

Daily Oral Vocabulary
My Place in the Universe
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Invisible	Inconspicuous
<p>not prominent or readily noticeable ----- "he pushed the string through an inconspicuous hole"; "the invisible man"</p> <p>visible</p> <p>invisible</p> <p>unseeable</p> <p>inconspicuous</p>	<p>not noticeable (adj.)</p> <p>not noticeable not easily seen unremarkable not immediately obvious ordinary subtle obvious (Antonym)</p> <p>unobtrusive (adj.)</p> <p>unobtrusive discreet unassuming quiet low-key modest conspicuous (Antonym)</p>

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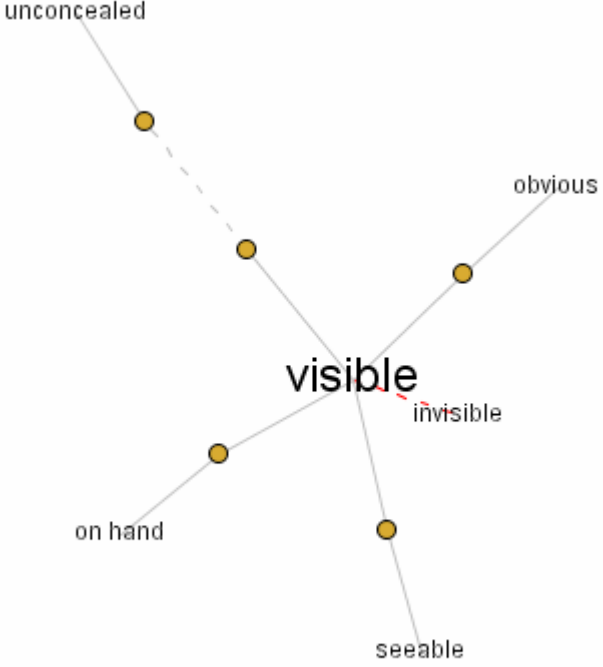
“I hope that I can be happy here on Earth,” thought Inky.

“On the moon that I am from, everyone else was _____.”

“Here on Earth, it is just the opposite.”

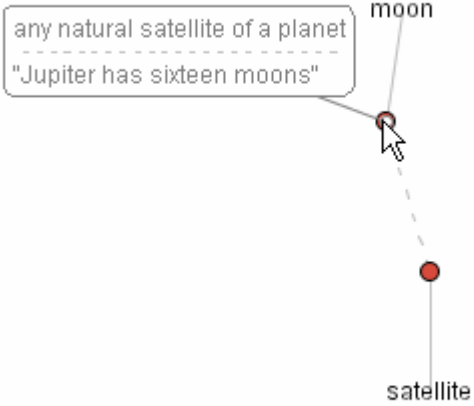
“I have to remain _____, so that no one discovers that I am an alien.”

“That way, I can live my dream of becoming a ‘Super Hero’ like I used to watch on Earth’s television shows.”

Visible	Obvious
	<p>clear (adj.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> clear understandable palpable noticeable apparent evident observable obscure (Antonym)

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“On my moon, Invisitron, everybody was invisible but me,” Inky thought.
 “I was the only one that was _____,” he thought.
 “So, all the kids made fun of me because I was different.”
 “But, on Earth, I can make myself _____ if I have to.”
 “Not even my new parents, Mr. and Mrs. Indelible, who have adopted me from the orphanage, know about my super powers.”

Moon	Planet
 <p>The diagram illustrates the relationship between a moon, a planet, and a satellite. A central red dot represents the planet. A smaller red dot, labeled 'moon', is shown orbiting the planet in a circular path. A dashed line connects the planet to the moon. A callout box points to the moon with the text: 'any natural satellite of a planet' and 'Jupiter has sixteen moons'. Below the planet, another red dot is labeled 'satellite', connected to the planet by a solid line.</p>	<p>earth (n.) earth world globe</p>

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“Most kids on Earth learn that the Earth has only one _____,” thought Inky.

“But, my moon, Invisitron, is right behind the visible one that people on Earth see.”

“It is sort of funny that the people here know that Jupiter has 16 _____, but they don’t know how many their planet has.”

“Of course, even if they knew about my moon, they couldn’t see it anyway,” Inky thought.

Comfortable	Comfy
	<p>comfortable (adj.) comfortable snug cozy relaxing restful secure uncomfortable (Antonym)</p>

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Just then, Mr. and Mrs. Indelible knocked on Inky’s door.

“We wanted to see if you were _____ in your new room,” Mrs. Indelible said.

“Yes.” said Mr. Indelible, “And we hope that you like our quiet little town where everything is pleasant and _____.”

“Hmnn,” thought Inky. “That doesn’t sound like a place with a lot of work for a ‘Super Hero.’”

Scene	Setting
	<p>location (n.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> location surroundings scenery situation background set locale site venue backdrop

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“Cut!” yelled the director, Tex Message.

“Let’s take a break while we get set up for the _____ at Inky’s new school.”

“Good work, Y’all, said Mr. Message, “remember, there is going to be an _____ where Inky has to turn _____ on the first day.”

“Our viewers expect that he will have to become invisible at least once each week, or they will throw a _____.”

“Remember, the _____ for the next scene is the school playground when Inky gets to school for the first time.”

Meet	Meet
	<p>encounter (v.) encounter come across bump into run into chance on</p> <p>make somebody's acquaintance (v.) make somebody's acquai... be introduced to pick up be acquainted with know collect</p>

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“I’m finally going to meet the other stars of the show,” thought Inky.

“I can’t wait to _____ what they are like.”

“I hear that the girl who is going to _____ my girlfriend is very pretty.”

“Mr. Message, the director, didn’t want us to _____ ahead of time, so that the when we converge on the playground set, it will look real.”

“Of course, I could turn invisible and sneak over to their dressing rooms to see what they are like, but I guess I’ll wait.”

Welcome	Greeting
	<p>salutation (n.) salutation welcome welcoming</p> <p>Related Words greet</p>

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“Quiet on the set! Action!” yelled the director, as the first two stars of the show were talking together on the playground.

These were characters were “Biff” and Buff”...twins with a secret of their own.

“I hear that there is a new teacher, really mean and tough,” said Biff, “and we never got to say _____ to the old teacher,” Ms. Clark.

“We have to be careful that no one discovers that we have secret powers,” said Buff. “If word got out, that we can read each other’s minds, lots of bad people would try to use our powers for no good.”

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	<p>clandestine (adj.) clandestine covert underground top secret undisclosed surreptitious furtive hush-hush cloak-and-dagger closet overt (Antonym)</p> <p>underhanded (adj.) underhanded surreptitious hush-hush furtive sly</p>

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“Wow, look at the girl that is coming this way,” said Biff. “That must be Candi Dapple, the hero’s future girl friend.”

“I know that _____ is only skin deep,” said Buff, “But this girl is a _____ all the way through.”

“Hi, my name is Biff, and this is my brother, Buff,” said Biff with a big smile...actually a grin.

“And you must be Candi Dapple,” said Buff. “There is no way to keep it _____ when someone who looks like you moves into a small town.”

“What else do you know about me?” asked Candi.

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School	Class
	<p>group of students (n.) group of students group of pupils group course group set</p> <p>division (n.) division rank category order group grade caste status genre</p>

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“Welcome to our _____,” said Biff. “We’re going to be in the same _____.”
 “I hear that we have a new teacher,” said Buff. “And I hear that she is tough and mean.”
 “I have never had a mean teacher,” said Candi.
 “You probably can sweet talk any teacher,” said Biff.
 “Yea, and teachers treat girls better, too,” said Buff.
 “I think that people treat you the way you treat them,” said Candi.
 “Yea, but this would be a boring story if everything was nice and perfect,” said Biff.
 “I think that Ms. Candi, here, is going to be the only perfect thing in this story,” said Buff.
 “Not really, she won’t fall for me and be my girlfriend,” said Biff.
 “And if she did, things still wouldn’t be perfect, because there are not two of her, that is, another one for me,” said Buff.
 “Cut!” yelled Mr. Message.

Room	Room
<p>The diagram shows the word 'room' in the center. Solid lines connect it to 'board' (bottom), 'elbow room' (right), 'way' (top-right), and 'gathering' (left). Dashed lines connect it to 'assemblage' (top-left), 'opportunity' (top), and 'area' (bottom-right). A mouse cursor is positioned near the top right of the diagram.</p>	<p>space (n.) space scope opportunity area extent span</p>

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“Good morning class, my name is Ms. Uppercut,” said the teacher.

“I am glad to be in this classroom, where you have the _____ to learn.”

“In the _____ of a short school year, you will learn an amazing amount of information, and you will become better citizens of this world.”

“I am not a citizen of this planet,” thought Inky.

“We have two new students who just moved to our town,” said Ms. Uppercut. “Let’s have them introduce themselves, now.”

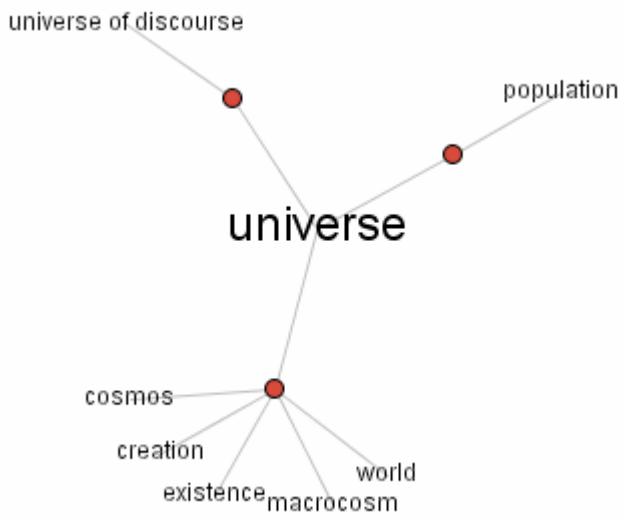
“Ladies first,” said Biff.

“Age before beauty,” said Buff.

“Which is it?” asked Inky.

“If she is older than you are it is both the same,” said the teacher.

“Ha, the teacher already went first, so it is Candi’s turn,” thought Biff...and Buff laughed.

Universe	Knowledge
 <p>universe of discourse</p> <p>population</p> <p>universe</p> <p>cosmos</p> <p>creation</p> <p>existence</p> <p>macrocosm</p> <p>world</p>	<p>information (n.)</p> <p>information</p> <p>facts</p> <p>data</p> <p>acquaintance (n.)</p> <p>wisdom (n.)</p> <p>wisdom</p> <p>learning</p> <p>education</p> <p>intelligence</p> <p>erudition</p>

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“Now that we all know one another, it’s time to begin our first lesson about the _____,” said the teacher, Ms. Uppercut.

“The Universe is something that we know very little about,” the teacher said.

“Are people the only intelligent life in the universe?” asked Biff.

“And I don’t even know about some of them,” said Buff.

“What do you mean by _____?” asked the teacher.

“I wish that I could tell them about my moon, Invisitron, but I can’t,” thought Inky.

“You know, scientists believe that we can only see a small part of the Universe,” said the teacher, “and that most of the Universe is invisible,” said the teacher.

“I could have told them that,” thought Inky.

“The part of the Universe that we cannot see is called, ‘Dark Matter’,” said the teacher.