

Verbal Reasoning

Find the Missing Word

What do I do?

Find a three-letter word that completes the word in bold and finishes the sentence in the most logical way.

Top Tips!

- Look for common letter strings such as 'ing', 'sion' and 'tion'
- Make sure you read the sentence first, rather than just guessing the word - it's easier to find the word when you can see it in context!
- Remember - the three-letter word has to be inserted into the word as a whole word, you cannot split the letters up.

What skills do I need to improve?

Doing lots of practice questions will help with becoming familiar with question types but what else can you do to improve in this area?

- Any word games such as Scrabble, Boggle or Banagrams will help with these types of questions.
- You could try to create your own questions by taking a sentence from a book and finding a word that has a three-letter word in it to use in your question.
- When you're reading, see if you can find words with other words hidden within them.

Practice Questions

1. Milly was freezing after she **SD** outside in the snow.
2. Grace parked the car back in the **GAE**.
3. The car **SPED** and the pedestrian crossed the road.
4. Milo needed to pack his suitcase before going on **HOAY**.
5. Max visited the **OPIANS** to get some new glasses.
6. There were hundreds of **SEELLS** on the sandy beach.
7. Gilly's diamond **SPLED** in the sunlight.
8. Scientists **REKCHED** how the virus spread.
9. The **AUNCE** took their seats in the auditorium before the show.
10. Broccoli and peas were the only **VEABLES** that Roshanna didn't eat.
11. The officer inspected the **AGE** to the property.
12. We enjoyed walking through the **CCHY** leaves.
13. Iceland's **VOLO** erupted leaving hundreds of people homeless.
14. The young **FGLING** prepared to leave her nest.
15. The nurse **EXAED** the boy's injury before the doctor arrived.

What is the meaning of the word 'curiosity'? Can you see a hidden three-letter word in there?

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Answers

1. Milly was freezing after she **STOOD** outside in the snow.
2. Grace parked the car back in the **GARAGE**.
3. The car **STOPPED** and the pedestrian crossed the road.
4. Milo needed to pack his suitcase before going on **HOLIDAY**.
5. Max visited the **OPTICIANS** to get some new glasses.
6. There were hundreds of **SEASHELLS** on the sandy beach.
7. Gilly's diamond **SPARKLED** in the sunlight.
8. Scientists **RESEARCHED** how the virus spread.
9. The **AUDIENCE** took their seats in the auditorium before the show.
10. Broccoli and peas were the only **VEGETABLES** that Roshanna didn't eat.
11. The officer inspected the **DAMAGE** to the property.
12. We enjoyed walking through the **CRUNCHY** leaves.
13. Iceland's **VOLCANO** erupted leaving hundreds of people homeless.
14. The young **FLEDGLING** prepared to leave her nest.
15. The nurse **EXAMINED** the boy's injury before the doctor arrived.



The word curiosity means a strong desire to know or to learn something. It can also be an unusual or interesting fact or object.
Three-letter words hidden within **curiosity** are: cur and sit.