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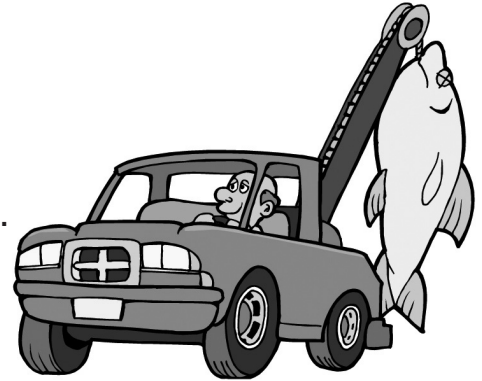
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# IMPORTANT WORDS TO KNOW

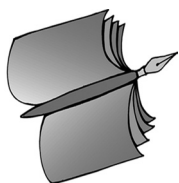
Important words to know:

1. ages – years  
I haven't seen you in ages!
2. claim – merit; something taken as one's own  
This lake, with such big fish, has the better claim.
3. diverge – to split and go in different directions  
Three miles out of town, the roads diverge.
4. downy – soft; velvety  
The downy quilt was warm.
5. fair – pretty; attractive; pleasant  
He felt ill, but he was in fair spirits.
6. harness – leather straps fitted to an animal to help the animal pull a load  
Put the harness on the mare.
7. queer – odd; unusual  
Before a tornado, the sky turns a queer shade of green.
8. sound's – sound is  
Eli said, "The sound's too loud for me!"
9. trodden – stepped on  
This forest has never been trodden by humans.
10. undergrowth – plants and small trees that grow beneath taller trees in a forest  
Ferns grow in the undergrowth.



## The Game: Choose the best word to complete each sentence.

- ages    claim    diverge    downy    fair
1. If you want wild flowers, this area has the better \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. When the paths \_\_\_\_\_, take the one that leads to a meadow.
  3. The meadow flowers are unusual and \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. Passionflower leaves feel \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. For \_\_\_\_\_, people gathered passionflower for tea.
- harness    queer    sound's    trodden    undergrowth
1. The men followed a path that had been \_\_\_\_\_ by deer and elk.
  2. They built a camp in the \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. In the dead of night, the watchman heard \_\_\_\_\_ sounds.
  4. He heard the rattle of a \_\_\_\_\_ and the clip-clop of hooves.
  5. "The \_\_\_\_\_ that of an intruder!" he warned.



Write a sentence with "downy."

\_\_\_\_\_



## STORY FIVE

### Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening by Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.  
His house is in the village though;  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow. (#1)

My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year. (#2)

He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake. (#3)

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep. (#4)



**The Game: Write the exact words from the story that answer the questions.**

1. Where does the story take place? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why did the traveler stop? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the time of day? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Why did the traveler need to leave? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which word in stanza 1 is a small town? \_\_\_\_\_



Who is telling the story?

\_\_\_\_\_

## WORDS AND PHRASES

"The Road Not Taken" and "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" are poems by Robert Frost. Robert Frost is one of the most important poets of modern times. He was an American poet. Many of his poems are set in the country in New England. Frost won four Pulitzer Prizes for Poetry. At age 86, Frost read a poem at the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy on January 20, 1961. JFK was worried that people would be more interested in the poet than in him!



Put an X on the picture of Robert Frost. Put an X on the picture of JFK.

Imagery is using words that help the reader see, hear, taste, smell, and touch. Two images show the season of autumn.

Ex: "The Road Not Taken"

Stanza 1: yellow wood

Stanza 3: lay in leaves

Think about standing in an autumn woods at a fork in a road.

**The Game: Write the stanza number where the words or phrases can be found.**

### "The Road Not Taken"

- |                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. yellow wood _____         | 2. just as fair _____      |
| 3. wanted wear _____         | 4. the passing there _____ |
| 5. way leads on to way _____ | 6. ages hence _____        |

### "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening"

- |                                   |                                      |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. without a farmhouse near _____ | 2. darkest evening of the year _____ |
| 3. easy wind _____                | 4. downy flake _____                 |

# DENOTATION AND CONNOTATION

Here's two crazy words with easy meanings.

Denotation → what the dictionary says  
a word means. (D is for Dictionary)

Connotation → what a word can make  
you think of



"The Road Not Taken"

Word	Denotation	Connotation
road	a way for the passage of people and vehicles	path, career, decision, way
wood	a group of trees	a maze
difference	the state of being unlike	strange, new, not right
passing	going by or past	instant, not anchored
traveler	a person who travels	lost, tired

**The Game: Fill in the chart.**

"Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening"

Word	Denotation	Connotation
darkest	without light	haunting, depression _____
bells		wake up, positive _____
downy		positive, easy, gentle _____
sleep		rest, death _____

**The Game: Fill in the blanks with the correct poetic element.**

personification    repetition    alliteration    rhyme

- wanted wear \_\_\_\_\_
- My little horse must think it queer \_\_\_\_\_
- The woods are lovely, dark and deep,  
But I have promises to keep \_\_\_\_\_
- And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep. \_\_\_\_\_

# STORY SEVEN

*The Tragedy of Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare (excerpts)

Caesar is a great Roman general. He returns to Rome after months of being away fighting. The people love him! Caesar becomes the dictator. Senate leaders think Caesar has too much power. They plot to squelch his power. At a festival, a soothsayer tells Caesar to beware the "ides of March" (March 15). Cassius, a senator, tries to turn Caesar's best friend, Brutus, against Caesar. Caesar has a meeting with the Senate on March 15. That morning, Caesar's wife, Calpurnia, is freaking out. She dreamt that he was murdered, and she begs him to stay home. (#1)



## Act II, Scene II    Original

## Modern

Caesar:  
Cowards die many times before their deaths;  
The valiant never taste of death but once.  
Of all the wonders that I yet have heard,  
It seems to me most strange that men should fear  
Seeing that death, a necessary end,  
Will come when it will come. (#2)

The gods do this in shame of cowardice.  
Caesar should be a beast without a heart  
If he should stay at home today for fear.  
No, Caesar shall not. Danger knows full well  
That Caesar is more dangerous than he.  
We are two lions litter'd in one day,  
And I the elder and more terrible.  
And Caesar shall go forth. (#3)

Calpurnia:  
Alas, my lord,  
Your wisdom is consumed in confidence.  
Do not go forth today. Call it my fear  
That keeps you in the house and not your own.  
We'll send Mark Antony to the Senate House,  
And he shall say you are not well today.  
Let me, upon my knee, prevail in this. (#4)

Caesar:  
Mark Antony shall say I am not well,  
And, for thy humor, I will stay at home. (#5)

Caesar:  
Cowards die many times before their deaths;  
The brave die only once.  
Of all the strange things I've heard,  
It seems to me the most strange that men are afraid,  
Since death, which can't be avoided,  
Will come whenever it wants. (#2)

The gods do this to test my bravery.  
They will say that I'm an animal without a heart  
If I stayed home today because of fear.  
So, I won't. Danger knows  
That Caesar is more dangerous than he is.  
We're two lions born at the same time,  
And I am the oldest and most frightening,  
I will go out. (#3)

Calpurnia:  
Alas, my lord!  
You are overconfident and not thinking.  
Don't go out today. Say that it's my fear  
That keeps you inside and not your own.  
We'll send Antony to the Senate House,  
And he'll say that you're sick today.  
I am begging on my knees, for you to agree  
with my plan. (#4)

Caesar:  
Okay, Antony will say I am not well,  
And because of your mood and to make you  
happy, I'll stay home. (#5)

**The Game: Where does Calpurnia want Caesar to stay?** \_\_\_\_\_