



WORDLY WISE VOCABULARY

Unit 17

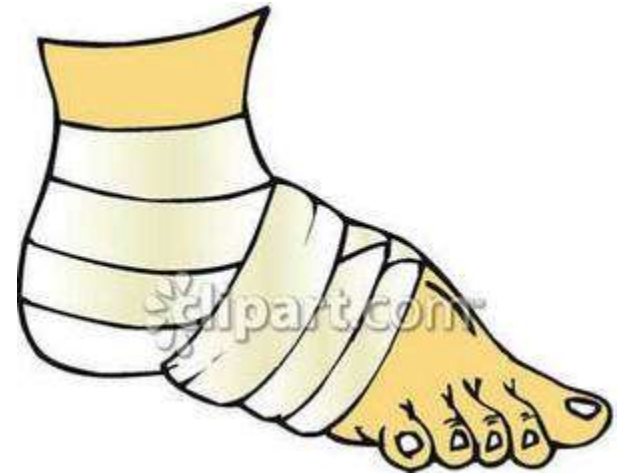
AFFLICT

V. To bring or cause pain and suffering.

The patient has been **afflicted** with swollen feet for several months.

affliction N. A condition of pain, suffering, or trouble.

Frida Kahlo's **affliction** was the result of a serious accident.



BARREN

Adj. Not fruitful; not reproducing.

When the topsoil is washed away, the land is **barren**.



CONSIST

V. To be made up; to contain.

The wedding banquet will **consist** of six courses.



DROUGHT

N. A long period without rain.

The poor harvest was due to the **drought**.



ERODE

V. To wear away bit by bit; to wear away by action of wind, water, or ice.

Heavy seas from yesterday's storm have **eroded** parts of the cliff.

erosion N. The process or state of eroding.

Cutting down many trees in one area leads to soil **erosion**.



EXPAND

V. 1. To make or become larger.

You can **expand** your chest by taking a very deep breath.

2. To give further details of.

Mr. da Silva asked me to **expand** on some of the information in my report.

expansion N. The act, process, or result of enlarging.

Ten new employees were hired as a result of the company's **expansion**.



NOW HIRING



FAMINE

N. A widespread and long-lasting shortage of food that may cause starvation.

The **famine** in Somalia was the result of several poor harvests in a row.



FERTILE

Adj. 1. Able to produce good crops.

The major reason we grow such large tomatoes is the **fertile** soil.



2. Able to produce offspring.

A female cat is **fertile** at six months.



3. Able to produce ideas; inventive.

Many ideas sprang from Edison's **fertile** brain.



OASIS

N. **oases** n. pl. A place where there is water in an otherwise dry area.

Travelers across the Sahara try to reach the next **oasis** before nightfall.



PASTURE

N. A field of growing grass where animals can eat; a meadow.

We put the sheep in a different **pasture** to give the grass in this one a chance to grow back.

V. To put animals out in a field to eat grass.

We **pasture** our horses on a neighbor's land.



PRIMITIVE

Adj. 1. From earliest times; ancient.

The **primitive** cave drawings at Lascaux, France, are over fifteen thousand years old.



2. Simple or crude.

The Weinsteins replaced the **primitive** shed behind the house with a modern garage.



REFUGE

N. 1. Shelter or protection from harm.

The hikers found **refuge** from the blizzard in a nearby cave.

2. A place of safety.

During the hurricane, families living in beach houses found **refuge** in the high school gym.

refugee N. A person forced to leave her or his home or country seeking protection from danger.

A camp for Kurdish **refugees** was set up between Turkey and Iraq.



REVERT

V. To go back to an earlier condition, often one that is not as satisfactory.

During the week that the electric power lines were being repaired, we **reverted** to eating our meals by candlelight and lantern.



TEEM

V. To be filled; to occur in large numbers.

The Columbia River once **teemed** with salmon.



WITHER

V. To become dried out; to lose freshness.

The crops will **wither** unless we have rain soon.

