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   __________
4. regretful, remorseful
   __________
5. carve, cleave
   __________
6. provoke, arouse
   __________
7. intuition, perception
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B. Complete each riddle with a vocabulary word. Use the pictures to help you.

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A. Use what you know. Write the best word to complete each sentence.

1. The sky's __________________ deepened as the sun set.
2. The hikers stopped for the night at a youth ________________
3. Did the leaders try to __________________ the workers to trouble?
4. Fatima wrapped a beautiful yellow __________________ around her.
5. You could see the deer __________________ as we interrupted their meal of our yew bushes.
6. The carver began to __________________ a figure from the wood.
7. With sudden ________________, Kaneko knew what she had to do.
8. Jill was ________________ she had been so rude to the caller.
9. Mr. Fine agreed to a __________________ relinquishing his right to the property.
10. The crowd seemed angry and __________________ to the visiting dignitaries.

B. Read each question. Choose the best answer.

1. What might a dieter do?  □ wave  □ waver  □ waiver
2. Who says sorry?  □ offender  □ offended  □ offensive
3. What hue is the ocean?  □ purple  □ orange  □ blue
4. How do enemies feel?  □ hostel  □ hostile  □ hospitable

Writing to Learn

Write an apology that one neighbor might make to another. Use at least three vocabulary words.
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These book titles have errors in them. Rewrite each title so it is correct.

1. Mystery at the Hostel Hostile
   
2. If You Sign a Waver, You Might Be Sari
   
3. Incite into Hews for Your Home
   
4. Looking Good in a Sorry
   
5. Don't Waiver! How to Hue Out Your Share of Happiness
   
6. When to Insight a Rebellion
Write and Wrong

Here are some of the bad guys from the world of words. They all share the Latin root *mal*, meaning "bad" or "wrong." For each word listed below, write the letter of the correct definition. Next, circle the correct pronunciation. Use a dictionary to check your answers.

a. desiring harm to someone or something else
b. bad or harmful, producing death
c. illness believed to be spread by bad air, actually spread by mosquitoes
d. performing one's duty in a bad or wrong way
e. bad-smelling
f. one who does wrong; a villain
g. having bad feelings toward someone or something; spite, hatred
h. bad speech; a curse
i. a bad health condition; a disease
j. a word used the wrong way; usually with humorous results

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Not knowing words can be deadly! For each tombstone clue below, write the most suitable vocabulary word.

1. Here lies the body of Mildred Pink, Done in by the stink From her kitchen sink.

2. When I got sick, says Pauline Peters, Was it bad air— Or was it ‘skeeters?

3. Blarney Barney Using the wrong word was my curse. Oh well, things could have been verse.

4. Here lies the body of Muscles McMillian, known by all as our town villain.

5. Roosevelt Ruth had an aching tooth. He never should have Visited Doctor Goof!


7. Here lies Timothy Tate, Eaten up by his very own hate.

8. Roger Rumor A deadly tumor put him In a very bad humor.

9. Miss Mary Louise Caught a very bad disease. It made her sneeze ‘Til weak in the knees.

10. On the way To harm a friend, Jealous Jason Met his end.
Pardon Me?

Something is not quite right here. For each sentence, cross out the problem word and replace it with the vocabulary word that will make more sense.

1. After several botched surgeries, Dr. Mordred Miles is on trial for medical expertise.

2. Sheila inhaled a deep breath of the fragrant air blowing in from the landfill.

3. Scientists have been studying the puzzling well-being of soldiers exposed to chemical warfare.

4. Muttering angry benedictions, the prisoner shuffled back to his cell.

5. The surgeon was extremely concerned about the benign tumor growing on the young man's arm.

6. For years, people who lived in swampy areas suffered from good air.

7. Her correct words never failed to produce howls of laughter.

8. While the teacher's back was turned, the class bully gave his neighbor a kindly kick in the shins.

9. John Wilkes Booth was the benefactor responsible for Abraham Lincoln's murder.

10. Benevolence is the root of every war.

JUST FOR FUN
See whether you can identify these nursery rhyme characters.

A. What large family lived in a malodorous home?
B. Who received malicious blows for stealing a pig?
C. What pastry chef should have been arrested for malpractice?
D. What malfeactor scared a little girl out of her breakfast?