

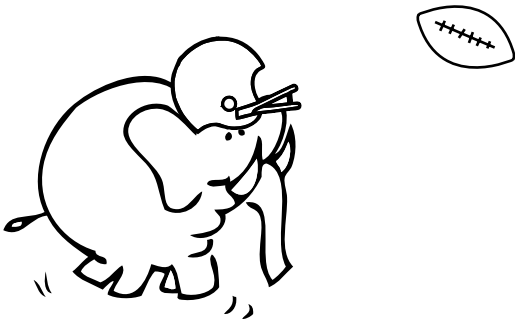
My Trip

Because I worked so hard this year, I vowed to take a break. I budgeted for a few months and planned where I would like to visit. After I scouted out many places, I finally selected a great spot. I stuffed my bags full, uprooted myself, and departed. I traveled to a warm, sunny island and entered a land where everyone is relaxed. From the moment the plane landed, I enjoyed myself. I suntanned on the clean white sand, sailed the blue water joined in a beach volleyball game. When the sun felt too strong, I sheltered myself in a straw hut near the hotel. I sauntered through town and even bartered with the shopkeepers. One night, I saw people gathered on the beach by a fire. Some fishermen roasted fresh fish, and I delighted in a munching broiled catfish with the locals. If you ask me, I would not mind being stranded on this island forever!

A Coach's Wish

Coach Rayburn needs better football players. His last team was not too great. Those old players had to leave the field on stretchers. So Coach used his printer to make posters and hung them up all over town. It does not matter if these new ball players are shorter or taller. They have to work harder with the team trainer on getting stronger.

Coach has many spots to fill. A thrower with a stronger arm, a kicker who can kick goals from farther away and a holder who keeps the ball still would make the team so much better. Coach also needs a punter who can punt longer and a runner who is swifter and smarter. Coach does not want players who waste all their time in the locker room or at the water cooler. He wants to feel much prouder of his team. Do you think he will get his wish?



Today's Headline News

Prizefighter Throws Party, Firefighters Called

Matt Winslow, boxing titleholder, set off firecrackers in his backyard after last night's win. Nearby homeowners called the fire department when sparks landed in their yards. One gardener told reporters, "If the firecrackers had been any lower, my roses would have gone up in smoke!"

Speaker to Give Talk at Town Hall

Gail Weather will compare lawnmowers at a meeting tonight. Some new brands are slower and take longer to get the job done. Gail will explain which ones are lighter and faster. Shop smarter after Gail tells you which brands have lower prices.

Storyteller Reads to Kids at the Town Library

Bookseller and storyteller Kay Midland will read from one of her newer works, *Be a Quicker Thinker: How to be a Sharper Student in Just One Week*. She hopes that students will be able to use her pointers for doing homework faster and handing in papers sooner. She feels that, "Working smarter, not harder," is the key to success in life.



Level 4 C Suffix -er

WORDS

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| 1) drier | 11) busier |
| 2) plunger | 12) officer |
| 3) breezier | 13) foggier |
| 4) phonier | 14) crazier |
| 5) wealthier | 15) creepier |
| 6) naughtier | 16) stingier |
| 7) wrapper | 17) chatter |
| 8) whopper | 18) saucer |
| 9) shinier | 19) knottier |
| 10) healthier | 20) zipper |

PHRASES

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| 1) riper, juicier fruit | 3) the funnier clown |
| 2) the broken copier | 4) the strong hiker |

SENTENCES

- 1) Betty has been healthier since she started bike riding.
- 2) The crazier she acted, the angrier I got.
- 3) The teacher tried to help the stranger with the jumper cables.
- 4) Tracy was fonder of the lacier wedding gown than the plainer one.
- 5) The shier child was naughtier with the babysitter.
- 6) That's a fancier and shinier fabric than mine.

Level 31.1 B Prefix in-

WORDS

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|------------------|------------------|
| 1) incapable | 11) insincere |
| 2) incisors | 12) insecticide |
| 3) inflammable | 13) inclusion |
| 4) inaugural | 14) incision |
| 5) insightful | 15) incite |
| 6) indulge | 16) incarcerate |
| 7) invaluable | 17) indebted |
| 8) inconceivable | 18) inception |
| 9) indigestion | 19) independence |
| 10) intelligent | 20) incidentally |

PHRASES

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| 1) incubated the chicks | 3) inflammable pajamas |
| 2) an insincere apology | 4) insightful observation |

SENTENCES

- 1) I will forever be indebted to you for your invaluable investment advice.
- 2) I feel insecure about flying in inclement weather.
- 3) Hank Aaron was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1982.
- 4) It would be inconvenient if our company stayed indefinitely.
- 5) The army infiltrated the small inlet and attacked the fort.
- 6) The child ingested some insecticide, and they had to pump his stomach.

Level 31.2 A Prefix il-, im-, ir-

O: Latin and Anglo Saxon

M: in- changes to il- before an l in- changes to im- before an m, b or p in- changes to ir- before an r

P: /il/, /im/, /ēr/ Refer to Appendix _

WORDS

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| 1) illustrate | 11) imposter |
| 2) illusion | 12) impolite |
| 3) illegal | 13) immodest |
| 4) illiberal | 14) immortal |
| 5) illusional | 15) immense |
| 6) illiberalness | 16) irregular |
| 7) impair | 17) irrecoverable |
| 8) impending | 18) irrational |
| 9) impress | 19) irreverant |
| 10) imprison | 20) irredeemable |

PHRASES

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| 1) acting on impulse | 3) a good impression |
| 2) illegal drugs | 4) irregular shape |

SENTENCES

- 1) Sandy seemed immune to Jake's impolite remarks.
- 2) Were you fooled by the optical illusions?
- 3) I must impress upon you that following directions is vital.
- 4) If you act on impulse, you often do irrational things.
- 5) When we write a summary, we delete irrelevant details.
- 6) After the fire, the family albums were irrecoverable.

Level 31.2 B and C Prefix il- im- ir

WORDS

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1) illegible | 11) imbalance |
| 2) illiteracy | 12) impinge |
| 3) illicit | 13) immeasurable |
| 4) illumined | 14) immaterial |
| 5) illaudable | 15) irrefutable |
| 6) illustrious | 16) irreversible |
| 7) illumination | 17) irreverence |
| 8) illusory | 18) irritable |
| 9) immature | 19) irregularity |
| 10) immobile | 20) irreparable |

PHRASES

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1) a lawn irrigation system | 3) impinging on his civil liberties |
| 2) illegal aliens | 4) making irreversible mistakes |

SENTENCES

- 1) It is an immense imposition to show up at a friend's house without an invitation.
- 2) Because of a nutritional imbalance, my vision was impaired.
- 3) The defense lawyer argued that his client's irreverence was irrelevant.
- 4) George has some irrational excuses for his irresponsible behavior.
- 5) Their friendship is irreconcilable because of some irrevocable, hurtful comments.
- 6) After the hurricane, Kenneth's home was irreparable and his valuables were irretrievable.