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Word of the Day



billow 

Definition: (verb) Rise up as if in waves.

Synonyms: [wallow](#)

Usage: Smoke from the burning building billowed up into the sky, obscuring the sun. [Play](#)

Daily Grammar Lesson



Defining Clauses

Clauses are groups of words that contain both a subject and a predicate. There are two main types of clauses: independent clauses (which can function independently as sentences) and dependent clauses. What do dependent clauses depend on?

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Article of the Day



Body Dysmorphic Disorder

Body dysmorphic disorder (BDD) is a condition marked by an excessive preoccupation with an imaginary or minor defect in a facial feature or localized part of the body. Those who suffer from BDD experience psychological distress that impairs their social, occupational, or educational functioning. Though the earliest known case of BDD in medical literature dates to 1886, the disorder was only formally defined a century later. Onset of symptoms generally occurs during adolescence and includes what? [More...](#)

This Day in History



London Police Kill Commuter, Sparking Furor (2005)

The day before this controversial police shooting, four suicide bombing attempts on London's transport system failed, sparking a massive manhunt for the escaped bombers. With the perpetrators still at large, commuters returned to the tube. On July 22, police at the Stockwell tube station shot and killed 27-year-old Jean Charles de Menezes, whom they mistook for suspected bomber Hussain Osman. What police protocol for dealing with suspected suicide bombers was criticized after the tragic mistake? [More...](#)

Today's Birthday



Henryk Goldszmit, AKA Janusz Korczak (1878)

Goldszmit was a Jewish doctor and author of children's literature who wrote under the pen name Janusz Korczak. In 1912, he established an orphanage in Warsaw. When World War II broke out, he refused to flee the Nazis and continued to care for the children even after his orphanage was forced to move into the Warsaw Ghetto in 1940. In August 1942, Nazi soldiers came with orders to take all the children and workers in the orphanage to the Treblinka concentration camp. What happened to Korczak? [More...](#)

Quotation of the Day



Where does a wise man hide a leaf? In the forest. But what does he do if there is no forest? ... He grows a forest to hide it in.

[Gilbert Chesterton](#) (1874-1936)

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80°/67°
Friday

clear
81°/69°
Sunday

clouds
80°/70°

clear
82°/59°
Saturday

clear
81°/68°
Monday

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Your guess:



Grammar Quiz



Which of the following interrogative pronouns is used for **emphasis**?

- ☐ a) whichever
- ☐ b) which
- ☐ c) whose
- ☐ d) whom

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Spelling Bee



Difficulty level: ☐ easy ☒ hard ☐ expert

adj. Acting or done with speed and efficiency

Spell the word:

answer

new word

Match Up



Select word:

antitrust

contrite

statuesque

overzealous

venial

stately

antimonopoly

pardonable

rabid

rueful

Match each word in the left column with its synonym on the right. When finished, click Answer to see the results. Good luck!

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Good luck!

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Today's Holiday



Fasinada

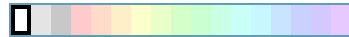
Fasinada is a commemoration of the tiny island of [Gospa od Skrpjela](#) (Our Lady of the Chisels) off [Montenegro](#). The island, according to the story, was once nothing more than a rock; sailors dumped stones there until an island was formed, and in the 17th century a church was built on the pile of rocks. The festival includes a procession to the island of boats decorated with [garlands](#) of flowers and loaded with rocks. The rocks are piled up to reinforce the shores of the island, and then the participants enjoy folk dancing and country sports and games. [More...](#)

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Idiom of the Day



harrowing experience — An experience that is frightening, chilling, or disturbing, either due to an implied or actual element of danger, or from being physically or emotionally unpleasant. [More...](#)

harrowing experience

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