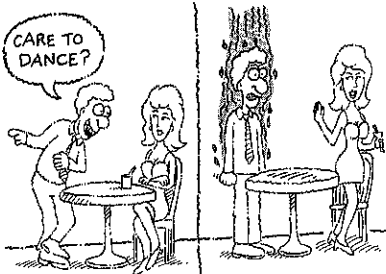


7th Grade Spelling Words

Week of: _____

SPURN
(spurn) v.
to reject with disdain

Link: **BURN**

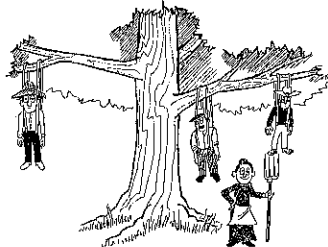


"Robert was **BURNED** when Rebecca **SPURNED** him."

- James talked of nothing but how much he wanted a date with Ruth, but would never ask her for fear she would **SPURN** him.
- The buyer's ridiculously low offer to buy the house was **SPURNED** by the seller.
- When Jimmy Connors won the tennis match and offered to shake hands with his opponent, the loser **SPURNED** Jimmy's hand and walked off.

HUSBANDRY
(HUZ bun dree) n.
management of resources,
especially in agriculture

Link: **HUSBAND TREE**



"To help in her **HUSBANDRY** chores, Aunt Emma had her own **HUSBAND TREE**."

- Bud's superb **HUSBANDRY** of his orange grove resulted in a larger than expected crop this year.
- (**HUSBANDRY** is the practice of conserving resources; to **HUSBAND** is to economize.) Experts say the world's oil resources will soon be exhausted, and we must soon begin to **HUSBAND** oil.
- Everyone in our squad **HUSBANDED** their share of water for the long trek back to the barracks.

ENSEMBLE
(ahn SOM bul) n.
a coordinated outfit or costume;
a musical group

Link: **HANDSOME DEVIL**



"James Bond was a **HANDSOME DEVIL** in his spy **ENSEMBLE**."

- Darla found the perfect pair of shoes to match her **ENSEMBLE** she is going to wear to the prom.
- A French fashion designer will work an entire year to get ready to show his **ENSEMBLES**.
- The wedding **ENSEMBLE** consisted of a troupe of gypsy musicians, dancers, and singers.

DEFAME
(dih FAYM) v.
to libel or slander; take away a good name

Link: **RENAME**



"When the good name of William Bonney was **DEFAMED**, reporters **RENAMED** him 'Billy the Kid'."

- DEFAMED** and defeated, Napoleon was exiled to the Island of Elba.
- False accusations by lying men have **DEFAMED** the reputations of many reputable women.
- Thomas Jefferson was once quoted as saying, "**DEFAMATION** is becoming a way of life inso-much that a dish of tea cannot be digested without the stimulant."

PHOBIA
(FOH bee uh) n.
a persistent, illogical fear

Link: **PHOTOS**



"Some natives have a **PHOBIA** about **PHOTOS**, believing their soul will be captured inside the box."

- Those who have a **PHOBIA** about heights are said to be acrophobic.
- Claustrophobia is the **PHOBIA** of a person who fears small, confined spaces.
- Monophobia is the **PHOBIA** of being alone.

MENAGERIE
(muh NAJ uh ree) *n.*
a collection of live wild animals on exhibit

Link: LINGERIE



"A MENAGERIE of LINGERIE"

- Busch Gardens has a wonderful **MENAGERIE** of lions, tigers, elephants, and other wild animals roaming free and on display in a park-like setting.
- To have a house pet is one thing, but Susan keeps so many parrots and cats in her house, it is a virtual **MENAGERIE**.
- With twelve children in the family, the Jacksons referred to their offspring as their **MENAGERIE**.

CACOPHONY
(kuh KAH uh nee) *n.*
harsh sounds

Link: COUGH

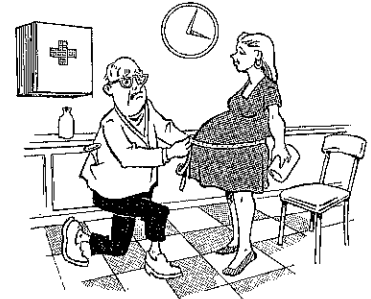


"A CACOPHONY of COUGHING"

- A **CACOPHONY** isn't just noise, it is disturbing noise such as when people shout all at once.
- Grandpa thinks all rock music is a **CACOPHONY** to be avoided whenever possible.
- An unpleasant **CACOPHONY** of sound was produced as the orchestra tuned their instruments. But once they began to play together the sounds became euphonious.

GIRTH
(girth) *n.*
the distance around something; circumference

Link: BIRTH

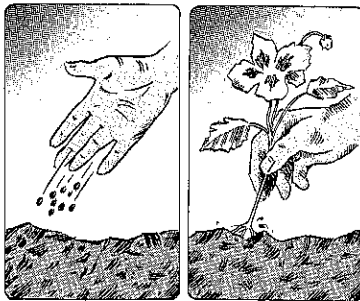


"Before giving **BIRTH**, ladies are quite large in **GIRTH**."

- Before crawling into a sewer pipe, it is first wise to measure its **GIRTH**.
- The **GIRTH** of the planet Earth is about twenty-five thousand miles.
- The **GIRTH** around the middle of the horse was too large to fasten the saddle.

ANTECEDENT
(an tuh SEED unt) *n.*
going before; preceding; an occurrence or event preceding another

Link: HAND SEED

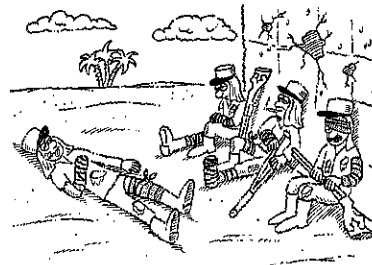


"The **HAND** that plants the **SEED** is the **ANTECEDENT** to the hand that picks the flower."

- The steam engine was the **ANTECEDENT** of the gasoline engine.
- Your ancestors were your **ANTECEDENTS**.
- The atomic bomb was the **ANTECEDENT** of the hydrogen bomb.

LESION
(LEE zhen) *n.*
wound, injury; especially one created by a disease

Link: LEGION



"Soldiers of the French Foreign **LEGION** suffering from their **LESIONS**"

- The nurses told Crystal to keep the bandage on her knee until the **LESION** healed, otherwise the open sore would be prone to infection by airborne bacteria.
- When a person has a **LESION**, even a small one that will not heal, it is time to see a doctor.
- Ebola is an infectious disease characterized by open **LESIONS** of the skin.