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## Unit 1

# PLACES

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1. **asylum:** (n) sanctuary, refuge, institution for the mentally ill

Since the mentally ill man had trouble living alone, he was placed in an *asylum* last week.

**syn:** haven, retreat, hideaway, shelter

2. **bungalow:** (n) one-story cottage

Our family enjoys renting the *bungalow* on Brooks Lake each summer.

**syn:** cabin, summerhouse

**Helpful Hint:** A bungaLOW is a building that is usually LOW to the ground.

3. **cavern:** (n) a large cave

The scientists want to revisit this *cavern* to check for possible changes in the rock formations.

**Family words:** cavernous (adj)

**Helpful Hint:** A CAVErn is a large CAVE.

4. **depot:** (n) storehouse; warehouse; railroad or bus station

The truck driver dropped the sixteen large boxes at the grain *depot*.

My mother will pick up my sister at the train *depot* at six o'clock tonight.

**syn:** terminal, terminus

5. **galley:** (n) a long, low ancient ship propelled by oars; the kitchen of a ship or airplane

We drew pictures of an immense *galley* that included the slaves and convicts who were on board.

The documentary revealed that many slaves were harshly treated as they rowed in the *galley* of this antique ship.

6. **hearth:** (n) stone floor of a fireplace

Please do not leave the newspapers on the *hearth*, as they could easily ignite from the sparks.

7. **labyrinth:** (n) structure containing an intricate network of winding passages that are hard to follow without losing one's way; a maze

Daedulus, the father of Icarus, constructed mythology's most famous *labyrinth* at the request of Crete's King Minos.

**syn:** intricacy, confusion, tangle

8. **lagoon:** (n) an area of shallow salt water

We wandered near this peaceful *lagoon* while we were vacationing here last summer.

9. **landmark:** (n) a prominent feature of a landscape

The Golden Gate Bridge is a California *landmark*.

**syn:** milestone, watershed, highlight, feature

## PLACES (continued)

**10. metropolis:** (n) a large city or center

Which is your favorite North American *metropolis*—New York, Los Angeles, Atlanta, or Boston?

**syn:** hub, seat

**11. monastery:** (n) residence for monks

The monks living in that *monastery* have taken certain vows including poverty, obedience, and silence.

**Helpful Hint:** MONks live in a MONastery.

**12. peninsula:** (n) land with water on three sides

Bordered by the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico, Florida is a world-famous *peninsula*.

**Helpful Hint:** A PENinsula is often shaped like a PEN.

**13. plateau:** (n) an elevated tract of flat land

The view from this large *plateau* is both magnificent and breathtaking.

**syn:** tableland, plain, highland, mesa

**Helpful Hint:** A PLATEAU and a PLATE are both flat!

**14. quay:** (n) wharf; dock

Workers called stevedores load and unload the ships that dock at this *quay*.

**syn:** pier, landing

**15. vestibule:** (n) a small entrance hall or room, either to a building or to a larger room

My father greeted our New Year's Eve guests in the *vestibule* before escorting them into the living room.

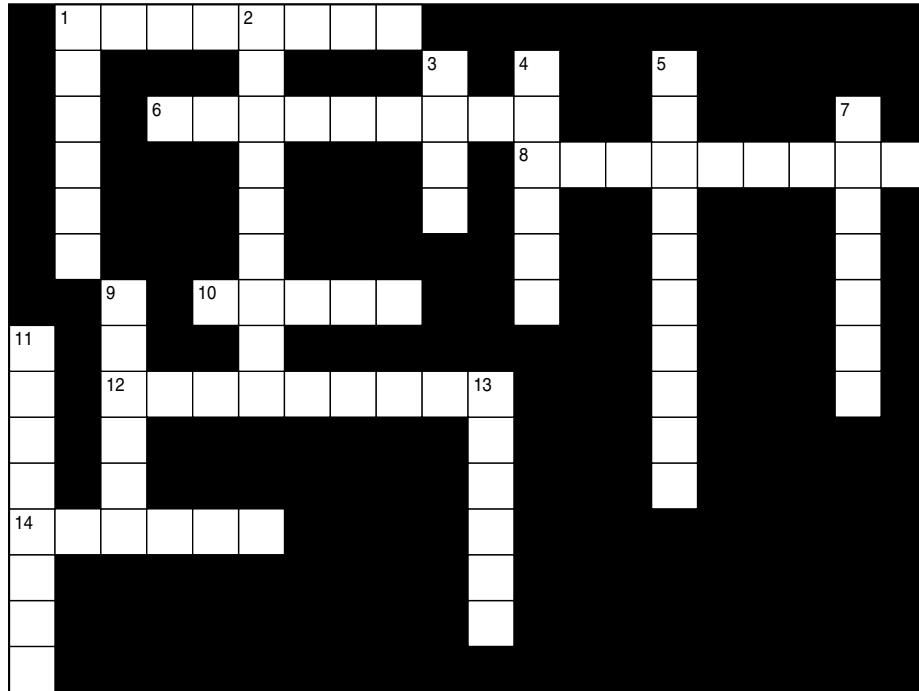
**syn:** foyer, antechamber, hallway, entry

**Helpful Hint:** Leave your VEST in the VESTibule before you walk into the living room.

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## 1-1 A LARGE CITY, A DOCK, AND MORE

One of the answers in this crossword puzzle has to do with a large city. Another has to do with a dock. So there's a start. Fill in the answers to the fifteen clues below.



### Across

1. prominent feature of a landscape
6. land with water on three sides
8. small entrance hall either to a building or to a larger room
10. storehouse; warehouse; railroad or bus station
12. structure containing an intricate network of winding passages
14. institution for the mentally ill; refuge; place of protection

### Down

1. an area of shallow water
2. residence for monks
3. dock; wharf; pier
4. large cave
5. large city or center
7. elevated tract of flat land
9. long, low usually single-decked ship propelled by oars and sails used in ancient and medieval times; kitchen of a ship
11. one-story cottage
13. stone floor of a fireplace

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## 1-2 THE LETTERS C AND R STAND FOR THEMSELVES

Today is your day to play detective. The fifteen words from Unit 1 have been disguised in this activity. Code letters have been substituted for the letters of the words, except that the real letter C is still the letter C in the substitute code, and the letter R is still the letter R in the substitute code. The other letters found in the Code Letters column have been given substitutes. Use the Letter Substitution Code to track your letters. Write the correct letters in the appropriate spaces. If you have done all of this correctly, you have decoded the fifteen words and are a good detective!

### Code Letters

### Real Letters

- |               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. CUWDRT     | CAV _ R _         |
| 2. NQUBDUH    | _ _ A _ _ A _     |
| 3. NDTLTOHQU  | _ _ _ _ _ _ _ A   |
| 4. QUKVRLTBA  | _ A _ _ R _ _ _   |
| 5. SYTUOBDRV  | _ _ _ A _ _ R _   |
| 6. ADURBA     | _ _ A R _ _       |
| 7. PDNYB      | _ _ _ _ _         |
| 8. SDBRYNYQLO | _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ |
| 9. MUQQDV     | _ A _ _ _ _       |
| 10. UOVQHS    | A _ _ _ _         |
| 11. QUTPSURG  | _ A _ _ A R _     |
| 12. WDOBLKHQD | V _ _ _ _ _ _ _   |
| 13. QUMYYT    | _ A _ _ _ _       |
| 14. KHTMUQYE  | _ _ _ _ A _ _ _   |
| 15. IHUV      | _ _ A _           |

### Letter Substitution Code Used:

Code Letters: A B C D E G H I K L M N O P Q R S T U V W Y

Real Letters: \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ R \_ \_ A \_ V \_

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## 1-3 FIND THE THREE WORDS

Choose the correct word and then write it in the appropriate blank. After each sentence, a number is written within parentheses. That number signifies the letter that should be written at the bottom of this page. If you have correctly written the fifteen letters in order, you have spelled out three five-letter words. The first word means to soothe; the second is something you need for a printer; the third is where many actors earn their living.

asylum	depot	labyrinth	metropolis	plateau
bungalow	galley	lagoon	monastery	quay
cavern	hearth	landmark	peninsula	vestibule

1. While exploring a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ in England in the 1900s, scientist Arthur Ogilvy found the jawbone of a man, now dated at 31,000 years old. (2)
2. My father catches many fish in the \_\_\_\_\_ that eventually empties into the Caribbean Sea. (1)
3. Our science teacher told us about a unique type of bird \_\_\_\_\_ found in the woods near our school. (4)
4. We spotted several horses on the distant plains as we stood atop the \_\_\_\_\_. (6)
5. Our hotel is just down the block from the \_\_\_\_\_, where many ships pull into port each day. (4)
6. Since this old palace has so many confusing long and narrow hallways, we thought that we were in a(n) \_\_\_\_\_. (8)
7. Grandfather enjoyed moving to the peaceful countryside after living and working for so many years in the noisy and crowded \_\_\_\_\_. (5)
8. Only the northern portion of this \_\_\_\_\_ does not have a coastline. (5)
9. Please explain what types of activity took place down in the ship's \_\_\_\_\_. (5)
10. The Eiffel Tower in Paris is a world-famous \_\_\_\_\_. (7)
11. Our small group waited for ten minutes in the building's \_\_\_\_\_ before we were escorted into the large conference room to meet our state representative. (3)
12. Hundreds of monks have lived in this magnificent \_\_\_\_\_ during the past two hundred years. (6)
13. Our family cat lies near the \_\_\_\_\_ to keep warm during those cold winter nights. (3)
14. Each summer, my friend's family lives in a lakeside \_\_\_\_\_ that was built nearly fifty years ago. (4)
15. How many bus and train riders use this \_\_\_\_\_ each week? (2)

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## 1-4 A COLORFUL MATCHING COLUMN

Match the word in Column A with its definition in Column B. Then write the two-letter answer on the line after the number in Column A. Last, write the two-letter answers (in order) at the bottom of the page. If your answers are correct, you will understand the title of this activity.

### Column A

1. \_\_\_\_ asylum
2. \_\_\_\_ bungalow
3. \_\_\_\_ cavern
4. \_\_\_\_ depot
5. \_\_\_\_ galley
6. \_\_\_\_ hearth
7. \_\_\_\_ labyrinth
8. \_\_\_\_ lagoon
9. \_\_\_\_ landmark
10. \_\_\_\_ metropolis
11. \_\_\_\_ monastery
12. \_\_\_\_ peninsula
13. \_\_\_\_ plateau
14. \_\_\_\_ quay
15. \_\_\_\_ vestibule

### Column B

- bl.** residence for monks
- br.** sanctuary, refuge; institution for the mentally ill
- di.** wharf; dock
- ed.** large city or center
- eo.** stone floor of a fireplace
- er.** prominent feature of a landscape
- go.** small entrance hall or room
- in.** elevated tract of flat land
- ng.** area of shallow saltwater
- np.** large cave
- ow.** one-story cottage
- pl.** log, low ancient ship propelled by oars
- ra.** structure containing an intricate network of winding passages
- ue.** land with water on three sides
- ur.** storehouse; warehouse; railroad or bus station

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