Lesson 1

Spelling Words in Action

What stunt was performed by a woman nearly a century ago?

Free Fall



Every year, thousands of people brave the **traffic** to travel to Niagara Falls. The famous waterfall lies between New York and Canada and is about 170 feet high, or more than **twelve** stories tall. Most people just watch the falls. On October 24, 1901, one person did more than just look. She was the first person to go over the falls in a wooden **barrel**!

Her name was Anna Taylor. This, her first real adventure, could have been her last. She was sure that if she survived the fall, she would find **fame** and fortune.

Several **hundred** people stood along the banks of the Niagara River. They cheered as the barrel was released in the water. The barrel floated with the **swift** current. Then, it tumbled over and down the falls. For a while, there was no sign of Anna Taylor. The crowd was **silent until** finally the oak barrel bobbed into view.

The barrel was brought ashore. As Anna was released from the barrel, the crowd went **wild** with cheers.

Taylor was famous for a little while. **Later** on, she earned money posing for photographs.

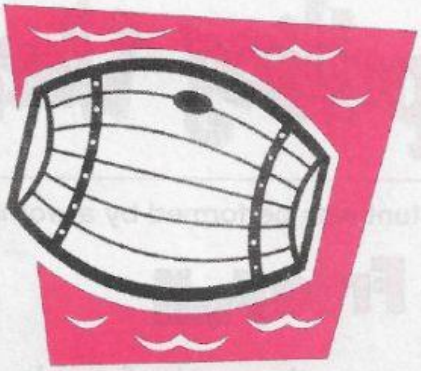
Look back at the boldfaced words. Say each word. What consonant sounds do you hear in each word?

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Spelling Practice

TIP

Consonants are all the letters of the alphabet except **a, e, i, o, u,** and sometimes **y**. In most words, you can hear the sounds of several consonants. Listen for the **w, l,** and **d** sounds in wild. Sometimes a consonant in a word is doubled, but you hear it only once, as in banner and dollar.



LIST WORDS

1. banner
2. hundred
3. fame
4. later
5. seven
6. hammer
7. twelve
8. barrel
9. dollar
10. letters
11. silent
12. wild
13. until
14. swift
15. bottles
16. pineapple
17. film
18. gallon
19. traffic
20. eleven

Listening for Consonant Sounds

Write one consonant or two different consonants to complete each **list word**.

1. f a ___ e
2. t w e ___ ___ e
3. w i ___ ___
4. e ___ e ___ e n
5. l a ___ e r
6. s w i ___ ___
7. s e ___ e n
8. h u n ___ ___ e d
9. f i ___ m
10. ___ i ___ e n t
11. u n ___ i ___

Write a double consonant to complete each of these **list words**.

12. b a ___ ___ e l
13. b a ___ ___ e r
14. l e ___ ___ e r s
15. h a ___ ___ e r
16. g a ___ ___ o n
17. b o ___ ___ l e s
18. d o ___ ___ a r
19. t r a ___ ___ i c

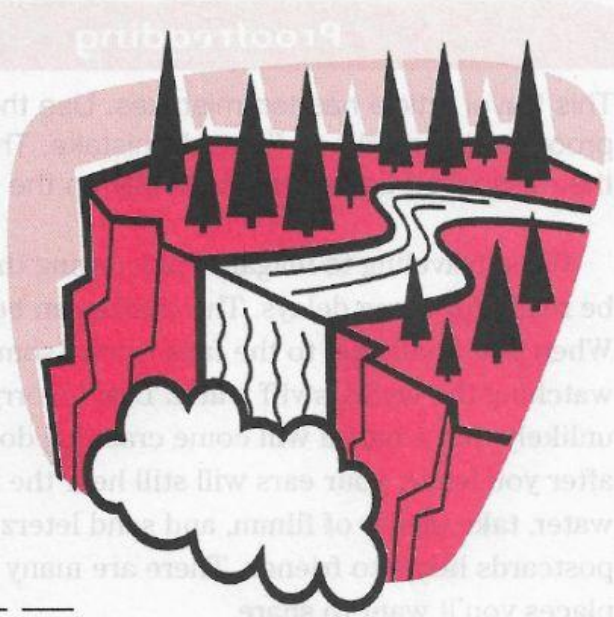
Write four consonants to complete the **list word**.

20. p i ___ e a ___ ___ ___ e

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Definitions

Read each definition clue. Write **list words** in the spaces. Then use the numbered letters to solve the riddle.



1. cars ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
   (11) (4)
2. 12 – 1 = ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
   (9)
3. a flag ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
   (7)
4. quiet ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
   (2) (6)
5. not tame ___ ___ ___ ___
   (8)
6. fast ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
   (3)
7. popularity ___ ___ ___ ___
   (1)
8. writing marks ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
   (10)
9. a movie ___ ___ ___ ___
   (5)

Riddle: What runs and falls but never walks?

Answer: ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) (11)

Vocabulary

Write **list words** under the correct headings. The first one has been done for you.

numbers

1. eleven
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

fruit

5. _____

money

6. _____

tool

7. _____

measurement

8. _____

containers

9. _____
10. _____

time words

11. _____
12. _____

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