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UNIT 8 – WE’RE THE PIGLETS

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8A Introduction

Do you know the tale of the three little pigs? It’s a story about one very smart little pig and his two brothers who are not so smart. It’s a story about building houses. It’s a story about a hungry wolf. Well, did you know that one of the three little pigs can rap? Just listen...

8B Song Lyrics

You know the story: It’s the three little pigs,
But guess what, kids? I’m one of those pigs.
My mom had three kids, yeah little piglets,
But we weren’t that little.
I mean, the littlest was kind of chubby, as pigs tend to be,
I was the oldest; then my brothers came after me.
I was always **eager** to learn; I wanted to do it,
So I tried hard in school; no one’s calling me stupid.
But the **sole** thing my brothers liked, the only thing,
Was to sit around all day playing video games.
They dropped out of high school in the ninth grade,
Entranced by Mario, Zelda, Halo;
Put under a spell playing “Guitar Hero.”
Until one day our mom said, “Come here, yo!
It’s time for you three to go live on your own,
So go build your own home; make it nice and strong.”

*We’re the piglets! Yes, we are.
“I built my house out of bricks just to make it strong!”
“I built my house out of sticks; is that wrong?”
“Aww, naw—I built my house out of straw!”
(x2)*

I knew I wanted something strong, guess what I did?
Yep, I built a strong, **sturdy** house of bricks.



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Plus to **increase** my safety, make me more safe,
I had a new alarm system put in place.
Then I went to see my brothers, and guess what I saw?
TJ had made his house out of straw!
And Chris had made his house out of sticks,
I was like, “Why not just make it out of pretzels and chips?”
A few days later I was watching a movie,
I saw someone outside my house; now, who’s he?
At the entrance to my house, the front door,
It was this wolf “Big Bad” with these big claws,
And these big teeth, and these big paws.
He **addressed** me, spoke to me, through the door,
Said, “Hey, I’m out of sugar; could you give me a cup?”
But I didn’t believe him; I was full of **mistrust**.
He said, “open up and I’ll give you candy!”
But I knew to **resist**, to not give in and do what he said.
Now the wolf said, “Hey pig, you want to know the truth?
I just ate up your brothers; now I’m coming for you!
So little pig, little pig, let me in.”
I said, “Not by the hairs on my chinny-chin-chin!
You’ll never get in; you better think again,
Just called the police and they’ll throw you in the pen.”
“Then I’ll huff and I’ll puff”; “Is that a **threat**?
Are you saying that you’ll harm me? Ha! Want to bet?”
He huffed and puffed; what happened, kids?
I mean, you try huffing and puffing to move some bricks!
The cops came, they threw the wolf in jail,
And the TV crews came to interview me as well.
“Mr. Piggie, how could you live through this and **survive**?”
I said, “The only way to survive is by using your mind.”

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8C Words Defined

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address

(verb) To direct one's words to. *It took a lot of bravery, but Jim **addressed** the king and told him that he wanted to marry the princess.*

(noun) 1. The place where you can find a person or thing. *What's the **address** of the pizza place?* 2. A speech. *In the president's **address**, she said she planned to make the school day longer.*

eager

(adj) Wanting very much; excited. *I was so **eager** to open my presents, I ran right into the back of the couch.*

entrance

(verb) To fill with joy or delight. *Kelly was totally **entranced** by the sight of the unicorn.*

(noun) A place where you enter, or the act of entering. *Flying down from above, the comedian made a big **entrance** at his show.* Note: These two words are spelled the same but are pronounced differently.

increase

(verb) To make or become larger; to add to. *As the kids entered the haunted house, their fear **increased**.*

mistrust

(noun) Doubt about someone's honesty. *Nothing ruins a friendship faster than **mistrust**.*

(verb) To be suspicious of; to not believe. *It was kind of strange, but Pedro **mistrusted** anyone he didn't know.*

resist

(verb) To refuse to give in to; to withstand. *Jenny tried to convince Lassandra to sell her bike and buy a skateboard, but Lassandra **resisted**.*

sole

(adj) Being the only one of its kind; belonging to only one person or group. *The **sole** reason that Andre was on the baseball team was his dad made him.*

sturdy

(adj) Firmly or solidly built; determined. *The chair was so **sturdy** that even fifty years after it was built it didn't wobble.*

survive

(verb) To stay alive or continue to exist; to keep on going; to live longer than. *How long do you think you could **survive** in the wilderness all alone with no food or water?*

threat

(noun) 1. A warning that one may do harm. *I don't believe any of Marvin's **threats** that he'll burn my house down if I don't pick him for my basketball team.* 2. Something that can do harm. *If you're walking through the jungle, beware of **threats** like tigers and snakes.*



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8D Synonyms

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

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|------------------|-----------|---------|----------|
| 1. to speak to | survive | address | increase |
| 2. disbelief | mistrust | threat | address |
| 3. to stay alive | resist | survive | entrance |
| 4. excited | eager | sole | sturdy |
| 5. only | entranced | sturdy | sole |



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8E Fill in the Blank

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

1. The prince was _____ by Cinderella's incredible beauty and charm.

entranced mistrusted addressed

2. Sunscreen will lower the _____ of getting sunburned.

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3. Ani _____ me because I lied to her a few weeks ago.

increases survives mistrusts

4. I hope this table is _____. If it breaks right now the food will go all over the place!

sturdy sole eager

5. If I offer to do more work, my dad said he would _____ my allowance.

survive resist increase



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8F 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. Gary said he was going to punch Brendan in the nose if he didn't quiet down.

2. This diamond is the only one of its kind in the entire world.

3. It's hard to believe a word Myron says.

4. I could not take my eyes off the movie screen because the story was so amazing.

5. No matter how much my sister begs, I will never let her use my new iPod.



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8G Applying Meanings

Circle the letter that makes sense or answers the question

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1. A prisoner who is in a **sturdy** jail cell would most likely

- (A) be able to escape easily
- (B) be happy that it is so big
- (C) wish he was not alone
- (D) have a hard time escaping

2. If you were **eager** to do something, you would

- (A) be excited about it
- (B) be scared of it
- (C) be tired of it
- (D) be embarrassed by it

3. If the temperature was 60 degrees and it **increased**, what might the new temperature be?

- (A) 58 degrees
- (B) 62 degrees
- (C) 0 degrees
- (D) 60 degrees

4. Where would you find an **address**?

- (A) in a salad
- (B) in a park
- (C) on an envelope
- (D) on a dollar bill

5. If you **resisted** your homework, you would probably

- (A) finish your homework early
- (B) get bad grades
- (C) get in trouble for cheating
- (D) become the teacher's pet



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8H Reading

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

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Cockroaches

People don't think too highly of cockroaches. There's something about their long antennae and quick movements that makes them easy to **mistrust**. Yet unlike spiders, wasps or ticks, most roaches are not a **threat** to people. So why do we hate cockroaches so much?

It could be because there are so many of them. The number of cockroaches in the world is constantly **increasing**, because they reproduce very quickly. There are about 3,500 different kinds of cockroaches in the world. The only place cockroaches are not found is at the polar ice caps!

We could hate cockroaches because they are hard to kill. Some types of roaches are able to **resist** poisons that are made to kill them. They also move quickly: Some adult cockroaches can run up to two miles per hour. Although this might not sound very fast, consider this: If cockroaches were the size of lions, they would be able to run at 50 miles per hour!

It could be because we know they will probably outlast us. Cockroaches have **survived** for 320 million years. That is much older than humans. It is even older than dinosaurs! Cockroaches have existed from before dinosaurs were around until dinosaurs went extinct, all the way up until today!

But none of those reasons really explains why most people hate cockroaches. Most people hate them because they just look creepy! The next time you feel this way, keep in mind that it could be worse. Most cockroaches in America are less than one inch long. One type of cockroach found in Borneo grows to more than four inches long! Now *that's* creepy!



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1. What are three different insects mentioned in the passage that can harm people?

2. Where is one place that cockroaches are not found?

3. How fast can adult cockroaches run?

4. How long have cockroaches been on Earth?

5. What are some reasons why cockroaches are hard to kill?

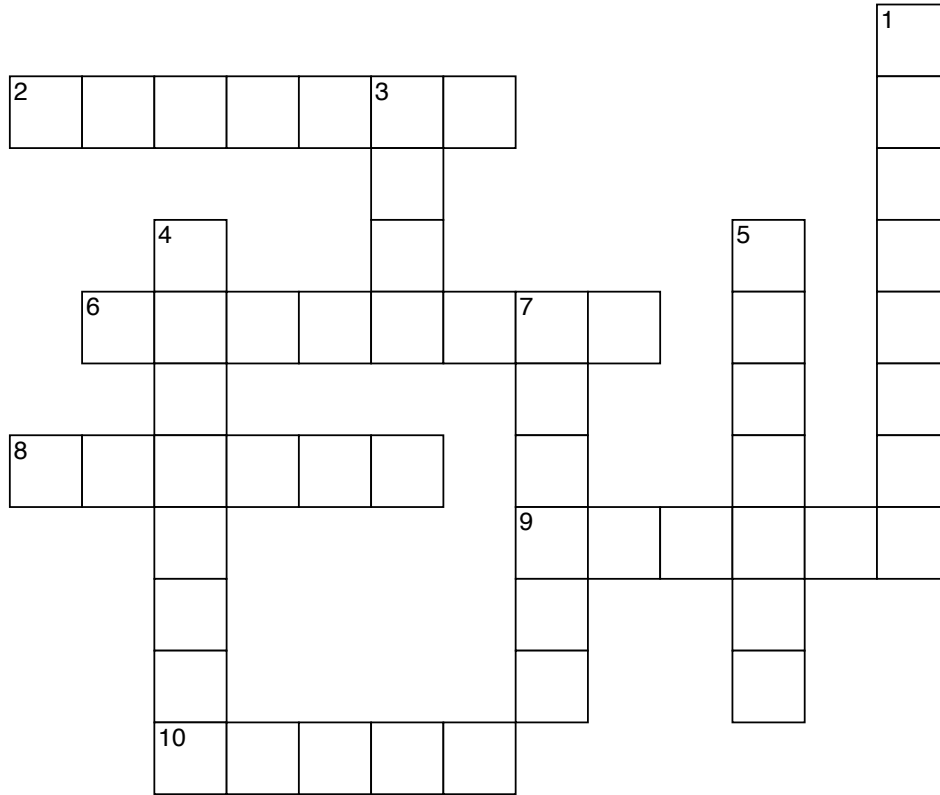


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Bonus: Crossword Puzzle

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

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ACROSS

- 2** Abraham Lincoln gave a famous speech called the Gettysburg _____.
- 6** To become larger.
- 8** There is a greater _____ of catching the flu if you live with someone who has it.
- 9** To refuse to give in to.
- 10** The puppy was so _____ to get the bone that he jumped up high in the air when he saw it.

DOWN

- 1** Mice _____ owls because they know owls like to eat them.
- 3** I was the _____ member of my family at the picnic because no one else could come.
- 4** To fill with delight.
- 5** Not many people could _____ a bear attack.
- 7** A _____ boat probably would not sink easily.