Weekly Words

Homer P. Figg

Week 2

1. **ruffian**

ruf fi an (closed, open, closed) is a noun that means **a violent person often involved in crime.** Kate accuses Homer of being a ruffian and says he cannot come to her wedding.

1. **tormentors**

tor men tors (rcontrolled, closed, rcontrolled) is a noun that means **people who tease or bully others.** Tormentor is related to the word torment, which can be a noun or verb depending on how you say it. A cat can torment a mouse, and the mouse feels torment. Professor Fleabottom demands that the tormentors move away from the crate that Homer is in.

1. **proximity**

prox im it y (closed, closed, closed, open) is an adjective that means **nearness**. We can see the moon because of its proximity to the earth. Professor Fleabottom says that since Homer lived on a farm with pigs in close proximity, he should be able to do the job that Professor Fleabottom has in mind for him.

1. **skulkers**

skul kers (closed, rcontrol) is a noun that means **people who move about secretly looking to make trouble for others.** A skulker is a person who skulks. Skulks is the verb form. Professor Fleabottom tells Minerva that there are skulkers about.

1. **caravan**

car a van (closed, unaccented, closed) is a noun or a verb that means **a group of people traveling together in more than one vehicle.** If three families go on a car trip, they might form a caravan. The traveling medicine show uses a caravan of several wagons to haul people and equipment.

1. **inspiration**

in spir a tion (closed, rcontrol, open, suffix) is a noun that means **a sudden creative idea**. If I write a poem, it will help me to get an inspiration. Inspiration is related to the verb inspire.