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"JUST ON THE FRINGE OF THE HIGH RENT LOOP"

Our Weekly Lesson in English

by W. L. Gordon
Words Often Misused

Do not say, "I am going to lay down for an hour." Say, "lie down."

Do not say, "The condition of his affairs were unsettled." Say, "was unsettled." "Condition" is the singular subject.

Do not say, "I felt sort of anxious." Say, "somewhat" or "rather anxious."

Do not say, "I need your help badly." Say, "very much."

Do not say, "Do it like I tell you." Say, "Do it as I tell you."

Do not say, "The show was real good." Say, "very good."

Words Often Mispronounced

Assets. Accent first syllable, not the last.

Evening (close of day.) Pronounce ev-ning, not ev-en-ing.

Chautauqua. Pronounce sha-to-kwa, both a's as in "ask," o as in "or," accent second syllable.

Odeum. Pronounce o-de-um, o as in "no," e as in "me," and accent second syllable, not the first.

Chef. Pronounce shef (not chef), e as in "let."

Words Often Misspelled

Sometime; always write as one word, not "some time." Allot, allotment (one t after the o); allotted, allotting (two t's.) Catalogue, or catalog. Ampere; not peer, nor pier. Stereopticon; note the stere and the con. Allusion; distinguish from illusion.

Synonyms

Bundle, bunch, parcel, package.
Flame (verb), flare, blaze, glare, glow.

Building, edifice, structure.
Horrible, horrid, dreadful, awful, frightful.

Busy, employed, active, industrious, diligent.

Fight (verb), struggle, battle, contend.

Word Study

"Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Words for this lesson:

Explicit; plain; clear; definite. "His letter contained an explicit account of his adventures."

Cursory; characterized by haste; careless. "He dismissed the matter with a cursory mention of the affair."

Nomadic; wandering. "The nomadic life of the gypsy appealed to him."

Paroxysm; a sudden, violent, and uncontrollable action or emotion; convulsion. "I was startled by the man's paroxysm of fear."

Expiate; to atone for; make satisfaction for. "He had returned to expiate certain sins."

Semblance; appearance; outward show. "I tried to discover some semblance of virtue."

Modern Etiquette

by Roberta Lee

1. May a girl ask a young man to call on her?

2. Is it customary for the bride to go with the groom when he buys the wedding ring?

3. What seat should girls take when in a restaurant?

4. Is it permissible for one to aid the servant in removing the plates by stacking them?

5. Should a man use perfumed

stationery or envelopes with gay linings?

6. What is the real test of perfect manners?

7. When only is an engraved card of thanks proper?

8. What signal does the well-bred waiter observe for removing the plate?

9. Should a woman guest at a bridge party remove her hat and wraps?

10. How long does an informal call last?

11. When does the wedding rehearsal usually take place?

12. Is it absolutely necessary for all the china at a tea to be of the same pattern?

13. When a girl refuses the invitations of a young man several times without legitimate excuse, what does it indicate?

14. What should a woman speaker at a public occasion wear?

15. Is tipping obligatory?

16. Is it proper for a married man to act as usher at a wedding when his wife is not asked to take part?

17. How is the breeding of a woman most often shown?

18. When inviting guests to dinner, what should be kept in mind?

Answers

1. Yes, if she has been acquainted with him for some time and wishes

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