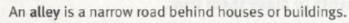
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Word List



alley [aii] n.



- The alley behind my house looks dirty.



ax [æks] n.

An ax is a tool used to cut wood.

→ She used an ax to cut some wood for the fire.



bunch [bant] n.

A bunch is a group of the same things.

→ She was hungry, so she ate the entire bunch of grapes.



chore [tjo:r] n.

A chore is a job that you have to do but don't like.

→ It's Nikki's chore to do the dishes every Tuesday and Wednesday night.



decent [disent] adj.

When something is decent, it is OK or good enough.

→ Eric did a decent job painting the fence.



disgrace [disgreis] n.

Disgrace is a feeling of shame.

→ He felt a sense of disgrace after failing his big exam.



elbow [élbou] n.

The elbow is the middle part of a person's arm that lets you bend it.

- She pointed to her elbow to show me where she hurt herself.



grateful [gréitfei] adj.

When you are grateful for something, you are happy that it happened.

→ The girls were **grateful** to have a chance to spend time with their grandfather.



irritate [fratěit] v.

To irritate means to annoy someone.

→ She was irritated when her brother told her that he had lost her camera.



kid [kid] v.

To kid is to make a joke to make someone believe something which is not true.

→ I am not really mad. I was kidding when I said I was angry.





















loose [lu:s] adj.

When something is loose, it is not held in place well.

- The bolt was loose, so I tightened it with the wrench.

offend [əfend] v.

To offend someone means to make them angry or upset.

→ They were both offended by what they had said to each other.

overnight [ōuvərnáit] adv.

When something happens overnight, it happens during the night.

- The campers stayed in the tent overnight.

persist [pairsist] v.

To persist means to keep doing something even when it is hard.

→ Even though the lesson was difficult, he persisted until he understood.

pine [pain] n.

A pine is a type of tree that is tall and thin.

→ There were many beautiful pine trees in the forest.

Scar [ska:r] n.

A scar is a mark on the skin after a wound heals.

→ The monster had horrible scars on his cheek and forehead.

sensation [senséi]en] n.

A sensation is a feeling a person gets from their senses.

- Mom got a painful sensation in her head from the loud noise.

sled [sled] n.

A sled is a small vehicle that you use on snow.

- Marvin likes to ride his **sled** down the hill in winter.

tease [tiz] v.

To tease someone means to laugh at or make fun of them.

→ Jake teased Charlie because he was the new student.

valentine [vælentåin] n.

A valentine is someone you love or admire with great affection.

→ Harry wanted Molly to be his valentine.

Exercise 1

PART A Choose the right word for the given definition.

- 1. not strongly put in place
 - a. kid
- b. loose
- c. disgrace
- d. sensation

- 2. thankful
 - a. decent
- b. irritate
- c. grateful
- d. offend

- 3. a job or task
 - a. sled
- b. chore
- c. alley
- d. ax

- 4. someone you love or admire
 - a. valentine
- b. pine
- c. bunch
- d. elbow

- 5. to make angry
 - a. offend
- b. scar
- c. persist
- d. overnight

PART B Choose the right definition for the given word.

- 1. bunch
 - a. a group of things
 - c. a narrow road
- 2. elbow
 - a. a picture
 - c. a part of the arm
- 3. irritate
 - a. to keep trying
 - c. not being serious
- 4. disgrace
 - a. shame
 - c. during the night
- 5. decent
 - a. to make fun
 - c. a job or task
- 6. overnight
 - a. happening during the night
 - c. not held in place
- 7. ax
 - a. a tall tree
 - c. a part of the arm
- 8. tease
 - a. a group of things
 - c. when something is enough
- 9. pine
 - a. a job one has to do
 - c. a mark left on the skin
- 10. sensation
 - a. someone one loves or admires
 - c. a feeling

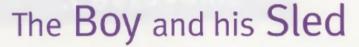
- b. a tool
- d. wood from a tree
- b. a mark on the skin
- d. a vehicle for snow
- b. to annoy
- d. full of thanks
- b. to make angry
- d. not strongly attached
- b. a feeling from the senses
- d. good or correct
- b. to make fun of someone
- d. a feeling one gets from their senses
- b. a tool used for cutting
- d. a feeling of shame
- b. to make a joke
- d. to make fun of someone
- b. a tall tree
- d. a vehicle used in the snow
- b. to make someone angry or mad
- d. a scar

Exercise 2

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Choose the word that is the better fit for each blank.

1.	ax / pine
	The man bought a big He needed it to cut down a(n) tree in his yard.
2.	offend / tease
	The bully likes to the smaller children. He does not know that his actions them.
3.	overnight / loose
	The door to the shed is It will be windy tomorrow, so I must work to fix it so it does not blow away.
4.	chore / grateful
	The of cutting the grass was difficult. However, the boy was when he was paid for his hard work.
5.	alley / sled
	After the snow storm, the was covered with snow and ice. It was fun to ride our down the path.
6.	elbow / scar
	She hurt her and had to go to the doctor. There is a large where the cut healed.
7.	persist / bunch
	She must put all of the leaves into a It will not be easy, but she must to get the job done.
8.	kids / irritate
	The boy always his friend about things that aren't true. But he will his friend if he continues this action.
9.	valentine / decent
	He thought that until he got a haircut, Elena would never be his
10.	sensation / disgrace
	The runner felt when he lost the race. He had a terrible in his stomach.



Mike was the smallest child in school. Another boy, Joe, always **teased** Mike. Joe had a large **scar** on his face from fighting other children. One day, Joe **offended** Mike when he made fun of Mike's **valentine**, Jane. Mike felt **disgrace**, but he didn't know how to make Joe stop.

That day, Mike walked home down an **alley**. He found a **bunch** of wood boards next to a **pine** tree. He thought to himself, "I could build a **decent sled** from this. If I let Joe use it, he will be nicer to me and Jane." He took the wood home.

Mike got an **ax** and cut the wood. He used nails to make sure that the pieces were not **loose**. As he worked, he bumped his **elbow** on the boards. The painful **sensation** made him want to cry. It was a hard **chore**, but he **persisted**. He worked **overnight**. By morning, the sled was finished.

Mike called Joe on the telephone. He said, "Hi Joe. Come over to my house right away."

Joe didn't know why Mike wanted him to come over. When Joe arrived, Mike told him, "Joe, it **irritated** me the other day when you said mean things about my card to



Reading Comprehension

PART A Mark each statement T for true or F for false. Rewrite the false statements to make them true.

1	Joe offended Mike by saying mean things about his valentine, Jane.
2	Mike found a bunch of pine trees.
3	Joe was a decent person at the beginning of the reading.
4	Mike persisted even though the chore was very hard.
5	Mike used his elbows to put together loose pieces.
6	Mike told Joe he was sharing his new sled because he was a civil person.

PART B Answer the questions.

- 1. Which item did Mike NOT use when building the sled?
 - a. Ax
 - c. Alley

- b. Nail
- d. Valentine
- 2. At the end of the reading, Joe _____
 - a. was grateful that Mike was nice
 - c. irritated Mike again

- b. did not get to ride on the sled
- d. said he was kidding
- 3. Why did Mike feel a painful sensation?
 - a. Joe teased him with the hammer.
 - c. He got a scar on his face.
- b. He dragged the wood home.
- d. He bumped his elbow on the boards.
- 4. According to the reading, when did Mike build the sled?
 - a. The next morning
 - c. Before school

- b. Overnight
- d. Throughout the day