

UNIT 18: CAN'T WE JUST GET ALONG?



Root Word	Meaning	Origin
arm	army, weapon	Latin
fen	strike	Latin
cid/cis	cut off, kill, briefly	Latin



- armory** (n) - a supply of weapons; a place where weapons are kept
*The soldiers discovered an enemy **armory** filled with weapons.*
- armada** (n) - a large group of ships, boats, that are used for warfare
*The rebel soldiers could see the British **armada** approaching the coast.*
- armadillo** (n) - a small American animal that lives underground and whose head and body are protected by a hard shell
*The **armadillo's** thick outer shell offers some protection against predators.*
- defend** (v) - to fight in order to keep someone or something safe; to not allow a person or thing to hurt, damage, or destroy someone or something
*The soldiers vowed to **defend** our country's freedom, even if it cost them their lives.*
- offense** (n) - something that causes a person to be hurt, angry, or upset; a criminal act
*I don't mean to cause **offense**, but I don't think you are qualified for the job.*
- fender** (n) - a wheel cover that protects the vehicle from mud or rocks that the wheel might spray upward
*I need to install a **fender** on my bike to protect my clothes from mud spray.*
- scissors** (n) - a tool used for cutting paper, cloth, etc.
*The students used **scissors** to cut out the shapes on the paper.*
- decide** (v) - to make a choice about something; to choose something after thinking about it
*I need to **decide** what to wear on our field trip to the beach.*
- incisor** (n) - a tooth that has a sharp edge for biting; one of the four front teeth of the upper or lower jaw
*The wolf used his **incisors** to tear and rip his food apart.*
- insecticide** (n) - a chemical substance that is used to kill insects
*The man sprayed **insecticide** to kill the caterpillars that were eating his crops.*

18A: SENTENCE COMPLETION

DIRECTIONS: Complete the following sentences with the correct word from your list. Each word will be used only once.



armory
armada
armadillo
defend
offense
fender
scissors
decide
incisor
insecticide

1. I couldn't _____ on which flavor ice cream to buy.
2. The thief was found guilty and sentenced to six months in jail for each _____.
3. _____ help animals bite and break off food to eat.
4. Spain sent an _____ of ships to protect the missions and ranchos off the coast of what is now California.
5. We wanted to avoid using _____ in our garden so we used natural insect and pest repellents.
6. _____ are the only living mammals that have hard shells.
7. We used _____ to cut the paper into long strips.
8. They hid all of their weapons in an _____ near the harbor.
9. Any mud or rocks that the wheels might spray should be blocked by the _____.
10. Your body's immune system is designed to _____ you against illness.

18B: YES OR NO?

DIRECTIONS: Respond to the following statements by circling "Yes" or "No."

1. **Yes No** An **offense** protects you.
2. **Yes No** Only carnivores have **incisors**.
3. **Yes No** It is unlikely that you find an **armada** in the middle of a desert.
4. **Yes No** A **fender** is a bumper.
5. **Yes No** **Insecticides** are used to kill bugs.
6. **Yes No** **Scissors** can only be used to cut paper.
7. **Yes No** An **armory** is used to store boats and ships.
8. **Yes No** If you **defend** something you are trying to protect it.
9. **Yes No** An **armadillo** has sharp spines that protect it from predators.
10. **Yes No** If you **decide** something then you cut it up in little pieces.