

WORD LIST



agreement [əgrɪ:ment]

n. An **agreement** is a formal decision about future action.
I think you'll get Tom's **agreement** to this proposal.



arise [ərāɪz]

v. To **arise** is to happen.
Difficulties **arose** with his computer because it was old.



benefactor [bénefækter]

n. A **benefactor** is a person who gives money to help someone.
The student's **benefactor** gave him money to spend on his studies.



blacksmith [blæksmiθ]

n. A **blacksmith** is a person who makes things out of metal.
The **blacksmith** pounded the piece of metal until it was flat.



chimney [tʃímni]

n. A **chimney** is a tall pipe used to carry smoke out of a building.
The cat was sitting on the roof next to the **chimney**.



compensate [kámpənséit]

v. To **compensate** is to pay someone for the time they spent doing something.
Her boss **compensated** her for the extra work she did last week.



encounter [ɪnkáunter]

v. To **encounter** is to find or meet a person or thing.
I **encountered** a sea turtle while I was swimming.



exceed [ɪksi:d]

v. To **exceed** is to be more than something.
Since I **exceeded** my limit, I decided to get rid of my credit cards.



forge [fɔ:rdʒ]

v. To **forge** is to make or produce, especially with difficulty.
Stacy and Heather **forged** their friendship when they were teenagers.



humble [hámbl]

adj. People who are **humble** do not believe that they are better than other people.
Even though Bob is the smartest boy in his class, he is **humble**.



Track 2-1



iron [aɪərn]

n. Iron is a strong metal that is used to make many objects. The horse had shoes made of iron.



ladder [lædər]

n. A ladder is an object that is used to climb up and down things. He used a ladder to climb to the top of his tree house.



modest [mədɪst]

adj. If people are modest, they do not think that they are too important. Derek is very modest for someone who is so rich.



occupy [əkju:pə]

v. To occupy a place is to live, work, or be there. Kevin and Alice occupied the chairs and had a long discussion.



penny [péni]

n. A penny is a coin worth one cent. US President Abraham Lincoln is on the penny.



preach [pri:tʃ]

v. To preach is to talk about and promote a religious idea. Aaron often preached about living an honest life.



prosper [prósper]

v. To prosper is to be successful or make a lot of money. Frank's new business finally prospered after many years of hard work.



province [právins]

n. A province is an area that is controlled by a country. Canada is divided into several different provinces.



satisfaction [sætisfækʃən]

n. Satisfaction is the feeling of having done or received something good. Brad was filled with satisfaction when he saw what was for dinner.



sustain [səstéin]

v. To sustain something is to keep it going. Wind power is a clean way to sustain a city with energy.

EXERCISES

A Circle the word that fits the definition.

1. to make or produce with difficulty
a. prosper b. arise c. penny d. forge
2. a person who works with metal
a. iron b. blacksmith c. agreement d. benefactor
3. to keep something going
a. exceed b. sustain c. preach d. occupy
4. an area that is part of a country
a. ladder b. province c. encounter d. compensate
5. thinking of oneself as not being too important
a. penny b. satisfaction c. chimney d. modest

B Circle the right definition for the given word.

1. **benefactor**
a. giver b. an area c. money d. too much
2. **compensate**
a. where smoke goes b. to shape metal
c. a tool used to climb d. to pay someone
3. **occupy**
a. to be rich b. to happen
c. to see someone you know d. to be in a place
4. **iron**
a. a small coin b. a type of metal
c. a good feeling d. a person who makes things with metal
5. **exceed**
a. to keep something going b. to not talk about yourself too much
c. to be kind to others d. to go past a certain limit

C Circle the answer that best fits the question.

The Real Saint Nick

At Christmas, children wait for Saint Nicholas to bring gifts down the **chimney**. But it's not just a story. Saint Nicholas was a real person.

A long time ago, a man named Marcus **occupied** a house with his family. He was not **modest**. He always told everybody he was the strongest man in the **province**.

He worked hard, but he could barely **sustain** his family. He wanted to save money and **prosper**. Still, he could never earn a **penny** more than he needed.

One day, Marcus made an agreement with a **blacksmith**. The blacksmith had a lot of work to do, but he couldn't do it all by himself. Marcus wanted to help him **forge** iron. The blacksmith agreed to **compensate** him with a lot of money.

In the same town, there was a man named Nicholas. At an early age, Nicholas started **preaching**. But he also believed that he should be **humble** and helpful. He learned that helping people gave him even more **satisfaction** than preaching.

One day, Nicholas **encountered** Marcus. Marcus told Nicholas about his **agreement** with the blacksmith. "I worked hard for him," Marcus said, "but a problem **arose**. Even though I worked for him, he didn't pay me."

Nicholas wanted to help Marcus. That night, he went back to Marcus's house. He brought a bag of gold. It **exceeded** the amount that Marcus needed. Nicholas climbed up a **ladder** and dropped the bag of gold down the chimney. Marcus thanked his **benefactor**.

Soon, people found out about Nicholas's gift. He became well known and loved. Even today, people still give secret gifts to children. And we say they are from Saint Nicholas.

READING COMPREHENSION

PART A

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

1. Marcus occupied a home with Nicholas.

2. Marcus told Nicholas about his problem when he encountered Nicholas.

3. A problem arose for Marcus because he enjoyed preaching.

4. Nicholas got a lot of satisfaction from being charitable and humble.

5. Marcus was compensated by the blacksmith for helping forge iron.

6. The money that Nicholas gave Marcus exceeded the amount he needed.

PART B

Answer the questions.

1. Which of the following is true about the job Marcus did?
 - a. He made pennies.
 - b. He was always compensated fairly.
 - c. He preached to people.
 - d. He barely sustained his family.
2. Why didn't Nicolas tell people that he gave money away?
 - a. He prospered.
 - b. He didn't want to be modest.
 - c. He wanted to be humble.
 - d. He wasn't popular in the province.
3. Why did Marcus want more money?

a. To buy more iron	b. To feed his family
c. To give it away	d. To become a blacksmith



Track 2-2