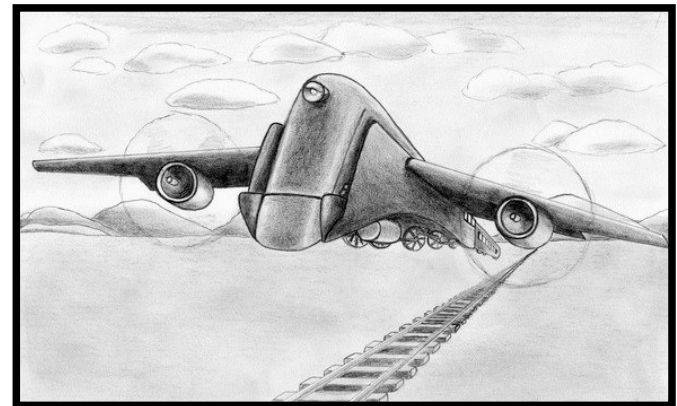


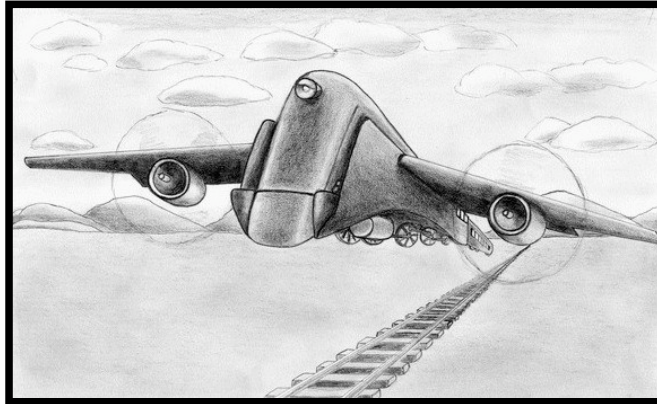
Vocabulary Building Exercises *Absurdities*



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Absurdities Vocabulary Builders

Vocabulary Builders (Entry Level)



Absurdities: Language Activities and Vocabulary Builder

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Introduction

As a school-based clinician I have needed to be efficient and prudent in what therapy resources I use. What have worked best are activities that are simple to use, language rich, and can be completed in a 30-minute session.

The **Vocabulary building absurdities** program was born out of my clinical experience. Separate language systems, such as semantics, pragmatics, and morphology work best when integrated together as a whole.

By targeting one language difficulty you often indirectly target multiple language systems. The program is at core a **vocabulary builder**, but targets other language skills such as listening to instructions. It also promotes **inference** and **thinking skills**.

The scenarios featured in the game are absurdities. That is, they are impossibilities or oddities that do not exist in the real world.

Your students' task is to first identify the impossibility and then provide an **alternative answer**. Each separate scenario comes complete with several questions. The questions are designed to further explore your students' understanding of the individual scenarios, and prompt **comprehension**.

Absurdities Scenarios

- Transport:** 20 scenarios related to different forms of transport
- Animals:** 20 scenarios concerning the animal kingdom
- Food:** 20 scenarios about food and eating habits
- Tools:** 20 scenarios devoted to tools
- Hygiene:** 20 scenarios related to hygiene and cleanin

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Good Questioning Techniques

Avoid yes/no questions, as they only require a simple response. The best questions are *what/why* questions. *What/why* questions tend to be *open-ended*. That is, the student is compelled to provide a detailed response with more information.

Choice and contrast questions are an excellent way of giving the student choices to think about.

Question to the student's response. After you have asked a question and received a response use the student's response to probe for more information. This does require a bit of practice but can produce good results.



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Good Questioning Technique - *Example*

This is a real life example, and demonstrates the questioning technique as used with an eight-year-old child.

Clinician: Reads from sheet 'I put the blue ink on my hairbrush and began to brush my teeth.'

Question from scenario: 'What's silly about this sentence?'
(Open-ended Question)

Student: 'You use toothpaste to brush your teeth.'

Clinician: 'That's right. Great answer. Also, listen to this, '...I put my blue ink on my **hairbrush**. Would we use a hairbrush to brush our teeth, or something else?'
(Open-ended Question)

Student: Child is silent and not sure what to say

Clinician: 'Do we use a toothbrush or hairbrush to brush our teeth?' (Choice and Contrast)

Student: 'You use a toothbrush to brush your teeth.'

Clinician: Question on card: 'What would happen if we used blue ink to brush our teeth?' (Open-ended question)

Student: 'Don't know.'

Clinician: Well, would our teeth turn blue, or would they stay white?' (Choice and Contrast Question)

Student: 'They would be blue and all yucky.'

Clinician: "Yeah they would wouldn't they?' 'What else is yucky and could make our teeth blue?' (Open-Ended Question and Question to Student's Response)

Student: 'Blue paint'

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| <p>The scuba diver dived out of the plane and flew through the air.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? What should we wear if we dive out of an airplane? Where does a scuba diver go?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Transport</u></p> | <p>Dad parked his truck in the car park. He cast out the anchor so the truck wouldn't drift.</p> <p>What's silly about this story? What type of transport uses an anchor? What is a truck used for?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Transport</u></p> | <p>The submarine drove down the town's main street.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Can a submarine leave the water? Does a submarine have wheels?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Transport</u></p> |
| <p>My dad filled the car's fuel tank with water.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? What do we normally put in a car's engine to make it run? Will a car's engine work if we use water instead of fuel?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Transport</u></p> | <p>The scuba diver always wore his parachute when he dived into the ocean.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Why wouldn't we wear a parachute in the water? When would we need a parachute?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Transport</u></p> | <p>The astronauts journeyed to the moon on the hot air balloon.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Can a hot air balloon reach the moon? What might astronauts use to travel to the moon?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Transport</u></p> |

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| <p>The astronauts parachuted back to earth from the space shuttle.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Why is it impossible for an astronaut to parachute to earth? What starting with At_____ protects the earth from outer space?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Transport</u></p> | <p>Our family decided to paddle a canoe to New Zealand from Australia.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Why would it be silly to paddle a canoe to New Zealand? Where, starting with Air_____ do we board an aircraft?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Transport</u></p> | <p>Santa rode the bus from the North Pole so his reindeer could rest this Christmas.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Why would Santa not take the bus? What do Santa's reindeer usually tow?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Transport</u></p> |
| <p>I packed the grand piano into its case and carried it home on my bike.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Why would it be impossible to pack a piano into a case? What's a small musical instrument you could safely carry on your bike?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Transport</u></p> | <p>Dad made a new car out of wood and nails.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? What are cars normally made from? What's a tool we use with wood and nails?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Transport</u></p> | <p>My father took me to school in his helicopter.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Do children go to school in an airplane? How do you normally get to school?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Transport</u></p> |

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| <p>Mark needed to go to Japan, so he climbed into a cannon and was blasted there.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? What do we use to travel to other countries? Why is it dangerous to be shot out of a cannon?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Transport</u></p> | <p>A helicopter can go underwater and search the bottom of the ocean.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? What type of machine can go underwater? What can a helicopter do that makes it special?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Transport</u></p> | <p>The passenger jet landed on the water and taxied to the water dock.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Where does an airplane usually land? What transport drops off its passengers at a dock?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Transport</u></p> |
| <p>The cyclist rode his bike over the cliff. His bike spread its wings and flew high into the sky.</p> <p>What's silly about this story? Why don't bikes have wings? Why might it be fun to have a flying bike?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Transport</u></p> | <p>The robbers drove off in the getaway car. The police jumped on their bicycles and pedalled after them.</p> <p>What's silly about this story? What type of vehicle would police use to chase criminals? What type of vehicle do police use?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Transport</u></p> | <p>The fire trucks arrived just in time for the firemen to start the fire.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? What do firemen usually do to a fire? What colour are fire trucks?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Transport</u></p> |

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The big truck broke down. Therefore the truck driver tied the freight trailer to his bicycle and started pedalling.

What's silly about this story?

Can a bicycle pull a truck's freight load?

What other transport starting with tr_____ carts freight?

2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities Transport

The pilot had to wait until the cars finished crossing the airstrip before he could take off in his jet.

What's silly about this sentence?

Where does a plane take off from?

Why couldn't a jet take off on a city road?

2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities Transport

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| <p>The lion swam hard to get the fish but was beaten to it by the seal.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? What are two mammals that catch and eat fish? Where might we normally find a lion?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <i><u>Animals</u></i></p> | <p>The farmer rode his lion around the paddocks to muster the sheep herd.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? What might happen to a farmer if he tried to ride a lion? Why wouldn't we allow a lion around a sheep herd?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <i><u>Animals</u></i></p> | <p>The duck flew so fast it rocketed past the jet fighter at supersonic speed.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Can a duck really fly at supersonic speed? What other bird starting with sw__ swims like a duck?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <i><u>Animals</u></i></p> |
| <p>The bat dove into the water and caught the fish in its mouth.</p> <p>What's silly about this story? Do bats live in caves or in the ocean? What sea bird starting with Pen__ eats fish and is a good swimmer?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <i><u>Animals</u></i></p> | <p>The ferocious sheep chased the crocodile up a tree.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Why wouldn't a sheep chase a crocodile? Name 3 types of animals that can climb trees</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <i><u>Animals</u></i></p> | <p>The polar bear and the elephant ate grass together under the hot African sun.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Why don't we see polar bears in Africa? Why would an elephant get cold in the Arctic snow?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <i><u>Animals</u></i></p> |

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| <p>The penguin can run very quickly when it is chased by a lion.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Can a penguin run fast? Why/why not? Why wouldn't a penguin and lion live in the same area?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u><i>Animals</i></u></p> | <p>The goat climbed up the tree and got stuck in the branches.</p> <p>What's silly about this story? Why can't a goat climb a tree? What sort of animal is good at climbing trees?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u><i>Animals</i></u></p> | <p>The sheep is a fierce and dangerous hunter.</p> <p>What's odd about this sentence? Name 2 predators dangerous to man? Why is a sheep not dangerous to man?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u><i>Animals</i></u></p> |
| <p>We could see the shark's dorsal fin circle us as we walked through the jungle.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Where would we normally see a shark? Name a dangerous animal that lives in the jungle?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u><i>Animals</i></u></p> | <p>The pigs neighed when the farmer brought them some fresh hay.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? What type of farm animal neighs? What sound does a pig make?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u><i>Animals</i></u></p> | <p>Our cat likes to sit in his cage all day and sing songs.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? What type of animal starting with b____ can sing? Can sound does a cat make?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u><i>Animals</i></u></p> |

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| <p>The farmer was proud of his cat as it rounded up the sheep.</p> <p>What's odd about this sentence? What working animal, starting with d___ would a farmer use? Why wouldn't a cat make a very good cattle herder?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u><i>Animals</i></u></p> | <p>The giant octopus attacked the eagle as it flew high above the clouds.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Can an octopus fly? Where might we see an octopus?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u><i>Animals</i></u></p> | <p>David went fishing on the pier and caught a blue whale with his fishing rod.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Can you catch a whale with a fishing rod? Is the blue whale the biggest animal on the planet?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u><i>Animals</i></u></p> |
| <p>I was halfway across the city street when the traffic light turned green and the cows began to run across.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Do we see cows in the city? Where might we find cows?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u><i>Animals</i></u></p> | <p>We swam in our neighbour's pool. They have a new giant octopus, which swims at the deep end.</p> <p>What's silly about this story? Why can't we put an octopus in a pool? What water does an octopus live in, fresh or saltwater?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u><i>Animals</i></u></p> | <p>I trained my pet shark to fetch sticks and rollover.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Is a shark dangerous? What ocean based animal starting with Dol_____ can be trained to perform tricks?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u><i>Animals</i></u></p> |

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The turtle is one of the fastest land animals in the world.

What's silly about this sentence?
What big cat starting with ch_____ is
the fastest animal in the world?
What starting with sh_____ does a
turtle live inside?

2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities Animals

The camel is used as a pack animal for crossing areas of ice and snow.

What's silly about this sentence?
What animal starting with pen_____ lives
in the ice and snow?
Where starting with des_____ does a camel
normally live?

2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities Animals

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| <p>Nicholas sprinkled coffee and poured cold gravy on his breakfast cereal.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? What's something we sprinkle on cereal? What white liquid do we normally pour on our cereal?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Food</u></p> | <p>My favourite school lunch is broccoli sandwiches, washed down with carrot cordial.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? When would we normally have carrots and broccoli? What are 2 cordial flavours?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Food</u></p> | <p>My dad likes two teaspoons of salt in his coffee.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? What do we normally use to sweeten drinks? How might a drink with salt in it taste, good or bad?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Food</u></p> |
| <p>My favourite sandwich is made with grass and leaves, topped with beetle paste.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Why don't we have grass salad sandwiches? Is there such a thing called beetle paste?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Food</u></p> | <p>Mum used a pair of chopsticks to eat her soup.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Why wouldn't we use chopsticks for soup? For what meals might we use chopsticks?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Food</u></p> | <p>Malcolm loves to eat lettuce and yoghurt sandwiches.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? What starting with sal__ would see lettuce used? Would a celery and yoghurt sandwich taste nice?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Food</u></p> |

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| <p>My favourite dessert is deep fried sausage covered with ice cream and strawberry topping.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Is sausage a dessert? What are 2 types of fruit we might eat with ice cream?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Food</u></p> | <p>My mum cut the cabbage into chips and we ate fried cabbage chips.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? What vegetable do we use to make chips? Would cabbage chips taste yummy?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Food</u></p> | <p>My mum loves chocolate so much that even her best jewellery is made from chocolate.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? What might happen to chocolate jewellery if we wear it? What's your favourite chocolate - milk or dark chocolate?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Food</u></p> |
| <p>Cassie ate her favourite pizza. It had cheese, ice cream and chocolate sprinkles on it.</p> <p>What's silly about this story? What are two foods we might put on pizza? What might happen if we put ice cream on our pizza?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Food</u></p> | <p>Paul put the orange in the toaster and then poured a glass of onion juice.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Can we put an orange in the toaster? Would onion juice taste yummy?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Food</u></p> | <p>James spread salt on his toast and mustard on his pancakes.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Why wouldn't we put salt on our toast? What's something sweet we may put on our pancakes?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Food</u></p> |

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| <p>Paul accidentally dropped a coin into his glass of milk. He changed into his swimming shorts and dived in to get it.</p> <p>What's silly about this story? Why is it impossible to dive into a glass of milk? How could you remove a coin from a glass of milk?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Food</u></p> | <p>Mum bought apples from the butcher, and some steaks from the baker.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? What sort of food do we buy from the butcher? What type of food do we buy from a baker?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Food</u></p> | <p>Dad made a big hot fire on the kitchen table, and we sat around and toasted marshmallows.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Why would we never have a fire on the kitchen table? Where is a safe place to build a fire?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Food</u></p> |
| <p>My favourite chips were being advertised on telly. They are purple and taste like beetroot.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Do chips taste like beetroot? Are chips purple?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Food</u></p> | <p>The best way to make a chocolate milkshake is with milk, lettuce and ice cream.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Do we use lettuce to make a chocolate milkshake? What is your favourite milkshake? Why?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Food</u></p> | <p>Greg used a spoon to cut his steak and a fork to eat his soup.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? What should we use to cut our meat? Why would it be difficult to eat soup with a fork?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Food</u></p> |

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Mum made a roast chicken, with steamed strawberries and chocolate gravy.

What's silly about this sentence?

What are type of food do we eat with roast chicken?

Can we pour chocolate gravy on chicken?

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We had a lovely candle lit dinner using our new candles made from butter.

What's silly about this sentence?

What might happen to butter candles when lit?

What are candles usually made from?

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| <p>The boy flew his kite so high that the string broke. The kite drifted and landed on the moon.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence?</p> <p>Can a kite fly to the moon? Why not?</p> <p>What kind of flying object could go to the moon?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities<u>Tools</u></p> | <p>I used an axe to cut the paper in two.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence?</p> <p>What should we use to cut paper?</p> <p>What do we use an axe to cut?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities<u>Tools</u></p> | <p>Nicole used the scissors to cut a slice of cake.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence?</p> <p>Why would it be difficult to cut cake with scissors?</p> <p>What do we use to cut cake?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities<u>Tools</u></p> |
| <p>We climbed the mountain wearing our t-shirts and shorts.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence?</p> <p>What sort of weather could we expect on a mountain, hot or cold?</p> <p>What sort of clothes might we wear to climb a mountain?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities<u>Tools</u></p> | <p>The rock climbers climbed the mountain, using string to support their weight.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence?</p> <p>Is string strong enough to support a person's weight?</p> <p>What, starting with R___, should a rock climber use to support their weight?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities<u>Tools</u></p> | <p>Sally put gloves on her feet and socks on her ears.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence?</p> <p>On what part of our bodies do we wear gloves?</p> <p>Why would it be silly to wear socks on our ears?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities<u>Tools</u></p> |

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| <p>I put the ice cubes into the oven to freeze them.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Where do we usually freeze ice cubes? What might happen to ice cubes if we put them into an oven?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Tools</u></p> | <p>My new wrist clock is able to tell time very well.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Why would it be difficult to wear a clock on your arm? Where would we normally see a clock?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Tools</u></p> | <p>It's important to wear boxing gloves when playing tennis.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? What sport uses boxing gloves? Why do we not wear boxing gloves while playing tennis?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Tools</u></p> |
| <p>The dentist started up the chainsaw and said, 'Open wide.'</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? What might a dentist use to check our teeth? What do we use a chainsaw for?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Tools</u></p> | <p>The dentist used a spanner to repair the tooth that had a cavity in it.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? Would a dentist use a spanner on a patient? What do we use a spanner for?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Tools</u></p> | <p>The dentist put a filling into the cut on my arm.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? What might we use to heal a cut on the arm? What in our mouth, might a dentist put a filling in?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Tools</u></p> |

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| <p>I rode my bike across the lake on my water tires.</p> <p>What's odd about this sentence? Can you ride a bike on top of water? Why is it impossible to ride on top of water?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - <u>AbsurditiesTools</u></p> | <p>Tom started the outboard motor on his surfboard and rode the waves.</p> <p>What's odd about this story? Does a surfboard have a motor? What do we use a surfboard for?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - <u>AbsurditiesTools</u></p> | <p>My little brother made our new house out of sand using his bucket and spade.</p> <p>What's odd about this sentence? Can a real house be built from sand? What can you make using sand and a toy bucket and spade?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - <u>AbsurditiesTools</u></p> |
| <p>I raked the leaves from the Elm tree with my hair comb.</p> <p>What's odd about this sentence? What outdoors tool do we use to rake leaves? Why don't we use hair combs to rake leaves?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - <u>AbsurditiesTools</u></p> | <p>The weather was hot so I turned on the heater to cool down.</p> <p>What's odd about this story? What machine might we use to cool down? When would we use a heater?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - <u>AbsurditiesTools</u></p> | <p>I rode my bike home from school on a cold day. My mum gave me an ice cold drink to heat me up.</p> <p>What's odd about this story? What hot drink do you like to drink to warm you up? When is it best to have an ice cold drink?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - <u>AbsurditiesTools</u></p> |

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Dad mowed the lawn on the roof with his
lawn mower.

What's odd about this sentence?
Do people mow the roof?
Where do we use a lawn mower?

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I drank my soup through a straw

What's silly about this sentence?
What do we use to eat soup with?
What do we use a straw for?

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| <p>I put blue ink on my toothbrush and brushed my teeth.</p> <p>What's odd about this sentence?</p> <p>What would we normally use to brush our teeth?</p> <p>What would happen if we used blue ink to brush our teeth?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Hygiene</u></p> | <p>My father got out the chainsaw and began to cut my hair.</p> <p>What's odd about this sentence?</p> <p>What would we normally use the chainsaw to do?</p> <p>What might happen if we use a chainsaw to cut our hair?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Hygiene</u></p> | <p>My hands were dirty so I washed them with butter.</p> <p>What's odd about this sentence?</p> <p>Why wouldn't we use butter to wash our hands?</p> <p>What do we use to wash our hands?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Hygiene</u></p> |
| <p>My hair was dirty so I washed it with eggs, and used dishwashing detergent as conditioner.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence?</p> <p>What could you use to wash and condition your hair?</p> <p>Do we use eggs to wash our hair?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Hygiene</u></p> | <p>Dad got out the pliers to clip my finger nails.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence?</p> <p>Why don't we use pliers to trim our nails?</p> <p>What do we use to trim our finger nails?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Hygiene</u></p> | <p>Mum put the dirty clothes in the kitchen sink and the dirty dishes in the washing machine.</p> <p>What's odd about this sentence?</p> <p>Why wouldn't we put dirty dishes in a washing machine?</p> <p>What should we wash dirty clothes in?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Hygiene</u></p> |

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| <p>I put glue on my toothbrush and gave my teeth a good clean.</p> <p>What's odd about this sentence? What could happen to our teeth if we were to use glue on our toothbrush? What are 2 things we use to brush our teeth?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Hygiene</u></p> | <p>My mum sprayed whipped cream into her hair to help shape it.</p> <p>What's silly about this sentence? What would happen to our hair if we put whipped cream in it? What do we use whipped cream for?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Hygiene</u></p> | <p>Mum cleaned the dishes by placing them in the backyard and spraying them with the hose.</p> <p>What's odd about this sentence? What's a good way to wash dishes? Do we use a hose to wash dishes?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Hygiene</u></p> |
| <p>Mum dried the dishes by hanging them on the clothesline.</p> <p>What's odd about this sentence? What usually hangs on the clothesline to dry? What is a good way to dry dishes?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Hygiene</u></p> | <p>Mum put the folded wet clothes in the cupboard to dry.</p> <p>What's odd about this sentence? Why wouldn't we put wet clothes in a cupboard to dry? How should we dry wet clothes?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Hygiene</u></p> | <p>Mum got the mop and bucket and started to scrub the carpet.</p> <p>What's odd about this sentence? What's something we might use to clean the carpet? What do we use a mop and bucket for?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Hygiene</u></p> |

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| <p>My mother ran out of makeup. She used crayons on her face instead.</p> <p>What's odd about this sentence? What do we use crayons for? Why wouldn't we use crayons on our skin?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Hygiene</u></p> | <p>My sister put cough mixture into the washing machine to clean the clothes.</p> <p>What's odd about this sentence? Does cough mixture clean clothes? What do we normally wash clothes with?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Hygiene</u></p> | <p>My brother likes to use honey in his hair to help style it.</p> <p>What's odd about this sentence? What might happen to your hair if you put honey in it? What <i>could</i> people put in their hair to help style and shape it?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Hygiene</u></p> |
| <p>Mum vacuumed the carpet with her new hair dryer.</p> <p>What's odd about this sentence? What do we use a hair dryer for? What's the best way to vacuum a carpet?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Hygiene</u></p> | <p>My hands were dirty so I washed them with orange juice.</p> <p>What's odd about this sentence? Why isn't orange juice used to clean hands? What do we use to dry our hands?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Hygiene</u></p> | <p>I had a bath in the kitchen sink and washed my hair with dishwashing detergent.</p> <p>What's odd about this sentence? Where do we normally have a bath? Why don't we use dish-washing liquid to clean our hair?</p> <p>2011 Vocabulary - Absurdities <u>Hygiene</u></p> |

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I went to bed in my muddy clothes
because I was too tired to clean up.

What's odd about this sentence?
**What should you do if you have muddy
clothes?**
**What would your parents say if you went
to bed in muddy clothes?**

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I couldn't find any dishwashing detergent
so I used motor oil to clean the dishes.

What's odd about this sentence?
**Why don't we use motor oil to wash
dishes?**
What else do we use to wash dishes?

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