

Stuffed Words

Set 1

People stuff *turkeys, suitcases, trash cans, shirts, school desks, drawers, mailboxes, peppers, sausages, teddy bears, zucchinis, closets, pillows, and their faces*. Some **words**, as you may have noticed, stuff themselves with *other words*.

For Example: Identify the following three words stuffed with **key**.

_____ Benjamin Franklin suggested that it should be our national bird.

_____ the central, topmost stone of an arch that locks the other stones together

_____ an animal with long limbs and hands and feet adapted for grasping and climbing

(Answers: **turkey, keystone, monkey**)



Use the following definitions to identify the stuffed words. The common three-letter term hidden in each set of five words is printed in **bold type**. Write your answers in the blanks.

ant

_____ 1. to breathe rapidly in short gasps

_____ 2. enjoyable; agreeable

_____ 3. one of the branched horns of various members of the deer family

_____ 4. a living organism that grows by photosynthesis

_____ 5. one who pays rent to occupy or use the property of another

ear

_____ 6. to feel a strong and deep desire for

_____ 7. to practice in preparation for a public or official performance

_____ 8. to look through, inspect, or explore carefully and thoroughly in order to find something

_____ 9. to vanish

_____ 10. the fifth largest planet in the solar system

men

_____ 11. the largest of the body cavities of a mammal; belly

_____ 12. executed or performed by the mind; intellectual

_____ 13. to remove the faults or errors in; to change for the better; improve