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Night Fliers

Study each word and its meaning.

bounce (verb) to spring back after hitting something

bounces, bounced, bouncing

The player *bounced* the ball once before shooting.

distant (adjective) far away in space or time

The *distant* city sparkled in the sun.

echo (noun) sound waves that come back after hitting something

echoes

In the huge cave, the *echo* of our voices was deep.

occasion (noun) an event or particular time

occasions

Your birthday is a special *occasion*.

securely (adverb) safely

Be sure that the window is *securely* locked.

speed (verb) to move quickly

speeds, sped, speeding

The racecar *sped* around the track.

Read each sentence below. Complete it with a word from the box.

speeds

distant

echo

occasion

bounced

securely

- The wind is getting stronger, but the storm is still quite _____.
- The shutters are fastened _____.
- The newspaper _____ off the front step and into the bushes.
- In a closed space, you will sometimes hear more than one _____.
- A driver who _____ may get a ticket and a fine.
- On this _____, Grandpa will make a speech.

Read this story. Then go back and circle the words in the passage that you have been studying and write them on the lines below.

A bat can't see much better than we can at night. Yet it speeds through the dark without crashing into anything. How do these nocturnal animals do it?

A bat has large ears. Some bats can turn them in more than one direction. As the bat flies, it sends out cries too high pitched for people to hear. The cries bounce back from anything in the bat's path. These echoes tell the bat how distant things are.

As the bat gets closer to something, it squeaks faster and faster. It squeaks as often as 60 times a second. When the bat squeaks, its ears close. The bat never hears its own cry. After it squeaks, the ears open again. Then the bat hears the echo of its cry.

There are only two occasions when a bat doesn't use its cry. It doesn't squeak entering its home. And it doesn't squeak when eating. At all other times, the bat's voice and ears keep it securely on its path.



1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

Bonus Word

nocturnal [nok•TUR•nəl] (adjective)
active at night

Find the Word

Write the word that each group of words tells about.

speed **bounce** **distant** **nocturnal** **occasion** **securely** **echo**

- 1 to move quickly
- 2 an event or particular time
- 3 far away in space or time
- 4 sound waves that come back after hitting something
- 5 active at night
- 6 safely
- 7 to spring back after hitting something

Word Work

Sometimes a suffix can be added to the end of a word to change its meaning. The letters *ly* mean “in a given way.”

secure + ly = securely (in a secure way)

Add the letters *ly* to the words below. Write the new word on the line and in the phrase.

- 1 quiet + ly = _____ speak _____
- 2 careful + ly = _____ work _____
- 3 slow + ly = _____ walk _____
- 4 patient + ly = _____ wait _____



Baseball Hero

Study each word and its meaning.

average (noun) a number found by adding figures and then dividing by the number of figures

averages

The *average* of 2, 8, and 5 is 5.

career (noun) a person's time spent doing a certain kind of work

careers

My dad's *career* in the navy ended after 20 years.

consistent (adjective) staying the same

I practice the piano for a *consistent* length of time every day.

earthquake (noun) a shaking of the earth

earthquakes

In 1989, San Francisco had a big *earthquake*.

farewell (noun) a good-bye, spoken at parting from someone

farewells

Our family said *farewell* to our guide at the airport.

league (noun) a group of sports teams that play against one another

leagues

Our team plays in an ice hockey *league*.

Read each sentence below. Complete it with a word from the box.

consistent

farewell

leagues

average

career

earthquake

- No one likes to say _____ to good friends.
- An _____ starts deep below the planet's surface.
- In a year, our state gets an _____ of 64 inches of rain.
- During her _____, she was known as the best lawyer in the city.
- In baseball, the two main _____ have different rules.
- Nina got _____ scores on her math tests.

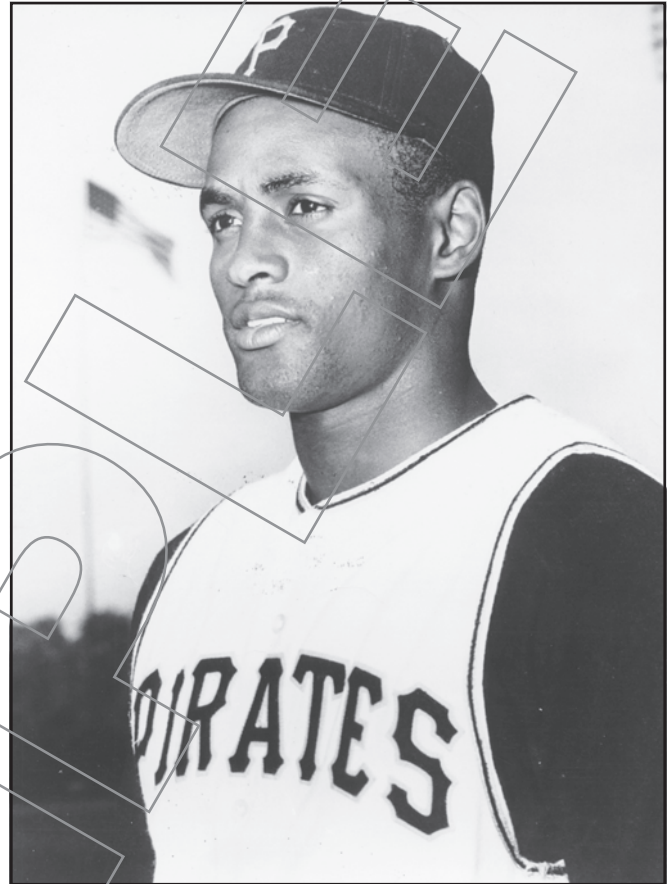
Read this story. Then go back and circle the words in the passage that you have been studying and write them on the lines below.

Roberto Clemente was born in Puerto Rico in 1934. Like many Puerto Ricans, Roberto loved baseball more than anything. He played it whenever he could. By the time he was 19, Roberto played very well. He was good enough, in fact, to play in the U.S. major leagues.

For the next 18 years, Roberto played for the Pittsburgh Pirates. He was consistent at bat. During his career, he had 3,000 hits. His batting average was .317. People loved to watch him in right field, too. He'd leap high in the air to catch the ball.

Yet Roberto's story is much more than just a baseball story. He was also a philanthropist. Roberto enjoyed spending the winter with his wife and three sons at their home in Puerto Rico. He cared deeply about the people of his island home. So he used his time and money to help others. One dream he had was to build a sports city for children.

In 1972, Roberto was 38 years old. He was still playing fine baseball. That year, a terrible earthquake struck Nicaragua. It killed hundreds of people and left many more injured or without homes. Roberto went to help. But the plane he was in crashed into the ocean. His body was never found. The people of Puerto Rico gave Roberto a special farewell. They raised money for his sports city. It opened in 1975.



1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

Bonus Word

philanthropist [fil•AN•throw•pist] (noun)
a person who helps other people by giving gifts

Find the Word

Write the word that each group of words tells about.

career philanthropist	league earthquake	consistent farewell	average
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- 1 a good-bye _____
- 2 a shaking of the earth _____
- 3 a group of sports teams that play against each other _____
- 4 a person who gives generous gifts _____
- 5 a number found by adding figures and then dividing by the total number of figures _____
- 6 a person's time spent doing a certain kind of work _____
- 7 staying the same _____

Word Work

Some words have opposite meanings.

love • hate

good • bad

For each word below, think of a word that means the opposite. Use a dictionary to help you. Write the words on the lines. Be ready to use them in a sentence.

- 1 heavy _____
- 2 catch _____
- 3 born _____
- 4 clean _____
- 5 win _____
- 6 build _____



REVIEW

Read the meanings. Then find and circle each word in the puzzle.
Look across and down.

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

Across

- a good-bye
- staying the same
- someone who gives large gifts
- a group of sports teams that play against one another
- a person's time spent doing a certain kind of work
- sound waves that come back after hitting something
- safely
- a shaking of the earth

Down

- a number found by adding figures and then dividing by the number of figures
- far away in space or time
- to spring back after hitting something
- active at night
- to move quickly
- a particular time