



Outliers English Exercises

Introduction: The Roseto Mystery

Part A: Questions for Understanding

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1. Where is Roseto Valfortore?

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1. Describe Roseto's peasants.

2. What happened in the 19th century that changed their lives?

3. What did they do once they arrived in America?

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1. What was the name of Roseto before it was Roseto?

2. Explain the organization of the town.



3. Who was Wolf?

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1. Why was Wolf shocked?
2. What kind of investigation did he conduct?

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1. What were the results of the investigation?
2. Was Roseto a normal town? What did they call that type of town?

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1. What were Wolf's three hypotheses?
2. Was he right?



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1. What was Wolf's conclusion about why people were so healthy in Rosetto?

Part B: Vocabulary

Definitions

Situated – located.

Our restaurant is **situated** downtown near the library.

Archway - A circular ceiling.

Arab architecture is famous for it's beautiful **archways**.

Narrow – Not wide.

Only one car could go over the **narrow** bridge at one time.

Flanked- to be on both sides of something.

The trail was **flanked** by large trees on both sides.

Clustered- located very close together.

There are many shops **clustered** downtown.

Roofs- the part on top of a house.

I have a wooden **roof**.

Marble quarries – a place where they remove marble from the earth.

A lot of marble was mined from the **quarry**.

Cultivate – to grow a plant.

I **cultivated** tomatoes in my garden.



Tavern – bar.

I went to the **Tavern** to get a drink.

Steep – a large incline.

It's a very **steep** hill.

Plant (verb) – to put a plant into the ground.

I **planted** tomatoes in my garden.

Clear the land – to remove plants and other things from the earth.

We had to **clear the land** to plant the tomatoes.

Homemade – made in your house.

I love a **homemade** meal!

Welfare – a system where the government gives money to the poor.

In Brazil **welfare** is called “Bolsa Familia”.

Lard – animal fat.

I prefer to cook with olive oil than with **lard**.

Dietician – a person who studies nutrition and diets.

The **dietician** recommended a new diet.

Whopping – surprising because it is a very large quantity.

I **whopping** 80% of people don't read more than 4 books per year.

Struggling – trying to do something you have difficulty with.

Many people **struggle** with learning English.

Finding (noun) – the results of an investigation / study, a discovery (to find can be used the same way, but as a verb).

The researcher's **findings** showed that obesity caused many health problems.

Hardy – strong.

The **hardy** walls resisted the hurricane.



Mass – church service.

Mass is held on Sundays.

Flaunt – to show off.

The man **flaunted** his wealth by buying expensive cars and clothes.

Obscure – to make something difficult to see.

What really happened was **obscured** by the fact that there were no witnesses.

Insulate – to protect (often from the weather or an outside force).

The government giving money to domestic businesses **insulates** them from competition from foreign companies.

Blouse – a woman's shirt.

The woman bought a beautiful new **blouse**.

Lay–located.

My favorite restaurant **lays** just outside the city.

Fill in the blank with the correct vocabulary word

cluster

marble quarries

struggling

insulates

steep

roof

flanked

archway

hardy

Narrow

At the end of the _____ hallway is an archway _____ by two large marble statues. Above the _____ is the _____ of the building, which _____ the entrance from the rain. The marble came from a (group) _____ of _____ situated at the top of a _____ hill. The stoneworkers are _____ men, but they were _____ under the weight of the stone.



blouses planted mass flaunting cultivating situated
 Welfare homemade finding clearing the land tavern

The woman was on _____, but became rich from _____ sugar cane. She _____ the sugar cane after _____. After _____ the secret to distilling the sugar cane she started to make a delicious _____ rum. She opened up a _____, which was _____ next to the sugar cane field and was a huge success. Unfortunately, she had a habit of _____ her new wealth. She bought expensive _____, dresses, and shoes to wear to _____ on Sundays.

whopping obscure insulated lard Dietician

The _____ found that a _____ 80% of people who ate at least 2 grams of fiber were _____ from the bad effects of _____. The reasons for this, however, remain _____.

Part C: Phrasal Verbs, Idioms, and Useful Phrases

Run up – to run on an incline.

Back up – returning to

End up – the last place you go after going to a series of places.

Set up – to create or to start something.

Sprang up – to be constructed or open very quickly.

Wander up and down – to walk around without purpose.

To be taken aback – to be surprised or shocked.

Going back – researching the past or returning to a place.

Hold onto – to continue (a belief or tradition)



Get up – to get out of bed.

Close knit – a very close group of people.

Track down – to search for something missing until you find it.

Comb through – to quickly search a thing / place.

Dead end – something that doesn't lead to the objective.

Pick up on – to learn something by observation.

In terms of – relating to

Fill in the blank with the correct Phrasal Verb or Idiom.

I'm tired from _____ the hill.

Let's _____ to the last thing we were talking about.

I had many jobs when I was younger, but I _____ working as a salesman.

I _____ everything for the party tonight.

New restaurants _____ sprang up all over the city.

I _____ the streets of the city with my best friend stopping at all of the shops.

I was _____ by Mary's rude behavior.

I _____ my families customs for years after leaving home.

I normally _____ at 7:00am.

I have a very _____ family.

I need to _____ those papers I lost.

I _____ all of my papers, but I couldn't find the document.

I thought I found a way to make it work, but it was just another_____.

Although the man tried to stay calm, I _____ anger in his voice.

He is a really nice guy, but _____ money he is very greedy.



Part D: Prefixes and Suffixes (add the correct prefix or suffix to finish the word)

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Success____ - lots of success

____**successful** – the opposite of successful.

____**courage** – the opposite of encourage.

____ **stopping** - the opposite of stopping.

Power____ - lots of power

Skeptic____ - noun for not believing

Physio____ - relating to the body

Myster____ - full of mystery

Generation__ - relating to a generation

Convention__ - relating to a convention

Isolat____ -the state of being isolated

Heav____ -with a great weight or burden

Part F: Preposition exercises (fill in the blank with the correct preposition)

with **of (x4)** **under** **for (x4)** **to (x4)** **about** **in (x2)**

I'm looking for a job ____ sales.

I came _____ Brazil from the US.

I was invited ____ a lecture _____ consulting.

I've been practicing law ____ seventeen years.

There is no one _____ 65 from Roseto ____ heart disease.



We are taking measures ____ prevent corruption.

Friends and family are the main cause _____ happiness.

We need ____ investigate the situation.

I am a resident ____ Santa Cruz.

I started working ____ 1995.

I went to the US ____ seven weeks.

My mother cooked ____ the whole family.

The effect ____ the medicine was quick.

The pressure ____ work is overwhelming.

The project was created ____ one of our clients.

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