
STEP

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Concepts

Vowel Digraph - Diphthong Syllable

- 9.1 - ai, ay (plain, display)
- 9.2 - ee, ey (tweezer, valley)
- 9.3 - oa, oe, ue (croak, toe, revenue)
- 9.4 - oi, oy, au, aw (thyroid, employ, saucer, squawk)
- 9.5 - ou, ow, oo (trousers, drowsy, sloop)
- 9.6 - ea (eat, bread, steak)
- 9.7 - eu, ew, ui, (Europe, few, suit)

say

clay

ray

afraid

paint

rail

drain

fail

gait

train

spray

pain

plain

faint

may

trail

hair

Thursday

maid

bait

relay

pail

raid

rain

tray

hail

way

day

tail

hay

pay	gray	nail
lay	mail	Gail
mermaid	grain	snail
brain	wait	sprain
braid	chain	stay
waist	fair	painting
crayon	complaint	runway
haystack	playpen	rainfall
daisy	raisin	complain
repair	payment	railing

A

remain

container

mailbox

railway

paintbrush

raindrop

hailstorm

entertain

daytime

maybe

away

complaint

explain

airplane

subway

B

cay

slay

defray

strainer

sustain

prevail

bay

tailspin

proclaim

essay

bridesmaid

mayor

impaired

sway

retainer

array	retail	Malay
Bombay	rayon	cocktail
aim	daily	entail
parlay	curtail	obtain
impairment	jail	dainty
wayward	repay	faithful
bayside	detail	saying
bailiff	wayside	unpaid
fray	portraying	assail
await	bail	defrayed

faith	quaint	portray
tailrace	contain	acclaim
retain	acquaint	gay
appraisal	stray	display
tailgate	plaintive	pertain
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brainchild	staid	prevail
cattail	mainstay	trait
claim	decay	betray
ailment	dismay	inlay

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tailor	restrain	domain
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gain	ashtray	waif
failure	tailskid	mainland
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taint	hayloft	okay
frays	delays	vain
tailback	retrain	faithful

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1. Dad will get the bait so we can go fishing in the river.
 - 2 The tot held a daisy in his hand for his mom.
 3. Tom could not find the raisin bran on the pantry shelf.
 4. Sandy hopes to begin painting the den.
 5. The subway will be quicker than the bus.
 6. The maid was upset as she picked up a trail of papers left in the hall.
 7. The kids will organize a relay match at the park.
 8. Cara has a birthday in mid-July.
 9. Ted will complain about the rain, but I am glad since it will help the garden.
 10. Gail must hurry to catch the last train.

1. Jay always complains about something.
2. Put rays of sunshine in your painting.
3. I must not fail the quiz on Friday.
4. The chain fell off my bike.
5. I think the next holiday is Thanksgiving.
6. Let's hike the trail along the river.
7. Will you help me find a container for these marbles?
8. The tray with glasses of lemonade is hard to carry.
9. The raindrops are falling on the pavement.
10. Maybe we can go to the park on Saturday.

1. The kids had fun playing in the haystack.
2. My sister fainted in the hot sunshine.
3. We must wait until all the paint arrives.
4. Be careful in the railway station.
5. May we run to the mailbox to check the mail?
6. Gail thinks that the best story is the one about the mermaid.
7. Drain the bathtub after your bath.
8. Put your hands on your waist and do a spin.
9. I like to braid Terry's long black hair.
10. I will paint that daisy in the vase.

1. Jenny will display her art project for the class.
2. I like to visit the quaint harbors in Maine.
3. The decay of the old mill was quite evident.
4. Barry has to compose an essay for his English class.
5. The boss did not wish to pay the repair bill for the copy machine.
6. We will go to mass at that church on Sunday.
7. Mr. and Mrs. Kendrix have a cocktail party to attend.
8. Lilly is so dainty, but her sister, Tara, is not.
9. Can you explain the delay in mail delivery?
10. We must send this payment by Thursday so it will not be late.

1. The electric company will construct a relay station.
2. Tell me all the details about the party.
3. Mrs. Oliver has been elected mayor.
4. You must pay these unpaid bills by Friday.
5. Jay could not rest while he awaited the verdict.
6. Get the mainsail up before we get past this harbor.
7. Elaine likes the mohair better than the rayon cloth.
8. Do you claim this stray cat?
9. Hopefully this box contains the lost articles.
10. The repairman has not yet finished his job.

Mitchell Saves a Train Set

As Mitchell was on his way home, he went past a large corner lot and saw a pile of items stacked for the dump truck. Mitchell parked his bike and went over to the pile. He saw an old train set that had been discarded. It was in fairly good shape!

Mitchell made plans to repair the train set on Saturday. He went to the hobby store to obtain some sand paper and spray paint. He explained his project to the manager of the store. There was a display of paint near the entrance of the store. The manager claimed that the spray paint in the display was the best kind. Mitchell selected a faint gray color.

On Saturday afternoon, Mitchell began to tackle the job. The first step was to sand the scratches. This did take a long time. Finally, Mitchell began to spray paint. He had to do this carefully so that it would come out evenly.

At last the job was complete. The train set would not be dry until the next day. Mitchell felt much satisfaction and pride in his well-done task.

Gail's Challenge

Dave came home from the office with a pamphlet in his hand. His wife, Gail, could see the excitement on his face.

"This pamphlet describes the best vacation yet! It describes a hiking trip with guides that takes several days. Bob went last week and gave me the suggestion. He said it was fantastic!" Before he even sat down, Dave had explained it quickly to Gail.

Gail and Dave had gone on many short hikes but never on such a long one. The hike was a challenge. It covered difficult terrain. The trail went past a miner's claim and along cliff ledges. It started on a Thursday morning and ended on a Sunday morning. They would have to carry their food and a small tent.

Gail said, "No way! That sounds like too much hardship for me! That's no vacation. I would probably just complain the whole trip! I'm afraid I would starve on a diet of raisin trail mix and apples!"

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Gail's Challenge (continued)

Dave decided that Bob could help him convince Gail. Bob visited one evening to give Gail a first-hand description of the hike. Bob told her the trip was remarkable. "At one location there was a wild daisy field that was a wonderful sight. The guides were very capable; they would not let you go wayward." Bob went on, "As long as there is no rain or hail, you'll be fine. Believe me – it is a challenge, yet it's so well worth it. You'll never forget it!"

When Bob left, Gail turned to Dave and said, "Well, I guess I have been swayed. Let's do it! I had better start packing today so that we'll survive!"

need

feed

weep

beef

feel

sheep

deer

teeth

sheet

cheek

sheep

speech

speed

wheel

keep

key

kidney

agree

street

donkey

green

queen

valley

freedom

referee

free

seem

turkey

screen

weed

sixteen	tree	thirteen
beep	needle	creek
cheer	Hershey	jersey
baloney	hockey	beehive
sleeve	Kathleen	chimney
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chimpanzee	bleed	pokey
sweep	Barney	teepee
seventeen	Ashley	jeep
nineteen	between	asleep
parakeet	screen	beetle

indeed

racketeer

beeswax

steeple

Shirley

alley

cheekbone

hokey-pokey

toffee

trolley

screech

domineer

committee

disagree

peewee

parsley

Whitney

freeway

wheelde

spree

jockey

volley

kidney

tweed

chutney

motley

cockney

jamboree

volunteer

tweezers

squeeze	fleet	sneer
flee	tee	kidney
galley	tweed	screech
blarney	parsley	discreet
feeble	sweepstakes	esteem
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canteen	engineer	proceed
steed	abbey	seedling
fleece	leech	barley
medley	breech	preen
coffee	racketeer	absentee

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dreeph bleeth meech

breep theed heece

darsley malley sleeder

botley tonkey drolley

meep meesh gintey

seech poffee pleeve

neeve freep thracey

tarney spey cheem

bedley kipney bokey

1. Dad likes to get toffee fudge at the candy shop.
2. Barb thought Barney was the most adorable pup.
3. I like the turkey and stuffing on Thanksgiving.
4. The valley becomes so green in the spring time.
5. I plan to volunteer on the day of the race.
6. Bradley will get a jersey for the hockey club.
7. Let's get a volleyball game started before it gets dark.
8. The hokey-pokey dance was a big hit at the party.
9. Audrey gave Justin a big Hershey candy bar.
10. Cara just turned sweet sixteen!

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1. The two dogs, Barney and Pokey, had lots of fun.
 2. I think that the referee called a bad game.
 3. The chimpanzee has been trained and can do many tricks.
 4. Elaine will find the needle to mend this shirt.
 5. The children like to wade in the creek.
 6. We can keep the donkey in the stall.
 7. The sheets on the bed are dirty.
 8. Loretta will be the queen for the day.
 9. My baseball jersey has the number fifteen.
 10. Kathleen and the kids drove thirteen miles in the old jeep.

1. The chimney is made from red brick.
2. Go between the two girls at the end of the line.
3. Is it okay if we pet the sheep?
4. Thankfully, Barney recovered from his sickness.
5. Lee was thrilled to see the dolphins in the harbor.
6. I had a turkey sandwich for lunch and a small salad for supper.
7. The train station is on Green Street.
8. I can see three beetles and a bumblebee in the garden.
9. Some students in the class did not agree with the decision.
10. We must call the chimney sweep before we start a fire.

1. Mr. Kelly has to give a speech at the Rotary Club.
2. Add parsley, garlic and ginger to the grocery list.
3. I like the tweed jacket that Peggy wore at the meeting.
4. The bank predicts that it will take thirteen weeks to refinance our home.
5. Dwayne hopes he will be a big sweepstakes winner some day.
6. Indeed, the contest between Jim and Jeff will be a big event.
7. Shirley must concentrate to succeed on her essay.
8. The doctor told Tim that the kidney operation is quite risky.
9. Cathy and Bert went on a shopping spree when they got their tax return.
10. Dennis did not agree with his boss.

1. Let's go back to the apartment and have some coffee and donuts.
2. We need many volunteers for the prom committee.
3. I anticipate that Harry will disagree with this report.
4. Mr. Botley was in a refugee camp before he came to America.
5. We gave a cheer when Elaine finished the dress for the bride.
6. The engineer will complete the project on Thursday.
7. It feels like it is ninety degrees in here!
8. The committee must vote on this proposition.
9. The toffee fudge is such a temptation.
10. Uncle Fred sent in his absentee ballot.

The Beehive

Kathleen played near a small creek. She looked for beetles and collected them in a jar. She gathered thirteen beetles and then she sat under an apple tree to eat a Hershey candy bar.

Kathleen lay back on the grass and looked up into the tree. She saw a big beehive on the top branch. Even though she didn't see any bees, she quickly decided to rest under another tree.

Mr. Toffee's Agenda

Mr. Toffee was an engineer for the U.S. government. He was sent on a seventeen-day business trip to the Malay Peninsula. He had some time off while he was there. He went into the jungle and took many slide photographs of the wild monkeys.

Mr. Toffee returned to the United States and wished to share his photographs. He went to the Rotary Club on Jersey Street in Cherry Valley. There, he would volunteer a free delivery of his travel description. The club was indeed happy to let him do the presentation.

At the turkey dinner held in November, Mr. Toffee gave his speech and slide demonstration. He did this while the coffee and dessert were being served. He was able to add lots of humor to keep it interesting. The members of the club were very pleased.

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cocoa

load

shipload

roadblock

goal

float

cloak

mistletoe

foe

approach

roam

stagecoach

roadside

boast

oat

ue

blue

true

due

argue

overdue

avenue

rescue

clue

Tuesday

pursue

Sue

value

continue

glue

barbecue

oa, oe

encroach

coating

bemoan

loath

aloe

croak

poach

oath

woe

gloat

overload

roach

crossroad

foal

reproach

ue

ensue

construe

subdue

residue

venue

cue

hue

slue

revenue

imbue

sue

accrue

revue

flue

fondue

broam	ploe	sloat
droe	inroat	troast
scoak	drossroat	coes
roaf	balue	plue
stroe	trondue	cloe
boach	limbue	thue
moak	moaf	endue
cloam	joach	remue
droes	coag	soam
doath	targue	zoath

1. Jake groaned when his mom woke him in the morning.
2. Grab the hoe and help us in the garden.
3. The pig roast is such a fun event!
4. The kids went on tiptoe into the kitchen to get a snack.
5. Dad went to the department store to get charcoal for the grill.
6. The coach of the basketball club is Mr. Crusoe.
7. Joe went to float on the raft in the river.
8. That is a toad croaking in the grass.
9. It hurt when the soap fell on my toe!
10. The coach groaned when Tony missed the free shot.

1. Cross the wide avenue at Tenth Street.
2. The blue sky in that painting is nice.
3. Did you ever try beef fondue?
4. Did the three children argue about the leftover cake?
5. The playoff game will be on Tuesday.
6. Sue likes dance class but Cindy does not.
7. Sue will visit the baby on Tuesday.
8. Bill hopes to continue his study of acting some day.
9. Kenny and Pete jumped into the cold pond to help rescue the little pup.
10. Kevin likes to play the game of Clue because he seems to win.

1. Cathy was standing under the mistletoe, so Bert gave her a big kiss.
2. Meg had a sore throat for a week, so she went to the doctor.
3. The lake has a foamy substance on it.
4. I will order you some toast, poached eggs and coffee.
5. Mr. Crusoe longed for the boat that he saw in the harbor.
6. The stagecoach sat on the roadside.
7. Ben gloated about his victory in the competition.
8. The settlements in the valley were made along the railroad tracks.
9. Anna-May was given a toaster oven and a microwave as a wedding gift from Uncle Jack.
10. Joan was a switchboard operator for the telephone company.

1. Bob thinks he may pursue the open position for manager within his company.
2. It was difficult to get the true story rather than gossip.
3. The rain left a residue on Jake's new van.
4. Let's go to the True Value Hardware Store to get the gardening equipment.
5. The company has lost revenue since the stock market crash.
6. We must try to subdue the enemy.
7. The judge felt that the plaintiff was trying to misconstrue the facts.
8. Wipe off the residue on the bathtub.
9. Mr. Reed will replace the bent cue stick.
10. That club continues to dominate in the play-off games.

The Crusoe Express

Ed went to the train station with his mom and dad. They waited in the station for the arrival of the morning train at nine. Ed would travel by himself on an Amtrak passenger train from the city of Memphis to Dayton, Ohio. Ed was glad to be taking a train rather than an airplane, boat or car. He loved railroad travel!

Ed and his parents came to the station at seven-thirty with plenty of time to spare. They went to the loading dock to see a cargo train come into the station. It had large cars filled with coal.

At last, Ed's train came roaring into the station. It was called the Crusoe Express.

Ed's ticket was for the coach section since he did not plan to sleep. There were sleeping berths available in the first class section for those who wanted privacy.

The Crusoe Express could almost soar at fast speeds on its tracks to its destination. Ed saw the conductor board the train. His exciting trip would begin at last!

Value Dispute

Sue Phillips was a new products manager for a large corporation. The company was in the midst of expansion. It was truly a trying time. Sue sat at her desk with a detailed report. She had to prepare for Tuesday's committee meeting.

The company was planning the development of a product that did not seem cost-effective. Sue did not feel that the company should pursue it. She did not want her department to spend its time developing something that would not succeed in the marketplace.

Sue Phillips felt the value of the product was limited. She believed the company would merely accrue many expenses in its continued development. She made the decision to argue it at the committee meeting. She did not want the company to lose revenue.

boil

toy

boy

choice

spoil

noise

joy

moist

poison

sirloin

corduroy

broiler

tomboy

ointment

embroider

avoid

soil

point

rejoice

Roy

voice

joint

Floyd

enjoyment

destroy

oil

tinfoil

appoint

oyster

annoy

oi, oy

coin

disappoint

noisy

royal

appointment

enjoy

coil

embroidery

point

Leroy

toilet

paperboy

loyal

disappointment

join

au, aw

straw

Paul

law

jigsaw

saucer

sauce

— Milwaukee

squaw

awkward

squawk

fault

drawn

launch

crawl

raw

autograph

draw

faucet

laundry

astronaut

rawhide

dawn

haunt

Lawrence

sawdust

strawberry

author

brawl

fawn

August

sawmill

auto

scrawny

applaud

seesaw

tomahawk

coleslaw

saw

hawk

drawn

shawl

yawn

haunted

claw

exhaust

celluloid

deploy

haploid

envoy

employ

devoid

groin

convoy

paranoid

thyroid

boycott

asteroid

tenderloin

coy

parboil

tabloid

foist

foil

invoice

toil

turmoil

cloister

decoy

oilcloth

doily

recoil

foyer

soy

hoist

ahoy

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anoint despoil viceroy

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haul flaunt taut

jaunt auditory unlawful

overhaul authentic pauper

automate fraudulent augment

holocaust	awning	saunter
audit	crawfish	autopsy
vault	flaw	gawk
taunt	trauma	tarpaulin
gauntlet	defraud	auburn
withdraw	authority	fauna
saucy	caucus	bauble
laundress	caustic	nautical
austere	hydraulic	auditor
hawthorn	autocrat	dawdle

oi, oy

foy	foint	demoin
bonvoy	poil	broint
toid	inloy	stroy
boist	choiler	coimer
doy	folcoy	loice

au, aw

sawm	chaw	haun
aulment	baust	traud
paup	indaw	chaw
traum	blaw	fraw
saun	staw	lauch

1. Martha enjoys embroidery, but her sister, Meg, doesn't like to use a needle.
2. Did the bottle's label describe the contents as poison?
3. Kate acts like a tomboy and Florence like a lady.
4. The sirloin will spoil unless we grill it for dinner.
5. The boy was able to get a new pair of corduroy pants.
6. In order to avoid the traffic, Larry had to take back roads to the summer camp.
7. Roy pointed to the cattle as we drove past the farm.
8. Sandra was glad to display her extensive coin collection.
9. Leroy plays basketball just for the enjoyment of the game.
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1. The baseball games will be played in Milwaukee next week.
2. I hope that I can get Larry Bird's autograph at the play-off game on Tuesday!
3. I like to munch on raw carrots for a snack.
4. Paul will try to draw the strawberry patch in art class.
5. At dawn, Ted went down to the creek to find crawfish.
6. I hope to take a vacation week in late August.
7. Since the shuttle launching, many kids wish to be astronauts
8. Hopefully we can see the haunted castle.
9. Lawrence suggested that we play on the seesaw.
10. The chicken comes with coleslaw.

1. Paul was disappointed when he missed his dad.
2. Floyd pointed at the hawk in the sky.
3. Did the oil on the street drip from that auto?
4. The baby is crawling to join her sister.
5. The little snake in the garden is coiled up and sleeping under a rock.
6. Cathy gave Gram an expensive china cup and saucer from Germany.
7. Ed is the author of ten best-selling novels.
8. That stray dog is scrawny.
9. August is an extremely hot month.
10. The kids on the seesaw are quite noisy.

1. The man was paranoid about failure.
2. The place was in a turmoil so I left and came home.
3. The soil must be kept moist at all times.
4. Mom will pick up some aloe ointment at the drugstore.
5. Would you prefer the tenderloin or chicken for dinner?
6. It's okay to destroy that old invoice.
7. Place the oysters in tinfoil and bake them in the toaster oven.
8. I hope that all this exercise will help offset my thyroid problem.
9. Floyd must change the oil in his fleet of trucks.
10. I like parboiled potatoes with lots of butter and spice.

1. Meg felt that the property loss was her fault, but her husband did not blame her.
2. The first rocket was launched by Robert Goddard in Auburn, MA.
3. Jake will cover the grill with a tarpaulin before it starts to rain.
4. The renovation project is filling my apartment with sawdust.
5. We must take time to go to the automatic coin Laundromat.
6. When the autopsy was complete, it was evident that Henry had been murdered.
7. A brawl broke out in the park on Hill Street.
- 8. It is unlawful to traffic in drugs.
9. After the caucus, Pete must decide whether or not to drop his name from the ballot.
10. I assume my cash is safe in the bank's vault.

Behind the Scenes

* The Oyster Club was an active place. There was plenty happening in the kitchen. Floyd was the new head chef and he enjoyed his job. He had the most fun when planning a fancy party.

On this particular day, Floyd was getting set for an anniversary celebration. The waiters and waitresses were setting the tables. The bus boys were finishing the dining room set-up. Floyd's helpers, Jay and Margo, reported for detail.

The menu was a challenge - a surf and turf dinner. The timing was important so that it would not spoil the fine presentation. As an appetizer, every person would get a small portion of herring garnished with Floyd's special sauce. For the main dish, there would be a tenderloin steak and five shrimp.

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Behind the Scenes (continued)

In addition to the shrimp and tenderloin, each person would have potatoes, vegetables and a salad. Floyd planned to parboil the potatoes, then add butter, parsley and spices and heat them in tinfoil under the broiler. He would also serve a fancy carrot casserole.

There needed to be a joint effort in the kitchen in order to get everything set. Floyd became annoyed whenever he felt the dinners could be destroyed by negligence. He demanded a tip-top staff.

As people began to arrive for the party, an ornate ice carving was wheeled out onto a center table. It was two hands interlocked to represent the closeness of the anniversary couple. Assorted cheeses were displayed around the carving.

Floyd felt that the preparation was complete. As long as he avoided any major disaster, the party was sure to be a success. The manager of the Oyster Club was quite happy with his recent choice of Floyd for head chef.

Paul's Arrest

Paul Crescent was a pawn for organized crime. He had spent ten years laundering funds for an unlawful drug distributor. In August, 1988, he got a notification that the government planned to do an audit on his small coffee shop in Milwaukee. This haunted him. He did not dare tell Lawrence, his crime boss.

Paul made plans to get out of town. He had to withdraw all the cash hidden in his vault. He did not want to be jailed for his fraudulent activity.

Paul was set to go. He was on his way out when the cops came into his shop to make the arrest. There was a flaw in his plan of escape. The cops were aware of his unlawfulness and expected him to run. He was carrying twenty-five thousand in cash. Paul would have a difficult time in court. He was sure to get his due.

owl

loud

bow

thousand

cow

round

out

south

clown

down

cloud

found

towel

couch

ground

vowel

crowd

surround

trousers

frown

around

shower

count

announce

drown

about

town

chowder

roundup

discount

powder

aloud

amount

drowsy

brow

allow

thundercloud

outstanding

pronounce

plow

outline

sound

crouch

now

gown

shout

tower

lousy

allowance

rowdy

power

scoutmaster

flower

crown

ouch

pound

cloudy

hound

scout

boyscouts

tow

grow

blow

sparrow

mow

tomorrow

yellow

snow

window

follow

minnow

own

pillow

narrow

Halloween

below

snowstorm

window

glow

flow

crow

elbow

show

throw

arrow

rainbow

lawnmower

low

bow

snowball

noon

drool

fool

moon

boom

shampoo

room

spool

poodle

igloo

raccoon

afternoon

bloom

boomerang

cartoon

moose

foolishly

scooter

loose

pool

scoop

smooth

shoot

stoop

balloon

spook

broom

mushroom

baboon

rooster

fishhook

woodshed

cookbook

childhood

took

stood

book

hooked

driftwood

understood

brook

booklet

good

footing

shook

hook

crooked

soot

look

boyhood

woodchuck

bookmark

hookup

football

woodpecker

scrapbook

pocketbook

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acoustic

caribou

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scoundrel	bound	grout
bountiful	counselor	account
outlandish	pronoun	devout
renown	astound	impound
flounder	surmount	scour
counterpane	council	outwit
unfounded	pounce	endow
counterpart	compound	bounty
expound	county	scoundrel
avouch	surmount	empower

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bowleg

bungalow

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tallow

billow

furrow

fellow

followed

overthrow

coop

pooch

doom

buffoon

gloom

tattoo

loophole

moonstone

skiddoo

bamboo

goober

goop

tomfoolery

harpoon

gloomy

monsoon

aloof

smooch

soothing

bazooka

doomsday

voodoo

typhoon

sloop

scrooge

taproot

booty

woozy

boost

groom

wooly

hoodman

crook

backwoods

manhood

footing

goodwill

betook

hooky

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underfoot

chinook

mistook

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adulthood

moody

bamboozle

ballroom

bookcase

whirlpool

barefoot

bookmark

sloud

flouser

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smown

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droon

nout

mowf

strown

trowd

slouk

crout

thoup

mowk

smout

blowth

choop

1. We will have clam chowder, corn on the cob and lobster!
2. That thundercloud indicates that a storm is on its way.
3. How do you pronounce that difficult word?
4. Cathy had to sprinkle baby powder on the little tot.
5. A standing room only crowd gathered for the Stanley Cup play-off game.
6. It is impossible to find any discount tickets for the event.
7. Dad will not allow me to go by myself to the park.
8. Mr. Hinkley is the scoutmaster and he is planning a big summer outing.
9. Now we must jog to the top of the tower.
10. Even the sound of the bugle couldn't wake Barb.

1. Quickly come see the rainbow!
2. Tony likes to play in the sand with his tow truck.
3. In the morning, Martin will show me the garden.
4. Dad must fix the lawn mower so he can cut the grass.
5. We can't throw the pillows but I wish we could.
6. Crows and sparrows are feeding at the bird feeder.
7. Open the windows to get some fresh air.
8. The crows made such a racket as they ate the bird seed.
9. A bad snowstorm is predicted in Wisconsin.
10. The kids were pretending to follow the yellow brick road.

1. Mom will help me shampoo my hair this afternoon.
2. Floyd enjoys the Saturday morning cartoons.
3. It's always a challenge to try to fool Dad.
4. Gringo, the poodle, yelps at the birds in the yard.
5. The flowers in our garden will bloom in the spring.
6. Mr. Brooks demanded that the farmer get the rooster off his property.
7. My tooth is very loose.
8. Martha was so spoiled during her childhood!
9. The kids collected driftwood while they were away for summer vacation.
10. Mrs. Wilson is hooked on that good book!

1. The council meeting will be held in the basement of the town hall.
2. The state government has more power than in the past.
3. I have a grammar test on nouns and pronouns.
4. Jan was surrounded at her locker by cute boys!
5. Cara was outstanding in the basketball game on Saturday.
6. Brad must make an outline for his paper and submit it by Friday.
7. Stanley had to take a shower and shave before he went on his date with Kim.
8. There was lots of rowdy shouting at the boxing bout.
9. The traffic cop impounded Joan's motorcycle.
10. She was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

1. It's hard to see the growth in the company since it has been so slow.
2. Barb and Ed's big window gives a terrific view of Nipmuc Lake.
3. Peg and Jim owned a shop in Sturbridge called Glasshoppers.
4. Barb insists on keeping the pillow even though most of the stuffing is gone.
5. We will apply for a loan to borrow cash in order to remodel.
6. It was difficult to hike along the narrow path on the cliff.
7. I think it will take a crowbar to get this window open!
8. Can I borrow a dollar to get a bus ticket?
9. The shallow pond on this property is quite low, due to no rain.
10. The victory was won by a narrow margin.

1. The kids can swim in the shallow pond with a lifeguard present.
2. The story of Tony's accident was blown way out of proportion.
3. Hopefully the snowplow will not be needed after March or April.
4. The Enchanting Bungalow turned out to be a lousy place to stay.
5. Mike likes to follow Jed around town.
6. The fellow sat at the counter and ordered a sandwich and soda.
7. The bills were mounting, so Cindy had to quickly borrow cash.
8. Bert went to the shopping mall to find some trousers and an overcoat.
9. Pete had to elbow his way through the slow crowd.
10. Mr. Brown was just elected to the position of county sheriff.

1. Dennis will travel to Vancouver for an international sales meeting.
2. Cara will participate in the youth games to be held in Atlanta.
3. Ed will play acoustics for the band on Tuesday.
4. The caribou in northern Canada are quite large!
5. Mom was able to find pink louver blinds for the kitchen.
6. Mrs. Gorell clips coupons to save money at the grocery store.
7. Dad likes to make goulash for Saturday's supper.
8. Tony enjoyed the cougar, but Terry liked the elephant best.
9. Sandra will organize a group camping trip.
10. Gram made homemade chicken soup to help Cathy recover from the croup.

1. Steve lost his footing and fell a short distance off the ladder.
2. In the afternoon, we can play tennis and have a whirlpool bath.
3. As Tom lay on the hospital bed, he was glad to hear his wife's soothing voice.
4. The booster club will hold an auction on Tuesday.
5. We are praying that Ted's kidney operation goes smoothly.
6. The bride and groom will arrive at the reception soon.
7. Mom objected to the tattoo of a baboon that Gerry wished to get.
8. Jake made plans to withdraw from his savings to pay for the Skidoo.
9. Paul foolishly went to Milwaukee for the weekend.
10. What does the footnote say at the bottom of the page?

1. The sale of his book will boost his savings account.
2. The men made it understood that the collection was for a goodwill organization.
3. The detective does not have proof that the youth is a crook.
4. The raccoon came out of the woods to be a scavenger for food.
5. Paula should not play hooky from school.
6. We applauded the volunteers' goodwill.
7. I think you mistook him for someone else.
8. Do not overlook Mark's fine effort with the project.
9. The old man withstood surgery on his lungs.
10. Mr. Perez is the author of three cookbooks.

A Class Goes Fishing

Mitchell Brown was in charge of the five-year class reunion for Bounty High School. It was a small, all-boy school in Canada. Mitchell wanted to get as many to attend as possible. There were fifty members in his class.

Mitchell called his counterpart, Tom, to help him organize the event. Mitchell felt that the best way to round-up a good crowd was to rent a boat for the day and go fishing on Perry Sound. Tom agreed and they sent out notifications about the trip.

Quickly, Mitchell began to get responses to his letter. Thirty class members would go on the Perry Sound outing. People felt it would be a nice opportunity to get a little rowdy and visit with old friends.

The day came at last, and people met on the deck of the boat. Mitchell started a competition for the biggest catch. He said he could outwit the fish. The challenge began.

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A Class Goes Fishing (continued)

There was a considerable wind as the boat aimed toward an outstanding location in the sound. It was a place that seemed perfect for catching large flounder. Fishing continued all day. When a person shouted, "Success!" the number of pounds were recorded on a chart. At the end of the day, the boat returned to the dock.

Mitchell jumped onto a stand to announce the winner. His day's catch was a disgrace! The amount he reeled in was not even enough to make chowder! He allowed some heckling before he admitted to his lousy day. Then the winner of the competition tossed him into the bay.

Mitchell was proud of the outing's success. It was lots of fun to get back together with his classmates again.

Lost

The skidoo sped through the Vancouver snow. The open terrain was a place for the girls to let loose. It was a wonderful afternoon so Sandy and Paula took the skidoos out for fun.

The trail went for miles but then returned to the winter camp. It was a foolproof trail that covered much distance.

After awhile Paula came to a stop. She suggested that they go off the trail to explore. Sandy felt it was probably a foolish thing to do, but she went along with her friend. Paula gave a loud whoop as she steered her skidoo off the path. They went through trees until they came to a small, frozen pond. While resting there, they saw a moose!

The afternoon quickly progressed. They felt that darkness would soon be upon them. They had to find the trail and get back home! At first they had no luck. The sun began to fade, and the girls began to worry. They did not want to panic, but a spooky feeling crept into their minds. They seemed to be going in endless circles.

Return to Camp

Sandy and Paula were lost deep in the woods. They understood their difficult position. No one had a clue where they were on the skidoos.

It was now dusk; soon it would be dark! Paula took a left turn around a large rock. She saw an opening through the trees. She directed her skidoo in its direction. It was the winter camp! Somehow they had made their way back to the camp without the help of the trail. They were so happy to be safe. They vowed never to take that foolish chance again.

leave

flea

tea

teach

year

beat

meat

leader

treat

eagle

beagle

disappear

meal

stream

underneath

cheap

feast

leaf

increase

peanut

season

seat

real

dream

beak

repeat

team

speak

deal

lead

beam

cream

reader

please

mean

read

sneakers

tease

ear

heat

teacher

eat

dear

reason

hear

cheat

leash

eastern

beast

squeak

easy

underneath

streak

peace

teacup

seashore

peacock

dreamer

beneath

beaver

death	sweating	instead
meant	meadow	weather
healthy	thread	ahead
steady	spread	pleasant
heavy	read	head
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sweat	bread	health
breath	feather	meadow
ready	peasant	sweater
breakfast	already	wealthy
deaf	leather	headmaster
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retreat

mislead

misread

squeamish

preach

seamstress

sheaf

preacher

spear

congeal

weaver

spearmint

deacon

easel

appeal

treason

weasel

conceal

beaker

heathen

misdeal

dealer

eastward

entreat

leaflet

appease

mistreat

unseat

crease

displease

decrease

leadership

ease

yeast

weave

steal

clear

plead

beacon

teamster

bleak

repeal

beacon

cease

cheaply

treaty

streamer

cleaver

defeat

reveal

yeast

bereave

overhear

meantime

feasting

ordeal

squeamish

tease

feasible

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steak

great

break

wear

tear

bear

pear

swear

greatly

unbearable

bearskin

breakable

forebear

underwear

overbear

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B

threat

tread

steadfast

endeavor

dread

breast

heavenly

weapon

heather

leaven

steadfast

threaten

pheasant

leapt

treadle

1. The Wilson Reader Number Nine is a challenge to read.
2. Barney is Ed's beagle puppy.
3. The sneakers are still wet from the puddle.
4. You should increase the amount of time you read.
5. The springtime is my best season.
6. Can you please speak a bit more loudly?
7. The roller coaster ride at the amusement park is a real thrill.
8. We must elect good leaders.
9. I dream about helping lots of children.
10. Peanut butter is good with marshmallow.

1. That place has cheap meals that are quick.
2. My dog will chase cats unless it is on its leash.
3. Please read and follow the directions carefully.
4. If you leave now, you will miss the best part of the play.
5. The child's teacher gave lots of praise.
6. Harry will lead the way along the dark path.
7. It is thrilling to fish in that clear stream.
8. There is an eagle's nest near that cliff and if we are lucky we will spot the eagle.
9. I hope you have good reason to be so late.
10. The kids in class like to tease endlessly.

1. The healthy baby was checked by the doctor.
2. The bucket of ice is heavy.
3. You will need a sweater in the cold hockey rink.
4. Purple, red and yellow wild flowers grow in that meadow.
5. Get some thread and a needle to mend the dress.
6. It's already past your bedtime!
7. This bad weather will not get me down.
8. Spread the table cloth on the picnic table.
9. The bus will be here soon and I am not ready.
- 10.

1. The fake bearskin rug is so soft.
2. At last Kim's great invention had some recognition.
3. Lena likes to wear the pink shirt and jacket.
4. Be careful of that breakable vase.
5. James is so weary from his job.
6. Kwon had a large slice of steak for dinner.
7. His dad seems to be very overbearing.
8. Tear the paper along its edge.
9. Did the glass window break when the ball hit it?
10. The size of the great black bear was impressive.

1. My doctor suggested that I decrease the number of times I take this prescription.
2. The misdeal in the card game led to a quibble.
3. Elaine is a fine seamstress.
4. The incredible castle is concealed by trees.
5. Mr. Martin plans to establish a car dealership.
6. Carla freshened her mouth with spearmint gum.
7. The clear sky indicates a fine day.
8. Jed's disrespect will displease the boss.
9. The man uselessly pleaded with the judge.
10. Willingly, Phil revealed the evidence that he had collected over time.

1. I did not plan to overhear their conversation.
2. The team is feasting at a victory party.
3. Due to those clouds, this day seems bleak.
4. The vacation retreat sounds perfect.
5. Larry will not forget that trying ordeal.
6. The defeat in Congress is a set-back for our cause.
7. I applaud the president's outstanding leadership.
8. The children were squeamish when they held the snake.
9. With his speed, Mike was able to steal home plate.
10. Hopefully that statement did not mislead you.

1. We can cheaply repair the stove instead of buying a replacement.
2. Add a tablespoon of ginger to the pheasant stuffing.
3. The United States hopes to act as a steady presence for peace.
4. Emma was steadfast about repealing the law.
5. I can tell that Ed is healthy again since he is feasting on the steak.
6. There is a threat of defeat if the battle does not cease.
7. Hopefully, the traumatic endeavor will end soon.
8. The hurricane is spreading the river across the meadow.
9. The feather pillow is beneath the bed.
10. The great beast leapt from the sea to make its attack.

A Gorgeous Time of Year

It's fall in New England! It's the best time of year for many people there. The trees paint the land in a gorgeous array of colors. They're red, yellow, orange, peach, cranberry, and golden brown.

Many travelers make their way to this part of the nation during autumn. It doesn't matter which Northeastern state they visit; people are pleased by the wonders around them. They're rarely disappointed by this season.

If you're lucky enough to be in New England in October, you'll be treated to a heavenly sight.

A Dream for Peace

Mr. Heath woke in the middle of the night. He had been dreaming and recalled the story in detail. The next morning he told his wife about his vivid memory.

Mr. Heath had a dream for peace in the Middle East. He was elected as the head member of a five-man team to travel to the Middle East in hopes of spreading peace. The team consisted of top leaders from five nations. The endeavor was a great one. The job ahead of them would not be easy.

In the dream, Mr. Heath traveled to the Middle East. The team was threatened by heavy gunfire near the meeting location. They were steadfast in their task. After three weeks of talks, a treaty of cease fire was at last signed. Mr. Heath returned home with the first step in peace accomplished.

Mr. Heath enjoyed his role as a world peace maker in the dream! Mrs. Heath chuckled over her husband's quest for greatness.

drew

chew

news

grew

few

dew

jewel

blew

nephew

screw

outgrew

newspaper

threw

mildew

jewelry

pew

stew

Matthew

renew

Andrew

unscrew

overthrew

dewdrop

crew

Drew

dewberry

sewer

cashew

screwdriver

pewter

askew

spew

crewman

brew

lewd

hew

strew

crewneck

shrewd

corkscrew

Dewey

steward

eschew

gewgaw

hewn

sinew

Jewish

jeweler

Hebrew

anew

brewery

renewable

skew

pew

curfew

crewel

slew

withdrew

curlew

shrewdly

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recruit	deuce	sleuth
fruit	feud	euglena
juice	maneuver	neurology
pursuit	neuron	eureka
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cruise	sluice	juicy
suitcase	feudal	bruise
eulogy	bruit	euclid
Eugene	cruiser	lawsuit
Eunice	bruiser	recruitment
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1. The ring was safely put in the locked jewelry box.
2. Helen delivers the newspaper on Sunday.
3. My nephew, Andrew, is a talented artist.
4. Close your mouth when you chew your food.
5. I think the children outgrew those toys.
6. Melissa drew a remarkable sketch.
7. There is mildew on the tile in the bath.
8. The sad news was told to the class.
9. There are a few thunderclouds in the sky.
10. Lewis threw his old toothbrush in the basket.

1. My license is renewable with the payment of a fee.
2. Mrs. Long withdrew her cash from the bank.
3. A Phillips head screwdriver is needed for this job.
4. The steward on the ship is unavailable.
5. We will get a disinfectant to help eliminate the mildew problem.
6. Benjamin shrewdly maneuvered his way into the sales department.
7. Lewis would like to study neurology at Harvard University.
8. Jane gave Teddy's clothes to her nephew as soon as he outgrew them.
9. You can read about the sewer problem in this evening's newspaper.
10. Paul threw the game away when he made the error at first base.

1. The two sides have been feuding for years.
2. We will be studying more about neurons.
3. Ed and Barb's tennis score was at deuce.
4. My suitcase is packed for yet another trip.
5. The juicy plum was the perfect treat.
6. The army made a sly maneuver in battle.
7. Ed and Barb would like to cruise the Greek islands!
8. The army made Alice a recruitment officer because of her delightful personality and competence.
9. Our crew is in hot pursuit of the Duke University rowing team.
10. Eugene threw out Mom's pewter cup by mistake.

Cruising to Jamaica

Lewis had to somehow maneuver some time off. He won a contest giving him a free, seven-day cruise around Jamaica. His wife, Heather, had already spoken with her boss, and she was set. Lewis and Heather had often dreamed of such a vacation!

Lewis meant to talk with his boss on Thursday in a regularly scheduled meeting. However, he could not wait. On Tuesday morning, he entered Mr. Sleuth's office. He gave his plea. Mr. Sleuth understood. A cruise was not cheap, and the opportunity to go on a free one did not happen frequently! He, himself, had gone on a cruise and felt it was a great vacation.

Mr. Sleuth told Lewis that he would return to work feeling renewed. He said that the eastern sea had a positive effect on people. Instead of making it difficult for Lewis to go, his boss readily gave him the time off!

Lewis and Heather were thrilled. Soon they would be sunning themselves and feasting. A cruise in good weather would be heavenly.

Post Test Step Nine

A

beetle	hayloft	charcoal
meadow	argue	shampoo
thundercloud	hockey	choice
astronaut	awkward	enjoying
rainbow	showered	beneath

B

minnow	booster	empower
celluloid	counterpart	deployment
dismayed	proceeding	maneuver
dawdle	revenue	authentic
decrease	sustained	steadfast

Post Test Step Nine

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slawm

bleaster

sloud

implue

cheemer

bauding

glowt

choop

plocay

prewst

1. Divide words into syllables and circle any suffixes.
2. Mark "D" under d- syllable types and circle all vowel teams.