visitor²⁷

A visitor is a person who goes and sees another person or place. *The visitor rang our doorbell, and we let her in our house.*

Tornadoes

drove¹⁷

Drove means forced to go into something. *The man drove the nail into the wood with his hammer.*

enormous¹⁵

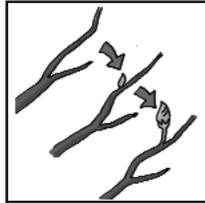
Enormous means very big. *The elephant was so enormous that the circus performer needed a ladder to reach the top of the animal.*

force¹⁶

Force is the strength or power of something. *John pushed Mary with such force that she fell down.*

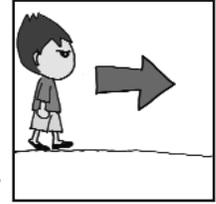
forms¹²

When something forms, it starts to exist or take shape. *A bud forms on a plant and turns into a flower.*



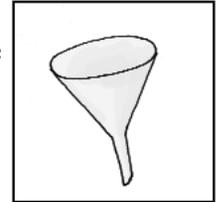
forward¹⁴

If you move forward, you move in the direction that is in front of you. *Jack moved forward and is now at the front of the line.*



funnel¹³

A funnel is a hollow shape that is wide at the top and narrow at the bottom.



windstorm¹¹

A windstorm is a storm with a strong wind but little or no rain. *The windstorm blew the roof off the barn.*



A Terrible Oil Spill

avoid²¹

Avoid means to stay away from. *She tries to avoid stepping in puddles, because she does not like wet shoes.*

captain¹⁹

The captain is the person in charge of the ship.



destroyed²⁴

Destroyed means put an end to or completely damaged. *I threw the book away because the water destroyed it.*

lane²²

A lane is a set course or pathway used by planes or ships. *Several ships crossed the ocean along the same sea lane, where the water currents and winds were known to be calmest.*

mate²⁰

A mate is a person who works on a ship and takes orders from the captain of the ship.



poisoned²³

Poisoned means harmed or killed something. *Letitia's mom warned her not to eat mushrooms from the yard, because many kinds of wild mushrooms have poisoned people who ate them.*

spoiled²⁵

Spoiled means ruined something or made something worse. *I spoiled the cookies by baking them so long that they burned.*

toiled²⁶

Toiled means put a lot of effort into something difficult and tiring.

voyage¹⁸

A voyage is a long trip or journey, usually by sea. *During their voyage across the Pacific Ocean, they spent four weeks on a ship.*

Henry Ford

¹⁸ **age**

An age is a certain period of time. Each age is different in some way from the periods of time before and after it. *The age of space exploration began in the 1950s.*

¹⁶ **ax**

An ax is a tool with a handle and a sharp blade that is used to cut down trees.



¹² **boring**

Boring means uninteresting, dull, or not fun. *Jenny thought the teacher's lesson about bears was boring because she already knew a lot about bears.*

¹¹ **chores**

Chores are small jobs that a person has to do often. *Javier's chores are setting the table for dinner each night and making his bed each morning.*

¹⁵ **force**

Force is the strength or power of something. *John pushed Mary with such force that she fell down.*

¹⁷ **forged**

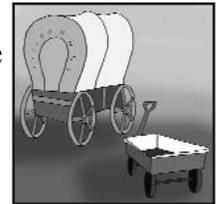
Forged means made or created. *Marta forged a path through the field by cutting down the tall grass.*

¹³ **mechanical**

Mechanical means having to do with machines.

¹⁴ **wagons**

Wagons are carts that have four wheels and are used to hold and carry things. *People, horses, or other animals can pull wagons.*



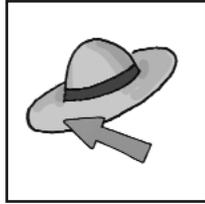
boiled²⁰

Boiled means cooked in water so hot that the water makes bubbles and steam.

Erika boiled some eggs so she could use them in a salad.

brim²⁵

A brim is an edge that sticks out at the bottom of a hat.



gold diggers²³

Gold diggers are people who dig in the earth to try to find gold.

joined²²

Joined means took part in something or did something with others.

My family joined my grandmother for dinner at a restaurant.



protect²⁴

Protect means to keep safe from danger.

People wear coats in the winter to protect themselves from the cold.

soiled²⁶

If something is soiled, it is full of dust or dirt. *Dan's clothes got soiled when he played in the mud.*

spoiled¹⁹

If someone is spoiled, he or she behaves very badly because he or she has been given too many things. *The spoiled boy would not share his toys with his brother.*

toiled²¹

Toiled means put a lot of effort into something difficult and tiring.

Kermit and the Puppet Master

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certainly²¹

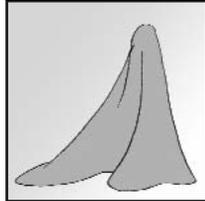
Certainly means that something is for sure. *If you work hard in school, you certainly will learn more.*

clever¹¹

Clever means smart or skillful. *The clever girl could solve the riddles quickly.*

cloth¹²

Cloth is a material that people use to make many things. *She bought cloth to make curtains, a bedspread, and some clothes.*



curious²⁰

Curious means wanting to find out about something. *Ben took a karate class because he was curious about martial arts.*

figured out¹⁷

If you figured out something, you thought about it until you understood it. *Maria figured out how to do her math problems.*

master¹⁴

A master is a person who is able to do something very well.

performed¹³

Performed means put on a show for other people to watch. *The students performed the song for their parents.*

ping-pong¹⁵

Ping-pong is a game also known as table tennis. It is played on a table using small wooden paddles and a hollow ball.

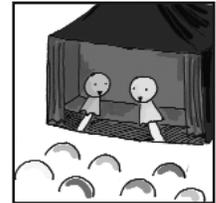


quirk¹⁸

A quirk is an odd way someone has of doing something. *Juan always hummed while he worked, and this quirk made people mad.*

stage¹⁶

A stage is the place where people stand when they perform. *She stood on the stage while she sang for the school.*



worried¹⁹

Worried means felt afraid that something bad would happen. *Jan worried that she would be in trouble because she was late for school.*

growl²⁴

Growl means to make a low, angry sound. *Some dogs growl when they meet a person they do not know.*

hiss²³

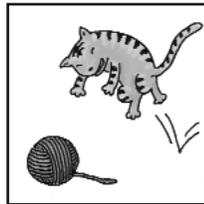
Hiss means to make a sound like the sound of an S that is held for a long time. *Some snakes hiss at their prey when they are attacking.*

howl²²

Howl means to make a long, loud crying sound. *Wolves howl at the moon.*

pounces²⁸

Pounces means jumps at or attacks. *My kitten pounces on the ball of string.*

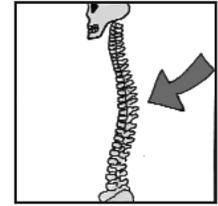


screech²⁵

A screech is a loud, high, and unpleasant sound. *Screech owls are given that name because of the high sound they make.*

spine²⁹

A spine is the backbone of an animal. *Your spine helps you stand straight.*

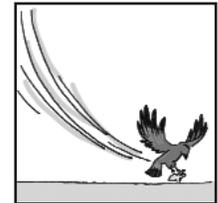


swallows³⁰

Swallows means lets something pass from the mouth through the throat and into the stomach. *The baby sucks on the bottle and swallows the milk.*

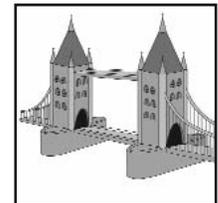
swoops²⁷

When something swoops, it quickly moves down through the air. *The hawk swoops down to catch its prey.*



towers²⁶

Towers are tall, narrow buildings or parts of buildings.



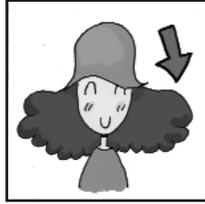
What Is Chirping in the Tree?

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bushy¹³

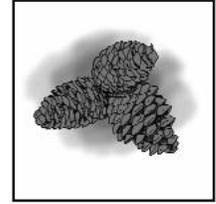
If something is bushy, it is thick and spreads out.

Her bushy hair stuck out from under her hat.



pine cones¹⁴

Pine cones are the prickly, cone-shaped fruits of pine trees.



germs¹⁷

Germs are very small living things that can cause sickness. *He got a cold after using a telephone that had lots of germs on it.*

observe¹⁶

Observe means to watch carefully. *We used a telescope to observe the stars.*

perky¹⁵

If something is perky, it is very happy and full of energy. *The perky child laughed and played all day.*

stirs¹¹

When something stirs, it moves a little. *When a baby starts to wake up, it stirs in its bed.*

sturdy¹²

Sturdy means strong and hard to break. *The sturdy chair did not break when the big man sat on it.*

Ground Zero

ground zero²³

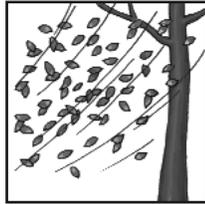
Ground zero is the center of an attack.
The shopping mall was ground zero when the city was bombed.

proud²⁴

If you are proud of someone, you are happy or pleased with that person because you think that person is good.
Dad was proud of me for getting all the answers right on my test.

rained²⁰

Rained means fell down thick and fast. *The leaves rained down from the trees because the wind was so strong.*

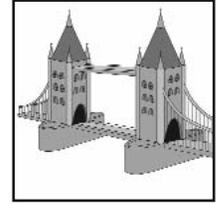


showered²¹

Showered means sprinkled or sprayed.
Wedding guests showered the newlyweds with confetti as they walked down the steps of the church.

towers¹⁸

Towers are tall, narrow buildings or parts of buildings.



under attack²²

If you are under attack, someone is trying to hurt you.

World Trade Center¹⁹

The World Trade Center was a group of buildings in New York City with the tallest towers standing over 100 stories high. The World Trade Center, which held many offices and businesses, stood from the early 1970s until 2001, when it was destroyed in an attack.

battle¹⁶

A battle is a fight, usually in a war.
Many people died during the battle.

celebrate¹⁵

Celebrate means to do something special because it is an important day or something good has happened. *We celebrate the holiday with a family party.*

center¹¹

The center is a place where many people come together to do things. *The parade marched right through the center of town.*

certain¹⁸

Certain means sure or positive. *She was certain it was going to rain, so she brought her umbrella.*

chance¹⁹

If there is a chance of something, it might happen. *They practiced hard, so there is a very good chance they will win the game.*

fancy¹³

If something is fancy, it is full of color or things that make it interesting to look at. *The dancers wore fancy costumes so people would look at them.*

fierce²⁰

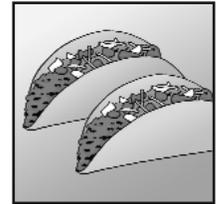
Fierce means wild, violent, or dangerous. *The lion looked fierce when it roared.*

Puebla¹²

Puebla is a city in the southern part of Mexico.

tacos¹⁴

Tacos are food made from round, flat bread that is folded in half around some kind of filling, such as meat, beans, cheese, or vegetables.



take¹⁷

When you take a person or place, you get control of it, usually by force. *After the soldiers take the town, the townspeople will have to do what the soldiers say.*

The Red Kangaroo

boot²⁹

Boot means to make someone or something leave a place. *Since the rent has not been paid for three months, the owner will boot the renter out of the apartment.*

drooled²²

Drooled means let watery liquid drip from the mouth. *The baby drooled as she chewed on the apple.*

grinding²⁴

Grinding means crushing into small pieces. *Grinding stones break down corn into flour by crushing the kernels between the stones.*

groomed²⁶

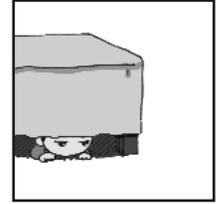
Groomed means made clean and neat. *He groomed his hair with shampoo and a brush.*

joey²⁷

A joey is a baby kangaroo.

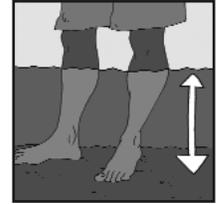
peeked²⁸

Peeked means took a quick, secret look. *The boy hid under his bed and peeked out.*



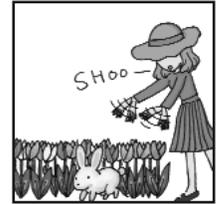
shallow²¹

Shallow means not deep. *People can walk or sit in shallow water.*



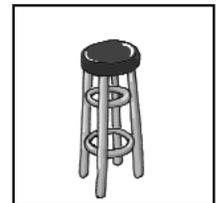
shoo²³

Shoo means to scare or drive away. *The lady ran after the rabbits to shoo them away from her garden.*



stool²⁵

A stool is a seat without arms or a back.



A Champion Cyclist

50 percent¹⁶

50 percent means half. *When Jake gave his brother half of his candy bar, he gave away 50 percent of it.*

bright¹³

If something is bright, it is good or hopeful. *He was so good at baseball that he had a bright future in the game.*

cancer¹⁵

Cancer is a disease that can cause people to get very sick or die.

cells¹⁸

Cells are the small parts that make up all plants and animals. *Your blood is made of blood cells, and your brain is made of brain cells.*



champion¹¹

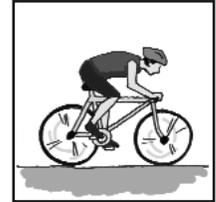
A champion is the winner of a game or contest. *The coach of the soccer team had been a champion runner.*

chance¹⁷

If there is a chance of something, it might happen. *They practiced hard, so there is a very good chance they will win the game.*

cyclist¹²

A cyclist is a person who rides a bicycle or a motorcycle.



future¹⁴

Future means the chance to do well or to succeed. *Jack has a great future in tennis and may even be the world champion someday.*

The Doodles of Dr. Seuss

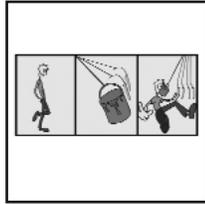
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blocks²⁰

Blocks are the areas of land between streets. A block is measured from one street corner to the next. *My house is only two blocks away from my best friend's house.*

cartoon²³

A cartoon is a funny drawing.



contest²²

A contest is a game or competition in which people try to win or do better than each other. *The boy who spelled all the words correctly won the spelling contest.*

cool²⁷

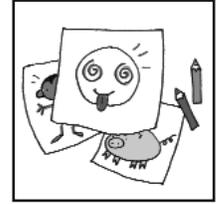
Cool means interesting or very good. *Quentin learned a cool magic trick, and everybody wanted him to show it to them.*

doodle²⁵

Doodle means to make silly drawings without thinking much about what you are doing. *My father used to doodle on a notepad while he talked on the phone.*

doodles²⁶

Doodles are silly drawings.



entered²¹

Entered means signed up for something or decided to take part in something. *Hector wanted to show that he was a good speller, so he entered the spelling bee.*

newspaper²⁴

A newspaper is printed news reports, photos, and other information about what is happening.



Usually, a newspaper is created every day or every week.

rhymed¹⁹

Rhymed means picked words that have the same ending sound. *The songwriter rhymed the words in his song.*

unique²⁸

Unique means one of a kind. *Because no one else is exactly like you, you are unique.*

ages¹²

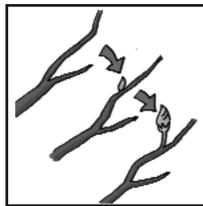
Ages means a very long time.
Dinosaurs roamed the earth ages ago.

causes¹⁹

Causes means makes something happen.
Thunder causes some children to be afraid.

form²⁰

When things form, they start to exist or take shape. *Buds form on some plants and turn into flowers.*



gentle¹⁴

Gentle means mild or not likely to cause harm. *Her dog is gentle; it likes to curl up next to people, and it never bites.*

imagined¹³

Imagined means formed a picture or idea in your mind. *He imagined what it would be like to be a professional basketball star.*



legends¹¹

Legends are old stories that may or may not be true.

nature¹⁶

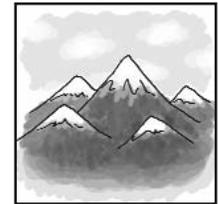
Nature is the world and everything in it that people did not make. *Plants, animals, and lakes are all part of nature.*

proved¹⁸

Proved means showed to be true. *The boy proved that he was the fastest runner when he won the race.*

ranges¹⁷

Ranges are groups of mountains.



tales¹⁵

Tales are stories that are not real. *"Jack and the Beanstalk" and "Cinderella" are tales many children love.*

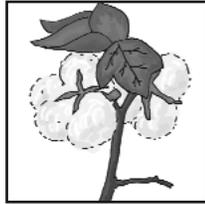
coach²³

A coach is someone who gives special lessons to a team or a person. *The basketball coach taught the players how to shoot the ball.*



cotton²¹

Cotton is the soft, white fiber that covers the seeds of a cotton plant.



crowned²⁸

When you are crowned, you are named the winner in front of many people. *The winning horse was crowned champion after the race.*

directions²⁵

When people give directions, they tell others what to do, where to go, or how to do something. *The policeman stood in the middle of the street and gave directions to the drivers.*

events²⁷

Events are activities or contests, like races, that are usually held during a sports competition. *His favorite events in track meets are the long jump and the high jump.*

history²⁹

History is the facts about people and events in the past. *It is fun to read about the history of a famous person.*

Olympics²⁶

The Olympics are athletic contests held every four years in which people from different countries compete.

plowed²²

Plowed means turned up the soil to get it ready for planting. *The farmer plowed his fields and planted corn.*



willpower²⁴

When you have willpower, you make yourself do something you decided to do, even if it's hard. *It takes willpower not to eat candy between meals.*

A Village on the Cliffs

Story 19
Glossary, Tracks 11–22

ages¹⁹

Ages is a very long time. *Dinosaurs roamed the earth ages ago.*

ancient²⁰

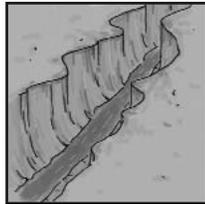
Ancient means from a very long time ago. *He found an ancient coin; it was over 2,000 years old.*

beheld¹⁴

If you beheld something, you saw or observed it.

canyon¹³

A canyon is a deep valley with walls on both sides that was formed by running water.



The Grand Canyon was formed by running water that we now call the Colorado River.

cliffs¹⁸

Cliffs are high, steep walls of rock and earth.

edge¹²

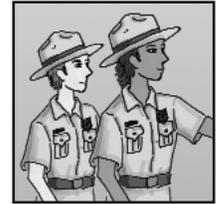
An edge is the outside end of something. *The boy sat on the edge of the dock and looked at the lake.*

ledges¹⁷

Ledges are flat spaces like shelves on the sides of cliffs or rock walls.

rangers²¹

Rangers are people who work in forests or parks. *The rangers took the people around the park.*



sagebrush¹¹

Sagebrush is a shrub with silver-green leaves that grows in the dry parts of western North America.



tourists²²

Tourists are people who travel for fun. *The tourists took a bus to see the statue of George Washington.*

village¹⁵

A village is a small town or city.

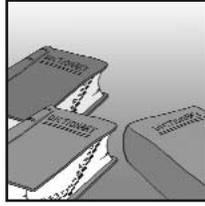
wedged¹⁶

When something is wedged, it is crowded or squeezed into a small space. *Julio's truck was wedged into a tiny parking spot.*

Did I Spell It Wrong?

dictionary²⁹

Dictionaries are books that tell you what words mean, how to say them, and how to spell them. *When we don't know what words mean, we use dictionaries.*

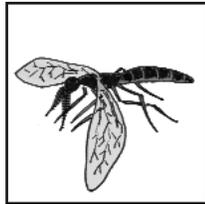


dropped²⁶

When something is dropped, it is not used anymore. *Because he could not play after he broke his leg, Luis was dropped from the baseball team.*

gnat²³

A gnat is a very small biting insect that flies.



gnome²⁵

A gnome is a small person written about in folk tales who lives inside the earth.

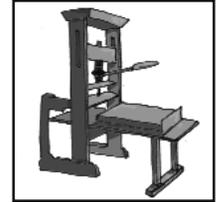


invented²⁸

When something is invented, it is made for the first time. *The wheel was invented a long time ago.*

printing press²⁷

A printing press is a machine that prints books and newspapers.



wrap²⁴

When you wrap something, you put a cover all the way around it. *When you wrap a birthday present, you use paper, tape, and ribbon.*

Thurgood Marshall

apart¹⁵

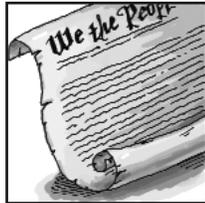
To be apart means to be away from each other. *Richard and Peter have to sit apart in school because they always talk.*

argued¹⁶

Argued means gave reasons why you believe something is or is not true. *The lawyer argued the case in court.*

Constitution¹¹

The Constitution is the basic set of written laws of the United States. *The U. S. Constitution was written in 1787 and is still used when new laws are written.*



form¹²

Form means to make or start something. *The students want to form a speech club at school.*

lawyers¹³

Lawyers are people who are trained to give other people advice about the law or to help people in court. *When my parents opened a bakery, they hired lawyers to help make sure they were following the city's laws about food safety.*

made his mark¹⁸

Made his mark or made her mark means a person has done something important that people notice or remember. *She made her mark when she became prime minister.*

served¹⁴

When something served a person, it was useful to that person. *When our basketball team won, we knew that practicing shooting had served us well.*

turning point¹⁷

A turning point is the moment in time when something changes in an important way. *Jonathan reached a turning point in his illness when he started taking the new medicine; from that point on, he continued to get better instead of worse.*

Bamboo

bamboo¹⁹

Bamboo is tall, hard grass.



decades²⁵

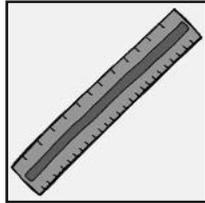
Decades are periods of 10 years. *Two decades are 20 years, and three decades are 30 years.*

few²⁶

Few means a small number of something. *Mom said I could eat a few jelly beans, so I had four.*

foot²⁰

A foot is a unit of measurement equal to 12 inches. *Many rulers are a foot long.*



furniture²³

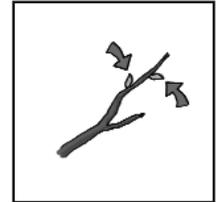
Furniture are objects people use in their living spaces to sit on or to place things on. *I bought furniture for my new house: a bed, a couch, and a bookcase.*

shelters²⁴

Shelters are places or things that offer protection from weather or danger. *Houses and apartments are common types of modern shelters.*

shoots²¹

Shoots are sprouts or new growths of a plant.



woody²²

Woody means like wood, or made of wood, which is a hard plant fiber.

Hurricanes

born¹⁷

If something is born, it is started or created. *The reading club was born the first night we talked about a book we had all read.*

cause¹²

Cause means to make something happen. *Germs can cause you to get sick.*

curve¹⁵

When things curve, they move in the shape of a circle. *Race cars have to curve when they go around a race track.*

floods¹³

Floods are big pools of water that cover places that are usually dry. *Houses can fill with water during floods.*

hurl¹¹

Hurl means to throw something with great force. *Monkeys hurl coconuts to the ground so they will break.*

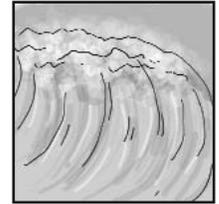


occurs¹⁹

When something occurs, it takes place or it happens. *Learning occurs in school.*

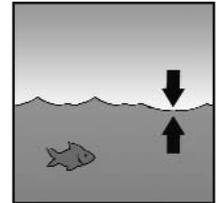
storm surges¹⁸

Storm surges are large amounts of water pushed onto land by powerful winds in a storm.



surface¹⁴

A surface is the outside or top part of something. *A boat sails on the surface of the water, and a fish swims below the surface.*



whirl¹⁶

Whirl means to spin around.

Mount St. Helens Blew Its Top

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active²⁶

If something is active, it is working. *Smoke sometimes comes out of active volcanoes.*

appeared²⁰

Appeared means showed up or became visible. *When it got dark, the moon and stars appeared in the sky.*

ash²⁵

Ash is gray powder left over after something has been burned. *The logs in the fireplace turned to ash after they were burned.*

awful²¹

If something is awful, it is very bad or horrible. *The food was awful, so the boy did not eat it.*

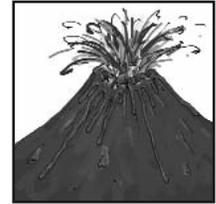
formed²³

If things formed, they started to exist or take shape. *Buds formed on some plants and turned into flowers.*



volcano²²

A volcano is an opening in the earth through which hot liquid rock is forced out. *Hot liquid came out of the volcano when it erupted.*



wrong²⁴

Wrong means not correct or not right. *I was wrong when I said the meeting is at 3:00; it is actually at 4:00.*

