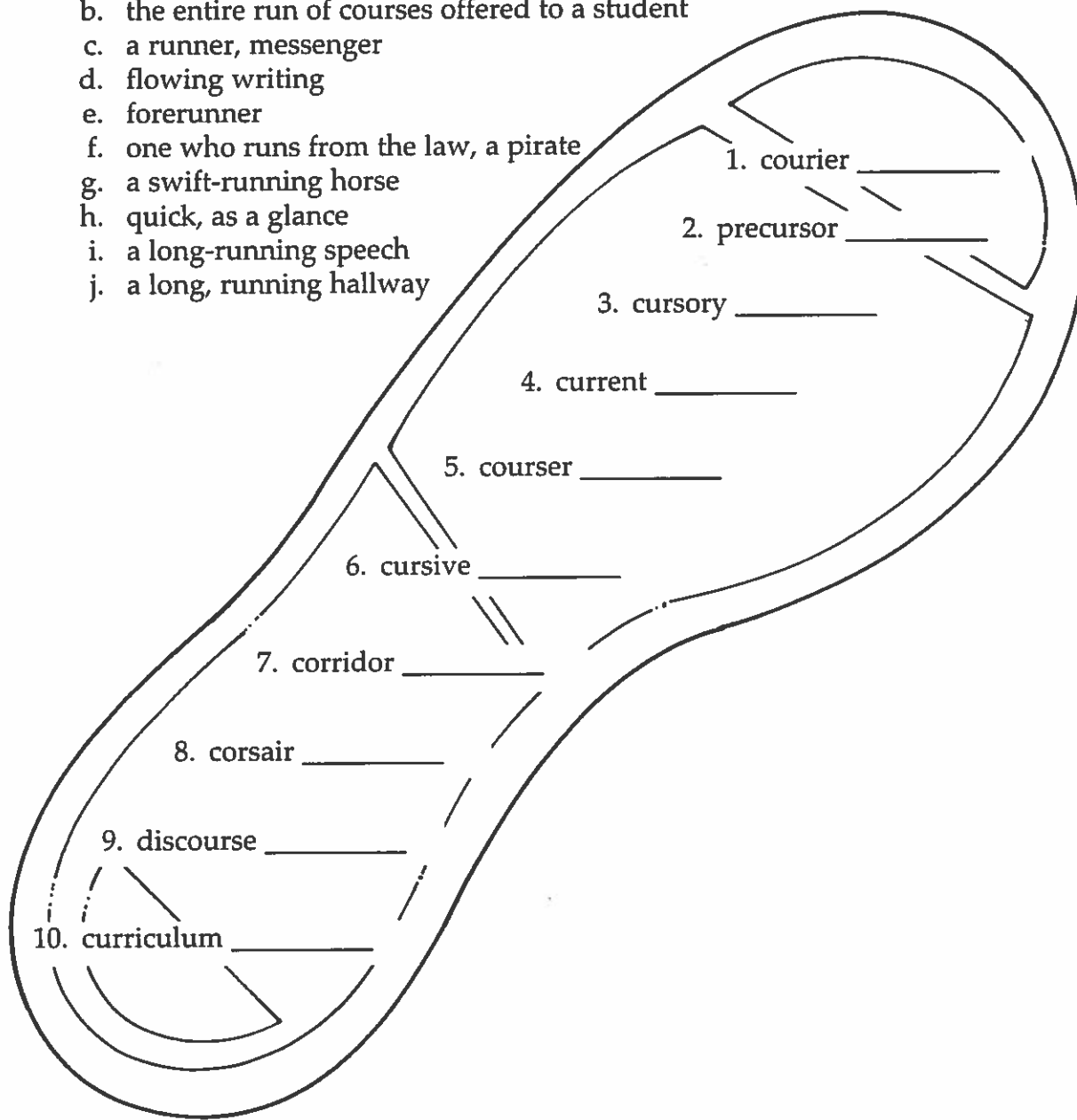


In the Running



When you know vocabulary roots, you can really make tracks! The ancient Latin word for “running” or “flowing” appears in modern English words as *curr*, *curs*, or *cours*. Match these definitions with the words on the running shoe below. Check your answers with a dictionary.

- a. a running flow, as of water or electricity
- b. the entire run of courses offered to a student
- c. a runner, messenger
- d. flowing writing
- e. forerunner
- f. one who runs from the law, a pirate
- g. a swift-running horse
- h. quick, as a glance
- i. a long-running speech
- j. a long, running hallway



Now trace your own running shoe and cut out ten footprints. On each one write an original sentence of seven words or more. Post your prints in paths that lead everywhere—up your locker, into the corner, even across the ceiling!



Rhymes on the Run

Who is it? Match these vocabulary clues with the names appearing in the Personality Bank.

1. With Silver, his courser, and Tonto, his friend,
He kept the West safe from end to end.

2. "Hang one for land or two for sea,
And I on the opposite shore will be," this courier said.

3. One cursory glance, and she felt terrific.
She had led the first white men to the Pacific!

4. This famous '50s TV horse
Loved to discourse, of course.

5. A bit of cursive sealed his fate
And spoiled his plan to open West Point's gate
To the British.

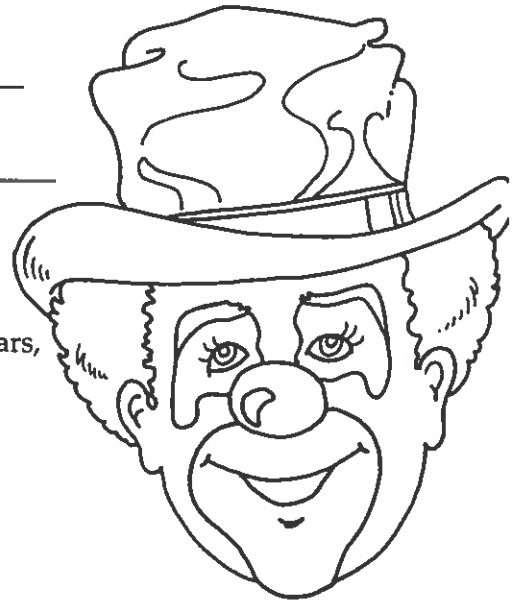
6. His curriculum covered it all:
Makeup and juggling balls,
Tumbling tricks and practicing falls.

7. The current carried them down the mighty Mississip—
For these two lads, a life-changing trip.

8. "Drink me," the label said.
Then she hit the corridor ceiling with her head.

9. Precursor of cartoon characters down through the years,
He is known for his squeaky voice and his big ears.

10. To frighten folks, this infamous corsair
Liked to stick burning matches in his hair.



PERSONALITY BANK

Paul Revere
Blackbeard
Lone Ranger

Tom Sawyer

Mr. Ed
Sacagawea
Benedict Arnold

Huckleberry Finn

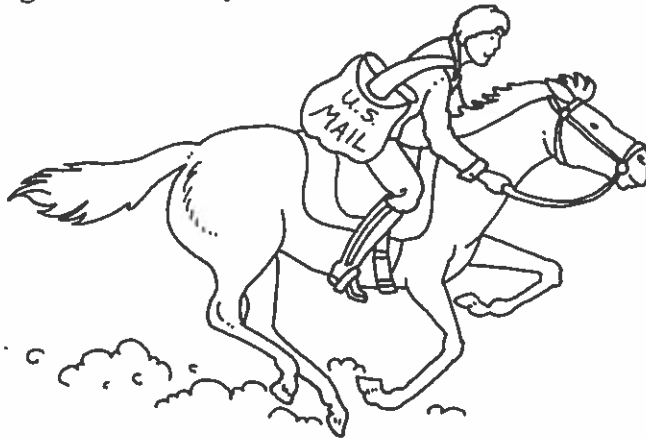
Alice
Emmett Kelly
Mickey Mouse

Mixed Messages



In 1861 the Pony Express was the fastest way to send a message across the United States. A copy of Abraham Lincoln's first speech to Congress arrived in California only 7 days and 17 hours after he gave it! Express riders worked day and night, riding through rough weather and dangerous territory. The service was a model of dedication and efficiency.

But in *this* Pony Express office, the mail is a mess! Somehow, the messages have become tangled. Read each sentence and decide whether the vocabulary word is used correctly. If it is, place a check on the line. On the back of this sheet, rewrite any incorrect sentences to show how to use the vocabulary word properly.



- _____ 1. Dear Students: Cursory language is inappropriate in public places and punishable at this school.
- _____ 2. Dear Martha: To shelter all our cows from the bitter weather, I have added a tiny corridor at the back of the cabin.
- _____ 3. Dear Jimmy: Did you know that the Pony Express was the precursor of today's overnight mail service?
- _____ 4. Dear Mr. Ebenezer: Enclosed is the home study guide to gold-mining you requested. If the material does not prove to be helpful, you may discourse it.
- _____ 5. Dear Mother: Mounted on his famous courser Traveler, General Robert E. Lee was a familiar and encouraging sight to all of us soldiers.
- _____ 6. Dear Sirs: Please send your reply immediately by corsair.
- _____ 7. Dear Clementine: I am so excited about the Officers' Ball. I put on my gown and practiced making cursives all night!
- _____ 8. Dear Father: Old Blue won a ribbon at the Exhibition! I curriculumed him for hours before the judging began.
- _____ 9. Dearest Sister: How can I ever thank you for the current of understanding that flows between us?
- _____ 10. Dear Mrs. Smith: The courier will arrive promptly at 9 a.m. Please have your financial records available for his in-depth examination.