

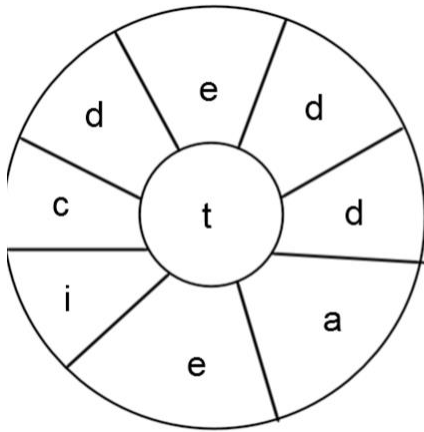
Monday (This week read chapters 16 – 20 on the Ickabog website)

Word Wheel

Find the nine letter word and as many words as you can.

Word Ladder

Change one letter each time until you get from FACE to TUSK



Questions

1. How would you describe Flapoon's attitude when he came in to notify Spittleworth that the king was in bed?
2. What does the word concealed mean?

He walked away, leaving Spittleworth to open the door of the Blue Parlour to let Mrs Beamish and Bert inside. There lay the body of Major Beamish, concealed beneath the Cornucopian flag.

3. What significance could the line *which was quite unmarked* have in the rest of the story?

Synonyms and Antonyms

Fill in the gaps for two different versions.

One with synonyms and one with antonyms.

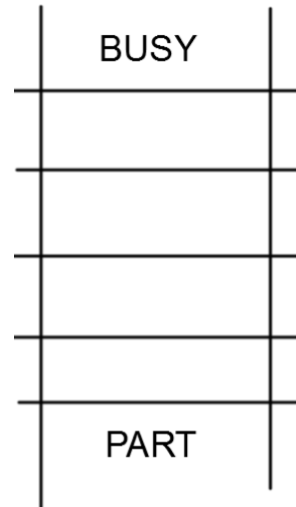
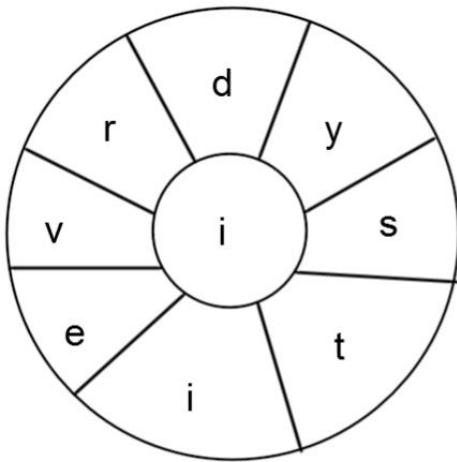
'Then Lord Flapoon had the _____ notion of his blunderbuss, which _____ the Ickabog away. We _____ poor Beamish out of the marsh, _____ for a volunteer to _____ news of his _____ to his family. Dear _____ Nobby Buttons said he'd do it, and he _____ up onto his horse, and until we _____ Chouxville, I never doubted that he'd _____ and given you warning of this _____ tragedy.'

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Chapter 17

Questions

1. Explain the meaning of the words *travel-stained*.

‘And so they shall, once we’ve had a little chat,’ said Spittleworth, moving to face the weary and travel-stained soldiers.

2. Explain why the silence *had a cold, heavy quality*.

Another silence followed Spittleworth’s words, and this silence had a cold, heavy quality. Now the whole Royal Guard

3. In the final paragraph, what is the veiled threat that Spittleworth says to keep the remaining soldiers on side?

Activity

You are to write an advert inviting the public to the firing squad execution of Beamish and the two other soldiers.

Things to consider in your advert:

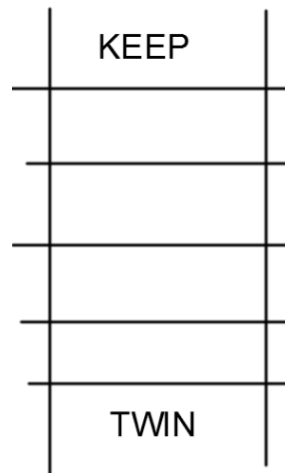
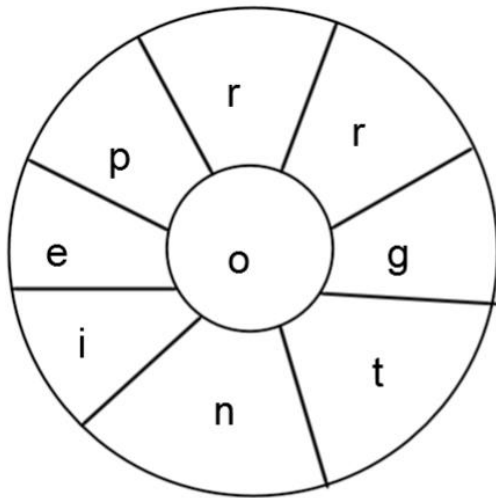
- Details of location and time.
- Why they should come.
- What the men are guilty of.
- Any other details (perhaps refreshments and souvenirs available or price of entry)

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Chapter 18

Questions

1. How can you tell Herringbone came to speak to Spittleworth immediately after hearing of the stories that were circulating?
2. What is the meaning of the word *deplored*?
3. What is the meaning of the word *farrago*?
4. Explain why the author has compared Herringbone to a *wily old fox who waits at a rabbit hole for his dinner*?

Herringbone, who'd always deplored the influence of Spittleworth and Flapoon on the king, waited for Spittleworth to finish his farrago of lies with the air of a wily old fox who waits at a rabbit hole for his dinner.

5. Why did Spittleworth speak *softly* to the soldiers?

'Did everybody hear the Chief Advisor appointing me to his job before he retired?' he asked softly.

The soldiers all nodded. They'd just stood by and watched murder, and felt too deeply involved to protest. All they cared about now was escaping this room alive, and protecting their families.

Activity

To continue the charade of Nobby Buttons existence, you need to create a missing poster so that the lie is more convincing.

Details you could include:

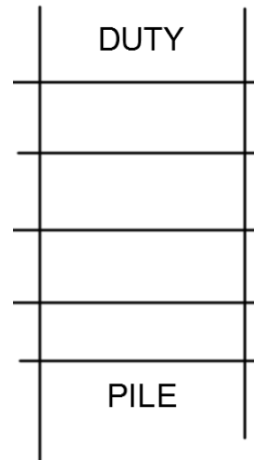
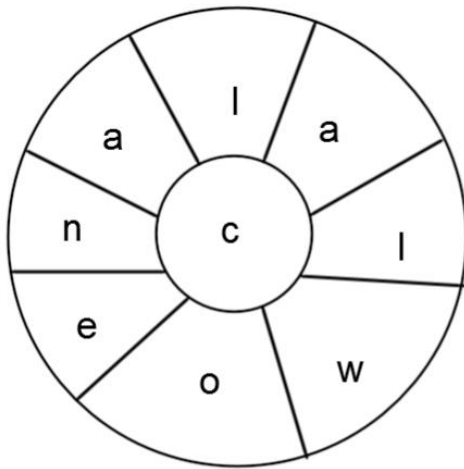
- What he looks like.
- Where it is believed he went missing and what is believed **could** of happened to him
- What he was doing when he went missing.
- Any other information (reward, contact info if seen etc)

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Chapter 19

Questions

1. Why did Spittleworth not believe that Lady Eslanda was thinking about the King's popularity?
2. Why does Spittleworth say, "But would you really stoop so low?"
3. Why does Spittleworth decide not to shoot them in the end?
4. Do you think Spittleworth knows straight away who Eslanda's feelings are for? Why does he take so long to get to the answer?

'I don't think it can be Ogden,' mused Spittleworth, 'because he's a very plain man, and in any case, he already has a wife. Might it be Wagstaff? He's an amusing fellow, but prone to boils. No,' said Lord Spittleworth softly, 'I think it must be handsome Captain Goodfellow who makes you blush, Lady Eslanda. But would you really stoop so low? His parents were cheesemakers, you know.'

Activity

The lie of keeping up the illusion of Nobby Buttons is going to prove to be difficult so Spittleworth needs to kill him off.

You need to write an obituary detailing the passing of Nobby Buttons.

An obituary is basically a short biography about that person's achievements.

Things to consider

- Where they grew up
- What they're known for
- Things they achieved
- Who they are survived by e.g. wife and children

You can pick out description of Nobby in chapter 16 <https://www.theickabog.com/bert-says-goodbye/>