

Circle the words where the CH is pronounced as K.

sketch	character	choose	chorus	touch	mechanic	chip
chocolate	speech	chemical	school	stomach	headache	scheme

Which word above:

- A. means a group of singers
- B. is a person who fixes machines
- C. is a systematic plan
- D. can be an actor in a play or a person's nature
- E. is a drawing
- F. is a plan

STUDENTS: Read the short paragraphs and explain the meaning of the underlined words and the paragraphs as a whole. The teachers can clarify as needed.

1. I advise you to take calcium to help protect your bones as you age. But calcium tablets may have an adverse reaction with some drugs you take. You should ask your pharmacist. You may need to stagger your calcium tablets with your other prescriptions.

Adverse in the sentence above is an adjective. It describes the type of reaction. Adversely is an adverb. EX: Calcium tablets may adversely affect the prescription medicine you take. In this case adversely modifies the verb "affect". It tells how it will affect the medicine. Notice I used the verb "affect" not the noun "effect". Many English speakers get these two confused. EX: The effect of the flood on the cities downstream was catastrophic. It affected all the cities along the river.

Stagger can have many meanings. Which of the meanings below fits the way "stagger" is used in the first paragraph?

- a-walk or move unsteadily EX: The drunk staggered to the door.
- b-astonish or shock EX: We were staggered to hear that the cost would be over a hundred dollars.
- c-arrange events so that they do not occur at the same time EX: Meetings were staggered over the course of the day so participants could choose a time that fit their schedule.
- d-to arrange things so they are not in line EX: Stagger the screws at each joint in the table.

2. The libraries of the city contain an aggregate of some 300,000 volumes. An aggregate is a total of many things added together. It is a noun as it is used in the sentence above. It can also be a verb or an adjective. Read these two examples and tell which one uses aggregate as an adjective and which as a verb.

- a. Our aggregate expenses for the past two calendar years exceeded our income.
- b. His website aggregates content from several other websites.

Aggregate is frequently used in construction. It consists of a mixture of sand, gravel, concrete, crushed stone or rocks. EX: Aggregates are often used as a base layer under new roads.

3. When you nourish your imagination or your body, you give it what it needs to stay healthy and flourish. Whenever you eat a nutritious meal, you nourish your body. You can also nourish your dreams by allowing yourself to take chances and try what interests you, even if you're not sure what the outcome will be. To transform the verb nourish into an adjective, you can just

add ing. Then, you can describe things that nourish you — like protein shakes or good poetry — as nourishing.

4. Early in his acting career, he moved deftly from stage to screen. Deftly is an adverb telling how he moved. Deft is the adjective form of the word. EX: The deft musician was able to play the harmonica and the piano at the same time. It takes a deft surgeon to perform that delicate surgery successfully.

Which of the following are synonyms for deftly:

a-clumsily b-ably c-awkwardly d-skillfully e-expertly

5. His ascension to Hollywood's top ranks was in doubt when his first big film bombed. Shrinkage of glaciers and ascension of the snowline have led to fewer sources of water for over 40 rivers originating from Mount Qilian. Her ascension to the highest rank of society came through marriage to a British peer.

Ascension is a noun form of the verb _____.

What is the opposite of ascend?

Discuss:

1. Have you ever had an adverse reaction to drugs or food?
2. What is the most nourishing food in your refrigerator right now? What is the least nourishing thing?
3. What do you dream of someday doing? How do you nourish your dreams?
4. We say someone's actions are "out of character". In other words, knowing that person, you wouldn't expect them to behave in that way. EX: Running away from a challenge was out of character for Susan who generally welcomed an opportunity to match her skills against others. Think about your best friend. What would be an action that would be out of character for them?
5. Character assassination is an attempt by someone to destroy your reputation. Character assassination is frequently used in politics. Do you think character assassination works as a campaign strategy? Have you ever been the victim of character assassination?