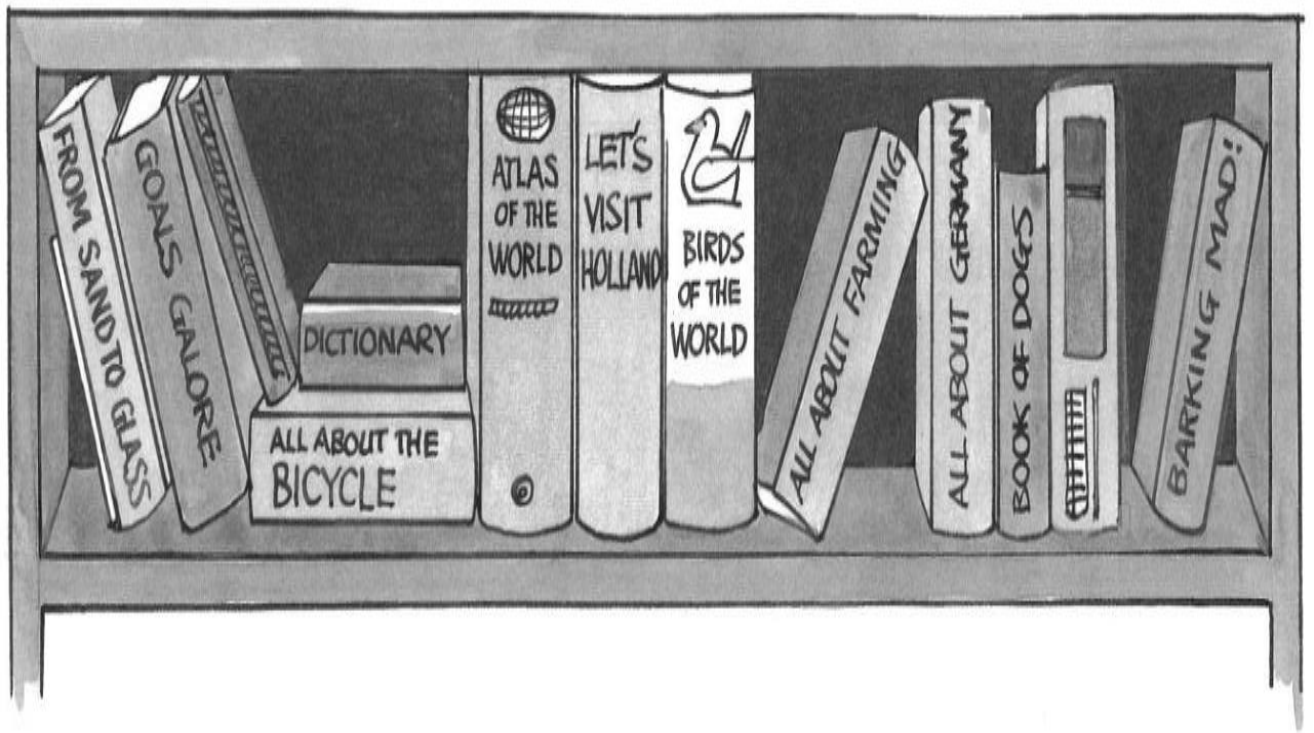


English Homework



Book 9

Name _____ Class _____



Homework 1

- We usually put *an* before words beginning with a silent h.

Example:

an hour

- We call the word *an* the **indefinite article**.

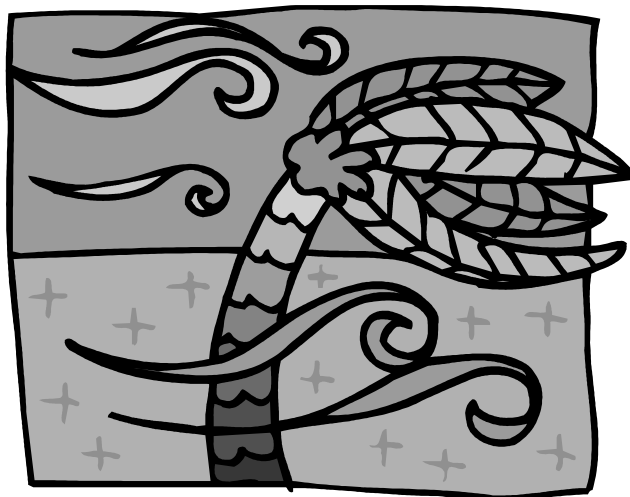
Underline each word that begins with a *silent h*.

holiday	hour	home	horn
honour	honest	house	hotel
hero	half	hurricane	hero

Write *a* or *an* before each of the words above.

Begin like this: a holiday

___ hour
___ home
___ horn
___ honour
___ honest
___ house
___ hotel
___ hero
___ half
___ hurricane
___ hero



Homework 2

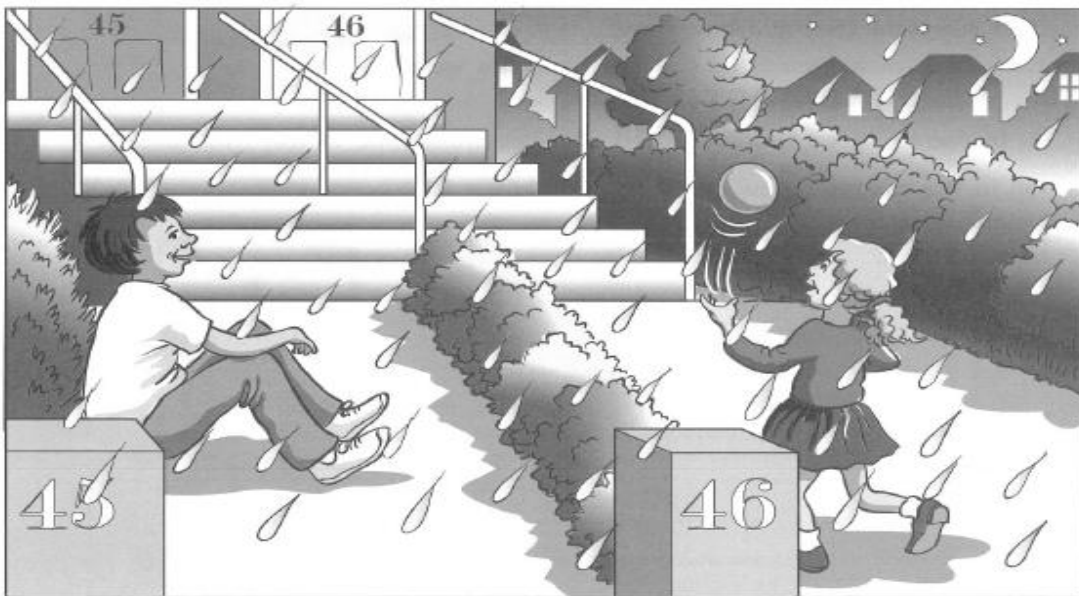
- It is important to read over our work to ensure that we have not made any mistakes. This is called **proofreading**.

Example:

The boys and **gurls** played in the school yard?

The boys and girls played in the school yard.

The writer who wrote a description of this picture has made some mistakes. Rewrite the story and correct the mistakes.



Conor O'Sullivan was very unhappy. he sat outside his house, his head in his hands, thikning how unfair everything was. He had just finished playing futball. He was almost in tears. His mum had asked him to look after his cousin sarah in the park. He didnt want to be looking after his little cousin, he wanted to play football, but his mum had insisted. they had gone to the park together and conor soon forgot about her. When he remembered, he Looked everywhere for her but she was gone. He walked holme in the rain and sat on the ground. To make matters worse, he lost his ball. suddenly, he heard the sound of a ball bouncing, he looked up to see Sarah

Homework 3

- We usually put *an* before words beginning with a silent h.

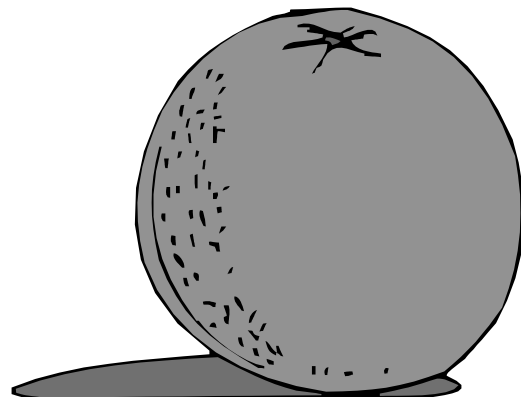
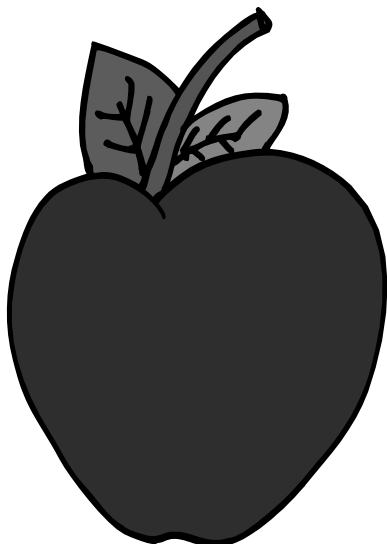
Example:

an hour

- We call the word *an* the **indefinite article**.

Write *a* or *an* in each space.

1. I got ____ huge parcel and ____ lovely card for my birthday.
2. We had to come home in ____ hour.
3. ____ acorn grows on ____ oak tree.
4. It was ____ honour to receive the prize.
5. The children has ____ great holiday in ____ enormous hotel.
6. "You are ____ honest boy and you deserve ____ reward," said the teacher.
7. She is ____ heir to the throne.
8. Dad bought ____ apple and ____ orange to the shop.



Homework 4

Competition



Win a holiday in Dolan's Hotel
for two adults and two children

Just complete the following steps:

1. Make as many words as you can from the word
COMPETITION
2. In two or three sentences, tell why you would like to win this holiday.

Fill in the coupon below and send your entry to
Dolan's Hotel,
Green Street,
West Town,
Co. Cork.



Name:

Address:

.....

Phone No.:

Closing date: 1 April

Questions

1. What is the prize for winning the competition?
2. What is the name of the hotel that is giving the prize?
3. What is the last date on which an entry will be taken?
4. To where do you send the entry?
5. What do the dotted line and the picture of the pair of scissors mean?
6. Copy the coupon and complete it.



Homework 5

- You must write the information in the correct order when you are **addressing an envelope**.

Example:

Dolan's Hotel,
Green Street,
Coalisland,
Co. Tyrone.
BT 71 4ZQ

name
street, road, townland
town/city
county
postcode

Write your own name and address in the correct order.

These addresses have been written incorrectly. Write each address correctly.

Co. Antrim,
Mr Tim Barry,
Forest Road,
Newton.
BT17 4JK

BT72 3XW,
Beech Road,
Seatown,
Ms Mary Black.
Co. Derry

Homework 6

A Day Out

At one o'clock, they walked up to the entrance and paid four pounds each to go in. Jenny read a notice that said it was feeding time in one hour. First they saw the largest bird in the world. Next they saw a group of birds by a large pond.

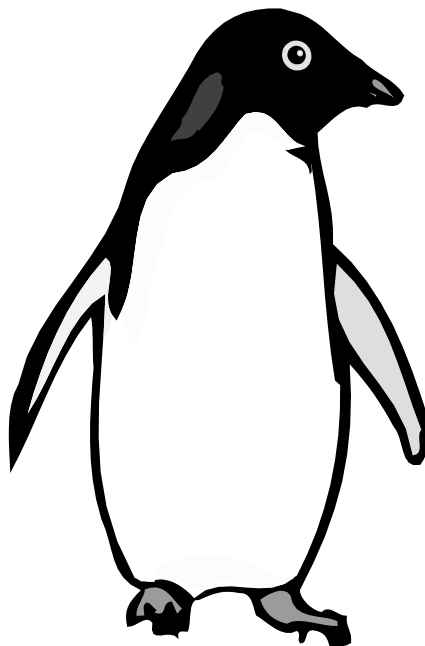
"They look just like waiters in black coats and white shirts," laughed David.

"Penguins do not use their wings to fly," said Jenny.

As they went inside one of the houses, a great roar told them it was feeding time.

Questions

1. To where did Jenny and David go for the afternoon?
2. What was the first bird they saw?
3. What flightless birds did they see by the water?
4. What animals do you think Jenny and David were visiting at feeding time?
5. At what time was feeding time?



Homework 7

- The **vocabulary** of a subject is all the words and terminology associated with that subject.

Fill in the blanks in this passage. Use the vocabulary from the word box to help you.

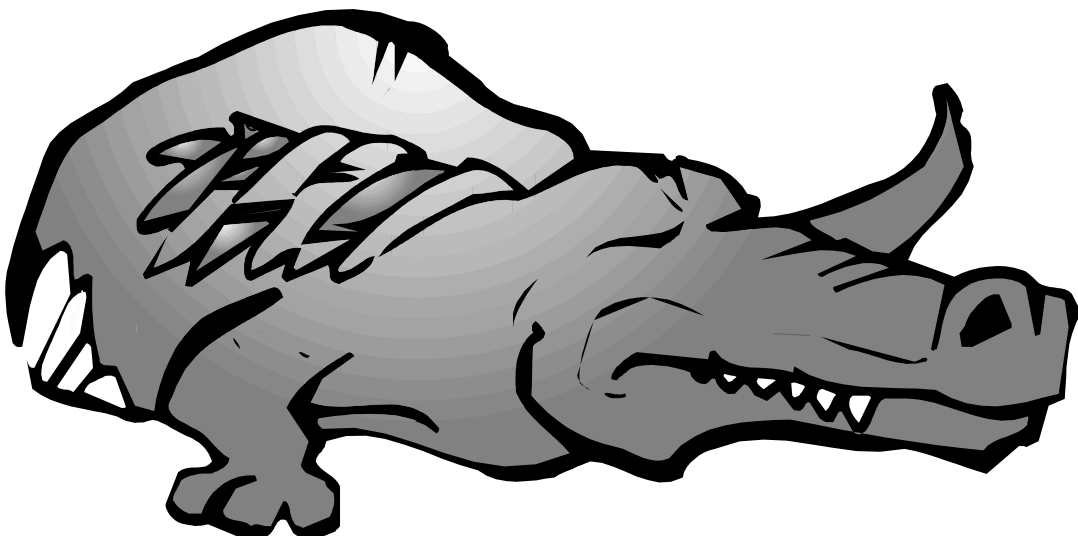
smaller	jaws	birds	swamps
shut	Earth	eyes	powerful
reptiles	fourth	crocodiles	alligators

Alligators and Crocodiles

Alligators and crocodiles are some of the largest _____ living _____. The biggest crocodile can grow to over 7 metres and can weigh more than 1120kg. Alligators are usually _____ than crocodiles.

Alligators' snouts are broader and flatter than those of crocodiles. Alligators' teeth cannot be seen when their _____ are closed. However, the _____ tooth on the lower jaw of a crocodile sticks out when its jaws are _____.

Alligators and _____ live on the banks of rivers in _____. They eat fish, mammals, turtles and even _____. Alligators and crocodiles have strong, _____ jaws. When they are waiting to pounce on prey, _____ and crocodiles float in the water, where only the tips of their snouts and _____ can be seen.



Homework 8

- A **compound word** is a word that is made up of two smaller words.

Examples:

football cowboy sunshine bookcase armchair

Write the two words that make up each of these words.

screwdriver _____ grasshopper _____

guidebooks _____ peacock _____

afternoon _____ birthday _____

shoelace _____ airport _____

motorway _____ blackberry _____

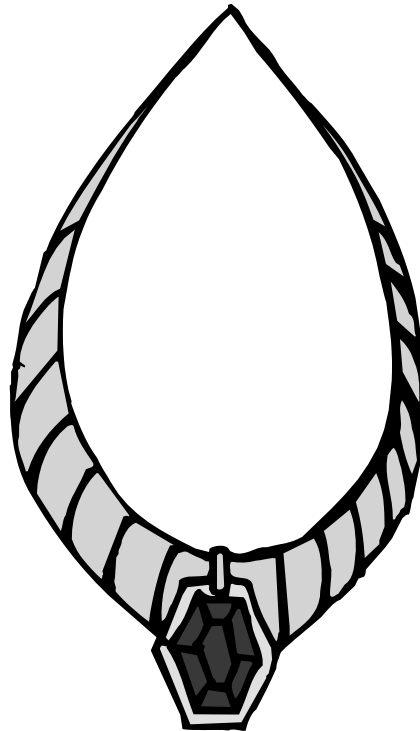
Each word in box 1 can be joined to a word in box 2 to make another word.
Match the pairs and write the new words.

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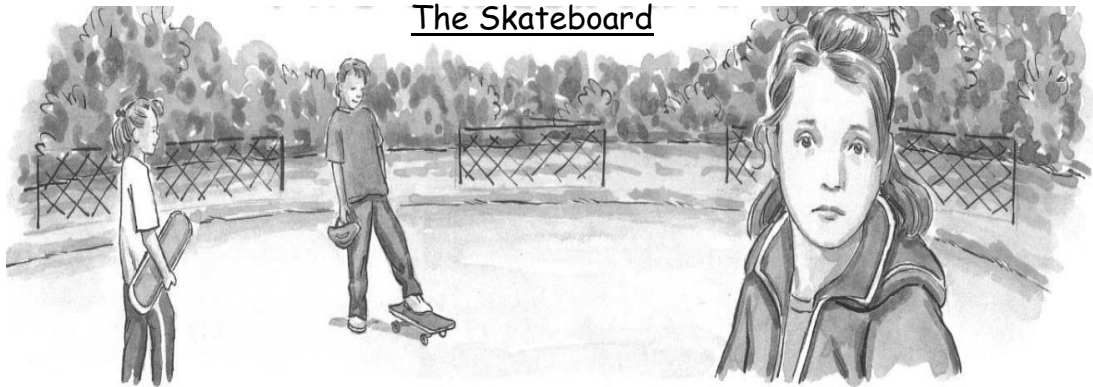
whirl
snow
corn
hail
neck
dish

2

flake
pool
stones
drop
washer
lace



Homework 9



All of Kate O'Reilly's friends had skateboards, but Kate's parents could not afford one for her.

"Now that your father is out of work," said her mother, "there is less money for us all. Haven't you got a pair of skates?" "

"Skates are only for babies," said Kate. "I cannot join the Rockets unless I have a skateboard."

Kate's mother felt sorry for her daughter, but there was nothing she could do.

Kate left through the front door. The lift was out of order, so she had to walk the seven flights down to the ground. The Rockets were having great fun playing 'Follow the Leader' on their skateboards. Kate couldn't bear to watch.

She wandered over to the shopping centre. Without thinking, she stopped at the sports shop. Behind the shop's window, there was a beautiful yellow skateboard. 'Our Price: £79' was written on a card beside the skateboard. Kate knew that her parents could never afford it. She walked slowly back to the flats.

Mrs Fitzpatrick was trying to operate the lift.

"The lift is out of order," called Kate.

"Just when I have a lot of parcels to carry," grumbled Mrs Fitzpatrick.

"I will carry your parcels," offered Kate.

Mrs Fitzpatrick lived on the fifth floor. Kate had to make two journeys to move the parcels into Mrs Fitzpatrick's flat. She gave Kate a glass of lemonade. Then she took out her purse and gave Kate a two-pound coin. That was the beginning for Kate.

Questions

1. What did Kate's friends have?
2. Why could Kate's parents not afford to buy her a skateboard?
3. What was the name of the skateboard club?
4. What game were the Rockets playing?
5. Where did Kate wander to?
6. What price was the yellow skateboard?
7. Who did Kate meet?
8. What was Mrs Fitzpatrick trying to operate?
9. Why did Mrs Fitzpatrick grumble?
10. How many trips did Kate make with the parcels?

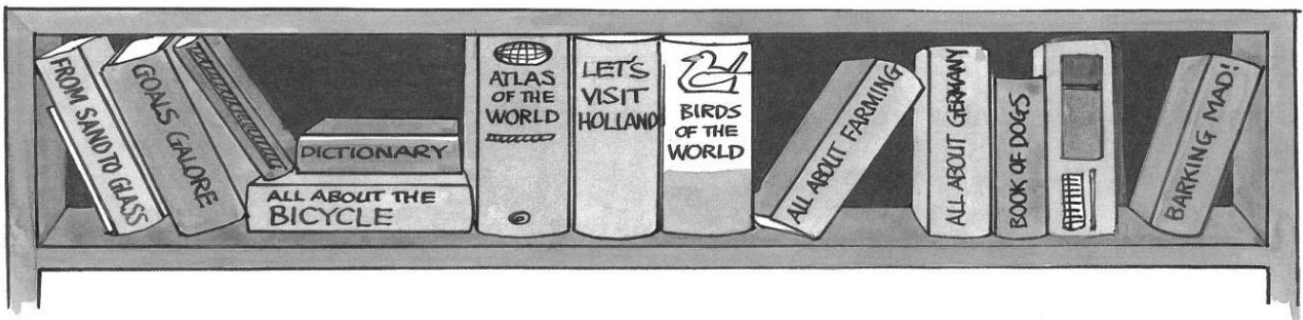


Homework 10

- Books that give information are called **non-fiction**.

Examples:

From Sand to Glass
Goals Galore
Dictionary
All About the Bicycle
Atlas of the World
Let's Visit Holland
Birds of the World
All About Farming
All About Germany
Book of Dogs
Barking Mad!



This is a shelf of books. Which books would you use to find the answers to each of these questions?

1. Which New Zealand bird does not fly?
2. What is the capital of Germany?
3. How did the boneshaker bicycle get its name?
4. Who was the Republic of Ireland's goalkeeper before Shay Given?
5. What is the meaning of the word enormous?
6. Silage is a food for cattle. From what is it made?
7. From what is glass made?
8. How much of Holland was once under sea?
9. What is the smallest breed of dog?
10. In which two books might you find the answer to the following question: What is the capital city of Holland?

Homework 11

- When a word ends in *f* or *fe* in its singular form, change the *f* or *fe* to *v* and add *es* to make the plural form.

Example:



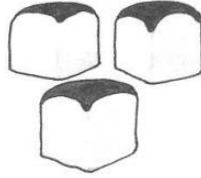
half

halves



knife

knives



loaf

loaves



wolf

wolves



leaf

leaves

Write the plural of each of these words

half _____

calf _____

elf _____

hoof _____

wife _____

thief _____

Change the underlined words to their plural forms. Write the new sentences. Make any other changes that are necessary.

- The husband and wife were very happy in their new home.
- The shelf in the library was full of books.
- The thief threatened the shopkeeper with a knife.
- The hoof of the calf was sore.
- We saw the elf behind the leaf.
- The lady put the loaf on the plate.
- The wolf ran after the baby in the wood.
- The leaf fell off the branch of the tree.
- The boy bought a loaf in the shop.
- The wife had a very happy life.

NOT ALL WORDS FOLLOW THE ABOVE RULE

Examples: chief - chiefs roof - roofs

cliff - cliffs

Homework 12

- A **dictionary** is a book in which you can find out what a word means and how to spell it. The words in a dictionary are in alphabetical order.

Example:

garment	a piece of clothing	mystery	something strange and puzzling
gather	to collect, to pick up, to bring or come together	nest	the home of a bird and her young
glide	to fly gently and easily, to flow gently	nightmare	a frightening dream
hairy	covered with hair	oasis	fertile part of a desert with water and plants
handle	(1) a part made to be held (2) to touch or feel with the hands	peck	to strike with something sharp or pointed
hard	(1) firm and solid, not soft (2) difficult	pool	a small lake, a deep part of a stream
hatch	to bring out from the egg	prepare	to make ready
hound	a dog used for hunting	press	(1) to push hard (2) a machine for printing or squeezing
hurtful	causing hurt or pain	ragged	wearing torn clothes
impossible	not possible, cannot be done	reed	tall, strong grass found in wet places
jam	(1) fruit boiled with sugar until it is thick (2) a lot of people or cars crowded together	repair	to mend, to make good
jeer	to make sport of, to laugh at	right	(1) on the side opposite the left (2) correct
knowledge	information, what is known	salmon	a large, silvery fish
lame	unable to use one leg fully	signal	a sign that gives a warning or a message
lean	(1) to bend your body toward something (2) not fat	slave	a person owned by another, a person who has to work without pay
lemon	a yellow fruit with a sour taste	spring	(1) the first season of the year (2) to leap or jump
master	a leader, a teacher, an owner		
miserable	very unhappy, very poor		

From the dictionary page, find the meaning of each of these words.

glide

peck

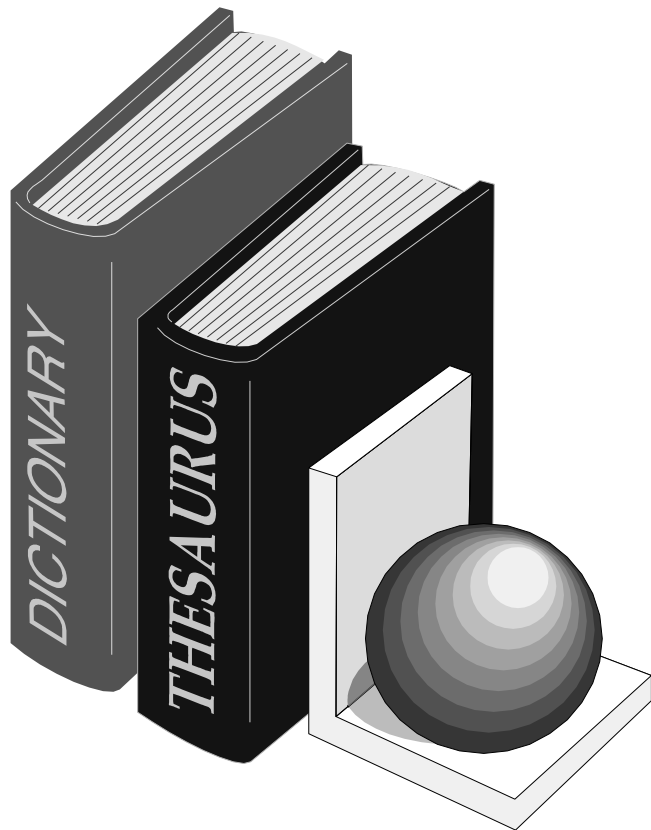
reed

jeer

mystery

Use the dictionary page to find words that mean the same as each of these.

- mend
- not fat
- very unhappy
- to make ready
- a frightening dream
- something strange and puzzling
- to collect
- a piece of clothing
- a yellow fruit
- difficult



Homework 13

Animal Records

	Land Animals	Bird	Reptile
Biggest	African Elephant over 3m high, weighs 5 tonnes	Ostrich weighs 130kg	Saltwater Crocodile 5m long weighs 1 tonne
Smallest	Pygmy Shrew 40mm long weighs 1½g	Bee Hummingbird 57mm long weighs just over 1½g	Gecko Some geckos are only 18mm long
Tallest / Longest	Giraffe over 5m high weighs more than 1 tonne	Ostrich 2½ high	Python 10m long

Other Animal Records

- The African giant snail weighs nearly 1kg.
- The African giant earthworm is nearly 7m long.
- The Arctic giant jellyfish has tentacles 36m long.
- The Japanese spider crab is 3½m wide.
- The Goliath beetle is the heaviest insect in the world, weighing 100g.
- The longest insect is the giant stick insect, 38cm long.

Questions

- Name (a) the biggest and (b) the smallest land mammal.
- Name (a) the biggest and (b) the smallest bird.
- Name (a) the biggest and (b) the smallest reptile.
- Which two animal records does the ostrich hold?
- List these animals by size, starting with the smallest:
pygmy shrew, gecko, bee hummingbird
- List these animals by weight, beginning with the lightest:
giraffe, African elephant, saltwater crocodile
- How much longer than the gecko is the pygmy shrew?
- Why, do you think, is the blue whale (30m long, weighs 120 tonnes) not in this list?

Homework 14

- Words that sound the same but that have different meanings are called **homophones**.

Two means the number 2 Example: The **two** cars crashed.

To means towards Example: I went **to** school.

Too means more than enough or also

Example: The car was going **too** fast, and the bus was **too**.

Write **two**, **to** or **too** to complete these sentences.

- The weather here in winter is _____ cold for the cuckoo and the swallow.
- We went _____ Scotland _____ see the Loch Ness monster.
- Limerick and Waterford are _____ cities in Munster.
- The _____ children went _____ the cinema, and their mother went _____.
- The film was _____ frightening for them.
- The _____ men couldn't lift the load because it was _____ heavy for them.
- "The weight was _____ for me _____," said Jane.
- _____ heads are better than one.
- The _____ of us wanted to buy a new skateboard.
- It cost us _____ pounds _____ get into the disco.

Homework 15

The Magic Pigskin



The sons of Tuireann had to perform many difficult tasks. One of these was to take the magic pigskin that belonged to the King of Greece. It had the power to cure every disease, but it was well guarded. The three brothers travelled by boat to Greece and, in order to make their way into the king's palace, they pretended to be poets.

They were brought to meet the king. He was a huge man with a black, curling beard. He sat on a golden throne with his feet resting firmly on the magic pigskin. Behind him stood seven bodyguards, armed with bows and arrows.

"Welcome to my country," the king boomed. "I have met many poets but never any from Ireland. Come, rest. You must be tired after your long journey."

He clapped his hands, and servants hurried in with food on golden plates and wine in silver goblets. The sons of Tuireann sat down and enjoyed the feast. But, as they ate and drank, their eyes kept wandering to the magic skin under the king's feet.

After the meal, the king clapped his hands again and the servants took the plates and goblets away.

"Now," the king said, "I would like to hear one of your poems."

Brian stood up and cleared his throat. He recited a long poem his mother had taught him. There was a brief silence when he ended. Then the king beamed with delight.

"That was splendid!" he said. "You deserve a rich reward. What would you like?"

"The pigskin under your feet," Brian replied.

"You cannot have that," the king declared. "But I will give you as much gold as will fill it."

The skin was stretched wide and the king began to pour gold coins into it. At a signal from Brian, the brothers drew their swords. Then Brian grabbed the skin and, throwing round his shoulders, ran from the palace followed by his brother.

Copy and answer these questions.

1. To which country did the sons of Tuireann travel?
2. What were they looking for?
3. What did they pretend to be?
4. Where was the magic pigskin?
5. How many brothers were there?
6. Which brother recited the poem?
7. What reward did Brian want for reciting the poem?
8. What reward did the king offer?
9. Where did the king sit?
10. Where did Brian throw the pigskin?



Homework 16

- A **paragraph** is a group of sentences written about the same idea.

Example:

Dogs lived in Earth long before people. Wild dogs hunted in forests. Some of these wild dogs were later tamed by humans. Cave painting made during the Stone Age show that dogs helped people as far back as then. They helped people with hunting, herding and guarding. Tamed dogs are also known as domestic dogs.

These are the main events that happened in the story Little Red Riding Hood. Read them and write them in the correct order.

When the wolf saw the basket of food, he asked Little Red Riding Hood where she was going. She told the wolf that she was going to visit her grandmother.

When Little Red Riding Hood arrived at her grandmother's house, she could not believe her eyes. She asked the wolf many questions. Suddenly, he jumped out of bed, ready to gobble up poor Little Red Riding Hood.

Once upon a time, there lived a girl called Little Red Riding Hood. One day, her mother asked Little Red Riding Hood to go and visit her grandmother. She took a basket, filled with food, for her grandmother.

Just then, a huntsman was passing by the grandmother's house. When he heard Little Red Riding Hood scream, he rushed in and saved her and grandmother from the wolf.

The wolf ran away and was never seen again.

The wolf ran as fast as he could to the grandmother's house. He tied up the grandmother and hid her in the wardrobe. The wolf dressed up in the grandmother's clothes and waited for Little Red Riding Hood.

Homework 17

- Words that sound the same but that have different meanings are called **homophones**.

There means in that place

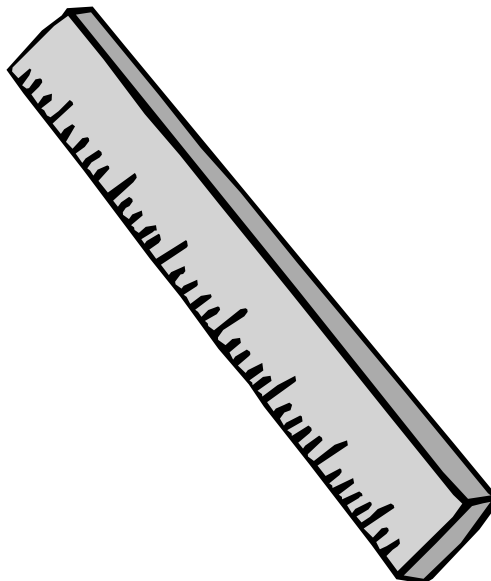
Example: The ball is over there.

Their means belonging to them

Example: That is their house.

Write **there** or **their** to complete these sentences.

1. They will go _____ tomorrow to meet _____ friends.
2. Did you see _____ new computer?
3. My new football is _____ in the corner.
4. _____ are twelve eggs in a dozen.
5. _____ were many people trapped in the building.
6. The people of Egypt built pyramids for _____ pharaohs.
7. The pirates knew that _____ treasure was not _____.
8. _____ are 100 centimetres in a metre.
9. "Who goes _____?" asked the soldier.
10. She told them that _____ would be trouble if _____ shoes were dirty.



Homework 18

- If a word ends with a single consonant, with a single vowel before it, double the last letter before **adding ed**. Otherwise just add **ed**.

Example:

shop **shopped**

rain **rained**

skip **skipped**

walk **walked**

clap **clapped**

wish **wished**

Add ed to each word. Don't forget to double the last letter where necessary.

talk _____

climb _____

chop _____

drop _____

drip _____

rest _____

turn _____

reach _____

drag _____

boil _____

scream _____

fail _____

bark _____

hug _____

Complete these sentences. Use the words above to complete them.

1. Mum _____ to her friend on the phone for a long time.
2. The mountaineers _____ to the top of the mountain.
3. The noisy dog _____ all night long.
4. The water _____ from the loose tap all day long.
5. I am very pleased that Spurs have _____ the final again.
6. The egg _____ in the pot for three minutes.
7. The boy _____ as he awoke from his nightmare.
8. I think we have finally _____ a corner.

Homework 19

- A **compound word** is a word that is made up of two smaller words.

Examples:

football cowboy sunshine bookcase armchair

Make compound words by adding other words to each of these. Use a dictionary if you need to.

straw_____ sauce_____ scare_____

tooth_____ gentle_____ table_____

Complete each sentence using a compound word from the word box.

snowflakes	butterfly	strawberry
skyscraper	whirlpool	scarecrow

1. A caterpillar turns into a _____.
2. A very tall building is called a _____.
3. The farmer made a _____ to frighten the birds away.
4. In summer and autumn, people make _____ jam.
5. The small boat was sucked into the _____.
6. In winter, we sometimes have a shower of _____.



Homework 20

- An **adjective** is a describing word. It tells us more about a noun (a person, place or thing).

Examples:



small



scary



strong



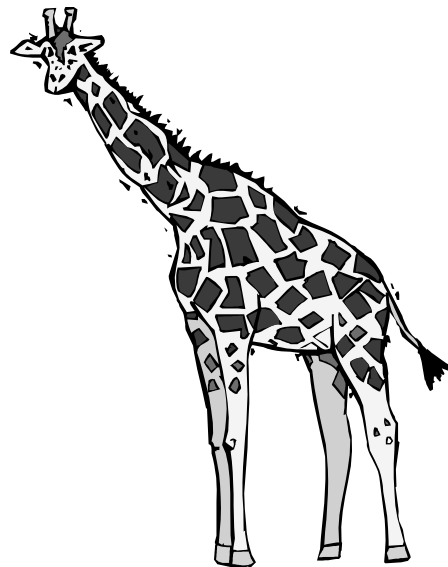
good

Write these adjectives and underline the odd one out in each group.

- | | | | |
|-----------|-------|----------|----------|
| 1. huge | large | enormous | tiny |
| 2. pretty | ugly | handsome | graceful |
| 3. sad | happy | merry | cheerful |
| 4. clean | dirty | tidy | neat |

Choose the adjective that best describes each noun and write the two words together.

- | | |
|-----------|----------------------------|
| • summer | soft, thin, warm, cold |
| • thunder | bright, wet, sweet, loud |
| • waves | hungry, tired, noisy, poor |
| • kitchen | playful, quiet, tidy, rich |
| • city | tasty, busy, angry, heavy |
| • giraffe | small, sick, tall, slow |



Homework 21

- Sometimes words are made up of a number of different sounds or groups of sounds. These sounds or groups of sounds are called **syllables**.

Examples:

magnet	mag/net
basket	bas/ket
jumper	jum/per

Write down the two syllables that are in each word.

insect	_____	_____	outlaw	_____	_____
parrot	_____	_____	mermaid	_____	_____
magpie	_____	_____	picnic	_____	_____
curtain	_____	_____	window	_____	_____

Complete these sentences using words from above.

- The fisherman was amazed when he saw the beautiful _____.
- An _____ is a tiny creature with six legs.
- The sheriff put the _____ in prison.
- Open the _____, it is very stuffy in here.
- A _____ is a bird that can repeat what it hears.
- Let's all go to the beach and have a _____ for lunch.



Homework 22

- Words that have similar meaning are known as words **that are often confused**.

saw is in the past tens Example: I **saw** her yesterday.

seen is in the present continuous or the past continuous tense

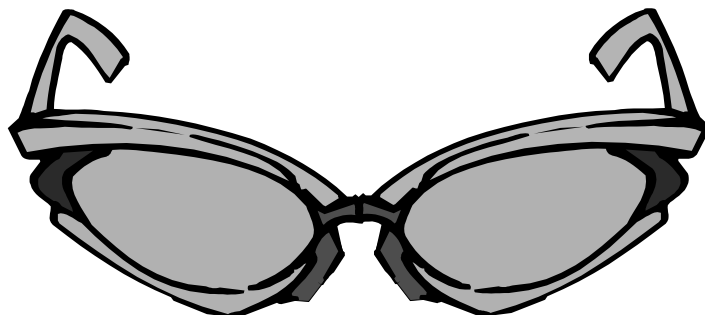
Example: I have not **seen** it.

The words had / have or had not/have not always goes before **seen**.

Example: I **saw** a person today who I had not **seen** for a long time.

Write **saw** or **seen** to complete these sentences.

- I _____ you in the shopping centre.
- The boy _____ the thief.
- Have you _____ my glasses.
- One of my friends _____ the film star.
- She has _____ the film already?
- We _____ him before he _____ us.
- I wish I had _____ her, it has been such a long time since I _____ her last.
- I would not like to be _____ wearing an Arsenal jersey.



Homework 23

- Sometimes words are made up of a number of different sound or groups of sound. These sounds or groups of sounds are called **syllables**.

Examples:

magnet mag/net

basket bas/ket

jumper jum/per

Write down the two syllables that are in each word.

donkey _____ _____ kidnap _____ _____

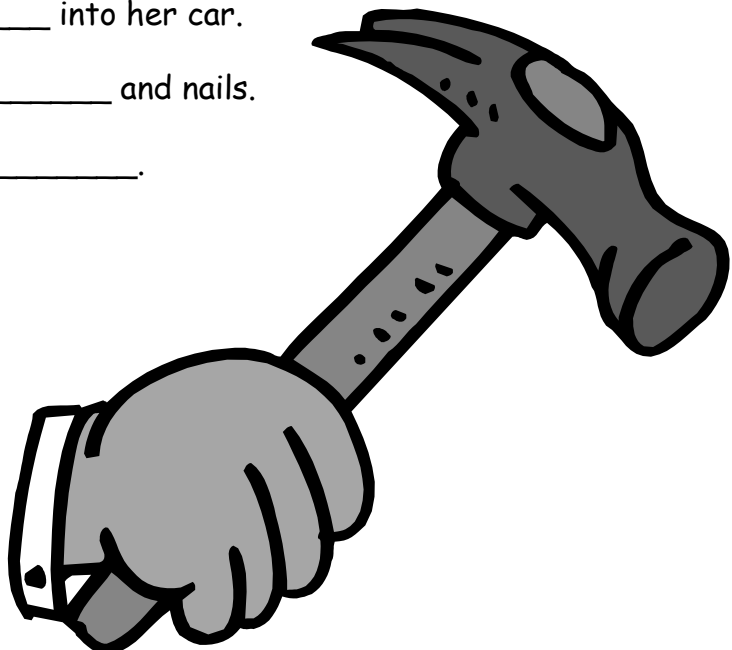
panda _____ _____ pencil _____ _____

husband _____ _____ gander _____ _____

hammer _____ _____ petrol _____ _____

Complete these sentences using words from above.

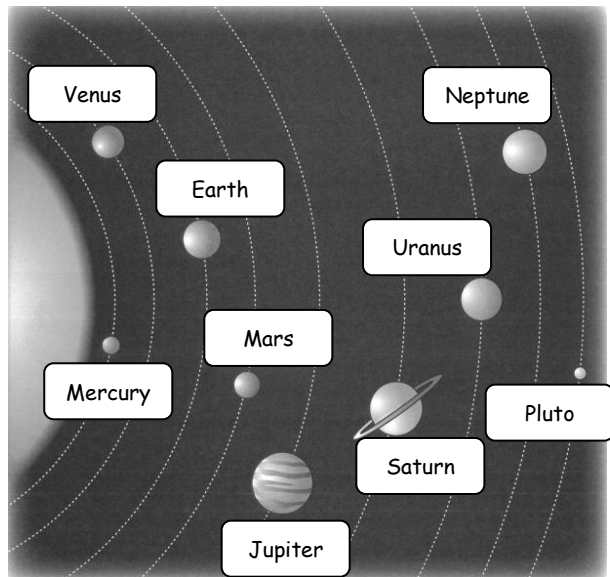
- The _____ and wife lived in a cottage.
- A _____ is a male goose.
- A _____ is a large black and white animal that lives in China.
- The motorist put _____ into her car.
- The carpenter uses a _____ and nails.
- People can write with a _____.



Homework 24

The Planets

- a. There are now eight planets in our solar system. Up until August 2006, there were nine. Since then, Pluto is no longer called a planet but is called a dwarf planet instead. Pluto is furthest away from the Sun. It is made of rock and ice and has no atmosphere.
- b. The largest planet is called Jupiter. It is more than 45 times bigger than Pluto.
- c. Mercury, the planet closest to the Sun, can have temperatures as high as 400°Celsius, which is four times hotter than boiling water.
- d. We live on Earth, the third planet from the Sun.
- e. Earth's neighbours are Mars and Venus. Of these three planets, Venus is the nearest to the Sun. Venus is the hottest of all the planets, even though it is not the closest to the Sun. Venus is the brightest object in the night sky, after the Moon.
- f. Mars is called the Red Planet because of its colour. A spacecraft landed on Mars in 1976. It found no signs of life, but scientists still believe that there may be some form of life there. In 2003, two robots, the Mars Exploration Rover, were sent to Mars. These robots have collected important information about the surface of the planet.
- g. Neptune is the eighth planet from the Sun. It is blue in colour.
- h. Saturn is a very large planet, almost as big as Jupiter. It is surrounded by seven flat rings. We know that Jupiter, Neptune and Uranus, the planet between Saturn and Neptune, are also surrounded by rings.



Questions

1. Which is the hottest planet?
2. Which is the largest planet?
3. Which planet is red?
4. Name a planet that is blue in colour.
5. Which planets are surrounded by rings?
6. Which planet is closest to the Sun?
7. Name Earth's two neighbours.
8. In which year did a spacecraft first land on Mars?

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