

Unit 6 - The Parade

6A Introduction

There's nothing like a parade for a celebration. You can sit in one place and watch the entertainment march right before your eyes. If the weather is good, that is. So what do you do when it rains on your parade?

6B Song Lyrics

The parade was eagerly awaited, **anticipated**,
Wow, the whole town made it!
Shakira was named and **designated**
The Queen, she really made it.
She was dressed sharper than a flying arrow,
In her best clothes and fly **apparel**.
The crowd was in a **jovial** mood,
In good spirits, lots of tasty food.

It was equal to or **equivalent**
To the mood when the local team won the pennant.
The day was important, and **significant**
For Shakira, and everybody's screaming out.
From the top of the float, she saw the **terrain**,
The ground before the parade.
And she saw some guys who seemed to be
Hostile like an enemy and unfriendly.

*I'm sitting on a float,
And I'm sipping on a Coke,
And all y'all know my name.*

Now the crowd grew **unruly**, truly,
They were out of control, and I ought to know.
I was up there with Shakira, and she said:
"Why is everybody getting so upset?"
I said, "Well, that last video you did
Caused a lot of **controversy**, public argument."
"Oh, the one with the dolphin, probably?"
"Naw, girl, the one at the nudist colony."

The crowd began to **vacate** the area,
Leave it, then I saw the reason why.
The sky grew dark, it began to rain,
It was a **deluge**, it was really pouring.
Shakira knew how to **salvage** the situation,
How to save the day in a major way.
She had a brilliant, **ingenious** idea,
For real, I mean this right here.

She passed trash bags through the crowd,
Cut a whole in the top, that's a poncho now.



They were **makeshift**, helped us out of a jam,
 And the crowd cried out: "Shakira, you're the man!"
 It rained on our parade, but the whole crowd stayed,
 Dancing in the streets as if we just got paid.

Hook

6C Words Defined

Below you'll find each vocabulary word that was used in the song. Each word is followed by the part of speech, a simple definition and a meaningful sentence. Some words will also have synonyms, antonyms and other forms of the word listed.

1. anticipate (verb) to expect, look forward to, or prepare for

Shanette was *anticipating* a new sweater from her aunt for Christmas.

Other forms: The *anticipation* (noun) was killing him: Would he make the team or not?

2. apparel (noun) clothing or attire

He selected the right *apparel* for the job interview: a suit and a tie.

3. controversy (noun) conflict created by differing opinions

The TV host created a *controversy* when he used foul language on the air.

Synonyms: argument, disagreement, debate

Other forms: The statue of the naked soldier in the park was very *controversial* (adj.).

4. deluge (noun) A flood of water; an excessive amount of something

Beyonce receives a *deluge* of fan mail every day.

Synonyms: storm, overflow

Antonyms: drought, lack of

Other forms: We were *deluged* (verb) by bees at the outdoor festival.

5. designate (verb) to point something out; to give a name or title to something

The vice president of the company was outraged when he heard the board would not *designate* him president.

Synonyms: to choose, appoint, elect

6. equivalent (adj) equal to something else

The twins were happy, as long as they received an *equivalent* amount of presents.

7. hostile (adj) unfriendly or against

We were surprised that the teacher was so *hostile* towards the students.

Antonyms: friendly, helpful

Other forms: The other team displayed outright *hostility* (noun) towards the umpire.

8. ingenious (adj) especially clever or brilliant

His idea for stopping the bugs was *ingenious*.

9. jovial (adj) happy and cheerful

The waitress was *commended* for her jovial attitude towards the customers.

Synonyms: jolly, good-humored

Antonyms: miserable

10. makeshift (adj) thrown together or crudely created

The *makeshift* cabin didn't stand a chance against the earthquake.

Synonyms: temporary

11. salvage (verb) to rescue or save something

Dad hoped to *salvage* the car, even though it had been on fire.

Synonyms: to recover, retrieve

Other forms: Let the ship sink; the only thing that matters is the *salvation* (noun) of lives.

12. significant (adj) noteworthy or important

The reporter would only write a story if the person had done something *significant*.

Antonyms: minor, trivial

Other forms: The scientists were convinced that what they found held *significance* (noun) to the investigation.

13. terrain (noun) an area of land and its features

The scouts liked hiking at the park because of the easy *terrain*.

14. unruly (adj) difficult to control or rule

The substitute walked out of the *unruly* classroom.

Synonyms: disorderly, rowdy

Antonyms: calm, behaved

15. vacate (verb) to leave something

I didn't care about the house, because I planned to *vacate* it tomorrow.

Antonyms: to occupy, inhabit

Other Forms: A *vacation* (noun) is when you leave the place you usually live behind for a little while. A house or store that has been left is now *vacant* (adj.).

6D Fix the Mistake

Each of the sentences below has a mistake. The wrong vocabulary words have been used, so the sentences don't make sense. Rewrite each sentence using the correct vocabulary word from this unit.

1. Many students eagerly **salvage** the last day of school.

2. My friends and I went to the mall to check out the new **terrain** available at Macy's.

3. When I lost the back of my earring at school, I made an **unruly** earring back using the eraser on the top of my pencil as a temporary fix.

4. My sister came up with the **hostile** idea that we throw a surprise birthday party for our mother.

5. Whenever my father has to leave town, he likes to **vacate** my older brother as the "Man of the House."

6. When the levies broke in New Orleans, it resulted in a **controversy** and many neighborhoods ended up under the water.

7. Surprisingly, even when the teacher assigns a ton of homework, Karen is **significant**, smiling and cheerful.

8. After the fire was put out at my grandmother's house, we tried to **designate** as many of her belongings as possible.

9. At the end of the Maroon 5 concert, we were asked to please **anticipate** the arena.

10. Steve saw mountainous **apparel** for the first time when he visited Mt. Rushmore.

11. Bobby showed **equivalent** improvement in his basketball skills when he went from shooting air balls at the beginning of the season to making the game winning basket in the final game.

12. The location of the new skate park caused a lot of **deluge** between the citizens and business owners of the town.
- _____
13. The riots I witnessed on television showed a very **makeshift** and unfriendly environment.
- _____
14. The movie theater crowd became **jovial** when the movie unexpectedly stopped half-way through the viewing, and they were told that their money would not be refunded.
- _____
15. The size of my new beagle puppy is **ingenious** to the size of my full-grown cat.
- _____

6E Pick the Winner

Circle the word that best fits into the sentence. Then write a sentence below that uses the word you didn't pick in a meaningful way.

1. When I walk to school every day, I pass by a large (**vacated OR designated**) building where my friends used to live.
2. _____
3. Jake is quite the environmentalist. He is always trying to (**anticipate OR salvage**) papers from the garbage can that could be recycled.
4. _____
5. It takes a (**makeshift OR significant**) amount of time to learn how to play a new instrument.
6. _____
7. The class grew (**unruly OR ingenious**) after having a different substitute teacher for the fourth day in a row.
8. _____
9. Maria found herself in the center of a (**deluge OR controversy**) when two of her closest friends began arguing with one another across the lunch table.
10. _____

6F Draw the Relationship

In each grouping of eight words below, draw straight lines between the synonyms (words that mean similar things) and squiggly lines between any antonyms (words that mean nearly opposite things). Every word should have at least one line connected to it. Some may have more.

1	anticipate	sad	deluge	drought
	permanent	jovial	makeshift	look forward to
.....				
2	abandon	landscape	terrain	well behaved
	unruly	save	vacate	salvage
.....				
3	equivalent	major	significant	clothing
	hostile	friendly	apparel	lopsided
.....				
4	chosen	controversy	designated	argument
	makeshift	unimaginative	temporary	ingenious

6G Understanding What You Read

Read the passage below. Then answer the questions.

I have a secret. I look just like every other 13 year-old boy. I dress in the same apparel as the other kids: loose shirts and jeans. I speak the same way they do. But I’m different. I’m a robot.

I was built by the government a year ago and planted in this middle school to gather information. At school, I do tasks that are equivalent to those of the average 7th grader. I answer questions in class, go to my locker, talk to my friends. The only real difference is that I have five microphones and tiny video cameras built into my body to record everything going on. After school I get picked up by my “mom,” who is really just a government scientist named Dr. Emil. She takes me back to the lab and analyzes my tapes.

I was created by Dr. Emil in order to help fight terrorism. Some politicians believed that terrorists might start training middle-school students. Dr. Emil was designated the chief of the

Middle School Anti-Terrorism League. She was the one who had the ingenious idea of creating a terror-fighting robot who looked like a thirteen-year-old. That robot is me.

My main job is to gather information about anything that seems suspicious. Whenever I see a few kids huddled together and whispering, I walk near them and use my powerful microphones to record their conversation. Sometimes I need to anticipate where and when kids will talk. For example, Cindy and Amani always meet right after school to share secrets, but they meet in different places. So, yes, my job is a hard one, but I have a jovial outlook. After all, I'm alive.

Unfortunately, when the public first found out about the program, it caused a lot of controversy. Many teachers, especially, were hostile to the idea that a government-built robot was sitting in their class recording everything they did and said. They wanted the program stopped immediately.

In the end, the teachers were ignored. The program continues to this day. Maybe the public realized how important a robot like me is. After all, though I haven't uncovered any terrorist activities yet, I have uncovered some pretty dirty secrets. I'm not supposed to share my secrets with anyone except Dr. Emil, but sometimes I can't help sharing: Apparently, Cindy kissed Rasheed behind the gym last week.

1. The narrator notes that his job is difficult

- (A) and so he feels anxious all day long
- (B) but he is happy to exist
- (C) because there are so many people trying to destroy him
- (D) even though he doesn't need to eat

2. According to the text, which of the following does the narrator NOT do during school?

- (A) record other students' conversations
- (B) answer his teachers' questions in class
- (C) talk to other students that he knows
- (D) act hostile to his teachers

3. For what reason was the robot created?

- (A) to spy on two known terrorists: Cindy and Amani
- (B) to spy on teachers who might be terrorists
- (C) in case terrorists were training students
- (D) in case the police couldn't arrive fast enough during a terrorist attack

4. What is the public's reaction to finding out about the program?

- (A) They are jovial.
- (B) They are ingenious.
- (C) They dislike the idea.
- (D) They love the idea.

5. What does the secret at the end of the story reveal?

- (A) Dr. Emil needs to fix the robot.
- (B) The robot's job is probably not necessary.
- (C) Cindy is probably the most popular girl in school.
- (D) The robot has a crush on Cindy.

6H Thinking Creatively

Answer each question below. Don't be afraid to think creatively.

1. What invention could you describe as **ingenious**?

2. What is the biggest **controversy** you've ever heard about or experienced?

3. Briefly describe an imaginary book named *The Hostile Hotel*.

4. If a sign on a hotel says "vacancy" what do you think it means?

5. What would someone have if they had **makeshift apparel**?

Word Breakdown

The word *jovial* actually comes from the Latin word for Jupiter, the Roman god of the sky. According to astrology, people born under the sign of Jupiter are happy people, thus they are jovial. If you've ever heard someone say "by Jove!", they are actually saying "by Jupiter!"

Originally, a *makeshift* was a thief, someone who couldn't be trusted. Instead of telling you the truth, these people would "make shifts" and change the meaning of what they said. They were shifty. Later the word was used to mean "substitute," which is the meaning today.