





Head Hunters


Knowing vocabulary roots can keep you out of hot water! All the words appearing below share the root *cap*, meaning "head." Write the letter of each word beside the matching definition. Check your answers with a dictionary.




a. cape



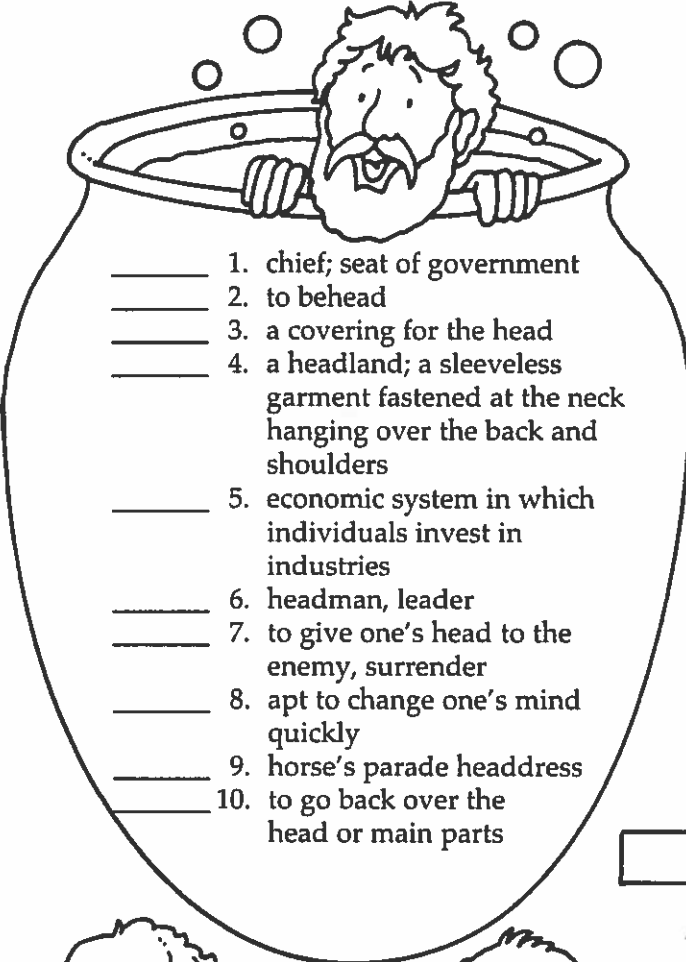
b. caparison



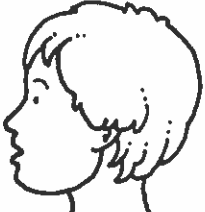
c. captain




d. capitalism




- _____ 1. chief; seat of government
- _____ 2. to behead
- _____ 3. a covering for the head
- _____ 4. a headland; a sleeveless garment fastened at the neck hanging over the back and shoulders
- _____ 5. economic system in which individuals invest in industries
- _____ 6. headman, leader
- _____ 7. to give one's head to the enemy, surrender
- _____ 8. apt to change one's mind quickly
- _____ 9. horse's parade headdress
- _____ 10. to go back over the head or main parts




e. decapitate




f. capitulate



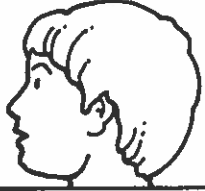
g. cap



i. recapitulate



j. capricious

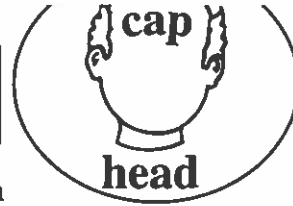


h. capital

Don't keep those new words bottled up in your head! Put them to work. Finish this headline-making story. Use all ten vocabulary words.

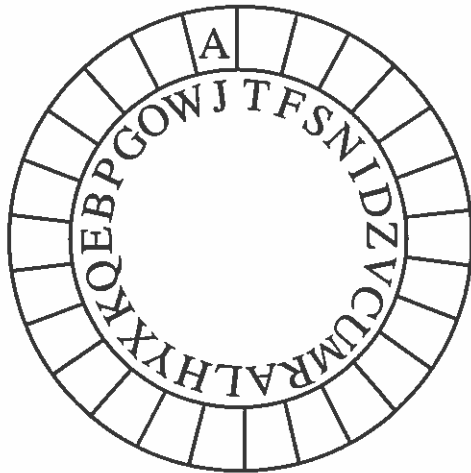
The missionary gulped as he noticed the large assortment of knives hanging on the wall of the hut. "Don't worry, sir," the chief grinned. "We don't decapitate our guests, we . . ."

Upper Case Code



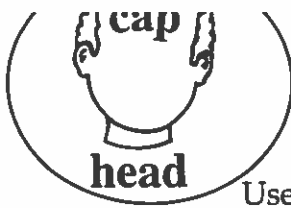
The Upper Case Code was invented in the fifteenth century by Italian architect and code expert Leon Battista Alberti. Spies on both sides in the American Civil War used it to relay information back to their headquarters.

Now it's your turn. In the outer ring below, fill in the upper case alphabet starting with A and moving clockwise. This completed wheel is your key to cracking the coded vocabulary sentences below!



1. QZN FJHVQJM LI ANP CNXKNO VK QXNAQLA.
2. FLEMS KEHNRJA IMO PVQZLEQ ZVK FJHN?
3. "ANBNX FJHVQEMJQN!" KZLEQNS DNANXJM FEKQNX.
4. KZEQQMN QL AJKJ: XNFJHVQEMJQN KJINQO XEMNK JKJH!
5. FJHQJVA FZJXMNK MVASTNXDZ RJSN ZVK IJRLEK IMVDZQ VA 1927.
6. "MNRLAJSN ILX KJMN," FJMMNS QZN CEAVLX FJHVQJMVKQ.
7. QZN YENNA LI ZNJXQK PJAQNS QL SNFJHVQJQN JMVFN.
8. XNRLBVAD LAN'K FJH KZLPK XNKHNFQ.
9. IVFUMN VK J KOALAOR ILX FJHXVFLK.
10. PZJQ'K J HJXJSN PVQZLEQ FJHJXVKLANS ZLXKNK?

Now use the Upper Case Code to send a secret message to a friend. Write a sentence in code that contains any two "cap" words.



History/Mysteries

Use your expertise in vocabulary to solve the History/Mysteries below. You may use any reference materials you wish to locate answers.

1. Famous Texas conflict in which Jim Bowie and Davy Crockett refused to capitulate:

2. Arthur's hand-picked warriors, whose horses wore different identifying caparisons:

3. Decapitation device used during the French Revolution: _____
4. Dangerous South American headland around which whaling ships of the 1880s dreaded sailing: _____
5. Famous English document of 1215 in which noblemen recapitulated their demand for rights: _____
6. Economic system currently replacing communism in former Soviet countries:

7. Leader of Jamestown settlers, rescued by Pocahontas: _____
8. American armed conflict in which troops on both sides wore flat caps called *kepis*:

9. Capricious English king who tired of five of his six wives: _____
10. Capital of the American Colonies during most of the Revolutionary War: _____

Now write three History/Mysteries of your own, using "head" vocabulary words. See if your teacher can get the correct answers!

