

Assignment 2
Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) - přípravný kurz II
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Shine

1. In summer the sun **shines** especially brightly in these parts.
2. I polished my kettle and it **shines** again.

Dazzle

1. ~~Driving beams~~ ^{Headlights} could **dazzle** other drivers even when driving behind them, as the headlights are reflected in the door mirrors.
2. I was **dazzled** by the camera flash.

Screech

1. A wind started **to screech** when a storm was coming.
2. A lonely bird **screeched** in the forest.

Thud

1. A 25 kg bag of flour **thudded** the ground.
2. A heavy barbell hit a mat but just a little **thud** was heard.

Sparkle

1. Our hotel room was ^{sparkling (adj)} **sparkle** clean.
2. A bracelet **sparkles** with many little emeralds

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1. This study will shine a light on the beginning of the life on the Earth. ^{! good!}
2. Tom is cooking now; he really wants to dazzle her on their first date. [✓]
3. She suddenly screeched when she saw the little mouse in our house.
4. The ball thudded against goal post.
5. Her eyes sparkled with a new hope. ^{good!}

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Baker Description:

Morrisonville was a poor place to prepare for a struggle with the twentieth century, but a delightful place to spend a childhood. It was summer days drenched with sunlight (sight), fields yellow with buttercups (sight), and barn lofts sweet with hay (smell). Clusters of purple grapes dangled from backyard arbors (sight, taste), lavender wisteria blossoms perfumed the air (smell) from the great vine enclosing the end of my grandmother's porch (sight), and wild roses covered the fences (sight, smell).

On a broiling afternoon when all the men were away at work and all the women napped, I moved through majestic depths of silences (hearing), silences so immense I could hear the corn growing (hearing). Under these silences there was an orchestra of natural music (hearing) playing notes no city child would ever hear. A certain cackle from the henhouse (hearing) meant we had gained an egg. The creak of a porch swing (hearing) told of a momentary breeze blowing across my grandmother's yard (touch). Moving past Liz Virt's barn as quietly as an indian (hearing), I could hear the swish of a horse's tail (hearing, sight) and knew the horseflies were out in strength (hearing, sight). As I tiptoed along a mossy bank to surprise a frog (touch, sight), a faint splash (hearing) told me the quarry had spotted me and slipped into the stream. Wandering among the sleeping houses, I learned that tin roofs crackle under the power of the sun (hearing), and when I tired and came back to my grandmother's house, I padded into her dark cool living room (sight, touch), lay flat on the floor, and listened to the hypnotic beat of her pendulum clock on the wall ticking the meaningless hours away (hearing, sight).?

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The Old Picture

This old with bronze patina picture in a dark wooden frame has been hanging in the living room of my grandmother's old wooden house for many years now. Her brother painted it a long time ago when this house on a hilltop, surrounded by a fragrant pine forest, was their common home. It is their village in the picture.

I can see barely visible gray smoke coming from one house chimney. Perhaps right now the woman of that house is making dinner for her family. Maybe she is baking big thick pancakes to serve them with honey or jam, or she is making smaller crunchy potato pancakes that go well with sour cream, or maybe it is Easter time and she is baking Easter sweet bread with sugar topping so beloved by children.

Many white storks are flying in the blue sky high above the houses. They don't call this country as "the land under the white wings" for nothing. This white bird with a long red beak is ^{the} unofficial symbol of these green pastures filled with black and white cows, golden ^{with} of rye and wheat fields, centuries-old coniferous forests and cold fast-flowing rivers.

Just fifty years ago this location was covered with plenty of croaking swamps and clattering stork nests were in every yard. This clattering sound will always stay as a sound of a homeland for me. It gives me a special kind of peace of my mind.

This is lovely! ... rich, fully descriptive —

Thanks!

/ call sthng / s.o something

across?!

collocation:

* maybe "swamps filled with croaking swamps" frogs

CAE Assignment 4

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flow pour gush trickle drip seep splash lap gurgle pelt

1. The sound of a tap trickle kept me awake all night. / leaking
2. The rain is really pelt down! We can't possibly go out in it.
3. There was a loud gurgling sound as the bathwater ran down the plughole. gurgling sound (adj)
4. Be careful how you pour my beer!
5. There was a splash as my camera fell into the river.
6. As I lay in my cabin I heard the gentle sound of waves lap against the hull.
7. The River Swift rises in the hill and then flows south west to the sea.
8. A water main had burst and water was gush out of the ground with great force. / was gushing /
9. Moisture from the fish had seep through the paper bag and made the rest of the shopping damp. / had seeped /
10. Rain was falling on my collar and drip unpleasantly down my neck. / trickled / - to flow in a thin stream /

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1. I felt the bitter taste of the medicine dripping down the back of my throat.
2. In a few minutes after the volcano erupted the ashes pelted down on the town.
3. It seems volcanic lava flows towards the ocean.
4. As a bell rang students poured into the classroom.
5. Did you pour water over the bathtub today? doesn't work? not clear
6. Everybody wanted to know how she is doing, but she kept gushing about her husband. nice!
7. As soon as he got the knife out the wound blood just gushed.
8. I think she could sit like for the whole day just trickled the sand through her fingers. / better "letting the sand trickle through her fingers" might work
9. Suddenly, a small tear trickled down his cheek.
10. It was my umbrella that was dripping all over the floor. ok
11. Drips of water rolled down his uniform. the noun is "drops" of water...
12. Water was slowly seeping from the bathroom into the basement.
13. The news on new virus seeped out bit by bit. nice idiom!
14. He splashed cold the water on his face only this way he could be awake in the morning.
15. Try add just a splash of lemon juice in your cocktail.
16. The dog lapped up the water.

good work...
some nice idioms. Thanks, P