

**Extended
Reading
Worksheets
Grade 8**



SLOWLY BUT SURELY (pg. 21)

1. Do you know the meanings of these words? What parts of speech are they?

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| a. sedately | b. noisily |
| c. furiously | d. promptly |
| e. carelessly | f. scarcely |
| g. ruefully | h. ineffectually |
| i. hastily | j. rightly |
| k. presently | l. severely |

2. Fill in the blank spaces with the words given above. Use each word once.

- a. The lawyer looked up at the departures board and then _____ finished her meal.
- b. The difficult child _____ touched the green vegetables on her plate.
- c. Everyone was there so the meeting started _____ at nine o'clock.
- d. Feeling angry about the poor service at the hotel, the man jabbed _____ at the keys on the keyboard as he wrote to the manager.
- e. Excited to be going on a camping trip, the children chattered _____ on the bus.
- f. Martha _____ left the guest room in a mess.
- g. The party was really disruptive; the neighbours pleaded _____ for them to turn the music down.
- h. The children watched _____ as their den was destroyed.
- i. Enjoying the sunshine on his back, the old man walked _____ through the park.
- j. _____ or wrongly he was held responsible for the failure of the project and penalized _____ .
- k. The hunters waited: _____ their patience was rewarded when the man-eater emerged from its lair.



METAPHORS AND SIMILES (pg. 31)

1. Can you say which of the following are metaphors, which are similes and which are literal comparisons? Underline the relevant words.

- a. Those with smiling, evergreen faces may have worm-like griefs gnawing at their existence.
- b. ... a few moments of peace snatched should be gratefully acknowledged.
- c. ... they proved to be the centre of attraction.
- d. ... there was not a trace of that untempered roughness ...
- e. She was sweet and charming like her mother.
- f. ... she looked like a miniature jungle queen.

2. Use the expressions in the first column in sentences of your own.

to take someone in hand	= to take charge of (a person)
to win someone over	= to gain the affection of someone
to put up with	= to tolerate
to run into someone	= to meet (by chance)
to hand over	= to give

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____



ALLITERATION (pg. 68)

1. Underline all the repeated consonant sounds in the following:

- a. On a hot, hot day, and I in my pyjamas for the heat.
- b. In the deep, strange-scented shade of the great dark carob-tree.
- c. He reached down from a fissure in the earth-wall.
- d. And trailed his yellow-brown slackness soft-bellied down.
- e. He sipped with his straight mouth.
- f. Softly drank through his straight gums, into his slack long body, silently.
- g. Being earth-brown, earth-golden from the burning bowels of the earth.
- h. He drank enough, and lifted his head, dreamily, as one who has drunken.

The examples of *alliteration* above are taken from another poem by Lawrence. It is called *Snake*. In the poem, Lawrence has chosen appropriate words, which are 'in tune' with what he wants to say. For example, when he is describing the snake, he uses the letter 's' quite a lot—bringing to mind the 'sssss' sound made by a snake and its slippery, sliding movement.

He describes how the snake's body connects with the earth by using the word earth repeatedly, and by using the letter 'b' to describe the hole where the snake lives.

2. Use alliterative phrases/rhymes to describe the following in sentences of your own.

- a. The noise of a heavy aircraft flying overhead

- b. A fast new aircraft flying

c. A boat on choppy seas

d. Waves breaking over rocks

e. A bicycle on a bumpy road

f. A cold drizzle

g. A heavy lorry going along

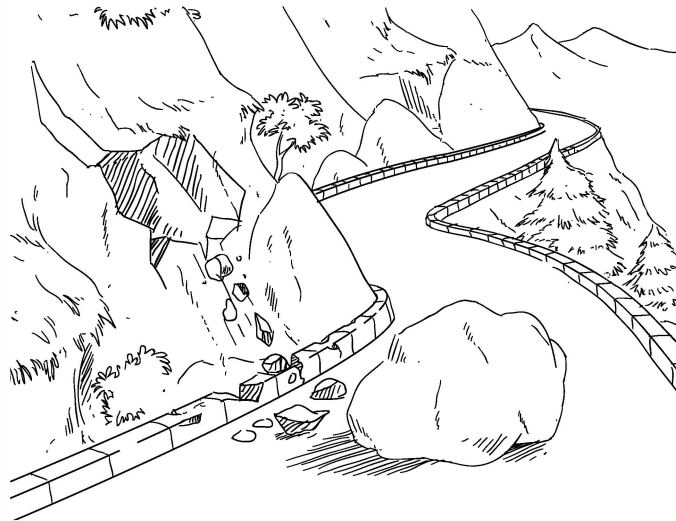


HOMOPHONES (pg. 97)

1. Distinguish the meanings of these pairs of words by inserting the correct words in the blank spaces. Use each word once.

bored	cheque	bail	boulder
board	check	bale	bolder
cruise	air	ascent	dissent
crews	heir	assent	descent

- At the dock the large _____ of cloth was loaded on _____ the ship.
- The _____ were all ready for the start of the grand boat race.
- In the road there lay a large _____ the size of a baby elephant.



- The _____ to the fortune received a _____ for 10 lakhs.
- The mountaineers found the _____ much easier than the _____ as they took only two hours to come down to base camp.
- The ship's captain should _____ all the gear before the start of the pleasure _____.
- After much discussion, the ministers eventually gave their _____ to the bill.

- h. The boy used to be quite shy; he's much _____ now.
- i. When the suspect was granted _____ he walked out of the court into the fresh _____ and breathed deeply.
- j. The leader showed his _____ by marching out of the assembly hall.
- k. She fell asleep at the meeting not because she was tired but because she was completely _____.

2. Now use the following in sentences of your own.

cede	insight	practice
seed	incite	practise

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____



THE AUTHOR'S WORD SQUARE (pg. 137)

Here is a word square with the names of seventeen authors and poets whose writings were included in your Textbook. Can you spot all the names? Mark them as shown. The names appear horizontally or vertically.

O	F	Q	S	P	A	S	A	K	I	G	Y
S	R	W	T	A	S	C	M	P	L	R	F
H	O	O	R	T	I	O	X	T	A	O	G
A	S	R	F	T	M	N	S	W	W	S	N
K	T	D	K	E	O	A	R	H	R	S	A
E	W	S	I	N	V	N	A	I	E	M	I
S	E	W	P	T	F	D	F	T	N	I	P
P	L	O	L	W	H	O	A	M	C	T	A
E	I	R	I	A	D	Y	T	A	E	H	U
A	O	T	N	I	Q	L	O	N	X	O	L
R	T	H	G	N	N	E	X	O	F	J	V
E	L	T	Q	K	S	O	U	T	H	E	Y