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**UNIT I**

**Letter Power**

1. Change the first letter

Make one word into another by changing the first letter.

Example: Change a **possessive pronoun** to **not sweet**. Answer: **your, sour**

1. Change a **past tense of BE** to an **adverb of place**.
2. Change an adjective meaning **not high** to an adverb meaning **at the present time**.
3. Change a **period of time** to a **term of affection**.
4. Change **was seated** to **have a meal**.
5. Change a **part of the head** to **international strife**.
6. Change a **respectful title** to **atmosphere**.
7. Change **to learn thoroughly** to **not as slow**.
8. Change **very warm** to a **negative adverb**.
9. Change a **motor vehicle** to **not near**.
10. Change a **man's title** to a **female relative**.

2. A T-party

Put T before a word to form a new word.

example: Add a T to a **firearm** and get a **thing of little value**. Answer: **rifle, trifle**

1. Add T to **at this place**, and get **at that place**.
2. Add T to a **covering for the head**, and get a **demonstrative adjective**.
3. Add T to **rip**, and get a **journey**.
4. Add T to a **possessive pronoun**, and get a **demonstrative adjective**.
5. Add T to a **part of the head**, and get to **pull apart**.
6. Add T to **of great age**, and get **narrated**.
7. Add T to a **mistake**, and get **great fear**.
8. Add T to the **entire amount**, and get **of great height**.
9. Add T to a **shower from the sky**, and get **to teach**.
10. Add T to a **kind of vase**, and get **to rotate**.

3. Change the last letter

Make one word into another by changing the last letter.

Example: Change a color to a **welcome**. Answer: **green, greet**

1. Change a **monarch** to an **adjective describing a good quality**.
2. Change a **negative** to the **present time**.
3. Change a **female horse** to a **stain or blemish**.
4. Change **alarm** or **worry** to a **notable achievement**.
5. Change a **reading process** to a **short dramatic act**.
6. Change a **person who lacks good judgment** to **something to eat**.
7. Change a **unit of weight** to a **color**.

8. Change a **part of a plant** to a **hole** or a **crack**.
9. Change the **top** or **summit of a mountain** to a **fruit**.
10. Change a **woman servant** to **what is delivered by the postal service**.

## UNIT 2

### 1 Hidden colors

Find the name of a color hidden in each sentence: (The first one has been done as a sample.)

1. Some parts of the face are the eye, **eyebrow**, nose, and mouth.
2. I'm not really dumb; lack of sleep made me forget the answers.
3. If I tell you what she said, will you agree never to tell anyone?
4. In the box we found a pencil, a pin, keys, and a few coins.
5. Are three zeros enough to write the number one thousand?
6. The wheelbarrow hit eleven rocks as it rolled down the hill.
7. When the nurse gives you the injection, just yell "Ow" if it hurts.
8. Eisa and Otto ran gently down the path to the river.
9. Before arriving at Kuala Lumpur, please fill out these forms.
10. I play nearly all the stringed instruments: violin, cello, bass viol, etc.
11. When I opened the window, shining rays of sunlight flooded the room.
12. We'll go in Jim's car. Let's leave at six o'clock.

### 2 A numbers game: seen and heard

I. Each of the sentences below contains a hidden number. It may be wholly within a word or may go across two or more words. In each case the spelling is exactly the same as the written form of the

number, although the pronunciation may be different.

Example: **If I've** said something to hurt you, I'm sorry, (five)

- A. Listen carefully to the dialogue on the tape recording.
- B. It would be better to learn the language thoroughly.
- C. When the plane took off, I very much wanted to cry.
- D. We thought that was the best year of our lives.
- E. Now their team is even with ours.
- F. "Honesty is the best policy" is a well-known maxim.
- G. The papers I xeroxed didn't turn out very well.
- H. The words were spoken in each of the languages native to those present.
- I. Paul is going to leave today; Robert went yesterday.
- J. *You* replaced the *thous* and *thees* of English several centuries ago.
- K. I hope that our efforts to rectify the error will comfort you a little.
- L. Her remarks about the silent way made Caleb ill; I on the other hand, thought the points were well taken.
- M. Wish I could have been present at this event you are telling us about.

### 3

II. The numbers hidden in the following sentences may be heard but not seen. That is, the *sound* or pronunciation of the number is present, but not the spelling.

Example: We found Janet **well** versed on the subject, (twelve)

- A. John is now working as a tutor of English.
- B. He answered before I could even finish the question.
- C. Mary ate the whole pizza all by herself!
- D. We all breathed a sigh of relief when our team finally won the game.
- E. Even I know better than that!
- F. Turn the radio off if teenagers come into the house.
- G. We both respect your judgment very much.
- H. Robert ended his speech on a strong note.
- I. The zookeeper moved the sick seals to a different cage.
- J. The baker added leaven and some water to the bread dough.

### UNIT 3

#### 1 Word Building

The following activities build upon a common base of letters to create new words.

The “ANT” family

What kind of an ant works with figures? An account**ANT**. Get it? Now what kind of an ant:

1. Lives in the jungle?
2. Is far away?
3. Is extraordinarily large?
4. Works for a master?
5. Is good-natured?
6. Is unchanging?
7. Is luxurious?
8. Is one who takes part?
9. Is a very small child?
10. Is sleeping?
11. Is very bright?
12. Is empty?
13. Is immediate?
14. Is plentiful?
15. Has moved to a different country?
16. Is meaningful?
17. Is something that grows?
18. Has influence over others?
19. Is unsure and indecisive?
20. Lives in a certain place?

#### 2 Simple arithmetic: ? + 1 = X

Add one or more letters before the word **one** to get the word defined.

1. ? + one = something that holds ice cream
2. ? + one = part of a skeleton
3. ? + one = no longer here
4. ? + one = accomplished; finished
5. ? + one = without anyone else present
6. ? + one = a musical sound

7. ? + one = a rock
8. ? + one = a geographical region or area
9. ? + one = an identical copy
10. ? + one = a chair for a king or queen
11. ? + one = a windstorm; tornado
12. ? + one = an instrument for talking to someone far away.
13. ? + one = nobody
14. ? + one = not any
15. ? + one = two

### 3 Animal Crazy Quilt

**Step 1. Unscramble the names of the animals. Then place each of the letters, in order, in the “quilt” box below. Place one letter in each box working across from left to right. To get you started, the first animal name has been completed.**

1. ERED D E E R
2. ATR \_\_\_ \_\_\_ T
3. ELAS \_\_\_ \_\_\_ A \_\_\_
4. GDO \_\_\_ O \_\_\_
5. ABRE B \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_
6. GPI \_\_\_ \_\_\_ G
7. TAN A \_\_\_ \_\_\_
8. ELE \_\_\_ E \_\_\_
9. ATC \_\_\_ \_\_\_ T
10. OILN \_\_\_ I \_\_\_ \_\_\_
11. OWC \_\_\_ O \_\_\_
12. FLWO W \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

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**Step 2. Place the circled letters, in order, into the spaces below to learn the name of the fastest animal in the world. The first letter, from the word deer has been placed for you.**

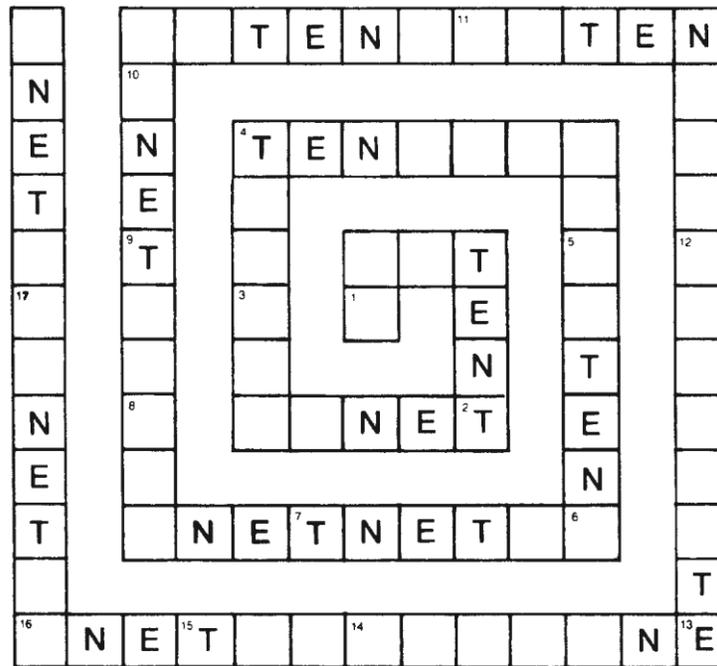
**Which animal is the fastest in the world?**

**This bird can fly at over 200 miles per hour, making it the fastest animal in the world:**

UNIT 4

1A perfect ten puzzle

The word *ten* can be found in all the answers except one (and that has already been provided for you). Each of the words defined begins at the corresponding number of the diagram; it may end at or after the following number. That is, each of the words overlaps with one or more letters of the following word.



1. *n.* something contained; the substance or matter of a written work or an object; *adj.* satisfied
2. part of a plant that curls around any nearby support
3. be attentive; try to hear
4. not fully worked out or developed; done as a trial; hesitant, uncertain
5. to make longer; stretch forth; enlarge
6. a relaxation of strained relations or tensions as between nations (an English word borrowed from French)
7. a game for two or four players who use rackets to hit a ball back and forth across a net on a level court
8. to make or become less hard; to weaken or make pliant
9. *adj.* tightly stretched or strained; *n.* a verb form that expresses distinctions of time
10. a grammatically self-contained speech unit consisting of a word or syntactically related group of words usually containing a subject and a predicate

11. far-reaching; covering a large area
12. to reveal truths to; to free from ignorance; to inform
13. the language taught by readers of this text
14. hurry; move swiftly; be quick
15. a person who pays rent for the use of land, a house, etc.
16. one of a pair of jointed sense organs on the head of an insect, crab, lobster, etc.; a feeler
17. to be present at; to accompany; to listen, pay heed to; to wait on, give care to

## 2Chicago Word Train

**Fill in the spaces with the letters of the 24 words defined by the clues below. The words are linked like cars in a train; the last letter of one word is the first letter of the next word.**

1. *noun*. A structure or artistic object that sprays water.      f o u n t a i n
2. *noun*. A daily publication of news.    **n** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
3. *noun*. Part of the track that a train runs on.      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
4. *noun*. A body of water surrounded by land.      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
5. *verb*. To consume food.      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
6. *noun*. A tall building or structure.      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
7. *noun*. A long, flowing body of water.      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
8. *noun*. A cement or dirt path for vehicles.      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
9. *adjective*. Moist.      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
10.      *noun*. Baked dough topped with tomato sauce and cheese.      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
11.      *noun*. Tank that holds water; home for fish.      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
12. *noun*. Institution that displays art to the public.      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
13. *noun*. Sounds made by voices or instruments.      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
14. *verb*. To trim or cut.      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
15. *noun*. Wooden structure where ships dock.      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
16. *noun*. Top covering of a house or building.      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
17. *noun*. Nourishment consumed daily.      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
18. *verb*. To move in rhythm with music.      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
19. *noun*. Opposite direction of west.      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
20. *noun*. A narrow path.      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
21. *noun*. Circular route.      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
22. *noun*. Authority or control.      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

23. *noun*. Objects arranged in an orderly line.      — — w
24. *adjective*. Blustery or breezy.                      w i n d y

### 3 Miami Word Cruise

**iami, the city featured in this issue, is the largest cruise ship port in the world. You can Mmake many different words from the letters in *cruise ship*. On a separate sheet of paper, list words made with these letters that fit the clues below.**

#### 2-letter words

1. *pronoun*: male person
2. *interjection*: greeting; hello
3. *adverb*: above, higher than; raised

#### 3-letter words

4. *noun*: a small bowl-shaped container with a handle
5. *noun*: frozen water
6. *noun*: a baked food with a meat, fruit, or pudding filling and pastry crust
7. *pronoun*: female person
8. *noun*: formal title for a male person

#### 4-letter words

9. *verb*: to heal
10. *noun*: a long narrative poem about heroic events
11. *noun*: an individual who receives the possessions of another individual
12. *verb*: to employ
13. *noun*: wooden structure where ships and boats dock
14. *adjective*: untouched
15. *verb*: to hurry

#### 5-letter words

16. *noun*: a game for two players using black and white game pieces on a board with black and white squares
17. *verb*: to flatten by force
18. *noun*: a topic for debate or discussion
19. *noun*: the cost of an item for sale
20. *noun*: a bag, pouch, or case used for carrying various items
21. *adjective*: great, excellent
22. *noun*: an individual who shows people to their seats

**6-letter words**

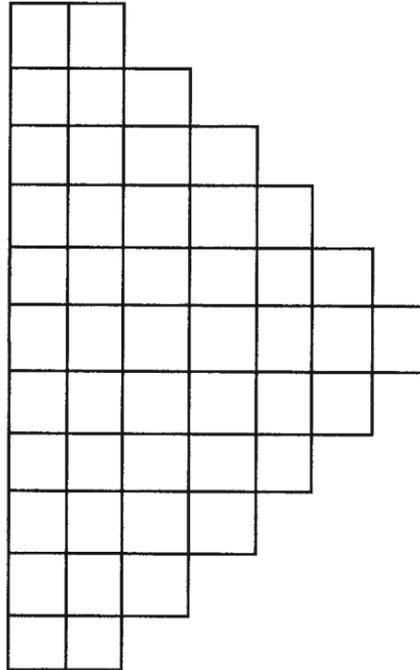
- 23. *noun*: emergency
- 24. *verb*: to die

**UNIT 5**

**1 Word triangle**

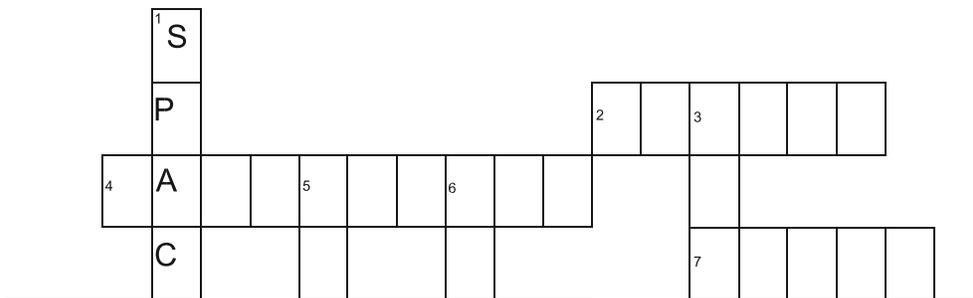
The two letters that form the first word defined below are repeated somewhere in each of the other answers.

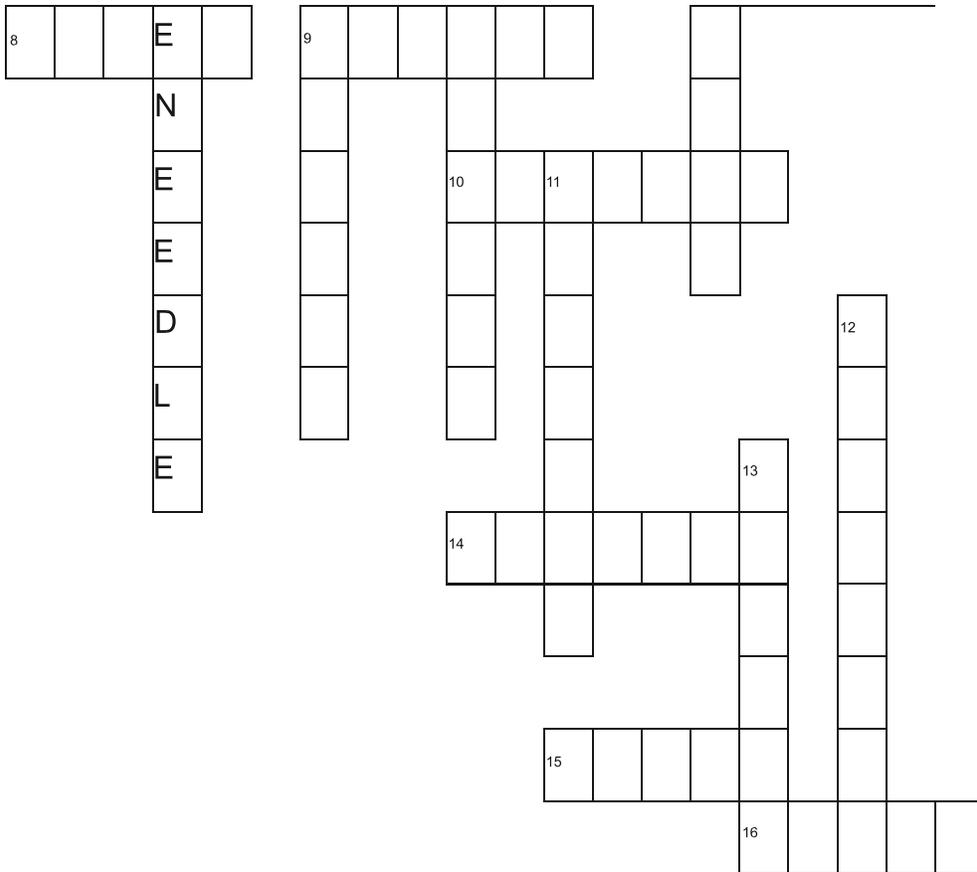
- 1. Exist
- 2. Insect that makes honey
- 3. 3-dimensional square
- 4. Swedish peace prize
- 5. Someone who cuts hair
- 6. Tenth month
- 7. Stole from
- 8. Serious; not drunk
- 9. Large hairy animal
- 10. Furniture for sleeping
- 11. British English (abbr.)



**2 Seattle Crossword Puzzle**

Using the clues below, fill in the spaces of the crossword puzzle. The answer to each clue starts in the box with the same number as the clue. If the clue is under *Across*, write the letters from left to right. If the clue is under *Down*, write the letters down the column. Place one letter in each box. The first response is given. (Answers to the puzzle are on page 188.)





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       E  
       D  
       L  
       E

**Across**

2. A hot, caffeinated beverage that people often drink in the morning.
4. The ground shakes and pictures fall off of walls when this event occurs.
7. Adjective describing damp, wet weather.
8. In Seattle you can take a ferry boat along the many \_\_\_\_\_ ways of the city.
9. Baseball, basketball, and soccer are types of \_\_\_\_.
10. A place where books are available for loan to the public.
14. A cone-shaped mountain that spews lava, debris, and steam when it erupts.
15. Floating homes on lakes and rivers are known as house \_\_\_\_\_.
16. A connected line of railroad cars.

**Down**

1. Most recognized landmark in Seattle.

3. Type of market that sells locally grown fruits and vegetables.

5. The oldest area of most cities is known as the \_\_\_\_\_ district.
6. When you fly from one place to another you travel in an \_\_\_\_\_.
11. A self-powered vehicle with two wheels, handle-bars, and a set of pedals.
12. A collapsible device you use to stay dry when it rains.
13. A dense growth of trees and underbrush is known as a wood or a \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3 Homonyms & Palindromes

Fill in the blanks in each sentence with two or three words that have the same sound but different spelling and different meanings. The number of blanks equals the number of letters in the missing word.

1. Our team \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ game and lost three games.
2. They agreed \_ \_ play \_ \_ \_ more games next week, \_ \_ \_ .
3. The \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ golfers watched \_ \_ \_ the ball when they heard someone shout “\_ \_ \_ \_ \_!”
4. The four of us were so hungry that we \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ hamburgers.
5. Each player \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the ball \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the hoop at least once.
6. As we approached the coast we could \_ \_ \_ the \_ \_ \_ .
7. Anna had \_ \_ many things to \_ \_ \_ on her new machine that she had no time to \_ \_ \_ any seeds in the garden.
8. At the airport the guide said, “Come this \_ \_ \_ so they can \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ your luggage.”
9. We had to \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in line until they determined the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of our bags.
10. We \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the boat to the dock so it wouldn’t go out when the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ came in.
11. Unfortunately, we did \_ \_ \_ put a very good \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in the rope, and it came unfastened.
12. The people on the safari \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of elephants was headed their way.
13. If you sit \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ very quietly, you can \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the wind blowing through the trees.
14. The man in the \_ \_ \_ coat \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the notice to me.

15. We \_\_\_\_\_ on horseback through the tall grass until we came to the \_\_\_\_\_ that led to the town.

16. Everything looked so familiar; it was as if we had \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ before.

17. We went to where they were selling boats, and \_\_\_\_\_ boats had a sign on them that said "\_\_\_\_\_"

18. The students \_\_\_\_\_ down in their notebooks the sentences that they had learned by \_\_\_\_\_.

19. The wind \_\_\_\_\_ the rain clouds away, leaving a clear \_\_\_\_\_ sky.

20. The father said, "I will sit in the shade out of the hot \_\_\_\_\_' \_\_\_\_\_ while my \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ the roof on the house."

### Answer key:

#### UNIT 1

##### 1 Change the first letter:

1. were, here. 2. low, now. 3. year, dear. 4. sat, eat. 5. ear, war. 6. sir, air. 7. master, faster. 8. hot, not. 9. car, far. 10. mister, sister.

##### 2 A T-party:

1. here, there. 2. hat, that. 3. rip, trip. 4. his, this. 5. ear, tear. 6. old, told. 7. error, terror. 8. all, tall. 9. rain, train. 10. urn, turn. **Change**

##### 3 Change the last letter:

1. king, kind. 2. not, now. 3. mare, mark. 4. fear, feat. 5. skim, skit. 6. fool, food. 7. gram, gray. 8. leaf, leak. 9. peak, pear. 10. maid, mail.

#### UNIT 2

##### 1 Hidden colors:

I. brown, 2. black, 3. green, 4. pink, 5. rose, 6. white, 7. yellow, 8. orange, 9. purple, 10. violet, II. gray, 12. scarlet.

##### 2 A numbers game:

I. Seen: A. 10; B. 2; C. 5; D. 4; E. 7; F. 1; G. 6; H. 9; I. 20; I. 1,000; K. 40; L. 1,000,000,000; M. 70.

II. Heard: A. 2; B. 4; C. 8; D. 1; E. 9; F. 15; G. 3; H. 10; I. 6; J. 11.

## UNIT 3

### 1 The ANT family:

1. elephant, 2. distant, 3. giant, 4. servant, 5. pleasant, 6. constant, 7. elegant, 8. participant, 9. infant, 10. dormant, 11. brilliant, 12. vacant, 13. instant, 14. abundant, 15. immigrant (emigrant), 16. significant, 17. plant, 18. dominant, 19. hesitant, 20. inhabitant.

### 2 arithmetic:

1. cone, 2. bone, 3. gone, 4. done, 5. alone, 6. tone, 7. stone, 8. zone 9. clone, 10. throne, 11. cyclone, 12. telephone (phone), 13. no one, 14. none, 15. one.

### 3 Crazy Quilt:

1. deer; 2. rat; 3. seal; 4. dog; 5. bear; 6. pig; 7. ant; 8. eel; 9. cat; 10. lion; 11. cow; 12. Wolf

## UNIT 4

### 1 perfect ten puzzle:

1. content, 2. tendril, 3. listen, 4. tentative, 5. extend, 6. detente, 7. tennis, 8. soften, 9. tense, 10. sentence, 11. extensive, 12. enlighten, 13. English, 14. hasten, 15. tenant, 16. antenna, 17. attend.

### 2 Chicago Word Trail:

1. fountain; 2. newspaper; 3. rail; 4. lake; 5. eat; 6. tower; 7. river; 8. road; 9. damp; 10. pizza; 11. aquarium; 12. museum; 13. music; 14. clip; 15. pier; 16. roof; 17. food; 18. dance; 19. east; 20. trail; 21. loop; 22. power; 23. row; 24. windy

### 3 Miami Word Cruise:

1. he; 2. hi; 3. up; 4. cup; 5. ice; 6. pie; 7. she; 8. sir; 9. cure; 10. epic; 11. heir; 12. hire; 13. pier; 14. pure; 15. rush; 16. chess; 17. crush; 18. issue; 19. price; 20. purse; 21. super; 22. usher; 23. crisis; 24. perish; 25. spices

## UNIT 5

### 1 Word triangle:

1. be, 2. bee, 3. cube, 4. Nobel, 5. barber, 6. October, 7. robbed, 8. sober, 9. bear, 10. bed, 11. BE

### 2. Seattle Crossword Puzzle

#### Across

2. Coffee

4. Earthquake

#### Down

1. Space Needle

3. Farmers

- 7. Rainy
- 8. Water
- 9. Sports
- 10. Library
- 14. Volcano
- 15. Boats
- 5. Historic
- 6. Airplane
- 11. Bicycle
- 12. Umbrella
- 13. Forest

### **3.Homonyms and palindromes**

1. won, one; 2. to, two, too; 3. four, for, fore; 4. ate, eight; 5. threw, through; 6. see, sea; 7. so, sew, sow; 8. way, weigh; 9. wait, weight; 10. tied, tide; 11. not, knot; 12. heard, herd; 13. here, hear; 14. red, read; 15. rode, road; 16. seen, scene; 17. four sail, for sale; 18. wrote, rote; 19. blew, blue; 20. sun's rays, sons raise