

Vocabulary Study

banish

clan

console

graciousness

A. Directions: As your teacher reads each set of sentences, listen for the boldfaced word. Then discuss possible meanings of the word.

1. Tarik threatened to **banish** the shepherd from the clan.
If the spy is found guilty, the judge will **banish** her from the country.
2. Nadia's **clan** welcomed her brother's new baby.
The movie told the story of the McKenzie **clan**, who had lived in the highlands for more than 200 years.
3. Nadia's mother could not **console** her; she was too sad.
When Buster fell off his bike, Nina rushed to **console** him.
4. The king's **graciousness** delighted his guests.
Melinda was known for her **graciousness** and charm.

B. Directions: Listen as your teacher reads the story. Then complete the story, using words from the box.

In a faraway country, not so long ago, a powerful _____ lived on a hilltop by the sea. Each summer, their leader hosted a grand feast, during which he served the finest meats, freshest fruits, and sweetest cakes imaginable. At the end of the feast, the guests all thanked their host for his _____ and generosity—except for one foolish boy, who said, "This food is disgusting. I would rather eat pretzels." The leader was offended. He said, "For that rude comment, I will _____ you from our feast. Next year, you shall dine on pretzels alone." And so he did. The following year, when the feast day arrived, the boy sat alone on the beach with a bag of pretzels. As the fragrance of the food floated down the hill, the boy wept bitterly. No one came to _____ him. No one even brought him a glass of water.