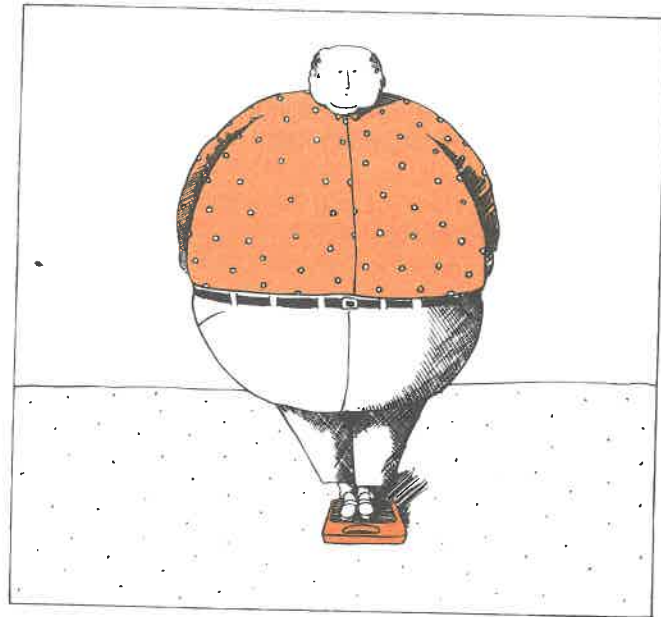


**Picture It**

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**Creativity Exercise**

Now make up your own sentences, one for each of the new words you have just been taught.

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**Spotlight On**

**obesity**—Be careful when you refer to your friend's *obesity* that you don't use a word that causes embarrassment. If you call your friend *obese* you'll be using correct medical terminology; however, avoid calling him or her "fat," "chubby," or "corpulent"—words that convey the same idea but in an unpleasant manner.

**LESSON 41**

"What care I for words? yet words do well  
When he that speaks them pleases those that hear."  
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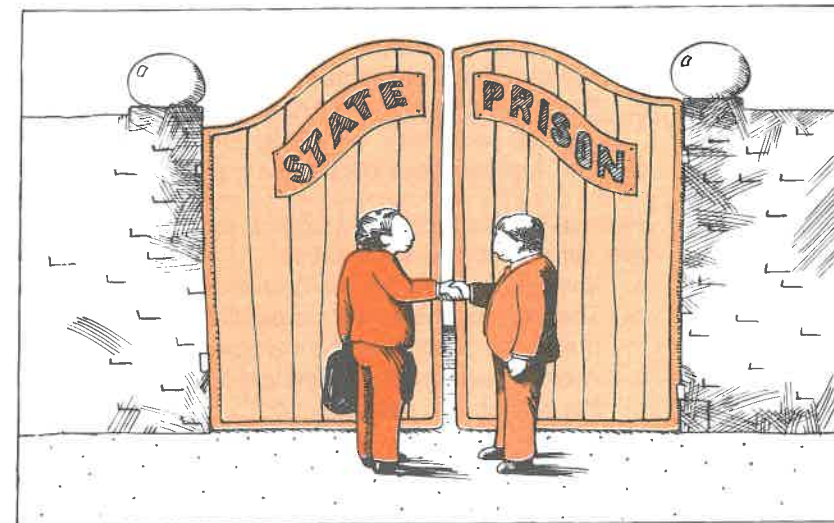
**Words to Learn  
This Week**  
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wasp  
rehabilitate  
parole  
vertical  
multitude  
nominate  
potential  
morgue  
preoccupied  
upholstery  
indifference

1. **complacent** (kəm plā' s'nt) pleased with oneself; self-satisfied
  - a. Senator Troy denounced\* the **complacent** attitude of the polluters\* of our air.
  - b. How can you be **complacent** about such a menace?\*
  - c. I was surprised that Martin was so **complacent** about his brief part in the play.
2. **wasp** (wäsp) an insect with a slender\* body and powerful sting
  - a. When the **wasps** descended\* on the picnic, we ran in all directions.
  - b. A swarm\* of **wasps** attacked us as we were reclining\* on the porch.
  - c. The piercing\* sting of a **wasp** can be very painful.
3. **rehabilitate** (rē hā bil' ə tāt) restore to good condition; make over in a new form; restore to former standing, rank, reputation, etc.
  - a. The old house was **rehabilitated** at enormous\* expense.
  - b. The former criminal completely **rehabilitated** himself and was respected by all.
  - c. This wing of the house must be **rehabilitated** promptly,\* as there is a danger it will collapse.\*
4. **parole** (pə rōl') word of honor; conditional freedom; to free (a prisoner) under certain conditions
  - a. The judge **paroled** the juvenile\* offenders on condition that they report to him every three months.
  - b. Since the prisoner has been rehabilitated,\* his family is exploring\* the possibility\* of having him **paroled**.
  - c. The fugitive\* gave his **parole** not to try to escape again.
5. **vertical** (ver' tə kl) straight up and down with reference to the horizon, for example, a vertical line
  - a. It wasn't easy to get the drunken man into a **vertical** position.
  - b. The way to vote for your candidate\* is to pull the lever from the horizontal position to the **vertical** position.
  - c. A circle surrounding a **vertical** line that ends in an inverted V is the well-known peace symbol.\*
6. **multitude** (mul' tə tōōd) a great number; a crowd
  - a. A **multitude** of letters kept pouring in to the movie idol.\*
  - b. The fleeing\* culprit\* was pursued\* by a fierce\* **multitude**.
  - c. Flood victims were aided by a **multitude** of volunteers.\*
7. **nominate** (nām' ə nāt) name as a candidate for office; appoint to an office
  - a. Three times Bryant was **nominated** for office but he was never elected.
  - b. The president **nominated** him for Secretary of State.
  - c. Though Danny was **nominated** last, he emerged\* as the strongest candidate.\*
8. **potential** (pə ten' shəl) possibility\* as opposed to actuality; capability of coming into being or action
  - a. Mark has the **potential** of being completely rehabilitated.\*
  - b. The coach felt his team had the **potential** to reach the finals.\*
  - c. Destroying nuclear weapons reduces a **potential** threat\* to human survival.\*
9. **morgue** (mōrg) place where bodies of unknown persons found dead are kept; the reference library of a newspaper office

- a. There is a slender\* chance that we can identify\* the body in the **morgue**.  
 b. Bodies in the **morgue** are preserved\* by low temperatures.  
 c. In the **morgue** of the *New York Times* there are biographies\* of most famous people.
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 b. My boss is always **preoccupied** with ways of cutting down on the workers' lateness.  
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 c. One hundred eighty-five dollars was the estimate\* for changing the **upholstery** on the dining-room chairs.
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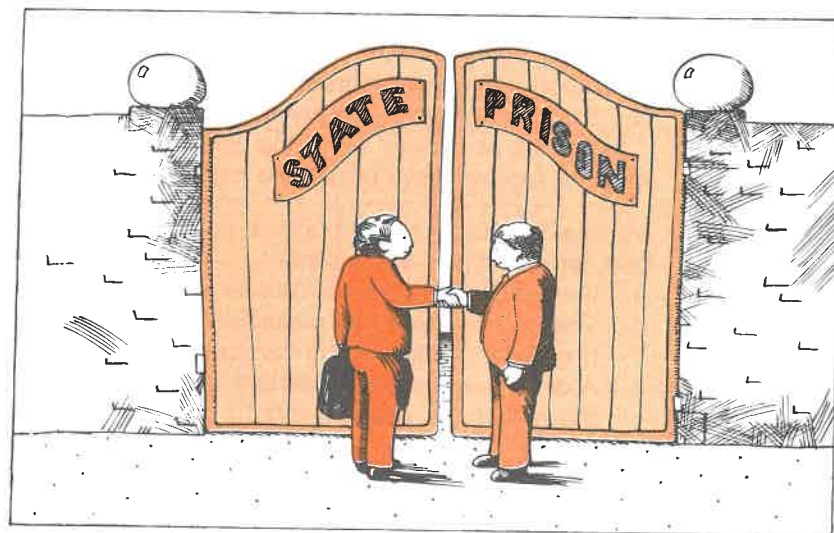
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### Fill in the Blanks

Place one of the new words in each of the blanks below.

- The children shrieked\* with fear as the \_\_\_\_\_ flew over them.
- It is illegal\* to \_\_\_\_\_ prisoners until they have served a minimum\* sentence.
- The municipal\* council voted to \_\_\_\_\_ the run-down section of the city and to make it a model residential area.
- Mike Pavonna was the unanimous\* choice of the \_\_\_\_\_ for the office of mayor.
- With all this equipment, we have the \_\_\_\_\_ to survive\* for weeks in the most frigid\* climate.
- The worn \_\_\_\_\_ betrayed\* the poverty of the family.
- His family was distressed at Frank's \_\_\_\_\_ to the normal adolescent\* activities.
- Unfortunately,\* Carmen was too \_\_\_\_\_ with dates to devote much time to her studies.
- To start the air circulating,\* turn the button to a \_\_\_\_\_ position.
- Bob was pleased to be \_\_\_\_\_ for the presidency, but he gallantly\* declined in favor of Carole.
- When the security\* leak was discovered, the editor called the newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ to check if there was any precedent\* for such a case.
- The winner's \_\_\_\_\_ smile annoyed some of the members of the audience.

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### Synonym Search

Circle the word that most nearly expresses the meaning of the word printed in orange type.

- stung by a **wasp**  
(a) remark (b) lunatic\* (c) tragedy\* (d) traitor\* (e) insect
- voters who are too **complacent** to change  
(a) self-satisfied (b) assertive (c) bewildered\* (d) distressed\* (e) juvenile\*
- the candidate **nominated** for office  
(a) encouraged\* (b) underestimated\* (c) designated (d) employed (e) motivated
- furniture **upholstery**  
(a) material (b) antiques (c) wax (d) style (e) comfort
- rehabilitate** a drug user  
(a) punish\* (b) unearth\* (c) locate\* (d) restore (e) upset
- vertical** lines  
(a) curved (b) jagged\* (c) hidden (d) lengthwise (e) sideways
- preoccupied** with thoughts of the work ahead of him  
(a) absorbed (b) affected (c) amused (d) covered (e) lost
- a **multitude** of sins  
(a) great number (b) thorough\* review (c) total destruction (d) valid\* criticism (e) strong conviction
- potential** earnings  
(a) easily financed\* (b) economical\* and instant (c) possible as opposed to actual (d) miserly\* (e) repeatedly jeopardized\*
- bodies kept in the **morgue** for identification  
(a) undertaker's establishment (b) camp grounds (c) office building (d) rooming house (e) health resort
- indifference** to pain  
(a) inattention (b) sympathy (c) vulnerability\* (d) tendency\* (e) prejudice
- out on **parole**  
(a) appeal\* (b) conditional freedom (c) conflicting evidence (d) confinement (e) reduced sentence

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### Spotlight On

**wasp**—Newspaper writers enjoy taking the first letters of titles or expressions and constructing a word from them. While a *wasp* is certainly an insect, it also, when spelled *W.A.S.P.*, stands for Women's Air Service Pilots or White-Anglo-Saxon-Protestant. Since a *wasp* is not regarded by most people with affection, you can imagine that the acronym (a word made up of first letters of a phrase) was not meant as a compliment to Protestants.