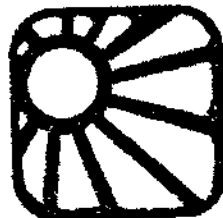


Seasonal Partners

Make an appointment with four different people—one for each season of the year. Be sure that you both record the appointment on your page. Only make the appointment if there is an open slot at that season on both of your calendars.



IDENTIFYING TIER TWO WORDS IN TEXT*

DIRECTIONS: Below is the opening paragraph of a retelling of an old tale about a donkey who is under a magical spell that forces him to do the chores for a group of lazy servants. The story would appeal to third and fourth graders.*

Using the Tier Two word criteria, underline the words that fit this category. Note your reasoning for doing so.

“Johnny Harrington was a kind master who treated his servants fairly. He was also a successful wool merchant, and his business required that he travel often. In his absence, his servants would tend to the fields and cattle and maintain the upkeep of his mansion. They performed their duties happily, for they felt fortunate to have such a benevolent and trusting master.”

* Beck, I., et al., Bringing Words to Life, p. 18 (taken from Kohnke, 2001, p. 12)



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SITCOM Vocabulary Exercise LINCS Practice*

From Seinfeld:

festivus - a holiday invented by Frank Costanza in response to his aversion to the commercialism of Christmas; rituals included airing of grievances and feats of strength

denogginizer - the nickname given to a serial killer who removes the heads of his victims

yada, yada, yada - a phrase that is used to replace many words or sentences in the middle of a long story

From King of Queens:

clickalicious - someone of the opposite sex that you would like to get to know better; someone you would like to 'click with'

From The Simpsons:

debigulator - a machine which shrinks things

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Vocabulary Assignment

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denogginizer

yada, yada, yada

clickalicious

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What do you call a really heavy cucumber?

ANSWER: Cumbersome

cumbersome (adjective): large or heavy; difficult to carry

Writing Prompt

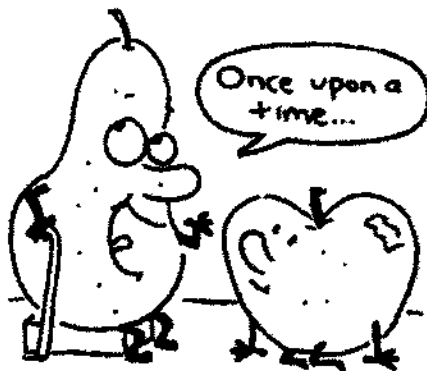
Imagine a world in which light objects have suddenly become cumbersome. What if you were suddenly surrounded by heavy feathers, boulderlike pebbles, and ten-pound pencils? Write a story about this environment in which everything is cumbersome.



What kind of story did the pear tell the apple?

ANSWER: A parable

parable (noun): a story that teaches a moral or lesson



Writing Prompt

King Midas was granted a magical power. Everything he touched turned to gold. At first he was happy, but when he tried to eat, his problems began. All his food kept turning to gold. So he begged for the power to be taken away. King Midas's story is a parable. It teaches the lesson that there can be too much of a good thing. Write your own parable. At the end, reveal the lesson it teaches.