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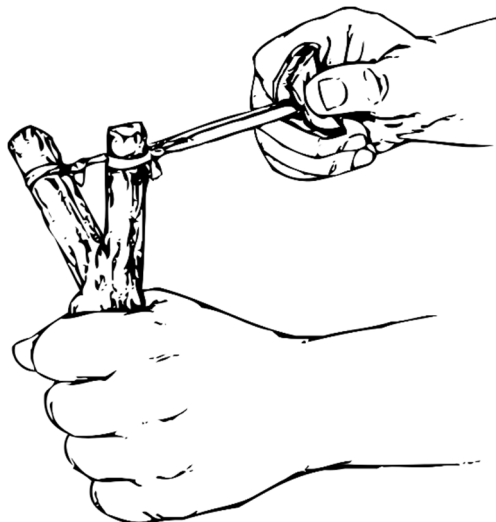
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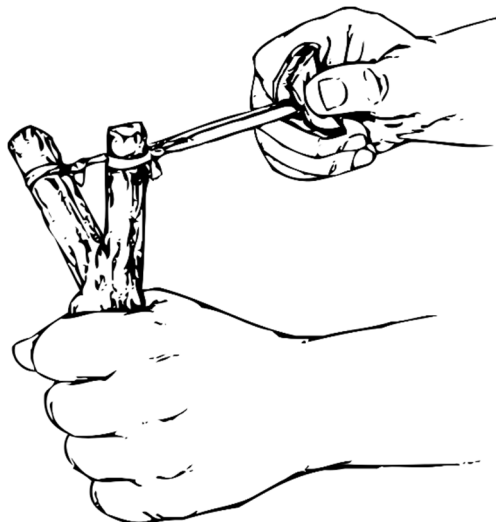
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## Clue 4 – Forming adjectives

Form a suitable adjective from each of the nouns in brackets by adding the correct suffix (note that in some cases there may be more than one possible answer). The number tells you which column the clue word is found in. eg “Form an \_\_\_1\_\_\_ (*order*) queue,” said the \_\_\_2\_\_\_ (*mystery*) man with a strong \_\_\_3\_\_\_ (*region*) accent. = We love SPaG

Following the \_\_\_1\_\_\_ (*accident*) spillage of shampoo on the formerly \_\_\_2\_\_\_ (*spot*) pure, white carpet, it was now a \_\_\_3\_\_\_ (*day*) ritual for \_\_\_4\_\_\_ (*lady*) Mrs Pemberton to wash it. However things were about to get worse – much worse. Two-year-old Jennifer, who later in life would develop a \_\_\_5\_\_\_ (*photograph*) memory, had been watching her mother’s \_\_\_6\_\_\_ (*custom*) practice of emptying her potty. At 10 o’clock Jennifer was sat on her potty. After a \_\_\_7\_\_\_ (*success*) time responding to her \_\_\_8\_\_\_ (*base*) bodily urges, she had filled it. She had previously seen her mother tip the potty over (above the toilet) to empty it; so it seemed \_\_\_9\_\_\_ (*logic*) that tipping it up would be a \_\_\_10\_\_\_ (*use*) thing to do.

Her mother was tending to the \_\_\_1\_\_\_ (*moment*) distraction of her mobile phone as Jennifer toddled to the landing railing and tipped the \_\_\_2\_\_\_ (*smell*) contents out. As the \_\_\_3\_\_\_ (*poison*) fumes drifted towards Mrs Pemberton’s nose, Jennifer looked for approval. She felt \_\_\_4\_\_\_ (*nerve*) when she saw her mother’s reaction and started to look a little \_\_\_5\_\_\_ (*sheep*).

“You \_\_\_6\_\_\_ (*fool*) girl!” Mrs Pemberton bellowed as she ran in a \_\_\_7\_\_\_ (*war*) manner towards the \_\_\_8\_\_\_ (*dirt*) antique hall table which had received most of the potty’s contents. This was undoubtedly a \_\_\_9\_\_\_ (*cost*) incident. Furthermore, the new Ocean Breeze air freshener seemed \_\_\_10\_\_\_ (*use*) in the face of such overpowering odours. She did at last begin to see the \_\_\_1\_\_\_ (*fun*) side of the episode as the \_\_\_2\_\_\_ (*rhythm*) sound of the traffic thundered outside.

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<b>al</b>	Lady	second	SPaG	for	pilot	one	Chinese	tutor	has	the
<b>ary</b>	job	Wales	can	by	will	an	security	invest	week	two
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<b>ish</b>	valet	sabotage	dress	by	letter	in	old	strap	who	can
<b>less</b>	about	Henrietta	first	now	male	more	chauffeur	fall	then	of
<b>like</b>	The	invest	catch	to	stap	guilty	the	PA	six	see
<b>ly</b>	We	waiter	needs	six	the	four	suspect	four	half	less
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tight	sharp	ged
first	borrow	ss
noisy	awake	who
hero	exit	of
giant	dead	the
lend	inside	thi
bright	succeed	the
blunt	dwarf	dress

fail	quiet	than
wild	last	spag
always	expensive	straps
shallow	never	person
entrance	coward	isle
cheap	deep	rty
alive	worse	chan
better	loose	year
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transparent	insulator	ged
dawn	maximum	ss
admit	forward	who
internal	contract	of
singular	remember	the
victory	answer	thi
conductor	innocent	spag
conceal	vertical	dress

minimum	pessimist	than
backward	dusk	the
forget	discourage	straps
expand	retreat	person
guilty	external	isle
question	plural	rty
advance	reveal	chan
optimist	opaque	year
encourage	defeat	sold