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# UNIT 3 – GET DOWN UNDERGROUND

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## 3A Introduction

Ever wonder what is underneath the ground, deep below the streets and dirt? The rapper in this song digs down into an imaginary world deep below the Earth. He meets some odd people, and it all seems very strange. Then again, everything is strange when you aren't used to it.

## 3B Song Lyrics

Yo, I heard of this underground land, man,  
Underneath all the streets and the sand, man.  
So I decided to **venture**, dare to go to the center of the Earth,  
That's my adventure.

I **burrowed** into the dirt, I dug it up,  
20 days later, I was like, "What?"  
I was great at digging, I was fast to learn,  
I dug past the grass and past the worms.  
My hole was not **shallow**; it was deep,  
What would I find in it? That's a mystery.  
It could have been a Mr. Broccoli and Mrs. Cheese.  
In my hole, I missed the mist and missed the trees.  
On day 21, I found the town,  
All made of rocks, all underground.  
I was in a huge **chamber**, a giant room,  
It was dark with no sun and no moon.  
I didn't have a lot of **baggage**, just a suitcase,  
Two brushes and two tubes of toothpaste.  
Then a little blue dude came out in a tutu,  
It's too late to run—what would you do?

*To the kids who are liking the sound, get down!  
When you hear it, start shaking it now, get down!  
When we rock, yeah, we're rocking the town,  
We get low down underground!*

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So this little blue dude said his name was Bluepee,  
This was weirder than anything in any movie.  
He said, "I'll give you the tour, I'll show you around,  
Show you everything that you can find in our town."  
We walked past some rocks that were **jagged**,  
Not soft and smooth; no, more like a shark's tooth.  
Then Bluepee showed me where they this guy would sneeze,  
"Ah chew!" on the paper; it was really pretty,  
Bluepee asked, "Do you think that's art?"  
I said, "Well, Bluepee, um, no, that's not."  
Bluepee said, "We sell each sneeze he does,  
For one million dollars, 'cause people love it."  
I said, "Well, that's more than I can **afford**,  
I don't have enough money, but I'm not poor."  
Finally, Bluepee took me past these **columns**,  
These thin supports for a roof above them,  
Into the **arena**, the giant stage,  
Bigger than the stadium where the Giants play.  
In the middle was a blue dude playing a flute tune,  
While a giant snake danced and coo-coo'ed.  
I told Bluepee, "This place is cuckoo , kid!"  
He said, "No, not to us; we're used to it.  
You wouldn't think everything we do is weird,  
If you just lived here for a couple of years."

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### **3C Words Defined**

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#### **afford**

**(verb)** To be able to pay for. *I'd love a new bike, but my parents can't **afford** one right now.*

#### **arena**

**(noun)** A building used for sports or shows. *There's an **arena** right next to the highway where I've seen the rodeo and the circus.*

#### **baggage**

**(noun)** 1. Suitcases, bags, or other items travelers carry. *Clara was so bored on the bus because she had left her iPod in the **baggage** compartment down below.* 2. Things that get in the way or weigh someone down. *She has a lot of emotional **baggage** since her old best friend lied to her so much.*

#### **burrow**

**(verb)** To dig a hole or to tunnel into or under something. *The groundhog **burrowed** into the dirt to build a new home.*

**(noun)** A tunnel or hole in the ground. *Relaxing in Rabbit's **burrow**, Winnie the Pooh had another generous helping of honey.*

#### **chamber**

**(noun)** A room; usually a bedroom or a room in a palace. *The king's **chamber** was decorated with SpongeBob posters.*

#### **column**

**(noun)** 1. A row of numbers or words running down a printed page. *I looked from **column** one to **column** two, unable to believe how fast the planet was warming.* 2. Anything arranged in a straight line. At elementary school graduation, we formed into columns and then marched across the field. 3. A tall, somewhat thin support for a building. The entrance to our school has four stone columns that are probably 30 feet high.

#### **jagged**

**(adj)** With a rough or sharp edge. *Parker cut his finger on a **jagged** piece of glass.*

#### **shallow**

**(adj)** Not deep. *Marcy was scared to come into the pool even though the water was so **shallow**—it would only come up to her knees.*



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### tour

**(noun)** 1. A trip from place to place, sometimes to perform music or some kind of art. *When Beyoncé went on **tour** in Europe, she made sure to learn a few words in all the different languages.* 2. A short trip through a place, usually with a guide. *Do you want a **tour** of my house?*

**(verb)** To travel through a place. *Leena **toured** California last year with her photography class.*

### venture

**(verb)** To dare to do; to go somewhere or do something risky. *Claire **ventured** deep into the jungle.*

**(noun)** A risk; something you do where you don't know what will happen. *My dad and his friend just started working together on a new business **venture** in Europe.*



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### **3D Synonyms**

*Circle the word on the right that matches the meaning of the word or phrase on the left.*

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|---------------------------------|---------|--------|----------|
| 1. a straight line of something | arena   | column | baggage  |
| 2. a short trip through a place | tour    | arena  | chamber  |
| 3. to have the money to pay for | burrow  | afford | venture  |
| 4. suitcases                    | column  | tour   | baggage  |
| 5. not deep                     | shallow | jagged | ventured |



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### **3E Fill in the Blank**

*Write the word in the blank so that the sentence makes sense.*

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1. I put a towel over the fence so I wouldn't hurt myself on the \_\_\_\_\_ metal edge.

**shallow                      column                      jagged**

2. Tonight we're going to the sports \_\_\_\_\_ to watch a hockey game.

**arena                      baggage                      burrow**

3. The mole ran to his underground \_\_\_\_\_ before the bird could attack.

**baggage                      burrow                      column**

4. Add the \_\_\_\_\_ of numbers from the top to the bottom.

**chamber                      column                      tour**

5. The thought of \_\_\_\_\_ beyond the living room is scary for my grandpa.

**burrowing                      affording                      venturing**



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### **3F Connections**

*Each sentence has a strong connection with one of the words from the unit. Write the correct word on the line below.*

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1. I have enough money saved up to pay for my new skateboard.

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2. The words were listed in an alphabetical row down the page.

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3. The princess's room had the biggest bed I've ever seen.

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4. Taylor Swift gives a concert in a different city almost every night.

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5. If it keeps getting hotter out here, I might have to dig a home in the dirt to keep cool!

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### **3G Applying Meanings**

*Circle the letter that makes sense or answers the question*

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1. You would need **baggage** if you were

- (A) building a house
- (B) running a marathon
- (C) fixing dinner
- (D) taking a vacation

2. If someone is **venturing** to Mexico, what are they doing?

- (A) making a phone call to Mexico
- (B) moving away from Mexico
- (C) taking a trip to Mexico
- (D) sending a letter to Mexico

3. Which of these things could be described as **shallow**?

- (A) the ocean
- (B) a puddle
- (C) a rainbow
- (D) a bridge

4. Which of these things is **jagged**?

- (A) a knife blade
- (B) a cotton ball
- (C) a dinner plate
- (D) a clothing store

5. Which would be the hardest to **afford**?

- (A) a good idea
- (B) a pack of gum
- (C) a fancy house
- (D) a favorite story





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### **3H Reading**

*Read the passage below and then answer the questions that follow.*

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# **Roman Holiday**

Last summer, my whole family took a trip to Italy. My parents had been saving for the trip for years. Finally, they had enough money to **afford** plane tickets for me, my sister, and themselves.

I had never been out of the country before. I had never even been on a plane before! I was nervous about the flight. My parents said it would take 10 hours to fly from Chicago to Rome. That was a long trip! Luckily, it was fun. My parents brought a DVD player in their **baggage** so we watched movies the whole time. The 10 hours flew by!

When we got to Rome, we checked into our hotel. The hotel was built before the United States even existed! It was beautiful, with giant marble **columns** in the front. We took a **tour** one day of the city and learned all about the different buildings. We learned that you can tell when a building was built just by looking at its columns.

The best thing we saw in Rome was called the Colosseum. The Colosseum was built almost 2,000 years ago. It was a giant **arena** that seated 60,000 people. In ancient Rome, people would go to the Colosseum to see gladiators, who were fighters. They would have sword fights before cheering crowds. Being a gladiator was a lot like being a boxer, only much more dangerous!

Rome was an amazing place to visit. My whole family had a great time. I can't wait to **venture** to Europe again!

1. How many people are in the author's family?

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2. Why did the author think the plane trip to Rome was fun?

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3. What can you tell by looking at a Roman column?

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4. What was the author's favorite thing about Rome?

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5. Why does the author say that being a gladiator is like being a boxer?

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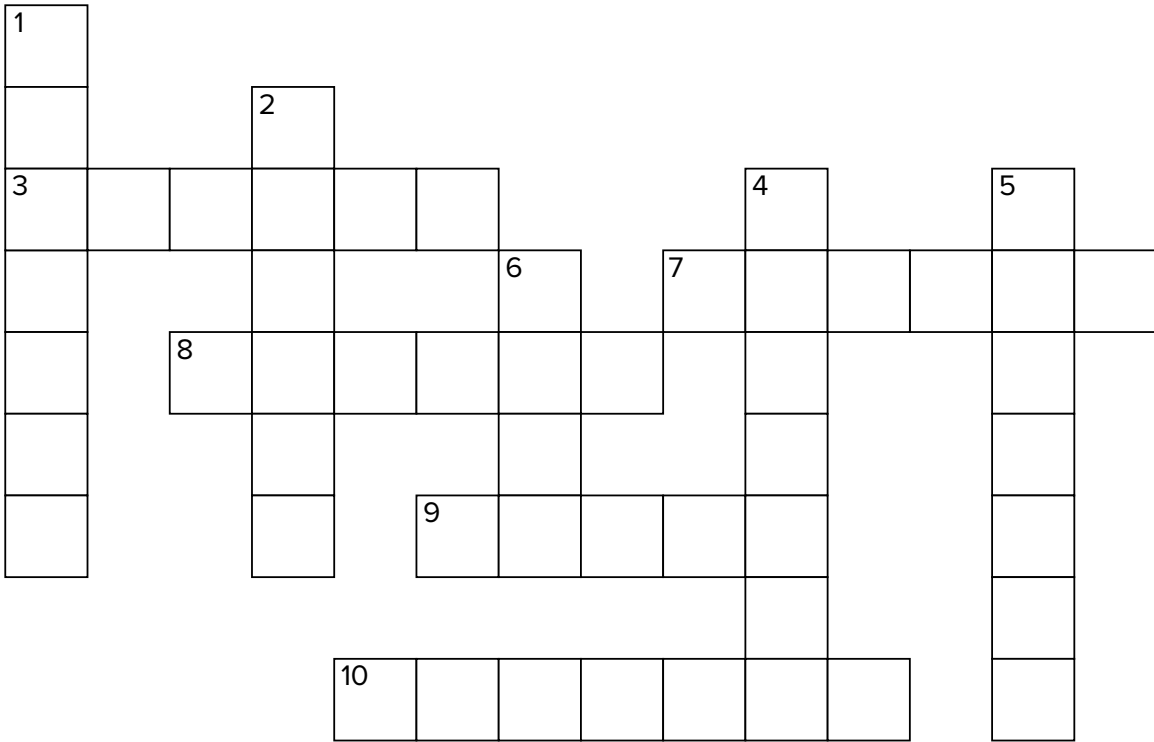


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### **Bonus: Crossword Puzzle**

Solve this crossword puzzle. Note: Some answers may be different forms of the vocab words from this unit.

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#### **ACROSS**

- 3** I can't \_\_\_\_\_ those sneakers yet, but I'm saving up to buy them.
- 7** Look out for the \_\_\_\_\_ edge on that broken drinking glass.
- 8** There is a strange bird called the \_\_\_\_\_ owl that lives in a hole in the ground.
- 9** Basketball teams usually play in an \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10** The prince doesn't leave his \_\_\_\_\_ anymore. He just lies in bed and sleeps.

#### **DOWN**

- 1** The opposite of deep.
- 2** The newspaper story is continued in the next \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4** My mom brought so much \_\_\_\_\_ on our trip that we could hardly walk in our hotel room!
- 5** To do something risky.
- 6** My parents took me to see the national \_\_\_\_\_ of the musical The Phantom of the Opera.