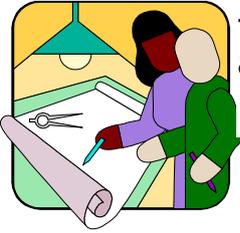


UNIT 23

BRIGHTEN NOT DARKEN



- Why don't you brighten the red
and darken the blue?

bright + -EN = brighten
adjective suffix verb

length + -EN = lengthen
noun suffix verb

Refer to the spelling rules in Appendix B.

A. Fill in the blank in the second sentence with a verb derived from the underlined adjective or noun used in the first sentence.

Example: The sky gets brighter when there are no clouds.
The sky **brightens** as the clouds disappear.

1. The sea at Ayvalik is not very deep.
It doesn't _____ very much until you get out of the bay.
2. She wants her coat short.
Her mother is going to _____ her coat.
3. He is sad about the death of his dog.
The death of his dog _____ him.
4. He is under the threat of dismissal from his job.
They _____ him with dismissal.
5. They haven't hung the picture straight.
Will you _____ that picture?

B. Change each adjective in the list into a verb. Then use this adjective in a sentence together with the phrase given in the parentheses. Use the following pattern:

Can you _____?

Example: thick (the soup)
Can you thicken the soup?

1. loose (your belt)
2. strength (my coffee)
3. weak (my tea)
4. tight (the knots)
5. dark (the room)
6. sweet (the dessert)
7. sharp (my pencil)

8. soft (the butter)
9. damp (the cloth)
10. broad (my horizon)
11. length (the skirt)

C. Fill in each blank in the text with one of the words in the box. Add the necessary tense marker.

brighten	sadden	soften	tighten
dampen	straighten	sweeten	darken
weaken	shorten		

Mrs. Davis got up early that morning because she had lots of things to do. She had to go to the hairdresser to _____ the ends of her hair. Later, she had to go to the dressmaker to _____ her new pair of pants.

Before going out, she wanted to have breakfast. She poured some tea into her cup but it was too strong. She _____ it with some hot water. She put some honey in her tea to _____ it.

All of a sudden, the room _____. The clouds covered up the sun. It _____ her to think that it would rain. Luckily, it _____ up again in an hour. Meantime, she _____ the butter to make a cake for the evening. She had to iron her blouse so she _____ it first.

Finally, she finished her work, _____ up the kitchen and the living room. She said to herself, "Now, I am ready to go out to run my errands."

D. Match the words or phrases in List A with the phrases in List B. Then use each pair in a sentence.

LIST A

1. strengthen
2. threaten
3. sharpen
4. soften
5. broaden

LIST B

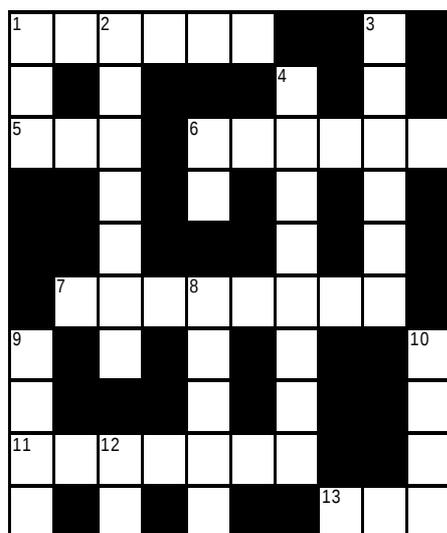
- ___ the dried apricots
- ___ with a gun
- ___ your muscles
- ___ your pencil
- ___ your horizon

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| 6. clouds | __ is weakened |
| 7. economy | __ darkened the sky |
| 8. the dog | __ deepened |
| 9. his love for her | __ threatened the child |
| 10. the smoke in the air | __ thickened |

E. Write an experience of yours using at least six verbs ending in -EN.

F. Puzzles to solve

Puzzle 1



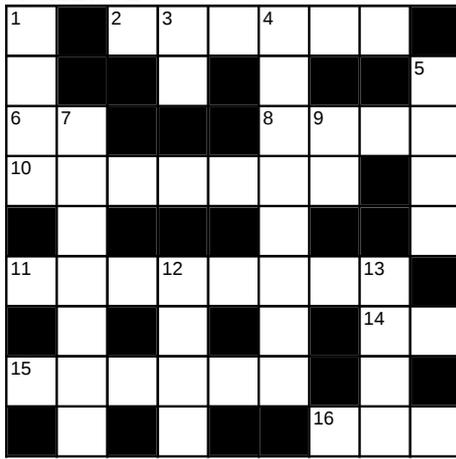
Across

- 1 make haste (6)
- 5 He is __ short to reach there. (3)
- 6 make it dark (6)
- 7 make it long (8)
- 11 make it sharp (7)
- 13 ____ and pencil (3)

Down

- 1 They do not serve ____ -dogs over there. (3)
- 2 make it short (7)
- 3 make it deep (6)
- 4 make someone afraid (8)
- 6 __ you like ice cream? (2)
- 8 We use _____s to make wine. (5)
- 9 At the hotel you leave your key at the reception ____ (4)
- 10 It is raining. Wear your __-coat. (4)
- 12 I'll be there __ six o'clock. (2)

Puzzle 2



Across

2. make it soft (6)
6. Set the table ___ usual. (2)
8. We're expecting _____ today.(4)
10. ___ the soup with flour. (7)
11. make it bright (8)
14. He's ___ the garden.(2)
15. He's _____ by his friends. (6)
16. _____ and pencil (3)

Down

1. His ___ is at the back of the class. (4)
3. Either go _____ stay home. (2)
4. Don't _____ children with ghosts. (8)
5. _____ are small animals. (4)
7. ___ your pencil
9. This is __ apple. (2)
12. Your plane will leave at ___ 42. (4)
13. It's a _____ piece of furniture. (4)