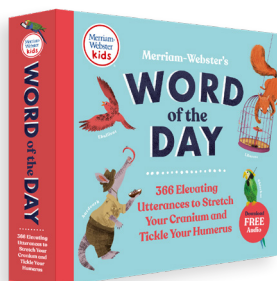


# An Impromptu Dinner Party

Once a \_\_\_\_\_ my **cinophile** parents leave me at \_\_\_\_\_ alone while  
length of time place  
they go see the newest blockbuster. This particular evening I decided to throw an  
**impromptu** \_\_\_\_\_ party. I wanted to keep it simple and \_\_\_\_\_ so I  
noun adjective  
invited only a few of my \_\_\_\_\_ friends—no **fuddy-duddies** allowed!  
adjective

My friends are always **punctual** so I didn't have time to \_\_\_\_\_ at the market  
verb  
before they arrived. That meant my menu choices were a **mishmash** of what I had  
in my fridge and \_\_\_\_\_. There were **oodles** of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
noun food number  
small blocks of **cheddar** to serve as hors d'oeuvres. For the main course we had  
**frankfurters** and \_\_\_\_\_, but I didn't have anything to serve for dessert. I  
food  
quickly called my friend, \_\_\_\_\_, and **hoodwinked** them into bringing over  
famous person  
something \_\_\_\_\_.  
adjective

Now I don't normally **quibble** over dessert, but my friend is such a **flibbertigibbet**  
they brought \_\_\_\_\_ for dessert. Everyone **devoured** the appetizers and main  
food  
course, but when I \_\_\_\_\_ out the \_\_\_\_\_ everyone quickly **vamoosed**,  
verb past tense same food as previous  
leaving me to \_\_\_\_\_ the mountain of dishes before my parents got home.  
verb



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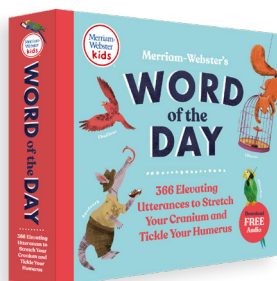


# A Musical Afternoon

One \_\_\_\_\_  
adjective  
afternoon while my grandmother was outside picking flowers I  
stayed inside playing the piano. I felt so \_\_\_\_\_  
adjective  
that I started playing quietly,  
**pianissimo**-style. I could see her through the window placing flowers into a basket.  
She wore \_\_\_\_\_  
color  
**galoshes** and a \_\_\_\_\_  
color  
**anorak**. When she stopped at the  
pink **Grevillea**, she looked up and said, “ \_\_\_\_\_  
phrase  
!”

I went outside to see her and play. I ran around the house with my dog \_\_\_\_\_  
number  
times and did \_\_\_\_\_  
number  
jumping jacks!

When I got tired I went back inside to my piano and watched my grandmother through  
the window again. I played an **eerie** tune just to try and \_\_\_\_\_  
verb  
her. She suddenly  
looked up like she saw a \_\_\_\_\_  
adjective  
**hobgoblin**! The mood in the garden turned  
**macabre**, and then a **gruesome** \_\_\_\_\_  
animal  
came out from behind the bushes. She  
screamed and ran into the house. It was like a **slapstick** comedy routine!



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