

Words to Own

Collection 9: Imagine

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Developing Vocabulary

Carefully read each word's definition, explanation, and sample sentence. Then write a sentence of your own using that word.

1. **moor** (mōor) *n.* a large area of hilly, barren land. ▲ The verb *to moor* means “to tie with cables” and also “to secure a boat.” Both the noun and the verb derive from an Indo-European base meaning “the sea.”

■ Sherlock Holmes, the great detective, often hunted down his criminal quarry against the backdrop of an English moor. (“I Never Saw a Moor,” line 1)

Original sentence: _____

2. **heather** (hethv Er) *n.* any of a variety of flowered shrubs that commonly grow in barren regions. ▲ The word *heath* refers both to an evergreen shrub and to the infertile land in which such shrubs grow.

■ Generations of British poets have been inspired by the pink and purple flowers of the plant *Calluna vulgaris*, commonly known as “heather.” (“I Never Saw a Moor,” line 3)

Original sentence: _____

3. **billow** (bilvō) *n.* a large wave; a growing mass. ▲ This word is from an Old Norse word meaning “swell.”

■ A billow of smoke rose from the bonfire. (“I Never Saw a Moor,” line 4)

Original sentence: _____

4. **meter** (mētvr) *n.* a systematic rhythm in verse; a measure of verse; a fixed verse form. ▲ The related verb *to meter* means “to measure” or “to supply in a regulated amount.”

■ The poetic meter iambic pentameter contains five “iambs,” which are pairs of syllables accented on the second syllable. (“Kidnap Poem,” line 6)

Original sentence: _____

5. **alliterate** (Ē•litĒr•āt:) *v.* to repeat the initial sounds in two or more neighboring words or syllables. ▲ This word comes from the Latin *littera*, which means “letter.”

■ Selena liked to alliterate the headlines she wrote, as “Spaceship Spotted in Spain” demonstrates. (“Kidnap Poem,” line 11)

Original sentence: _____

6. **complement** (käm•plĒ•mĒnt:) *v.* to fill out or complete. ▲ This word is from the Latin word *complementum*, meaning “complete.”

■ Michelle decided to complement her guitar playing with the occasional harmonica solo. (“Kidnap Poem,” line 12)

Original sentence: _____

7. **lyre** (lĳr) *n.* a stringed harp. ▲ The northern constellation Lyra represents the *lyre* of Orpheus, who was a famous musician in Greek mythology.

■ Orpheus played the lyre so beautifully that he charmed even Pluto, god of the underworld. (“Kidnap Poem,” line 13)

Original sentence: _____

8. **ode** (ōd) *n.* a lyric poem on an exalted theme. ▲ *Ode* comes from a Greek word meaning “song.”

■ John Keats’s most famous poem is entitled “Ode to a Nightingale.” (“Kidnap Poem,” line 14)

Original sentence: _____

9. **vain** (vān) *adj.* conceited; foolish; worthless. ▲ *Vain* stems from the Latin *vanus*, which means “empty.”

■ The vain rock star would spend hours in front of the mirror combing his hair. (“Beware: Do Not Read This Poem,” line 2)

Original sentence: _____

10. **suffice** (sĒ•fĳs) *v.* to be enough. ▲ The phrase “suffice it to say” means “I shall content myself with saying.”

■ I would prefer two helpings of stew, but one will suffice. (“Fire and Ice,” line 9)

Original sentence: _____