

Challenge One



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Word	Definition
Sympathetic	Showing understanding or compassion
Surpass	To exceed or go beyond
Lenient	Tolerant or forgiving
Magnanimous	Generous and forgiving
Convoluted	Complicated and difficult to follow
Accumulate	To gather or collect gradually
Frivolous	Not serious or sensible
Hapless	Unlucky
Eloquent	Fluent and persuasive in speaking or writing
Aspire	To have a strong desire to achieve something



WORD DETECTIVE

Fill in the blanks using the words from the word bank above. Use each word only once.

1. After winning the award, he was _____ in victory and praised all his competitors.
2. From a young age, she began to _____ to become a doctor and help others.
3. The speaker was so _____ that the audience hung on every word.
4. Even though she didn't win the competition, her friend was very _____ and gave her a warm hug.
5. The _____ traveller kept losing his luggage and missing his flights.
6. Over the years, the family began to _____ a large collection of books.
7. She wasted her money on _____ things she didn't need, like glow-in-the-dark shoelaces.
8. The teacher was _____ with the students who handed in their homework late.
9. The instructions for building the model were so _____ that no one could figure them out.
10. His performance was so impressive that he managed to _____ everyone's expectations.

Challenge One (continued)

Sahib's Sports Day

Fill in the blanks using this challenge's 10 words from the previous page.

Sahib couldn't wait for Sports Day. He had practised every evening and began to _____ to become the best sprinter in school. He had been training with his friend, Mia, but Mia had hurt her knee the night before and couldn't take part. Sahib was _____ to Mia, understanding how disappointed she must be feeling.

The race schedule was completely _____; even the teachers looked confused! However, Sahib started to _____ points for his house with each event. Sadly, his classmate, Sam, was having a _____ day. He tripped during the sack race and lost his shoe in the mud.

During the beanbag toss, some children ignored the game and played with water bottles instead. "That's a bit _____," Sahib laughed. Luckily, the teachers were _____ and overlooked their behaviour.

In the final race, Sahib ran faster than ever before and managed to _____ his personal best! At the end, the headteacher gave an _____ speech about effort and kindness. Even though Sahib didn't win, he was _____ and clapped for the winners.

WORD HISTORY – Sympathy

Language is a mammoth melting pot of many cultures blending over time and some of the words we use today originate as far back as ancient Greek or Roman times.

'Sympathy' is from the Greek 'sym' meaning together and 'pathos' meaning feeling or suffering. Therefore, 'sympathy' means to share another person's feelings or experiences.

Can you guess which definitions match each 'sym' word? Draw a line between each word and its meaning. Answers are at the back if you get stuck!

Symbiosis	Different musical instruments playing together to create harmony.
Symphony	Two sides that match together perfectly.
Symbol	A sign that appears with a condition or illness (something that shows together with a disease).
Symmetry	A mark and its meaning are understood together (the symbol stands with an idea).
Symptom	Two living things living together and helping each other.

Challenge One (continued)

Your turn!

Write 3 sentences of your own, using as many of the new words you have learned in this challenge as possible. For example: 'The convoluted piece of music was difficult for the symphony to play'.

Draw it! Design a symmetrical symbol that represents you. Here's my 'M' for Melissa!

