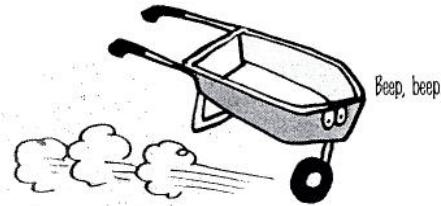


- Sue uses these words when describing the wakeboard tricks. Spell them correctly.
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- What does the underlined word mean?
 While ice climbing, Jolene exacerbated her shoulder injury.
- Circle the subordinate clause in each example.
 - Since we were running out of air, we gave up on our search for the cave.
 - It was essential that we get back to the surface quickly.
 - Everyone returned safely because we started our assent in time to avoid danger.
- In example 5, what bias does the author show?

- What is the main idea of the passage?
 What a crazy idea! People actually fix up wheelbarrows with headlights and taillights. Then they race with them! This is not just any short little afternoon race, either. They race 100 kilometers. They race all weekend, pushing wheelbarrows along the long, varied terrain through city streets and along country highways. Who would want to do such a strange thing?



- Write a synonym for **altercation**.
- Does the sentence show correct pronoun usage?
 Who wants to come to the guinea pig races with her and me?
- Add correct ending punctuation.
What an exciting finish to the lizard race
- Which information can be found in a world almanac?
 - results of the latest Olympic games
 - recent population statistics for a country
 - names of leaders of world countries
 - current weather forecasts around the world



- Rewrite the passage to include more interesting, colorful, active, or precise words or phrases. Pay special attention to replacing the underlined words.
 Now here's an unusual recreational activity: a person is on a bed of sharp nails at the same time concrete blocks are broken on his chest. The 21 blocks had a total of 692 pounds of weight. Others used 16-pound sledgehammers to break the blocks while Chad Netherland lay on the blocks.

1. Add correct punctuation and capitalization.

Let's race our camel at the Geelong Camel cup Carnival Sam suggested to Sara we could win a thousand dollars

2. Finish the analogy.

noisy : clamorous :: _____ : superb

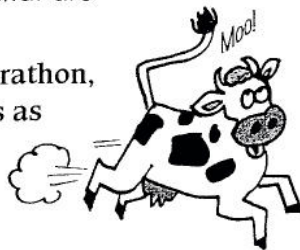
- ☐ raucous ☐ clamor
☐ subtle ☐ splendid

3. Circle the interjection.

Oh, no! Our camel is racing the wrong way!

4. Replace the verbs with words that are more specific and interesting.

At the Millthorpe Murphy Marathon, racers carry 50 kg of potatoes as they run 1610 meters.



5. Find the pun in each example.

A. Jude cracked his shin in the egg-throwing competition.

B. I hear you're a shoe-in to win the boot-throwing contest.

C. If you're trying to win a cow-riding race, the most important thing is to keep moo-ving.

D. Count deDough is the judge for the contests at the Penny Collecting Festival.

E. All eyes are on the winner at the Potato Carnival, because she is wearing such an appealing outfit.

1. Give the two different meanings of the two homographs in the sentence.

Abigail went to the judges to contest the results of the contest.

2. What kind of phrase is underlined?

The object is to toss the egg without breaking it.

3. Correct any misspelled words.

A riegning beauty queen and her decietful, concieted nieghbor teamed up to compete in the local egg-throwing contest.

4. Al has borrowed a book on extreme sports.

He wants to find the definitions of the ice-climbing terms used in the book. Where (in the book) should he look?



5. Revise the passage to make it flow more smoothly, and to give it more variety in sentence length and structure.

Some people race lizards. They get together in Eulo, Queensland. They go to a race track that is specially built, built just for racing lizards. They take their lizards along. The event begins with a lizard auction. Then they race their lizards in five different events. They can win prizes if their lizard wins a race.

Read

1. Identify the mode of this selection (expository, narrative, imaginary, persuasive, or personal-expressive).
2. Circle an inference made by the author of this selection.
3. What is the difference between Katie's winning spitting distance and the world record?
4. Which event at the Bug Bowl would you most like to watch (or NOT watch)?
5. What precaution does a cricket spitter need to take when getting ready to spit the insect?



Imagine putting a dead bug on your tongue—not just once, but many times a day. “Why,” you wonder, “would anyone do that?” Just ask teenager Katie Herrnstein, cricket-spitting competitor at Purdue University’s 1998 Annual Bug Bowl. Katie won the competition for the second year in a row to become the Junior World’s Champion. She spit a cricket 16 feet, 2 inches to win this title. The honor received so much attention that Katie was invited to fly to Paris to show her cricket-spitting skills on French television.

Another cricket-spitting champion is even better known for this unusual talent. Danny Capps of Wisconsin holds the world record (as certified for the Guinness World Records). He spit a cricket 30 feet, 1.2 inches to set a new record. Like Katie, Danny has had a long interest in insects, and is not the least bit bothered by the practice of holding dead bugs on the tongue.

How does someone spit a cricket far enough to win a competition or set a record? According to Katie Herrnstein, you place the cricket (dead, of course) in the center of your tongue near the front. Then you take a deep breath, being careful not to swallow the insect. Finally, you exhale as hard as you can—just as if you were spitting a watermelon seed or a spitball.

Cricket spitting is just one of the insect activities that draws visitors to Purdue University every April. Thousands of people also pet insects in a petting zoo, watch cockroach races, enjoy many insect exhibits, and taste foods cooked with insects or honey. The popularity of these events shows that many people beyond Katie and Danny are comfortable with bugs.

Write

Create a brief “How-To” manual that teaches the reader how to do some unusual sport or activity. For example, explain how to . . .

win a bathtub race

train a slug to race

train a lizard to do tricks

throw and catch an egg without breaking it

toss a boot a winning distance

win a bubble-blowing contest

eat 20 doughnuts in one minute

peel a banana in record time

