

## ***Vocabulary: Donovan Livingston delivers his awe-inspiring poem***

- 1 **Briar:** a wild bush, especially a rose bush with long stems and sharp thorns
- 2 **Patch:** a small area that is different in some way from the area that surrounds it
- 3 **deferred:** delayed until a later time: deferred bonuses/compensation/charges
- 4 **big dipper:** a small railway in an amusement park that travels very quickly along a narrow track that slopes and bends suddenly

### **5 Orion**

a. Astronomy

A conspicuous constellation (the Hunter), said to represent a hunter holding a club and shield. It lies on the celestial equator and contains many bright stars, including Rigel, Betelgeuse, and **a line of three that form Orion's Belt.**

- 6 **mischief:** behaviour, especially a child's, that is slightly bad but is not intended to cause serious harm or damage:
  - a. She's a lively little girl, full of mischief.
  - b. He needs a hobby to keep him busy and stop him from getting into mischief.
  - c. Maybe a new bike would keep him out of mischief.
  - d. I hope you haven't been up to any mischief while I was gone.

### **7 enslavement**

- a. to force someone to remain in a bad situation: Women in this region were enslaved by poverty.
- b. to make a slave of someone: The early settlers enslaved or killed much of the native population.
- c. literary to control someone's actions, thoughts, emotions, or life completely: We are increasingly enslaved by technology.

d. Guilt enslaved her.

8 **assessment**: the act of judging or deciding the amount, value, quality, or importance of something, or the judgment or decision that is made:

- a. Would you say that is a fair assessment of the situation?
- b. Both their assessments of production costs were hopelessly inaccurate.

9 **acknowledging**: to accept, admit, or recognize something, or the truth or existence of something

10 **heinous**: very bad and shocking: a heinous crime

### 11 **coined**

to invent a new word or expression, or to use one in a particular way for the first time: Allen Ginsberg coined the term "flower power"

### 12 **confine**

13 to limit an activity, person, or problem in some way:

- a. Let's confine our discussion to the matter in question, please!
- b. Please confine your use of the phone to business calls.
- c. By closing the infected farms we're hoping to confine the disease to the north of the region (= stop it from spreading to other areas).

[ T usually passive ] to keep someone closed in a place, often by force:

The hostages had been confined for so long that they couldn't cope with the outside world.

be confined to somewhere/sth

to exist only in a particular area or group of people:

We know that the illness is not confined to any one group in society.

This attitude seems to be confined to the very wealthy.

### 14 **unencumbered**

without something making it difficult for you to do something:

People can decide how to care for their children, unencumbered by interference from the state.

### **15 *lumber***

to move slowly and awkwardly:

In the distance, we could see a herd of elephants lumbering across the plain.

### **16 *celestial***

of or from the sky or outside this world:

The moon is a celestial body.

### **17 *Conquering***

present participle of conquer

#### ***conquer***

to take control or possession of foreign land, or a group of people, by force:

The Spanish conquered the New World in the 16th century.

The English were conquered by the Normans in 1066.

to deal with or successfully fight against a problem or an unreasonable fear:

He has finally conquered his fear of spiders.

It may be many years before this dreadful disease is conquered.

Conquering peoples have traditionally tried to impose their mark on the landscape by rejecting local architectural styles in favour of their own.

The project of conquering space inherently and inevitably entails the devaluation of place.

The second section describes the conquering of the natural forces of the environment and human activity (through two medieval-like dance melodies).

My swimming pupil is diligent and actually succeeds in conquering a few yards on her own.

A threatened or defeated people may switch to the traits of a new conquering culture, either voluntarily or under duress.

On the other hand, as henchmen of a conquering power, they also demanded fearful respect.

As researchers, parents, or casual observers we are often amazed by their innovative approach to conquering new territories of speech.

**18 token**

something that you do, or a thing that you give someone, that expresses your feelings or intentions, although it might have little practical effect:

As a token of our gratitude for all that you have done, we would like you to accept this small gift.

It doesn't have to be a big present - it's just a token.

**19 inclusion**

the fact of including someone or something, especially in a group, amount, or event:  
Her self-portrait was chosen for inclusion in the exhibition.

**20 diversity**

the condition or fact of being different or varied; variety:

genetic/biological diversity  
a wide diversity of opinion/ideas

social studies Diversity is also the mixture of races and religions that make up a group of people.

**21 rustling**

the sound that paper or leaves make when they move:

I could hear (a) rustling in the bushes.  
A small animal was making rustling noises among the leaves.

**22 Darting**

dart

to move quickly or suddenly:

I darted behind the sofa and hid.  
dart a glance/look at sb

to look quickly at someone:

She darted an angry look at me.

Sporozoites are seen darting about, entering cells of the cultured monolayer, leaving them, sometimes passing straight through, and even apparently on occasions penetrating the nucleus.

But the pictures he seems to have left in her are older and rush through her, darting and flashing : the two windows of her parents' bedroom ' ' (166).

There is a great deal of very undesirable darting of animals going on at the moment; and this is something which badly needs stopping.

It is designed to stop foxes darting down badgers' setts with which they are familiar and find to be nice, big and open.

They were darting hither and thither trying to find out where they could be of assistance.

Very few countries have indulged themselves in the luxury of darting from one system of nuclear reactor to another.

The dog suddenly became petrified and stood for several seconds on one carriage way before darting back, being hit by a vehicle and running yelping away.

### **23 *indelible***

An indelible mark or substance is impossible to remove by washing or in any other way:

indelible ink

The blood had left an indelible mark on her shirt.

[ before noun ] Indelible memories or actions are impossible to forget, or have a permanent influence or effect:

I have an indelible memory of that meeting with Anastasia.

In his 20 years working for the company, Joe Pearson made an indelible impression on it.

### **24 *tribulation***

25 a problem or difficulty

Synonym

trial

See also  
trials and tribulations literary or humorous

## **26 precede**

27 to be or go before something or someone in time or space:

Kofi Annan preceded Ban Ki-moon as the Secretary-General of the UN.  
It would be helpful if you were to precede the report with an introduction.

This evening's talk will be preceded by a brief introduction from Mr Appleby.  
Verbs usually precede objects in English.  
The attacks were preceded by a period of unrest in the capital city.  
He preceded Dennis Healey as the Chancellor of the Exchequer.  
I'm not sure if I fully understand the sentence which precedes this one.

## **28 patch**

patch verb (CONNECT)

specialized internet & telecoms to connect electronic or phone equipment to a system

patch verb (PIECE OF MATERIAL)

C2 [ T ] to put a patch on something

patch verb (COMPUTER)

to solve a problem that a computer system or program has:

They issued an update to patch the bug.  
We need to identify and patch vulnerabilities in internet security.

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