

Illinois Ag Mag - Vocabulary - Using Etymologies

Directions: Read each question and choose the best answer.

1

Which of the following words probably comes from the Latin word meaning *cultivation of land*?

- A Cereal
- B Agriculture
- C Country
- D Fallow

2

Which of the following words probably comes from the Latin word meaning *preservation of existing conditions*?

- A Neglect
- B Waste
- C Destruction
- D Conservation

3

Which of these words probably comes from the Old English word meaning *tract of leased land*?

- A Harvest
- B Farm
- C Plant
- D Plow

4

Which of these words probably comes from the French word for *railway car for eating*?

- A Hideaway
- B Joint
- C Diner
- D Hole

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Which of the following words probably comes from the Old English word meaning *to flourish, develop, get bigger*?

- A Grow
- B Diminish
- C Lessen
- D Reduce

6

Which of the following words probably comes from the Latin word meaning *that which nourishes*?

- A Starvation
- B Deprivation
- C Nutrition
- D Thirst

7

Which of these words probably comes from the French word meaning *better than ordinary*?

- A Common
- B Special
- C Usual
- D Normal

8

Which of these words probably comes from the French word for *to chew*?

- A Munch
- B Press
- C Pierce
- D Wound

Illinois Ag Mag - Math - Estimating Measurements

Directions: Choose the best answer.

1

We leave Stark county at 10:23 am and drive $2\frac{1}{4}$ hours to Quincy, IL. What time did we arrive?

- A 10:45 am
- B 11:15 am
- C 12:45 pm
- D 1:15 pm

2

An 8 oz soft drink at the *After 8 Diner* costs \$.15 an ounce. What would 2, 8 oz soft drinks cost at the diner?

- A \$1.20
- B \$1.50
- C \$1.95
- D \$2.40

3

The temperature in the cooler usually reads 40° F. If the temperature currently reads 14° F higher than usual, what is the current temperature of the cooler?

- A 26° F
- B 43° F
- C 51° F
- D 54° F

4

A soybean field is 1632 inches across. About how many yards across is the field?

- A 45 yards
- B 544 yards
- C 136 yards
- D 108 yards

Illinois Ag Mag - Math - Estimating Measurements

Directions: Choose the best answer.

A trip down Route 66 provides an excellent opportunity to experience great small town diners. Starting in Chicago at *Lou Mitchell's Restaurant* and traveling down Route 66, it is 58 miles to get to *Polk-A-Dot Drive In*. Then, if you travel 86 miles to *Funks Grove*, you can get some maple syrup. Get back on Route 66 and travel 58 miles to get to *The Cozy Drive In*. Continue 43 miles to Litchfield where you will find *The Artisan Café*. With all of the great places to stop along Route 66 in Illinois, you could have a great day of seeing the sights and eating great food!



5

About how far is it from *Lou Mitchell's Restaurant* to *The Cozy Drive In*?

- A 144 miles
- B 202 miles
- C 245 miles
- D 101 miles

6

How far is it from *Funks Grove* to *The Artisan Café* in Litchfield?

- A 45 yards
- B 544 yards
- C 136 yards
- D 108 yards

Illinois Ag Mag - Reading Passage

Taken from *Life on the Mississippi* by Mark Twain

Once a day a cheap, gaudy packet arrived upward from St. Louis, and another downward from Keokuk. Before these events, the day was glorious with expectancy; after them, the day was a dead and empty thing. Not only the boys, but the whole village, felt this. After all these years I can picture that old time to myself now, just as it was then: the white town drowsing in the sunshine of a summer's morning; the streets empty, or pretty nearly so; one or two clerks sitting in front of the Water Street stores, ... the great Mississippi, the majestic, the magnificent Mississippi, rolling its mile-wide tide along, shining in the sun; the dense forest away on the other side; the "point" above the town, and the "point" below... . Presently a film of dark smoke appears above one of those remote "points"; instantly a ... drayman, famous for his quick eye and prodigious voice, lifts up the cry, "S-t-e-a-m-boat a-comin'!" and the scene changes! The ... clerks wake up, a furious clatter of drays follows, every house and store pours out a human contribution, and all in a twinkling the dead town is alive and moving. Drays, carts, men, boys, all go hurrying from many quarters to a common center, the wharf. Assembled there, the people fasten their eyes upon the coming boat as upon a wonder they are seeing for the first time. And the boat *is* rather a handsome sight, too. She is long and sharp and trip and pretty; she has two tall, fancy-topped chimneys, with a gilded device of some kind swung between them; a fanciful pilot-house, all glass and "Gingerbread," perched on top of the "Texas" deck behind them; the paddle boxes are gorgeous with a picture or with gilded rays above the boat's name; the boiler-deck, the hurricane-deck, and the Texas deck are fenced and ornamented with clean white railings; there is a flag gallantly flying from the jack-staff; the furnace doors are open and the fires glaring bravely; the upper decks are black with passengers; the captain stands by the big bell, calm, imposing, the envy of all; great volumes of the blackest smoke are rolling and tumbling out of the chimneys; ... the crew are grouped on the forecastle; the broad stage is run far out over the port box, and an envied deck-hand stands picturesquely on the end of it with a coil of rope in his hand; the pent steam is screaming through the gauge-cocks; the captain lifts his hand, a bell rings, the wheels stop; then they turn back, churning the water to foam, and the steamer is at rest. Then such a scramble as there is to get aboard, and to get ashore, and to take in freight and to discharge freight, all at one and the same time; and such a yelling!

Ten minutes later the steamer is under way again, with no flag on the jack-staff and no black smoke issuing from the chimneys. After ten more minutes the town is dead again.

Illinois Ag Mag - Reading Passage

Directions: Read each question and choose the best answer.

1

What is the setting of the story?

- A A steamboat
- B A small town
- C A gingerbread house
- D A Water Street store

2

What are the people in the town waiting for at the beginning of the story?

- A The arrival of the train.
- B The parade to begin.
- C The arrival of the steamboat.
- D The clock tower to sound.

3

The climax of the story is found in which of the following lines?

- A The drayman lifts up the cry "S-t-e-a-m-boat a comin'!"
- B Presently, a film of dark smoke appears.
- C After ten more minutes, the town is dead again.
- D After all these years, I can picture that old time to myself.

4

How do the people feel about the steamboat coming to town?

- A Sad
- B Angry
- C Excited
- D Frustrated

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5

This story includes many types of _____ to help include details.

- A Poetic devices
- B Personification
- C Idioms
- D Figurative language

6

This type of writing is considered a (an) _____.

- A Fable
- B Satire
- C Short story
- D Mystery

7

Which of the following events would be placed last if placed in order?

- A The steamboat is underway again.
- B Clerks are sitting in front of their shops on Water Street.
- C The drayman calls out "S-t-e-a-m-boat a comin'!"
- D There is a scramble to get on board and to get to shore.

Extended Response—ILLINOIS

Many food items we eat everyday can be made from products grown right here in Illinois. Discuss the importance of buying locally grown and produced food. How does it impact our state? Our nation? Our world?