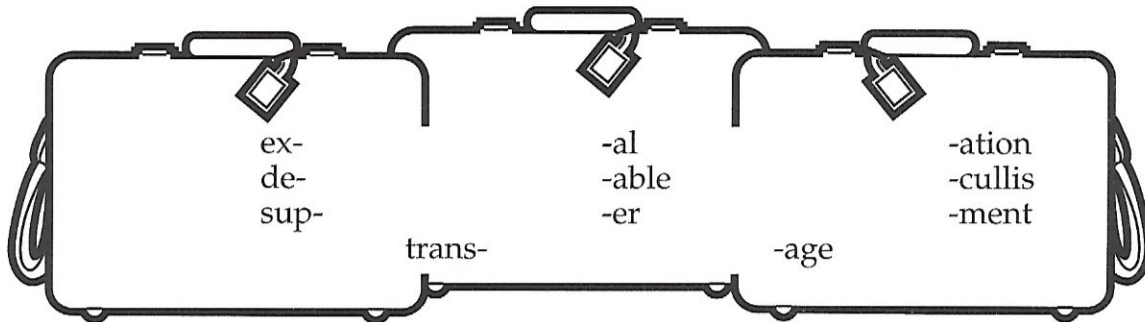




Carry On!

Since the dawn of time, the human race has been busy carrying objects from one place to another. One of the earliest words for this activity was *port*. That one root, combined with assorted prefixes and suffixes, yields many modern English words that include the idea of “carrying” in their meanings.

Use word parts from the pile of suitcases to complete the vocabulary words below. Check your answers with a dictionary.



1. port + _____ = door, gate
2. _____ + port = to carry merchandise out of the country
3. _____ + port + _____ = act of carrying another away from a country
4. _____ + port + _____ = manner of carrying oneself; behavior
5. port + _____ = easily carried
6. port + _____ = act of carrying boats and good overland
7. port + _____ = sliding iron door hung over castle entrance
8. port + _____ = one who carries luggage
9. _____ + port = to carry to uphold
10. _____ + port = to carry across a great distance

Now put your new words to work. Use all ten of them in an original story. Use this sentence to get started:

“Gee, I thought this was portable,” Josh grunted to himself as he tugged and pulled on the. . . .

Sleeping Beauty



Don't let this familiar tale fool you! There are mistakes lurking around every corner. Find and circle them. Then wave your magic wand and create a new sentence for each misused word. See if you can use those words correctly and continue the story of the sleeping princess.

1. What a wonderful evening! Everyone had brought magnificent exports to celebrate the birth of the King's new daughter.
2. But suddenly, a chilling wind whipped through a portal in the King's Grand Chamber.
3. It was Maldora, a fairy known throughout the land for her wicked deportation.
4. "Why was I not invited to this christening?" she demanded as she leaned over the portable crib of the little princess.
5. Even though Maldora was threatened with portage, she pronounced a terrible curse upon the tiny infant.
6. Years later, sewing on a tapestry of silk one day, the princess transported her finger and fell down in a deep sleep.
7. Her servants rushed to support her, but they too were suddenly overcome by sleep.
8. For one hundred years, portcullis grew over the entire castle until it was completely hidden from view.
9. Then one day a rich young porter stumbled upon it as he was leading his men through the woods.
10. He hacked and cleared the vines away until, at last, the castle department emerged from the leaves.

