Unit 12 – The Three Doors

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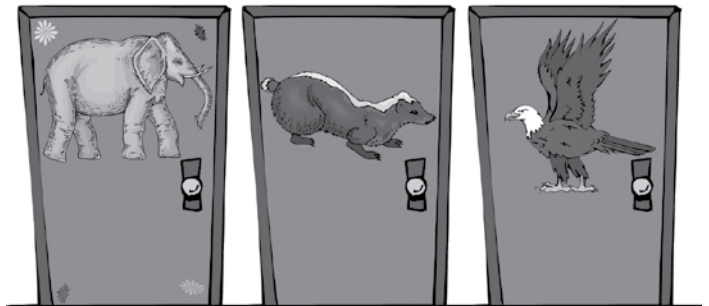
12A Introduction

This song presents a strange fantasy. You wake up in a room and you don't know how you got there. All you know is you have to figure out a way to get out.

12B Song Lyrics

What would you do if you woke up in a room,
Didn't know how you got there, didn't know who
Put you in this room, what would you do?
Is it a dream come true?
Ha! You don't have a clue.

I wake up in this room; I'm a little bit scared,
'Cause I can't remember how I got in here.
I say, "**Woe** is me, I feel woe,
I feel so sad, I just don't know
How I got in here; I can't **recall**,
I can't remember my past at all."
I look around the room and I see
Three doors on the wall, numbered 1, 2, 3.
Each door has a lock, but I don't have the key,
But then I get this idea, this **theory**.
If I could only find the key, then I would be free,
I'd write a song about it and I'd make a CD.
I see a box behind me, and I can't believe
What the box has in it; it **contains** a key.
The key is so **ancient**, it's so old,
It was gold that had started to grow mold.

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The key gave me the power, it **enabled** me,
To choose a door: 1, 2, or 3.
But then I heard a loud, booming voice,
"Only one door will set you free,
You have one choice,
So choose carefully! Ha, ha, ha!"
I **observed** the doors, looked at them for a minute,
To see if one was nice and one was wicked.
Door 1 was fancy; it was **elegant**,
There was a picture painted on it of an elephant.
Door 2 had a picture of a weasel.
Door 3 had a picture of an eagle.
I was getting scared, I had to choose:
Elephant, weasel or eagle; what would you do?
But then I had a thought, oh, this is simple,
Each one of these pictures is a **symbol**,
Something that represents something else,
All I have to do now is figure it out.
Elephants are tough; weasels are sneaky,
And what does an eagle do? It flies freely.
So I walked up to it, **approached** door 3,
Opened up the lock, whoo, and I was free!

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12C Words Defined

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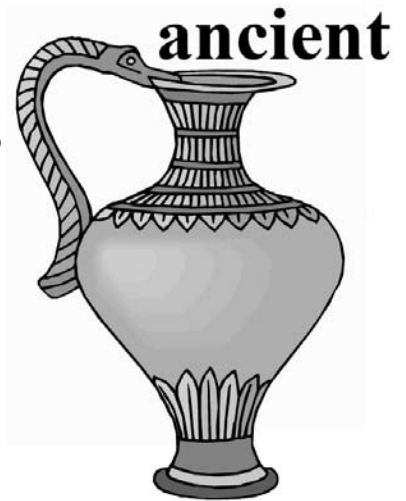
ancient

(adj). Very old. *The Egyptian vase was **ancient**; it was more than 2,000 years old.*

approach

(verb). To come near to. *The deer **approached** Kele slowly.*

contain

(verb). To hold, or have within. *The pizza box contained a warm pepperoni pizza.* Related word: **container.** (noun) A jar, box, can or bottle that can hold something else inside. *Bo was messy until he found a **container** for his pens.*

elegant

(adj). Showing beauty and nice taste. *My mother loves to wear **elegant** dresses when she goes out on Friday nights.*

enable

(verb). To make something possible. *Growing two inches this summer **enabled** me to go on the pirate ship ride at the fair.*

observe

(verb). To see, or to watch closely. *On my trip to Africa, I was able to **observe** lions in their natural home.*

recall

(verb). To remember. *By reading my diary, I can **recall** what I did a year ago.*

symbol

(noun). Something that stands for or represents something else. *The 50 stars on the American flag are **symbols** for the 50 states.*

theory

(noun). An idea that explains something, but may or may not be right. *I have a **theory** about why dogs and humans get along so well: They both love to smile.*

woe

(noun). Intense sadness. *Sandro had never experienced any real **woe** until his pet goldfish got sick.*

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<u>12D Synonyms</u>

Circle the word on the right that matches the meaning of the word or phrase on the left.

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1. hold	contain	enable	observe
2. remember	approach	contain	recall
3. idea	woe	theory	symbol
4. very old	elegant	ancient	approach
5. watch	observe	contain	recall

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12E Fill in the Blank

Write the word in the blank so that the sentence makes sense.

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1. I get very nervous each time I _____ a roller coaster.

   enable   **recall**   **approach**

2. The class could tell Carolyna felt a lot of _____ when her dog got hit by a car.

   theory   **woe**   **symbol**

3. Having a wheelchair _____ Eve to move around by herself.

   enabled   **observed**   **approached**

4. The Statue of Liberty was a _____ of freedom and hope for immigrants.

   woe   **theory**   **symbol**

5. Carmen felt very _____ as she sat down in the fancy restaurant.

   symbol   **elegant**   **ancient**

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12F Connections

Each sentence has a strong connection with one of the words from the unit. Write the correct word on the line below.

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1. The jar held three kinds of cookies.

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2. Paul watched the bird closely and took pictures.

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3. I tried to remember how to do a subtraction problem.

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4. "I think I know how the dinosaurs died."

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5. Scientist found a skeleton that was 4,000 years old!

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12G Applying Meanings

Circle the letter that makes sense or answers the question.

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1. Which **symbol** tells you to go forward?

(A) a crossing guard
(B) a red light
(C) a sidewalk
(D) an arrow

2. What do you do if you **approach** the ocean?
(A) You swim in it.
(B) You catch fish.
(C) You move closer to it.
(D) You go surfing.

3. How would a man dress for an **elegant** party?
(A) He would wear a tuxedo.
(B) He would wear pajamas.
(C) He would wear a costume.
(D) He would wear his clothes backwards.

4. When would you feel **woe**?
(A) a birthday party
(B) a funeral
(C) a dance competition
(D) recess

5. If you didn't have a car, which would **enable** you to get to school?
(A) new tires
(B) the highway
(C) a pair of glasses
(D) the bus

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12H Reading

Read the passage below and then answer the questions that follow.

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The Great Pyramids

Cairo, a city in Egypt, may be a very modern city. But just down the road in Giza, about 40 miles away, are some of the most **ancient** buildings in the world: the pyramids. Although they were built over 4,000 years ago, six pyramids are still standing. But what's most interesting is actually what's inside of these buildings.

Long ago, Egyptians believed that when a king died, he would become one of the gods. But they believed that the king's dead body must be protected. So they made the dead king into a mummy by wrapping his entire body in strips of cloth.

Egyptians built pyramids as burial places for their kings so that they would be ready for the next life. Inside the pyramids are little rooms that **contained** the mummies. They filled the rooms with food, jewels and anything else they thought the king would need in the next life. Egyptians also painted **symbols**, called hieroglyphics, all over the walls. These symbols were actually prayers that the king would have a safe journey into the next life.

There is a lot about the pyramids that we still don't know. For example, we are not sure how the pyramids were actually built. One **theory** is that the Egyptians built a giant ramp, then pushed or pulled the huge stones up to the top. Another idea is that the builders used ropes and animals to carry the heavy stones. One thing is for sure—it is amazing that the pyramids were built without any machines!

If you want to get a good look at the pyramids, there are tours that take visitors around and even inside some of them. But you can't **approach** them by car or bus. The pollution from nearby cities and cars has worn away some of the rock of the pyramids. If you really want to see them up close, you have to ride a camel!

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1. What city are the pyramids in?

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2. Why did Egyptians put food and jewels in the room with the mummy?

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3. Why did Egyptians paint hieroglyphics on the walls of the rooms?

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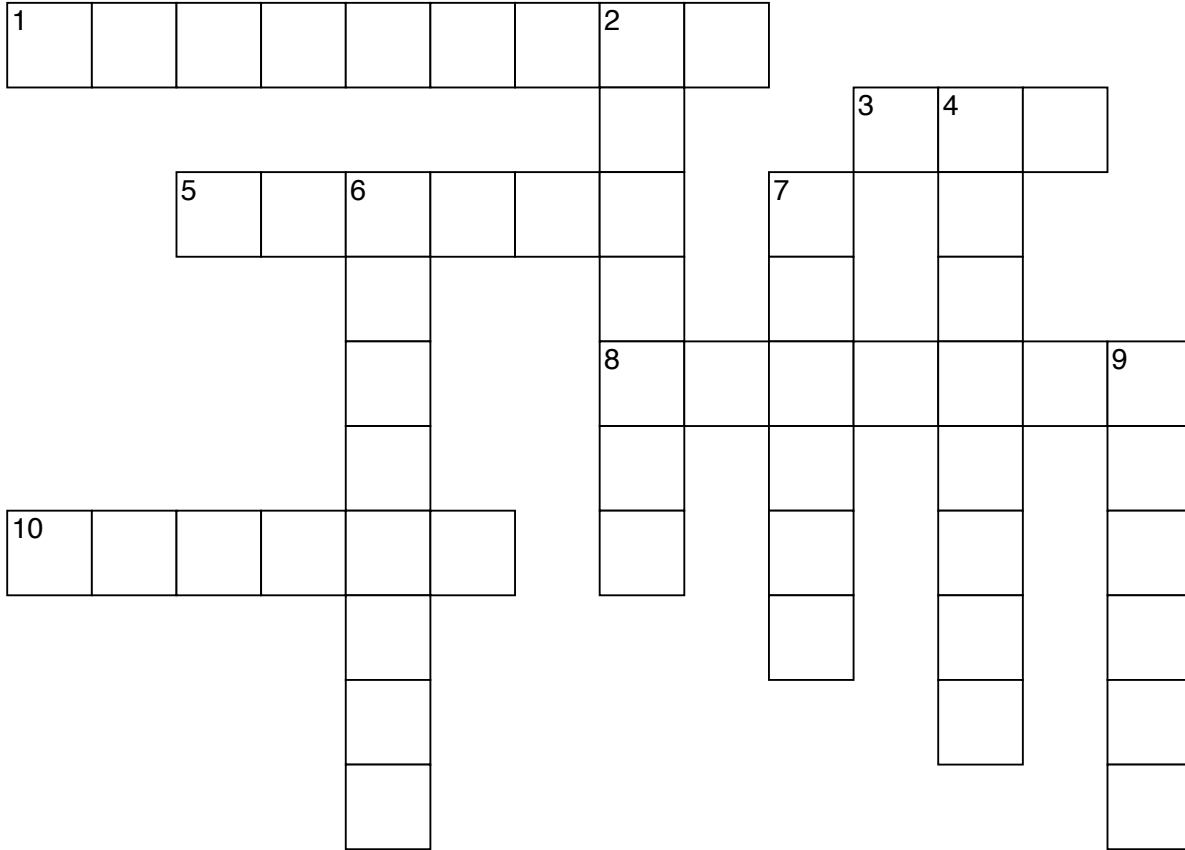4. What is one question about the pyramids we still aren't sure about?

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5. What is one reason the stones of the pyramids have worn away?

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Bonus: Crossword Puzzle

Solve this crossword puzzle.

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ACROSS

1 The treasure chest _____ gold coins.

3 Shaminah was so sad and full of _____.

5 My new glasses _____ me to see again.

8 That book is so worn out it looks _____.

10 The owl is a _____ of wisdom.

DOWN

2 The ballet dancer was graceful and _____.

4 Carl _____ the snow falling from inside his apartment.

6 To get near

7 I can't _____ where I put my shoes. They're lost!

9 "Your _____ that girls can't play basketball is totally wrong!"