

Unit 8 - Water Balloon Fight

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valuable

8A Introduction

Nothing is more fun in the heat of summer than a water balloon fight. Just make sure your friend doesn't outsmart you.

8B Song Lyrics

Woo! It's hot. Check it: I've got an idea though. Go get some balloons; meet me at the fire hydrant in front of my house in 5 minutes. I've got an idea.

It started on a hot summer's day,
The opposite of cold and **frigid**; man, just forget it.
We were so hot that we wanted a **blizzard**,
A huge snowstorm, 'cause man, it was so warm.
I mean it was so hot you could fry an egg on the sidewalk,
You've got no shoes; don't even try to walk.
I was feeling so **sluggish** and lazy,
I didn't want to move or **budge**; it was crazy.
But then my friend D called me quick,
He said, "I don't know what you think; we should get a cold drink,
You know, a **beverage**. Meet me in a little bit.
I'll make some lemonade; soon we'll be sipping it."
I started to leave, but then I had a thought,
I know how to cool D down when it's this hot.
I found some balloons and filled 'em with water.
Water balloon fight! I'd make D the target!

*Water balloon fight! "Yeah, what's up!
We got the whole block rocking, it's just too hot!"
Water balloon fight! "Yeah, that's it!
So get ready, get set, 'cause we'll all get wet!"
(x2)*



The Word Up Project: Level Indigo

So at D's house, I could hear his voice out back,
I thought I'd sneak around now for a sneak attack.
I moved carefully and **cautiously**; it was something,
Quieter than a tiger when he's out hunting.
I didn't see D, but his voice was so loud,
So with a big yell, I jumped out!
It became clear to me, it became **apparent**,
That D wasn't there, and I was embarrassed.
All I saw was a speaker that played a CD,
And from the speaker came the voice of D.
And **visible** to me, I mean I could see it,
Was an X on the ground, and I was real near it.
Then out popped D, throwing balloons; he caught me,
And two dudes with squirt guns to wash me.
I jumped behind a fence for some defense,
But oh, no! There was a six-year-old there with a whole hose.
The water **spurted** out the hose, shot out,
Thank goodness it was hot out, 'cause now I was dripping.
D had a better **strategy** than me, a better plan,
'Cause now five kids jumped out from behind a van.
They had Super Soakers, plus a launcher,
To launch water balloons—that thing was a monster.
So D soaked me, true, I got caught,
But it's cool to stay cool when the weather's this hot.

Hook

8C Words Defined

apparent

(adj) Easily seen, clear, or obvious. *After I spent the whole day on the subway unsuccessfully trying to sell candy, it became **apparent** that I had to find a better way to make money.*

beverage

(noun) A drink. *There's nothing like a cold **beverage** on a hot day—lemonade is my favorite.*

blizzard

(noun) A heavy snowstorm with strong winds. *Caught in the **blizzard**, the hikers couldn't see even five feet in front of them.*

blizzard



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budge

(verb) To move or shift. *We were all pushing hard, but the car wouldn't **budge**.*

cautiously

(adverb) Carefully; trying to avoid risks or mistakes. *The bunny hopped toward me **cautiously**, unsure whether I was a threat.*

Other forms: *Rita is **cautious** (adj) when talking to strangers. She tried to **caution** (verb) me to be more careful, and told me to proceed with **caution** (noun) in the future.*

frigid

(adj) Very cold. *It was so **frigid** outside, Tonia refused to leave her home.*

sluggish

(adj) Lazy; lacking energy. *Alon is always **sluggish** after a big meal; he goes right to the couch and puts his feet up.*



spurt

(verb) 1. To shoot out quickly in a stream. *I knocked the printer off the table and ink **spurted** everywhere.* 2. To show a burst of energy. *The runners **spurted** toward the finish line.*

(noun) A sudden, short stream of fluid or a quick burst of activity. *After years of calm, a **spurt** of violence in our town upset everyone very much.*

strategy

(noun) A carefully formed plan or plot; or a plan of military operations. *I had a great **strategy** for becoming the class president: I would legally change my name from Ron Lewis to "Class President."*

Other forms: *Picking up a new pitcher in the off-season was a smart **strategic** (adj) decision for our team.*

visible

(adj) Able to be seen, exposed to view, not hidden. *American flags are one of the most **visible** symbols of our country.*

8D Synonyms

Circle the word on the right that matches the meaning of the word or phrase on the left.

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|----------------------------|------------|------------|----------|
| 1. easily seen | frigid | apparent | cautious |
| 2. lacking energy | visible | cautious | sluggish |
| 3. carefully | cautiously | apparently | visibly |
| 4. a well thought-out plan | beverage | strategy | blizzard |
| 5. a heavy snowstorm | blizzard | frigid | beverage |

8E Fill in the Blank

Write the word in the blank so that the sentence makes sense.

1. I keep begging my dad to buy me a pony, but he just won't _____.

spurt

budge

caution

2. In cold weather, nothing beats a hot _____ and a fireplace.

beverage

blizzard

strategy

3. Bob had a real growth _____ this summer; he must have gotten four inches taller!

blizzard

beverage

spurt

4. I gave my girlfriend a bracelet so she would have a _____ symbol of my love for her.

visible

cautious

frigid

5. Brrr, it's _____ out here! I wish I had a pair of heated pants!

sluggish

frigid

strategic

8F Connections

Each sentence has a strong connection with one of the words from the unit. Write the correct word on the line below.

1. I slowly opened the box, nervous about what might be inside.

2. Fernando had to move slightly to make room for his brother on the couch.

3. The water from the hose was squirting out all over the yard.

4. It was obvious to all of us that Leroy was a dog pretending to be a little boy.

5. The heavy snow and icy arctic wind made Tina question whether she could go on.

8G Applying Meanings

Circle the letter that makes sense or answers the question.

1. In what season would a **blizzard** be most likely?
(A) winter
(B) spring
(C) summer
(D) fall

2. If a scar is **visible**, then it
(A) has healed
(B) still hurts
(C) can be seen
(D) is on the legs

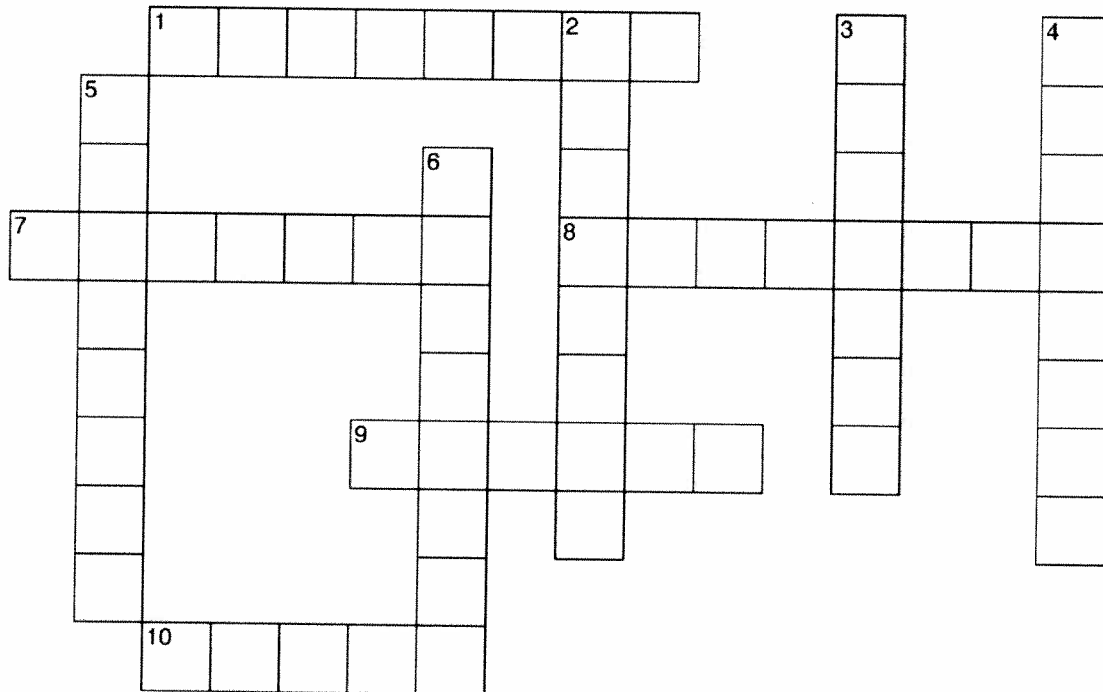
3. Which is a **beverage**?
(A) gasoline
(B) orange juice
(C) fried chicken
(D) oxygen

4. Who creates the **strategy** for a sports team?
(A) the fans
(B) the person who designs their uniforms
(C) the person who sells tickets to the games
(D) the coach

5. What are you most likely to do if you're feeling really **sluggish**?
(A) take a nap
(B) run a marathon
(C) tell everyone you know
(D) put on a winter coat

Bonus: Crossword Puzzle

Solve this crossword puzzle. Note: Some answers may be different forms of the vocab words from this unit.



ACROSS

- 1 Jack's father was so _____ after Thanksgiving dinner that he had to be lifted off the couch like a baby.
- 7 Able to be seen.
- 8 It was _____ to Mrs. Danvers that no one in the class had heard a word she said.
- 9 The mean old man who lives down the hill has a _____ personality; he has an ice-cold stare that gives me the creeps.
- 10 To move or shift.

DOWN

- 2 My _____ for dealing with bullies is simple: Run away, fast.
- 3 The water _____ out of the squirt gun, and soon we were all soaked.
- 4 Be _____ when you run down that hill; there are all sorts of cracks you could trip on.
- 5 The weather reporter said to get off the road; there was a _____ coming.
- 6 My dad's favorite _____ is coffee; he drinks between two and four cups per day.