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Norms of Sequential Associative Dependencies in Active Declarative Sentences

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One of the obvious difficulties one faces in psycholinguistic research involving sentences is the problem of trying to specify—for experimental or control purposes—the probability of occurrence of a sentence or the probability of a particular word-to-word transition. Free association norms have been demonstrated to be of some use for this purpose (Rosenberg, 1966a), but the probability of occurrence of a response word in free association may not reflect the probability of its occurrence in a sentence, and, what is more, we have to depend too much upon experimenter judgment in constructing such sentences. In a previous analysis of the data on which the present study was based (Rosenberg, 1966b), verb and object responses to subject-nouns in a declarative sentence frame were expressed as frequency tables. The difficulty with this procedure, of course, is that it does not permit one to determine which objects were associated with which verbs. What is needed, obviously, is a procedure which will generate directly a distribution of sentences with varying word-to-word constraints. The data presented here are the result of an attempt to meet this need in the case of the simple declarative sentence.

Method

Subjects. The Ss were 60 male and 60 female undergraduate students from educational psychology classes.

Materials. The stimuli in the original study consisted of 71 animate nouns selected from the Thorndike-Lorge (1944) norms, most of which were AA or A words.

Each of the stimulus nouns was printed in a sentence frame that contained two articles and blank spaces for a verb and another noun (object), for example,
"The dog ________ the _________." The sentence frames were arranged randomly in a booklet, the first page of which contained the task instructions. There were two different orders of the stimulus nouns.

Procedure. All of the data were collected in a group-testing situation from intact classes. The task instructions were read aloud by E while the Ss followed in their booklets. The Ss were told: "Your task is to fill in the blank spaces in each sentence with the verb (in the past tense) and the noun that you most frequently associate with the subject of the sentence." A copy of the test booklet can be found at the end of this report.

Results

The raw frequency data that appear on the following pages are for males and females combined. Thus, the total number of verb responses and the total number of object-noun responses is 120. The decision to combine the data for males and females was made after it was noted that there was a high degree of similarity in their responses. The stimulus items are arranged in alphabetical order, and below each item is printed the frequency table for the verb responses and to the right of each verb, the frequency table for the object-nouns associated with it. The numbers beside the object-nouns represent the frequencies with which these nouns occurred in the presence of the verb to the left. The verb-object combinations that occurred only once are printed below each of the main frequency tables. It will be noted that in the main tables the verb and object responses appear in order of frequency from highest to lowest.

The data that appear here are the output of a program written by the junior author for use on the PDP-4 computer.
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1. The actor __________ the _________.

played (35): part (23); role (10); scene, tape (1).
acted (16): part (11); play (3); role, star (1).
read (6): lines (4); play, script (1).
won (5): award (2); oscar (2); part (1).
forgot (3): lines (2); part (1).
portrayed (3): character, part, victor (1).
sang (3): song (3).
studied (3): script (2); lines (1).
won (3): best, boy, star (1).
finished (2): line, scene (1).
learned (2): part, play (1).
lost (2): part (2).
loved (2): screen, stage (1).
made (2): movie, picture (1).
made (2): nurse, star (1).
memorized (2): lines (2).
took (2): part (2).

accepted: part. - addressed: heroine. - ate: grapes. - crossed: stage. -
did: acting. - dominated: play. - drained: barrel. - dramatized: part. -
entertained: audience. - fooled: people. - gave: act. - hit: golf ball. -
kissed: actress. - knew: lines. - liked: play. - looked: best. - paid: price. -
performed: act. - pleased: crowd. - produced: play. - ran: screen. - recited:
lines. - rehearsed: play. - said: lines. - staged: play. - stole: show. -
told: joke.

2. The agent __________ the _________.
sold (23): house (8); insurance (5); policy (3); artist, car, land,
lot, product, property, ticket (1).
helped (8): client (3); customers, girl, people, singer, woman (1).
called (6): client (2); customer, man, movie star, police (1).
booked (4): act (2); actor, entertainer (1).
cheated (4): man (2); buyer, girl (1).
found (4): man (2); house, spy (1).
got (4): job (3); information (1).
signed (4): contract (3); man (1).
caught (3): murderer, robber, spy (1).
2. The agent ______ the _______ . (Con't).

made (3): appointment, contract, deal (1).
ran (3): business, fastest, investigation (1).
fired (2): man, shot (1).
gave (2): signal, story (1).
killed (2): man, spy (1).
phoned (2): client, man (1).
represented (2): company, firm (1).
solved (2): case, problem (1).
stole (2): papers, plans (1).
took (2): job, order (1).

adjusted: claim. - announced: opening. - arranged: meeting. - asked: price. -
bought: truck. - brought: contract. - checked: baggage. - closed: deal. -
collected: money. - confiscated: liquor. - convinced: customers. - defended:
client. - did: work. - discussed: crime. - filed: suit. - handled: case. -
coat. - paid: check. - performed: duty. - presented: policy. - published:
set: price. - shot: spy. - spied: fugitive. - studied: orders. - talked to:
client. - was: detective. - won: war. - worked: street. - wrote: policy.

3. The animal ______ the _______ .

ate (28): food (13); meat (4); bone (2); apple, banana, bird, corn, hay, man, meal, plant, prey (1).
bit (9): boy (4); child (2); man (2); rabbit (1).
rung (6): dog (2); car, cat, distance, race (1).
climbed (5): tree (5).
jumped (5): fence (4); rope (1).
killed (5): man (2); bird, boy, cat (1).
loved (5): child (2); attention, girl, woman (1).
was (5): cat, dog, meanest, pet, show (1).
liked (4): baby (2); boy, rep: (1).
fought (3): cold, man, tiger (1).
scratched (3): boy, child, itches (1).
took (3): food (2); bone (1).
attacked (2): man (2).
chased (2): boy, cat (1).
3. The animal clawed had made played pulled walked the (2): meat, paint (1). (Cont'd).

approached: tent. - carressed: child. - caught: prey. - chewed: meat. -
did: work. - dug: hole. - followed: child. - gouged: child. - grasped:
bar. - hindered: garden. - hunted: food. - lost: prey. - passed: tree. -
played with: child. - ran from: hunter. - roamed: hills. - saw: hunter. -
scared: child. - smelled: man. - tracked: people. - wanted: food. -
watched: dogs. - won: race.

was: painter.

5. The aunt loved called baked gave liked made helped married told brought visited ate bought cooked

the (2): kingdom, meat (1). the (2): noise, round (1). the (2): game, horn (1).
the (2): buggy, cart (1). the (2): town, woods (1).

the (2): picture (60); pictures (3); portrait (3); landscape (2); scene (2); bridge, girl, lake, model, mural, painting, subject, woman (1).
The uncle (6); children (4); child (3); nephew (2);
niece (2); boy, cousin, daughter, sister (1).

the (2): money (2); dinner, gift, orders, presents (1). the (2): cake (2); ballgame, cooking, dress, niece (1).
the (2): cookies (2); cake, candy, hill, pie (1).
the (2): boy, children, niece, sister, uncle (1).
the (2): uncle (5).
the (2): uncle (2); boy, story (1).
the (2): cake, candy, toys (1).
the (2): family (2); niece (1).
the (2): soup, uncle (1).
the (2): car, coat (1).
the (2): food, meal (1).
5. The aunt _______ the _______ . (Cont'd).

drove (2): car (2).
had (2): dinner (2).
kept (2): child, nephews (1).
knitted (2): mittens, sweater (1).
scolded (2): child (2).

6. The author _______ the _______ .
wrote (101): book (82); novel (7); article (4); story (3); foreword, incessantly, introduction, poem, preface (1).
read (2): book, review (1).
signed (2): book, books (1).


7. The baby _______ the _______ .
ate (11): food (6); candy, cereal, marbles, pablem, sauce (1).

drank (9): milk (9).
broke (8): bottle (7); glass (1).
threw (8): bottle (4); ball, food, rattle, spoon (1).
wanted (8): bottle (5); ball, milk, mother (1).
cried (6): loudest, loudly, night, paper, warning, word (1).
took (6): bottle (5); toy (1).
called (4): mother (4).
sucked (4): bottle (3); fooler (1).
7. The baby ________ the ________ . (Cont'd).

wet (4): diapers (2); bed, diaper (1).
held (3): bottle (2); toy (1).
liked (3): milk (2); toy (1).
saw (3): ball, jog, food (1).
spilled (3): milk (3).
was (3): child, star, youngest (1).
banged (2): floor, rattler (1).
dropped (2): bottle (2).
grabbed (2): candy, lamp (1).
kicked (2): bed, mother (1).
loved (2): girl, mother (1).
played (2): bells, piano (1).
rattled (2): paper, toy (1).
reached (2): sink, table (1).
spilt (2): milk (2).
watched (2): rattle, television (1).

chose: dog. - felt: blanket. - finished: bottle. - had broken: jar. - left:
car. - lost: ball. - opened: door. - pinched: mother. - pleased: parents. -

8. The bird ________ the ________ .
sang (38): song (33); tune (4); blues (1).
ate (27): seed (10); worm (10); food (2); bread, corn, seeds,
                                wood, worms (1).
flew (8): coop (4); distance (3); south (1).
built (7): nest (7).
caught (4): worm (4).
layed (2): egg, eggs (1).
loved (2): sky (2).
saw (2): bread, nest (1).
took (2): bait, bath (1).

avoided: cat. - cowed: notes. - chirped: song. - drank: water. - dropped:
worm. - feathered: nest. - fed: babies. - flew across: sky. - flew to:
tree. - found: seed. - got: worm. - grabbed: worm. - hated: sky. - hit:
window. - jumped: cage. - killed: bug. - led: birds. - left: nest. -
8. The bird ________ the _________. (Cont'd).

liked: worms. - lost: wings. - made: song. - messed on: car. - pecked:
girl. - picked: worm. - sailed: sky. - sang for: spring. - watched: babies. -
whistled: song.

9. The boy ________ the _________.

hit (12): ball (6); dog, friend, girl, home run, wall, window (1).
played (10): game (3); games (2); guitar (2); drums, harmonica,
            piano (1).
loved (9): girl (5); dog (4).
liked (7): girl (4); dog, pet, school (1).
rode (7): bike (4); horse (2); bicycle (1).
climbed (5): tree (4); step (1).
called (3): doctor, girl, man (1).
flew (3): kite (3).
helped (3): father, neighbor, workers (1).
ran (3): race (2); home (1).
swam (3): length of the pool, ocean, river (1).
won (3): game (2); race (1).
caught (2): fish (2).
dated (2): girl (2).
kissed (2): girl (2).
made (2): girl (2).
slapped (2): girl, sister (1).
studied (2): lesson (2).
threw (2): ball (2).
watched (2): television, TV (1).
wrote (2): girl (2).

asked: girl. - blew: horn. - bought: car. - broke: glass. - carried: ball. -
enjoyed: cake. - fixed: car. - fought: dog. - found: cat. - got: horse. -
hunted: dog. - interrupted: sentence. - left: house. - lost: game. -
needed: money. - passed: ball. - pitched: tent. - played with: kids. -
purchased: toy. - saved: child. - saw: fish. - shot: cat. - showed: way. -
shut: door. - started: car. - stole: car. - swept: floor. - wanted: ball. -
worked: problem.
10. The bride ______ the ________.

married (30): groom (26); author, boy, husband, young (1).

kissed (22): groom (21); husband (1).

loved (19): groom (16); husband (2); house (1).

wore (9): veil (4); dress (2); gown (2); bridal gown (1).

threw (7): bouquet (7).

cut (4): cake (4).

was (3): girl, guest, most beautiful (1).

bought (2): dress, furniture (1).

called (2): groom, husband (1).

became: wife. - brought: ring. - brushed: groom. - carried: flowers. -
encouraged: husband. - fought: crowd. - killed: groom. - left: church. -
liifted: veil. - lowered: veil. - made: dress. - needed: shower. - ordered:

11. The brother ______ the ________.

hit (15): ball (5); sister (4); car (2); boy, dog, girl, pan (1).

called (10): sister (6); dog, girl, Jim, mother (1).

helped (8): sister (4); brother, lady, man, stranger (1).

loved (7): sister (5); baby, cat (1).

liked (6): car (2); girls, house, other, sister (1).

was (5): best, friend, older, oldest, victim (1).

kicked (4): cat (2); ball, boy (1).

played (4): organ (2); field, guitar (1).

broke (3): bat, bicycle, vase (1).

fixed (3): car (3).

kissed (3): sister (2); pole (1).

teased (3): sister (3).

ate (2): cake, food (1).

beat (2): sister (2).

did (2): job, work (1).

drove (2): car (2).

hated (2): sister (2).

missed (2): ball, sister (1).
11. The brother ______ the ________ . (Cont'd).

slapped (2): sister (2).
took (2): blame, book (1).
washed (2): car (2).


12. The candidate ______ the ________ .

won (46): election (35); race (6); office (2); job, primary, prize (1).
rang (10): election (5); campaign (2); race (2); office (1).
gave (8): speech (8).
lost (8): election (6); race (2).
made (7): speech (6); promises (1).
campaigned for (3): office (2); election (1).
wrote (3): speech (2); ballot (1).
asked (2): group, question (1).
beat (2): opponent, opponents (1).
got (2): nomination, vote (1).
voted (2): ballot, law (1).
wanted (2): position, votes (1).

13. The captain __________ the _________.
gave (21): orders (12); order (7); commands (2).
seilled (19): ship (14); sea (2); boat, rank, seas (1).
led (12): team (5); men (4); group (2); crew (1).
commanded (11): ship (8); battalion, crew, execution (1).
won (5): game (2); medal, promotion, toss (1).
ordered (4): men (2); attack, ship (1).
ran (4): ship (4).
sank (4): ship (4).
called (3): maid, shots, signals (1).
steered (3): ship (3).
joined (2): army, rank (1).
was (2): leader, nut (1).
watched (2): fleet, men (1).
yelled (2): orders (2).
blew: whistle. - boarded: ship. - captained: ship. - chose: team. -
controlled: ship. - deserted: ship. - directed: ship. - disciplined: men. -
drilled: men. - fired: man. - had: control. - headed: ship. - issued:
order. - judged: events. - killed: lieutenant. - liked: ship. - passed:
football. - promoted: sergeant. - quit: army. - rang: bell. - ruled: ship. -
down with: ship.

14. The cat __________ the _________.
ate (36): mouse (20); bird (5); fish (3); rat (3); mice (2);
        canary, cheese, food (1).
chased (27): mouse (14); rat (8); dog (4); bird (1).
caught (10): mouse (7); bird (3).
drank (6): milk (6).
scratched (5): boy (2); chair, dog, man (1).
killed (4): bird (2); mouse (2).
climbed (3): tree (3).
hated (3): dog (3).
saw (3): canary, dog, yarn (1).
clawed (2): dog, furniture (1).
jumped (2): fence, highest (1).
14. The cat _______ the _______. (Cont'd).
meowed (2): return, supper (1).
ran (2): dog, house (1).
walked (2): roof, tree (1).
captured: mouse. - fed: kittens. - frightened: dog. - hunted: mouse. -
lipted: milk. - liked: dog. - made: round. - purred: kitten. - ran from:

15. The cattle _______ the _______.
ate (51): grass (37); hay (9); feed (2); corn, food, oats (1).
grazed (13): field (3); grass (2); hill (2); land (2); fields,
plain, plains, prairie (1).
drank (9): water (8); beer (1).
roamed (7): pasture (2); range (2); desert, fields, land (1).
crossed (6): road (4); river (2).
broke (3): fence (3).
ran (3): field, gorge, ranch (1).
grazed on (2): grass, pasture (1).
licked (2): salt (2).
stampeded (2): ground, land (1).
stampeded (2): corral, rails (1).
circled: camp. - composed: herd. - cut: grass. - entered: field. -
furriored: food. - grazed in: field. - had: distemper. - left: herd. -
lied: farmer. - mooed: cry. - munched: grass. - produced: meat. -
rang: cowbell. - ruined: grass. - saw: fire. - scared: dogs. - stormed:

16. The chief _______ the _______.
gave (10): signal (5); orders (2); command, directions, instructions (1).
called (8): men (3); boys, braves, meeting, subjects, tribe (1).
led (8): indians (2); attack, group, others, people, tribe,
warriors (1).
ruled (7): tribe (4); indians, Sioux, tribes (1).
killed (5): bull, lion, man, settlers, whites (1).
smoked (4): pipe (4).
was (4): leader (2); brave, law (1).
16. The chief arrested (3): criminal, crook, robber (1).
fired (3): gun, man, rifle (1).
rang (3): bell (3).
stopped (3): fire (2); car (1).
blew (2): whistle (2).
cooked (2): meal, soup (1).
directed (2): others, raid (1).
extinguished (2): fire (2).
headed (2): squad, tribe (1).
ordered (2): braves, workers (1).
saw (2): fire, horse (1).
stole (2): horse, jewelry (1).
took (2): car, peace pipe (1).
wore (2): headdress (2).

addressed: tribe. - answered: phone. - ate: apple. - beat: squaw. -

17. The child played (16): piano (8); game (7); flute (1).
loved (12): mother (2); parents (2); animal, beach, country, puppy, store, toy, toys, water (1).
ate (8): candy (2); banana, cookie, cookies, food, meal, pie (1).
broke (8): jar (2); bottle, chair, glass, limb, toy, vase (1).
liked (6): school (2); babysitter, girl, teacher, toy (1).
threw (5): ball (4); pencil (1).
hit (4): dog (2); floor, water (1).
17. The child _______ the _______. (Cont'd).

took (4): candy, car, money, toy (1).

wanted (4): toy (4).

helped (3): father, mother, workers (1).

played with (3): animals, ball, toy (1).

ran (3): dog, house, race (1).

saw (3): ball, ghost, toy (1).

carried (2): bucket, doll (1).

found (2): jewels, toy (1).

gave (2): candy, toy (1).

kissed (2): doll, mother (1).

lost (2): doll, shoe (1).

needed (2): attention, security (1).

watched (2): television, workers (1).

wet (2): bed (2).

begged: candyman. - bit: girl. - burned: toys. - called: dog. -
cought: flu. - cleaned: garage. - climbed: stairs. - cried: most. -
cried for: toy. - destroyed: toy. - drank: bottle. - finished: toy. -
forgot: lesson. - hunted: dog. - jumped: fence. - missed: point. -
screamed: verses. - shared: toy. - spanked: kitten. - walked: fence. -
won: toy.

18. The citizen _______ the _______.

voted (8): ticket (3); republican (2); ballot, election, friend (1).

helped (6): town (2); blood mobile, city, law, neighbors (1).

paid (6): taxes (3); bills, fine, ticket (1).

made (5): arrest (2); choice, comment, speech (1).

liked (4): country (2); town (2).

obeyed (4): law (2); laws (2).

was (4): democrat, enemy, follower, town (1).

did (3): duty (2); work (1).

ran (3): bakery, light, school (1).

saved (3): town (2); country (1).

won (3): race (2); election (1).

wrote (3): address, editor, mayor (1).
18. The citizen ________ the _________. (Cont'd)
arrested (2): criminal, thief (1).
had (2): document, laws (1).
led (2): crowd, march (1).
loved (2): country, democracy (1).
pledged (2): country, flag (1).
rules (2): nation, town (1).
served (2): country, organization (1).
signed (2): petition (2).
watched (2): fire, game (1).
accused: city. - approved: bill. - awaited: trial. - bought: license. -
broke: law. - called: police. - cast: vote. - caught: man. - cleaned:
street. - climbed: flagpole. - corrupted: government. - counted: votes. -
crossed: street. - drove: car. - elected: mayor. - entered: jail. -
executed: mayor. - flew: kite. - gave: donation. - hanged: candidate. -
heard: speech. - joined: army. - learned: pledge. - petitioned: voters. -
picketed: courthouse. - placed: vote. - planned: meeting. - played: house. -
protested: march. - ran for: office. - rang: alarm. - read: paper. -
rebelled: demonstration. - respected: laws. - robbed: bank. - saluted:
flag. - spelled: words. - stamped: ballot. - stopped: fight. - sued:
government. - supported: election. - talked: wrong. - thanked: host. -
told: truth. - vetoed: bill. - voiced: opinion. - voted for: candidate. -
voted in: election. - was loyal to: government. - worked: town.

19. The clerk ________ the _________.
sold (26): merchandise (8); goods (6); book (4); dress (3);
clothes, hat, shoes, store, watch (1).
counted (6): money (2); goods, products, sales, stamps (1).
gave (6): money (2); checks, license, refund, report (1).
kept (6): books (2); money (2); book, records (1).
took (6): money (5); order (1).
cashed (5): check (5).
typed (5): copies, data, news, orders, report (1).
totaled (4): account, bill, items, report (1).
wrote (4): check (2); bill, ticket (1).
added (3): bill (2); records (1).
filed (3): papers (2); report (1).
19. The clerk _______ the _________. (Cont'd).

made  (3): bill, change, sale (1).
opened  (3): register (2); office (1).
paid  (3): bill, boss, employees (1).
stole  (3): money (2); goods (1).
received  (2): money (2).
worked  (2): problem, store (1).

hated: job. - hit: boss. - issued: warrant. - juggled: books. - listed:
rang: cash register. - read: rules. - recorded: inventory. - returned:

20. The coward _______ the _________.

ran  (13): distance (2); race (2); car, country side, mile, other way,
otherway, people, plane, road, way (1).
lost  (11): battle (4); fight (4); argument, game, match (1).
left  (8): scene (3); accident, country, duel, field, fight (1).
fled  (5): battle, battlefield, danger, scene work (1).
fought  (5): bully (2); fight, hero, man (1).
hated  (5): brave, bully, man, people, war (1).
hid  (5): money (2); car, loot, thought (1).
hit  (5): man (3); child, opponent (1).
killed  (5): boy, girl, hero, man, snake (1).
saw  (5): bully, fight, girl, man, shadow (1).
ran from  (4): bully (3); noise (1).
feared  (3): consequences, enemy, fight (1).
shot  (3): hero, man, robber (1).
stole  (3): car (2); test (1).
avoided  (2): fight, scene (1).
deserted  (2): army, battlefield (1).
jumped  (2): building, fence (1).
stopped  (2): charge, fight (1).
won  (2): fight (2).
20. The coward ______ the ________ . (Cont’d).
became: hero. - booked: race. - called: police. - clobbered: hero. -
times. - dropped: gun. - failed: country. - felt: guilt. - followed:
crowd. - forgot: fire. - frightened: burglar. - hid from: giant. -
hurried: fearless. - knew: street. - led: battle. - made: decision. -
planned: trick. - proved: opposite. - quit: fight. - spoke: words. -
sulked: year. - threw: rock. - told: secret. - turned: quickest. - was:
faithfullest. - wasn't: John. - whipped: bully.

21. The devil ______ the ________ .
tempted (16): man (7); angel, Eve, girl, men, saint, sinners, strong,
weak, woman (1).
hated (5): good (3); enemy, people (1).
lost (5): man (2); battle, fight, soul (1).
got (4): sinner (2); man, victim (1).
took (4): baby, bad, sinners, soul (1).
was (4): enemy, evil, meanest, worst (1).
won (4): battle, race, sinners, soul (1).
burned (3): bad, paper, trail (1).
did (3): wrong (2); evil (1).
had (3): fork, man, pitch fork (1).
killed (3): family, man, mind (1).
liked (3): evil, fire, person (1).
scared (3): children, man, wicked (1).
wanted (3): evil, people, sinner (1).
worked (3): evil (2); deeds (1).
called (2): boy, sinner (1).
caught (2): boy, sinner (1).
caused (2): crime, sin (1).
cursed (2): angels, righteous (1).
deceived (2): people, woman (1).
disliked (2): angel, God (1).
fooled (2): people (2).
hurt (2): people (2).
shot (2): lion, man (1).
21. The devil _____ the _________. (Cont'd).


22. The doctor _____ the _________.

cured  (28): patient (12); sick (7); boy (4); disease (2); ill, pain, person (1).
helped  (17): patient (7); sick (6); nurse (2); lady, people (1).
healed  (14): patient (7); sick (5); man, wound (1).
gave  (10): shot (5); medicine (3); pills, prescription (1).
examined  (5): baby, child, man, patient, woman (1).
treated  (4): patient (3); wound (1).
cut  (3): patient, skin, wound (1).
doctored  (3): patient (2); boy (1).
fixed  (3): arm, leg, wound (1).
saved  (3): life, man, patient (1).
saw  (3): patient (2); tumor (1).
called  (2): hospital, nurse (1).
delivered  (2): baby, child (1).
diagnosed  (2): illness, case (1).
splinted  (2): arm, legs (1).
took  (2): case, stethoscope (1).
wrote  (2): prescription (2).

23. The dog ate the food (15); bone (8); meat (4); scraps (1). 

bite (28): man (11); mailman (5); boy (4); child (3); bay, cat, rabbit, stranger, woman (1). 

chased (26): cat (24); rabbit, squirrel (1). 

caught (4): cat (3); rabbit (1). 

fought (4): cat (4). 

ran (4): cat (4). 

hated (3): cat (3). 

barked (2); message, most (1). 

killed (2): cat, rabbit (1). 

loved (2): child, master (1). 

eaten by: food, bone, meat, scraps (1). 

seen by: boy, child (3); bay, cat (2); stranger, woman (1). 

called upon by: dog (1). 

hit by: bone (8); meat (4); scraps (1). 

ate: food (15); bone (8); meat (4); scraps (1). 

barked: message, most (1). 

loved: cat (3); rabbit (1). 

rushed: bay, cat (2); stranger, woman (1). 

bounced: rabbit, squirrel (1). 

lit: light (1). 

jumped: rabbit (1). 

licked: boy (4). 

liked: cat (3); rabbit (1). 

played with: bay, cat (2); stranger, woman (1). 

bought: bone (8); meat (4); scraps (1). 

fed: dog (1). 

attacked: man. 

barked at: man. 

bit: bone. 

buried: bone. 

disliked: cat. 

found: bone. 

hid: bone. 

jumped: rabbit. 

licked: boy. 

liked: cat. 

played with: child. 

retrieved: bone. 

saved: child. 

scared: cat. 

walked: night. 

24. The duke married the duchess (22); princess (6); earl, queen, woman (1). 

loved (6): duchess (4); princess (2). 

ruled (5): people (2); country, kingdom, land (1). 

won (5): fight, game, honor, match, prize (1). 

called (4): duchess (2); earl, knave (1). 

ran (4): castle, knights, play, show (1). 

crowned (3): king (2); nephew (1). 

liked (3): people (2); king (1). 

bought (2): castle, estate (1). 

killed (2): duchess (2). 

led (2): people, way (1). 

made (2): presentation, speech (1). 

played (2): drums, horn (1). 

presented (2): gift, royalty (1). 

saw (2): duchess (2). 

shot (2): duchess, villain (1). 

sold (2): coat, territory (1). 

was (2): boss, leader (1).
24. The duke ________ the _________. (Cont'd).


25. The editor ________ the _________.

wrote (58): article (16); paper (12); editorial (9); story (8); book (4); column (4); news (2); letter, novel, report (1).
read (11): newspaper (4); article (2); book (2); paper (2); copy (1).
edited (10): paper (7); newspaper (2); book (1).
published (8): paper (6); book (2).
printed (7): paper (3); newspaper (2); book, story (1).
finished (3): article (2); paper (1).
studied (3): paper (2); print (1).
ran (2): newspaper, paper (1).

26. The elephant ________ the _________.

ate (13): peanuts (7); peanut (3); food, grass, tree (1).
stomped (12): earth (2); ground (2); jungle (2); man (2); grass, people, trainer, village (1).
drank (11): water (11).
carried (7): load (3); hunters, man, people, tree (1).
killed (6): lion (2); tiger (2); man, rat (1).
pulled (4): lumber, man, rope, tree (1).
was (4): attractive, biggest, largest, leader (1).
crushed (3): mouse, native, tiger (1).
26. The elephant _________ the _________. (Cont'd).

hated (3): jokes, mouse, tiger (1).
made (3): journey, mistake, sound (1).
smashed (3): animal, box, peanut (1).
trampled (3): grass, hat, trainer (1).
walked (3): ball, jungle, mile (1).
gave (2): birth, tusks (1).
jumped (2): ditch, fence (1).
performed (2): stunt (2).
rained (2): circus, jungle (1).
sprayed (2): water (2).
tromped (2): grass, ground (1).


27. The enemy _________ the _________.

killed (14): enemy (2); foe (2); king (2); soldier (2); americans, good, man, men, people, soldiers (1).
lost (11): battle (6); war (4); friend (1).
attacked (10): fort (4); aggressor, allies, assembly area, country, lines, man (1).
won (10): battle (7); war (2); fight (1).
fought (9): soldiers (3); ally, battle, enemy, friend, hardest, troops .
shot (8): soldier (2); ally, foe, gun, plane, sergeant, sniper (1).
hated (4): aliens, brother, man, opposition (1).
beat (3): allies, foe, opponents (1).
hurt (3): baby, country, people (1).
was (3): defeated, friend, spy (1).
called (2): friend, police (1).
defeated (2): army, defender (1).
disliked (2): friend, people (1).
gave (2): signal (2).
rained (2): length, troops (1).
saw (2): opponents, soldier (1).
27. The enemy _______ the _________. (Cont'd).
approached: line. - became: friend. - captured: soldier. - charged: army. -
destroyed: fort. - discovered: spy. - escaped: attack. - fired: gun. -
field: hill. - forgot: weapons. - frightened: girl. - harmed: people. -
held: gun. - hid: car. - infiltrated: ranks. - left: scene. - overcame:
hill. - overran: neighborhood. - preyed: enemy. - represented: country. -
retreated from: front. - sank: ship. - sighted: coast. - sounded: retreat. -
spied: gun. - spotted: opponents. - studied: victor. - terrorized: allies. -
turned: friends. - waited for: attack. - wasn't: friend. - whipped: rival. -
withdrew: army.

28. The farmer _______ the _________.
plowed (51): field (37); fields (6); corn (2); ground (2); land (2);
farm, sod (1).
planted (10): corn (2); seed (2); beans, crop, crops, field, fields,
garden (1).
grew (7): corn (3); crops (2); produce, wheat (1).
milked (6): cow (4); cows (2).
raised (6): corn (2); cows, crop, food, wheat (1).
sowed (6): seed (2); crops, field, fields, grain (1).
fed (4): chickens, cows, hungry, pigs (1).
worked (4): dell, farm, fields, land (1).
tilled (4): soil (3); land (1).
cultivated (3): crops (2); land (1).
hoed (2): beans, field (1).
raked (2): hay (2).
sold (2): pig, wheat (1).
bought: land. - drove: tractor. - formed: land. - herded: cows. - killed:
pigs. - kissed: daughter. - liked: garden. - made: crop. - mowed: grass. -

29. The father _______ the _________.
loved (21): son (4); children (3); daughter (3); mother (3);
child (2); family (2); baby, fish, kids, wife (1).
spanked (12): child (8); children (2); baby, boy (1).
helped (8): child (3); children (2); family, son, wife (1).
whipped (6): child (4); boy, children (1).
29. The father ______ the ________ . (Cont'd).

made (4): money (2); decisions, house (1).
punished (4): child (2); children (2).
scolded (4): child (2); son (1).
bought (3): car (2); house (1).
hit (3): child, mother, roof (1).
moved (3): lawn (2); grass (1).
beat (2): kid, wife (1).
fixed (2): house, iron (1).
gave (2): money, orders (1).
liked (2): meal, work (1).
paid (2): bills, expenses (1).
read (2): book, paper (1).
took (2): boy, children (1).

30. The fish ______ the ________ .

swam (47): sea (13); river (10); stream (8); lake (4); ocean (3); pond (3); rapids (2); current, ladder, water, waters (1).
ate (27): worm (10); bait (5); food (4); algae, crab, grasshopper, hook, minnow, snail, weeds, worms (1).
bite (8): hook (6); bait, man (1).
swallowed (7): hook (4); bait, line, worm (1).
jumped (6): net (3); boat, hook, water (1).
took (6): bait (5); line (1).
broke (2): line (2).
caught (2): bait, hook (1).
loved (2): bait, sea (1).
30. The fish ________ the ________ . (Cont'd).
breathed: water. - bubbled: water. - flew: course. - fooled: fisherman. -

31. The friend ________ the ________ .
helped (36): boy (6); friend (5); neighbor (5); man (4); enemy (3);
girl (2); lady (2); woman (2); butler, child, clown, friendless, needy, old lady, women (1).
liked (6): present (2); building, dog, girl, neighbor (1).
was (6): best (3); girl, near, spy (1).
wrote (4): letter (4).
called (3): doctor, plays, police (1).
gave (3): assistance, comfort, money (1).
loved (3): enemy, neighbor, worry (1).
played (3): game (3).
saw (3): enemy, game, girl (1).
told (3): truth (2); girl (1).
ate (2): pie, tomato (1).
bought (2): candy, car (1).
did (2): favor, work (1).
hit (2): ball, dog (1).
kept (2): secret (2).
lent (2): car, money (1).
lost (2): game, girl (1).

admired: children. - argued: point. - asked: girl. - betrayed: girl. -
borrowed: car. - broke: glass. - carried: books. - disliked: car. -
drove: car. - got: prize. - hated: other. - hurt: girl. - kissed: cheek. -
money. - offered: advice. - opened: book. - passed: test. - ran: mile. -

32. The gentleman ________ the ________ .
helped (27): lady (21); woman (2); child, girl, ladies, old lady (1).
opened (22): door (22).
32. The gentleman tipped the _______ . (Cont'd).
tipped (6): hat (5); waiter (1).
kissed (4): lady (3); baby (1).
gave (3): flowers, roses, seat (1).
held (3): door (3).
paid (3): tip (2); bill (1).
acted (2): nicest, part (1).
assisted (2): lady (2).
greeted (2): ladies, lady (1).
liked (2): girls, woman (1).
loved (2): lady (2).
made (2): clocks, hat (1).
played (2): cards, flute (1).
saved (2): dog, lady (1).
thanked (2): lady, waitress (1).
took (2): hat, lady (1).
wanted (2): lady, ticket (1).
watched (2): action, play (1).
adored: lady. - bought: hat. - bowed to: lady. - carried: package. -
considered: women. - courted: lady. - escorted: ladies. - fixed: drink. -
freed: lady. - had: money. - introduced: woman. - invited: lady. - lost:
umbrella. - married: girl. - offered: plate. - parked: car. - planned:
banquet. - pulled: chair. - removed: hat. - rode: train. - sang: song. -
sent: flowers. - smoked: pipe. - spoke: language. - told: lady. - was:

33. The giant the _______ .
killed (16): boy (5); dwarf (3); midgets (2); people (2);
cow, dragon, knight, man (1).
stalked (9): ground (2); floor, hill, house, insect, midgets,
person, town (1).
climbed (7): beanstalk (4); cliff, hill, mountain (1).
wanted (6): largest (2); man, tallest, tender, villain (1).
beaten (5): midget (2); boy, man, midgets (1).
hit (5): ball, boy, ground, horse, rabbit (1).
walked (5): earth, garden, road, streets, valley (1),
ate (4): beanstalk, midgets, mountain, peas (1).
33. The giant ______ the ________ . (Cont'd).

- broke (4): bar, bat, beanstalk, tree (1).
- captured (3): man, mill, princess (1).
- held (2): boy, food (1).
- led (2): army, people (1).
- planted (2): beans (2).
- reached (2): sky (2).
- ruled (2): land, valley (1).
- scared (2): crowd, people (1).
- stalked (2): forest, hall (1).
- swam (2): ocean, sea (1).
- watched (2): dog, people (1).


34. The girl ______ the ________.

- loved (19): boy (18); brother (1).
- liked (7): boy (5); article, cake (1).
- made (6): dress (5); team (1).
- wore (6): dress (6).
- dated (5): boy (5).
- watched (5): boy (2); clock, movie, television (1).
- chased (4): boy (4).
- sang (4): song (4).
- saw (4): boy (2); dog, show (1).
- bought (3): doll (2); dress (1).
- kissed (3): boy (3).
- read (3): book (3).
34. The girl _______ the _________. (Cont'd).
ate (2): candy, pie (1).
called (2): boy (2).
caught (2): ball, book (1).
sewed (2): dress (2).
told (2): boys, story (1).
wanted (2): boy, gift (1).
wrote (2): essay, theme (1).

35. The goat _______ the _________.
ate (67): can (23); grass (12); paper (10); hat (5); cans (4); garbage (2); tin cans (2); bush, coat, laundry, leaves, meal, rug, sheets, shirt, shoe (1).
butted (11): boy (4); man (3); fence (2); child, gate (1).
gave (10): milk (10).
jumped (5): fence (5).
chewed (4): can (2); grass (2).
climbed: (3): bridge, hill, mountain (1).
drank (2): milk (2).
followed (2): boy, master (1).
hit (2): fence, man (1).
kicked (2): boy, farmer (1).
rang (2): man, race (1).
36. The guest ______ the ________.

ate (16): dinner (3); food (3); meal (3); supper (3); bread, cake, casserole, pie (1).
thanked (13): host (7); hostess (5); people (1).
liked (9): room (4); party (2); host, hostess, supper (1).
enjoyed (8): visit (4); hospitality, meal, party, trip (1).
left (7): party (4); house (2); room, suitcase (1).
made (6): bed (4); desert, party (1).
helped (5): host, hostess, mother, poor, wife (1).
had (3): best, floor, suitcases (1).
saw (3): accident, chair, friends (1).
was (3): gentleman, intruder, woman (1).
called (2): boys, friend (1).
complimented(2): hostess (2).
dropped (2): fork, pitcher (1).
insulted (2): host, hostess (1).
spent (2): night (2).
stayed (2): limit, night (1).
visited (2): home, parson (1).


37. The horse ______ the ________.

jumped (22): fence (17); gate, hurdle, pond, rail, water (1).
pulled (16): wagon (7); cart (3); plow (3); buggy, carriage, sled (1).
rained (13): race (7); mile (3); course, distance, hills (1).
at (12): grass (4); hay (4); food (2); corn, hat (1).
threw (12): rider (6); man (2); boy, cowboy, girl, person (1).
kicked (9): boy (3); man (2); rider (2); fence, trainer (1).
won (6): race (5); show (1).
37. The horse ______ the _______. (Cont'd).
carried (4): man (2); boy, load (1).
plowed (3): field (2); fields (1).
rode (3): child, children, man (1).
buckled (2): cowboy, man (1).
liked (2): girl, salt (1).
was (2): colt, culprit (1).
attacked: snake. - broke: gate. - disliked: rider. - dragged: boy. -
drank: water. - drew: carriage. - galloped across: field. - had: feet. -
killed: man. - stomped: mouse. - trotted: paces. - vaulted: fence. -
wore: saddle. - ate: food.

38. The husband ______ the _______.
loved (27): wife (23); children (4).
hit (7): wife (3); man (2); boy, ceiling (1).
bought (6): car (2); house (2); dinner, roses (1).
read (6): paper (5); newspaper (1).
helped (5): wife (5).
kissed (5): wife (5).
earned (3): money (2); living (1).
fixed (3): stove, t.v., table (1).
hated (3): wife (2); mother-in-law (1).
beat (3): wife (3).
left (3): wife (2); house (1).
made (3): money (2); living (1).
ate (2): food, pie (1).
divorced (2): wife (2).
drove (2): car (2).
married (2): wife, women (1).
paid (2): bills (2).
rung (2): house, household (1).
rulled (2): home, house (1).
was (2): boss (2).
washed (2): car, dishes (1).
brought: flowers. - called: wife. - carried: wife. - defended: wife. -
did: dishes. - embraced: child. - fed: family. - forfeited: money. -
38. The husband ______ the _______. (Cont'd)

managed: money. - obeyed: wife. - packed: trunks. - provided: finances. -
quit: job. - scolded: kids. - shot: mother. - smoked: cigarette. -
sold: boat. - spoke: peace. - supported: wife. - took: job. - wanted:

39. The Indian ______ the _______

shot (27): arrow (15); cowboy (5); soldier (2); animal, arrows,
buffalo, deer, man (1).
scalped (12): cowboy (4); man (3); settler (2); white, white man,
whites (1).
killed (10): buffalo (2); whites (2); buffaloes, cowboy, man,
people, rabbit, soldier (1).
rode (8): horse (6); pony (2).
made (4): basket, bonnet, corn, teepee (1).
saw (4): chief, crowd, smoke, tree (1).
attacked (3): camp, fort, train (1).
did (3): dance (3).
fought (3): american, white men, whites (1).
lost (3): battle (2); struggle (1).
smoked (3): pipe (2); peace pipe (1).
hunted (2): bears, buffalo (1).
started (2): attack, war (1).
threw (2): club, hatchet (1).
wore (2): headdress, paints (1).
yelled (2): cry, words (1).
bought: skins. - broke: treaty. - built: fire. - called: chief. - danced:
dance. - fixed: teepee. - forgave: white man. - gave: yelp. - hated:
white men. - knew: way. - left: camp. - liked: reservation. - mounted:
scared: child. - screamed: sign. - served: buffalo. - tracked: man. -
blanket.
40. The judge __________ the __________.
sentenced (22): man (6); criminal (4); prisoner (3); crook (2);
guilty (2); accused, convict, juvenile, male, murder (1).
gave (11): verdict (6); sentence (3); decision (2).
tried (8): case (7); criminal (1).
passed (6): sentence (4); down, judgment (1).
convicted (5): criminal (2); man (2); boy (1).
charged (4): jury (3); criminal (1).
fined (4): man (3); defendant (1).
judged (4): case, man, people, person (1).
called (3): case, jury, lawyer (1).
ruled (3): case, court, session (1).
saw (3): boy, contest, race (1).
dismissed (2): court, jury (1).
heard (2): case (2).
issued (2): order, sentence (1).
made (2): decision, verdict (1).
opened (2): case, hearing (1).
pronounced (2): sentence, verdict (1).
set (2): fine, penalty (1).
acquited: thief. - advised: jury. - announced: sentence. - answered:
question. - brought: judgment. - decided: case. - elected: jury. - finished:
paper. - fixed: sentence. - hammered: gavel. - handed: fine. - instructed:
jury. - jailed: robber. - left: bench. - liked: jury. - listened to: jury. -
ordered: bailiff. - pardoned: prisoner. - penalized: man. - pounded: desk. -
presented: data. - ran: jury. - rapped: desk. - reviewed: case. - served:
sentence. - summoned: jury. - surveyed: projects. - took: case. - viewed:

41. The king __________ the __________.
ruled (34): kingdom (8); land (7); country (6); people (6);
countryside, court, empire, palace, parish, peasants,
subjects (1).
gave (9): orders (4); command (2); kingdom, order, rule (1).
made (6): queen (6).
crowned (5): knight (2); queen (2); prince (1).
liked (5): queen (2); country, money, throne (1).
41. The king ______ the _______ (Cont'd).

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42. The knight _______ the ________ . (Cont'd).

married (2): girl, princess (1).
rescued (2): girl, maiden (1).
rulled (2): empire, kingdom (1).
shined (2): armor (2).
took (2): orders, sword (1).
wanted (2): damsel, horse (1).

admired: king. - befriended: lady. - bowed: honor. - captured: dragon. -
challenged: knight. - cleaned: armor. - conquered: maiden. - dropped:
sword. - had: armor. - kissed: girl. - ordered: men. - polished: armor. -
protected: girl. - quoted: oath. - rusted: armor. - saw: ghost. - slaughtered:
lion. - swung: sword. - threw: lance. - used: shield. - was: brave one.

43. The lawyer _______ the ________ .

won (25): case (23); suit, trial (1).
defended (17): accused (3); client (3); man (3); murderer (2); convict,
criminal, prisoner, suspect, victim, witness (1).
helped (7): man (3); defendant (2); accused, client (1).
tried (7): man (3); defendant (2); accused, client (1).
took (6): case (6); man (1).
studied (4): case (4).
forth (3): case (3).
passed (3): bill, plate, verdict (1).
pleaded (3): case (3).
prosecuted (3): criminal, defendant, man (1).
read (3): book, law, paper (1).
sued (3): man (2); firm (1).
argued (2): case (2).
prepared (2): notes, speech (1).
presented (2): case (2).
represented (2): government, man (1).
settled (2): argument, case (1).
signed (2): deed, will (1).
told (2): jury (2).

fee. - convicted: party. - debated: case. - enforced: law. - explained:
circumstances. - filed: suit. - finished: case. - gave: case. - hated: judge. -
44. The leader _______ the _______.

led (63): group (20); way (7); people (4); boys (3); crowd (3); gang (3); men (3); troops (3); band (2); pack (2); song (2); cheer, class, game, march, nation, others, parade, platoon, revolution, singing, troop (1).

gave (8): command (2); speech (2); direction, directions, orders, plan (1).

called (5): roll (3); commands, volunteer (1).

held (2): ball, conference (1).

made (2): best, rules (1).

ran (2): band, country (1).

spoke (2): terms, truth (1).

was (2): gangster, victor (1).

won (2): battle, race (1).


45. The lion _______ the _______.

ate (45): meat (13); man (7); deer (4); lamb (4); animal (2); boy (2); bird, bone, buffalo, cat, dog, food, game, mouse, native, rabbit, rat, small animal, tiger (1).

killed (12): deer (4); tiger (2); animal, dog, hunter, lamb, man, monkey (1).

attacked (6): hunter (2); child, girl, tiger, trainer (1).

ruled (6): jungle (5); kingdom (1).

chased (5): tiger (2); boy, deer, monkey (1).

scared (4): mouse (2); man, people (1).

stalked (4): prey (2); cage, man (1).

was (4): king (4).

fought (3): tiger (2); elephant (1).

bit (2): baby, man (1).
45. The lion _______ the _________. (Cont'd).
   broke (2): cage, lock (1).
   clawed (2): hunter, meat (1).
   gave (2): roar (2).
   growled (2): loudest, message (1).
   roamed (2): forest, jungle (1).
   caught: bait. - charged: safari. - climbed: tree. - freed: mouse. -
   frightened: child. - gobbled: meat. - guarded: den. - hated: cage. -
   jumped: fence. - kissed: mouse. - protected: jungle. - provided: meat. -
   ran: forest. - roared: boy. - saw: tiger. - shook: walls. - thanked:

46. The maid _______ the _________.
   cleaned (62): house (48); room (7); floor (2); carpet, dishes, home,
   kitchen, tables (1).
   swept (7): floor (3); floors, porch, room, rug (1).
   washed (7): dishes (4); clothes (2); floor (1).
   dusted (6): table (3); chair, dresser, room (1).
   made (5): bed (2); beds (2); dessert (1).
   did (4): work (3); wash (1).
   fixed (3): clothes, lunch, meal (1).
   helped (3): butler, employer, mistress (1).
   answered (2): door, phone (1).
   cooked (2): dinner, meal (1).
   mopped (2): floor (2).
   changed: bed. - churned: milk. - dressed: baby. - heard: phone. - kept:
   played: role. - ran: house. - served: tea. - stole: money. - told: butler. -
   was: teacher. - watched: kids. - wet: bed.

47. The man _______ the _________.
   drove (10): car (7); bus, horse, racer (1).
   liked (5): car, food, girl, suit, woman (1).
   married (5): woman (5).
   shot (5): indian (2); bird, deer, snake (1).
   called (4): dog, girl, lawyer, love (1).
   hated (4): dog, government, job, woman (1).
47. The man ______ the _______. (Cont'd).

ran (4): mile (3); projector (1).
fixed (3): boat, door, tire (1).
worked (3): land, lever, traitor (1).
wrote (3): paper (2); letter (1).
beat (2): dog, girl (1).
bought (2): car, coat (1).
built (2): house (2).
crossed (2): street (2).
finished (2): cabinet, job (1).
helped (2): woman (2).
killed (2): dog, woman (1).
lost (2): bet, key (1).
made (2): living (2).
moved (2): boat, furniture (1).
opened (2): door (2).
saw (2): car, fight (1).
threw (2): ball, brick (1).
walked (2): dog, floor (1).
watched (2): girl, race (1).
won (2): bet, fight (1).

asked: woman. - blocked: path. - carried: gun. - caught: fish. - changed:
sign. - climbed: mountain. - drank: whiskey. - drew: picture. - dug:
ditch. - earned: living. - enjoyed: fishing. - fought: law. - held: job. -
hit: ball. - hunted: dog. - invited: girl. - jumped: fence. - kept:
change. - kissed: wife. - knew: street. - led: people. - loved: woman. -
misssed: bus. - needed: money. - operated: machine. - paid: man. - performed:
task. - protected: dog. - pushed: car. - raised: flag. - saved: lady. -
scolded: boy. - shocked: world. - stole: purse. - stopped: bus. - struck:
tree. - tamed: wilderness. - told: woman. - was: sick. - washed: car. -
whipped: dog. - wore: pants.

48. The mayor ______ the _______.

won (14): election (10); race (4).
gave (11): speech (7); orders (2); key, party (1).
rane (9): town (5); city (2); election, machine (1).
ruled (8): town (3); city (2); kingdom, land, people (1).
48. The mayor _______ the _______ . (Cont'd).
called (7): council (3); meeting (3); councilman (1).
signed (7): bill (4); proclamation (2); charter (1).
made (5): speech (2); law, laws, visit (1).
vetoed (4): bill (2); law, petition (1).
governed (3): city (3).
passed (3): bill (2); law (1).
was (3): boss, important, leader (1).
wrote (3): governor, speech, ticket (1).
broke (2): record, ribbon (1).
drank (2): beer, water (1).
fired (2): man, policeman (1).
helped (2): judge (2).
liked (2): people, town (1).
raised (2): taxes (2).

adjourned: board. - announced: winner. - appointed: Committee. - asked:
council. - cheated: people. - commented: town. - crowned: queen. - elected:
assistant. - fined: violator. - guided: city. - hit: councilman. - kissed:
baby. - lectured: people. - led: troop. - lost: election. - married:
cashier. - missed: car. - ordered: rezoning. - paid: men. - picked: winner. -
position. - watched: building.

49. The mistress _______ the _______.
loved (13): man (9); boy, husband, life, master (1).
made (7): bed (6); plans (1).
cleaned (5): house (5).
liked (5): man (4); boy (1).
made (5): man (4); governor (1).
found (3): bed, key, papers (1).
gave (3): orders, party, pleasure (1).
kept (3): house (2); secret (1).
left (3): home, house, man (1).
ran (3): house (2); store (1).
saw (3): man (3).
49. The mistress _______ the ________. (Cont'd)

served (3): master (3).
addressed (2): gentleman, master (1).
bought (2): groceries, house (1).
called (2): child, woman (1).
came (2): dressed, way (1).
did (2): job, work (1).
dressed (2): children, prettiest (1).
helped (2): child, man (1).
killed (2): man (2).
kissed (2): man, master (1).
planned (2): menu, party (1).
read (2): book (2).
washed (2): children, clothes (1).

adored: lover. - aided: proprietor. - ate: bon bons. - awaited: gentleman. -
cared for: child. - chased: man. - committed: suicide. - disliked: woman. -
entertained: guests. - failed: test. - flirted with: young man. - forgot:
man. - fought: circumstances. - greeted: guests. - hated: wife. - hurried:
master. - inherited: money. - lost: man. - met: lover. - opened: door. -
ordered: guards. - owned: dog. - pleased: man. - prepared: meal. - raised:
boy. - received: supplies. - shot: man. - slapped: man. - stayed: night. -
most. - took: money. - wanted: job. - was: wife. - watched: door. - wore:
letter. - worked: slave.

50. The mother _______ the ________.

loved (37): child (17); children (7); daughter (4); family (3);

baby (2); son (2); flowers, sons (1).

spanked (10): child (8); baby (2).
called (6): child (2); children (2); doctor, kids (1).

fed (5): baby (2); children (2); cat (1).
carried (4): baby (3); child (1).

helped (4): children (2); baby, son (1).
washed (4): child (2); children, clothes (1).

cooked (3): food (2); supper (1).

had (3): baby (2); child (1).

whipped (3): child (3).

babied (2): child, children (1).
50. The mother ______ the ______ . (cont’d).

fixed (2): dinner, meal (1).
hit (2): boy, child (1).
kissed (2): child (2).
made (2): cake, custom (1).
punished (2): child, daughter (1).
rocked (2): baby (2).
saw (2): child, wreck (1).
solded (2): child, son (1).


51. The nurse ______ the ______ .

helped (46): patient (19); doctor (12); sick (8); man (4); baby, child, patients (1).
gave (21): shot (16); attention, medication, medicine, medicines, pill (1).
nursed (6): sick (3); child, patient, wounded (1).
fed (4): baby (2); patient (2).
held (3): baby (2); child (1).
saved (3): life, man, person (1).
dressed (2): nicest, wound (1).
healed (2): sick, wounds (1).
hurt (2): boy, patient (1).
took (2): flowers, pills (1).

52. The owner _______ the _________.

sold (34): car (8); house (6); land (5); lot (4); boat (3);
property (2); store (2); cars, home, shop, theater (1).
bought (14): car (5); land (5); house (2); farm, samples (1).
lost (5): dog, establishment, home, object, property (1).
owned (5): house (2); business, land, shop (1).
ran (5): store (4); house (1).
gave (4): approval, land, orders, party (1).
liked (4): car (3); house (1).
rented (4): house (3); place (1).
cleaned (2): premises, yard (1).
had (2): control, property (1).
opened (2): shop, store (1).
ruled (2): company, enterprise (1).
built: house. - called: manufacturer. - charged: negro. - closed: shop. -
evicted: renter. - fenced: land. - fired: worker. - fixed: house. -
found: car. - improved: lot. - inhabited: farm. - kept: key. - killed:
dog. - knew: best. - managed: business. - needed: customer. - notified:
renters. - observed: situation. - paid: rent. - painted: house. - pierced:
door. - played: part. - praised: car. - provided: money. - reclaimed:
article. - replenished: car. - retracted: charge. - reworked: motor. -
saw: fight. - shared: car. - studied: trouble. - sued: trespasser. - took:

53. The poet _______ the _________.

wrote (89): poem (73); ballad (2); sonnet (2); verse (2);
analysis, article, best, book, cantata, lyr'c, poems, prose, song, words (1).
read (7): poem (4); poems, stanza, verse (1).
composed (6): poem (5); song (1).
loved (2): nature, sea (1).
rang (2): bell, song (1).
recited (2): poem (2).
sang (2): song (2).
autographed: poem. - called: lark. - drank: water. - explained: diction. -
lines. - won: pulitzer prize.
54. The president _______ the ________.
signed (14): bill (10); law, petition, receipt, treaty (1).
gave (12): speech (9); order, orders, warning (1).
made (10): laws (3); address (2); speech (2); decisions, law, rules (1).
vetoed (10): bill (10).
called (8): meeting (3); alarm, board, cabinet, role, white house (1)
passed (8): bill (6); law, laws (1).
was (5): boss, chief justice, head, host, leader (1).
helped (3): faculty, people, poor (1).
won (3): election (3).
guided (2): government, nation (1).
led (2): army, group (1).
liked (2): company, people (1).
ran (2): company, country (1).
wrote (2): congress, speech (1).

wanted: vote. - worked: government.

55. The priest _______ the ________.
gave (15): sermon (4); benediction, communion, mass, message, offering, rites, rules, sacrament, sacrifice, speech, wine (1).
preached (15): sermon (11); funeral, gospel, service, teachings (1).
said (12): prayer (5); mass (4); prayers (2); words (1).
blessed (10): people (4); baby, child, congregation, crowd, lady, man (1).
helped (7): people (2); boy, lady, lost, sick, sinner (1).
prayed (5): prayer (5).
55. The priest ______ the ______. (Cont'd).

heard (4): confessions (3); confession (1).
marrmed (4): couple (4).
read (4): bible (3); passage (1).
baptized (3): man (2); child (1).
forgave (3): child, couple, sinner (1).
saved (3): sinner, souls, woman (1).
taught (3): bible, people, truth (1).
led (2): people, prayer (1).
loved (2): church, lord (1).
performed (2): duty, sacrament (1).
spoke (2): latin, sermon (1).
wore (2): cape, vestments (1).


56. The queen ______ the ______.

ruled (20): country (4); king (3); kingdom (3); land (3); ball, court, empire, hive, nation, people, world (1).
marrmed (11): king (8); prince (2); peon (1).
loved (9): king (8); palace (1).
helped (7): king (4); kingdom (2); people (1).
crowned (3): king (2); prince (1).
killed (3): king (3).
kissed (3): king (2); knight (1).
ran (3): house, king, land (1).
was (3): leader, prettiest, worker (1).
wore (3): crown, dress, jewels (1).
gave (2): funds, gift (1).
had (2): crown, party (1).
hated (2): king (2).
knighted (2): peasant, soldier (1).
mae (2): bad, role (1).
reigned (2): throne, world (1).
56. The queen ________ the ________ . (Cont'd).

sat on (2): throne (2).
saw (2): king, raid (1).


57. The rabbit ________ the ________ .

ate (44): carrot (23); lettuce (9); carrots (5); cabbage (2); grass (2), clover, food, pellets (1).

jumped (27): fence (16); ditch (2); log (2); barrel, bush, gate, grass, hill, hole, stump (1).

hopped (8): fence (4); hole, log, streets, train (1).

ran (6): distance, dog, fastest, hunter, path, race (1).

chased (3): bird, mouse, snake (1).

outran (3): dog (2); fox (1).

leaped (2): brush, bush (1).

lost (2): chase, race (1).

was (2): good, pet (1).


58. The sailor ________ the ________ .
sailed (52): ship (17); seas (11); sea (10); ocean (7); boat (6); channel (1).

left (4): ship (3); island (1).
58. The sailor ________ the ________ . (Cont’d).

liked (4): ship (2); boat, sea (1).
washed (4): deck (4).
drank (3): beer, rum, whiskey (1).
kissed (3): girl (3).
swabbed (3): deck (3).
cleaned (2): deck, ship (1).
dropped (2): anchor, sails (1).
drove (2): boat (2).
fought (2): seas, submarine (1).
hated (2): navy, water (1).
mopped (2): deck, ship (1).
raised (2): anchor, sail (1).
rode (2): ship, waves (1).
saw (2): flag, seven seas (1).
swam (2): river (2).

ate: food. - boarded: ship. - braved: storm. - climbed: crowsnest. -
controlled: ship. - cussed: captain. - fixed: sail. - gave: report. -
navigated: ship. - painted: ship. - picked: girl. - rowed: boat. -
wrecked: ship.

59. The slave ________ the ________ .

worked (25): fields (8); field (6); land (4); farm (2); camp,
garden, mill, plantation, wheel (1).
served (7): master (6); table (1).
broke (5): chains (3); chain, whip (1).
built (5): fence (2); wall (2); house (1).
did (5): work (4); job (1).
hated (4): bondage, farmer, master, masters (1).
helped (4): master (2); farmer, king (1).
picked (4): cotton (4).
washed (4): clothes (2); dishes, windows (1).
carried (3): supplies, tools, water (1).
fought (3): master, owner, ruler (1).
59. The slave _______ the ________ . (Cont'd).

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captured: enemy. - climbed: fence. - delivered: speech. - did: duty. -
dug: trench. - dyed: fatigues. - flew: plane. - gave: life. - grabbed:
riple. - hung: enemy. - inspected: troops. - joined: army. - jumped:
boat. - liked: war. - made: captain. - marched: group. - passed: tests. -
pointed: gun. - polished: gun. - respected: country. - sailed: ocean. -
used: gun. - wrote: girl.

61. The spider ______ the ________ .
spun (37): web (37).
make (17): web (16); webs (1).
bite (13): boy (5); girl (4); child (2); man, woman (1).
wove (10): web (9); net (1).
ate (7): fly (4); ant, curd and whey, insect (1).
climbed (7): wall (3); web (3); walls (1).
built (5): web (5).
crawled (3): ground, wall, web (1).
captured (2): fly (2).
caught (2): fly (2).
crawled up (2): spider web, wall (1).
scared (2): girl (2).
trapped (2): fly, insect (1).
walked (2): door, web (1).
constructed: web. - engulfed: wasp. - inhabited: web. - killed: fly. -

62. The stranger ______ the ________ .
helped (8): boy, child, friend, girls, lad, man, old woman,
people (1).
asked (7): way (3); woman (2); question, time (1).
stoled (7): car (2); money (2); food, purse, tire (1).
met (5): man (2); friend, neighbor, woman (1).
saw (5): accident, city, dog, sign, wreck (1).
walked (5): block, floor, home, road, tightrope (1).
robbed (4): bank (2); store (2).
took (4): food, handout, mon.y, room (1).
hit (3): boy, child, man (1).
62. The stranger _______ the _________. (Cont'd).

sang (3): song (3).
scared (3): mother, people, woman (1).
was (3): hero, new face, thief (1).
ate (2): food, soup (1).
found (2): house, money (1).
gave (2): directions, grace (1).
had (2): car, knife (1).
left (2): room, town (1).
locked (2): door (2).
made (2): boat, fire (1).
opened (2): door (2).
rang (2): bell (2).
rode (2): stallion, train (1).
saved (2): girl (2).
sent (2): man, woman (1).

aided: victim. - approached: train. - attempted: feat. - avoided: town. -
beat: woman. - bought: food. - broke: window. - carried: bag. - caught:
bus. - fixed: faucet. - flagged: car. - followed: girl. - fought: boy. -
greeted: man. - hated: neighbors. - hitched: ride. - introduced: girl. -
jumped: fence. - kidnapped: child. - killed: child. - knew: house. -
knocked: man. - led: boys. - liked: house. - looked: the other way. -
looked at: man. - lost: wagon. - missed: turn. - mowed: yard. - noticed:
square. - wanted: house.

63. The student _______ the _________.

studied (42): lesson (15); book (5); test (5); assignment (4);
books (4); homework (2); lessons (2); text (2);
history, instructions, textbook (1).
passed (21): test (19); course, exam (1).
failed (9): test (8); course (1).
took (8): test (7); exam (1).
read (7): book (3); lesson (3); books (1).
made (3): A, grades, list (1).
wrote (3): book, paper, theme (1).
63. The student _______ the _________ , (Cont'd).

- did (2): homework, work (1).
- finished (2): term paper, test (1).
- learned (2): lesson (2).
- studied for (2): test (2).

- was: scholar. - worked: problems.

64. The teacher _______ the _________ .

- taught (41): class (13); children (9); students (9); lesson (3); pupils (2); alphabet, child, lessons, sex, student (1).
- gave (18): test (11); assignment (3); grade, instruction, instructions, lesson (1).
- helped (5): child (2); pupil, pupils, students (1).
- spanked (5): child (5).
- called (4): roll (2); children, principal (1).
- graded (4): tests (2); paper, papers (1).
- instructed (4): class, pupils, student, students (1).
- scolded (3): student (2); class (1).
- hit (2): boy, child (1).
- loved (2): job, student (1).
- saw (2): kid, pupils (1).
- whipped (2): boy, student (1).
- wrote (2): answer, word (1).

65. The thief _______ the _________.

stole (86): money (28); car (16); jewels (10); jewelry (5);
diamonds (3); silver (3); watch (3); diamond (2);
goods (2); ring (2); bun, cake, coat, fur, gold, gun,
knife, merchandise, pig, purse, shirt, television (1).

robbed (12): bank (7); store (4); house (1).

took (9): money (3); jewels (2); car, hat, material, watch (1).

broke (3): window (2); lock (1).
banged: door. - entered: house. - found: jewels. - left: bank. - outran:
cops. - paid: price. - slipped: door. - started: car. - unlocked: door. -
wanted: pardon.

66. The tiger _______ the _________.

ate (39): man (8); deer (6); meat (5); lamb (4); food (3);
lion (2); snake (2); animal, boy, carcass, meal,
monkey, mouse, rabbit, steak, trainer (1).

killed (13): animal (3); cattle, deer, dog, leopard, lion, native,
panther, people, rabbit, snake (1).

attacked (11): hunter (3); man (2); boy, child, lady, lamb, lion,
sheep (1).

bit (6): man (3); girl, hand, lion (1).

clawed (4): man (2); animal, rabbit (1).

fought (4): lion (4).

jumped (4): ditch, man, prey, ravine (1).

paced (4): cage (3); ground (1).

growled (4): loudest (3); man (1).

roamed (3): forests, jungle, plains (1).

roared (2): cage, signal (1).

scared (2): child, man (1).

stalked (2): goat, prey (1).
tore (2): meat, shirt (1).

was (2): killer, one (1).

bear. - hated: elephant. - led: band. - lost: battle. - manned: jungle. -
pounced: sheep. - prowled: cage. - ran: monkey, - saw: lion. - sniffed:
67. The uncle _________ the _________.
gave (9): money (3); present (3); donation, presents, stereo (1).
loved (8): aunt (3); child (2); niece (2); nephew (1).
made (6): aunt (4); widow, woman (1).
visited (6): nephew (2); niece (2); family, relatives (1).
liked (5): car (2); book, children, nephew (1).
fixed (4): cabinet, car, heater, toy (1).
bought (3): car, food, ring (1).
brought (3): aunt, bike, cake (1).
helped (3): aunt, children, nephew (1).
played (3): drums, piano, violin (1).
saw (3): accident, aunt, car (1).
drove (2): car (2).
hated (2): nephew (2).
kissed (2): aunt (2).
left (2): aunt, dinner (1).
met (2): gent, lady (1).
praised (2): aunt, nephew (1).
ran (2): ball, railroad (1).
rode (2): bus, horse (1).
smoked (2): pipe (2).
sold (2): car, farm (1).
told (2): aunt, story (1).
took (2): car, food (1).
wanted (2): office, sun (1).
worked (2): field, puzzle (1).
wrote (2): family, niece (1).
found: money. - got: boat. - greeted: niece. - grew: roses. - had:
courage. - harmed: person. - hid: money. - kicked: bucket. - killed:
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68. The widow ___________ the ___________

married (26): widower (7); man (6); bachelor (3); preacher (2); stranger (2); attorney, banker, boy, mayor, milkman, old man (1).

saw (7): man (2); car, child, flowers, moon, scarf (1).
called (4): doctor, gr−cer, man, plumber (1).
helped (4): children (2); child, man (1).
bought (3): groceries, land, place (1).
broke (3): door, sword, window (1).
missed (3): husband (3).
mourned (3): body (2); dead (1).
received (3): allotment, inheritance, money (1).
sold (3): house (3).
attended (2): funeral (2).
buried (2): husband, man (1).
gave (2): clothes, pennies (1).
killed (2): maid, man (1).
liked (2): man (2).
loved (2): flowers, man (1).
needed (2): curtain, money (1).
opened (2): springs, window (1).
remarried (2): man, widower (1).
showed (2): dirt, yard (1).
was (2): lonliest, maid (1).

69. The wife cooked the meal (14); dinner (8); supper (2); food (1).

loved the husband (9); children (3); child, kids, man (1).

cleaned the house (5); floor, stove (1).

fixed the meal (3); dinner (2).

made the food, pie, plans, supper (1).

baked the cake (2); dinner (1).

called the husband (2); worker (1).

had the baby, child, children (1).

kissed the husband (3).

washed the clothes (2); dishes (1).

beat the husband (2).

bought the groceries (2).

did the housecleaning, work (1).

helped the children, husband (1).

ironed the cloth, clothes (1).

managed the home, money (1).

prepared the dinner, salad (1).

raised the baby, children (1).

ran the house, household (1).

scolded the children, husband (1).

aided: husband. - ate: apple. - canned: peaches. - carried: laundry. -
left: husband. - liked: husband. - married: husband. - mended: clothes. -
mowed: lawn. - nagged: husband. - obeyed: husband. - patted: husband. -
played: piano. - showed: husband. - spanked: boy. - wanted: hat. -
was: unfaithful. - whipped: child. - won: prize. - wore: duster.

70. The wolf ate the rabbit (14); lamb (7); girl (6); animal (3); chicken ( food (3); meat (3); pigs (3); dog (2); sheep (2); berries, bird, carcass, child, grandmother, man, people: quail, squirrel (1).

killed the chicken (2); rabbit (2); sheep (2); animal, cattle, child, cow, deer, dog (1).
70. The wolf ______ the ________ . (Cont’d).

chased (11): rabbit (3); chicken (2); sheep (2); animals, deer, dog, girl (1).

bit (6): boy (2); child (2); dog (2).

caught (4): rabbit (2); girl, sheep (1).

scared (4): child (2); girl (2).

attacked (3): boy, deer, rabbits (1).

ran (3): chicken, dog, rabbit (1).

called (2): pack, wolves (1).

hunted (2): deer, rabbit (1).

led (2): pack (2).

was (2): killer, slayer (1).

blew: house. - chewed: animal. - climbed: mountain. - followed: sheep. -
frightened: child. - howled: moon. - howled at: dog. - saw: food. -
scarred: boy. - smelled: prey. - swam: river. - walked: mountain. -
wanted: wits. - won: fight.

71. The woman ______ the ________ .

called (14): dog (2); man (2); worker (2); child, children,

                  doctor, girl, grocer, grocery, neighbors, plumber (1).

drove (9): car (9).

bought (6): dress (3); bread, groceries, hat (1).

loved (5): children (2); animals, man, story (1).

cooked (4): meal (3); supper (1).

fed (4): baby (2); children, parrot (1).

had (4): child (2); baby, car (1).


washed (4': clothes (2); dishes, sink (1).

baked (3): cake (3).

cleaned (3): house (2); attic (1).

fixed (3): hurt, lunch, machine (1).

helped (3): child (3).

killed (3): dog, man, traitor (1).

saw (3): man (2); child (1).

ate (2): lunch, steak (1).

bathed (2): baby, child (1).
71. The woman ______________ the __________ . (Cont'd).
carried (2): child (2).
made (2): dress, section (1).
rang (2): bell (2).
spanked (2): child (2).
walked (2): dog, tightrope (1).
was (2): beautiful, mother (1).

Sentence Associates Task

Name ___________________________ Age _______ Sex ______

Circle One: Fr.  So.  Jr.  Sr.

Instructions: We are collecting some information for future research purposes on word associations in a sentence context. Each of you has been given a booklet that contains a series of sentence frames. Each sentence frame contains an article, a noun (the subject of the sentence) and blank spaces for a verb and another noun (the object of the first noun).

Your task is to fill in the blank spaces in each sentence with the verb (in the past tense) and the noun that you most frequently associate with the subject of the sentence. The sentences you come out with will be of the following form: The mechanic fixed the car. The lady called the worker.

Please fill in both the verb and the noun in a given sentence before going on to the next sentence. Do not change a word once you have put it down and do not go back to a sentence once you have finished with it. Be sure to put down only one word in each blank space, and write or print as neatly as you can. Do not worry about spelling errors. They are not important for our purposes. If you should find it necessary to use a particular word in more than one sentence, you may do so.

This is not a test of any kind so there are no right or wrong answers. Just follow the directions you've been given. It is important, however, that each of you do your own work. Do not look at your neighbor's paper.

Please work as rapidly as you can, but do not leave any blank spaces. That's important. When I give the signal to begin, turn the page and start working as rapidly as you can. As soon as you have finished with all of the sentences, check back to make certain that you've left no blanks, turn your booklet over face down, and record on the back the number that is on the board. We will change that number every so often. It will tell us how long it took each of you to complete the task. If you finish before the others, sit or study quietly in your seat.

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