

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN

Some words have the same spelling (homographs) but mean different things. This shows you how much we rely on the rest of the sentence (context) to tell us what such words mean. Use the context of the following sentences to choose the correct meaning of the words in **bold**. Put a tick in the circle.

1. The rock star walked to the microphone and began to **address** the audience.

write the destination on a parcel

give a speech

2. In the word 'beginning', the **stress** is on the second syllable.

emphasis

physical force

emotional strain

3. The witch was able to cast a spell to **entrance** her victims.

the moment an actor comes on stage

enchant

doorway

4. To **conduct** a large orchestra takes years of practice.

personal behaviour

guide

channel heat or electricity

5. America and the UK came to a military **compact** during the war.

small make-up case

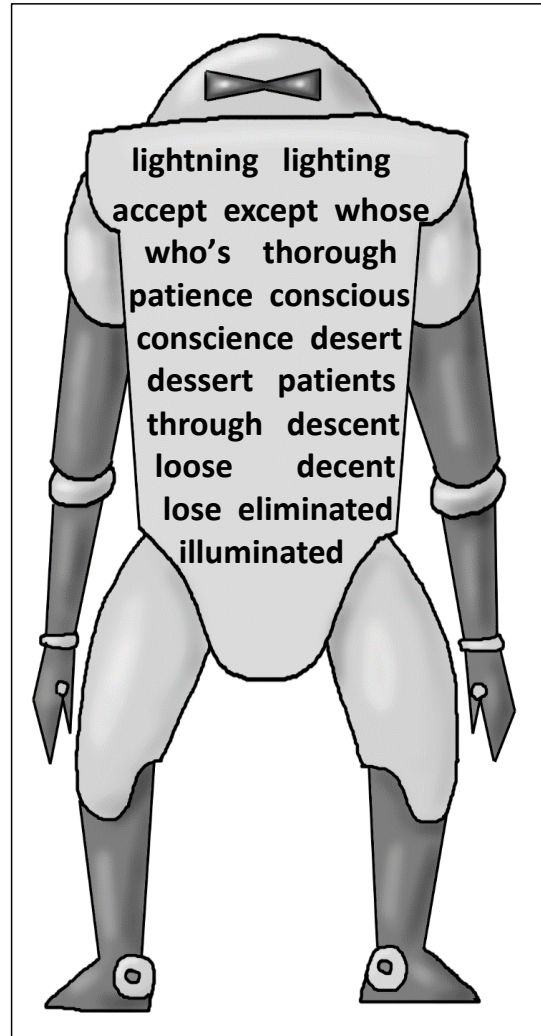
packed together

formal agreement

ON THE RUN

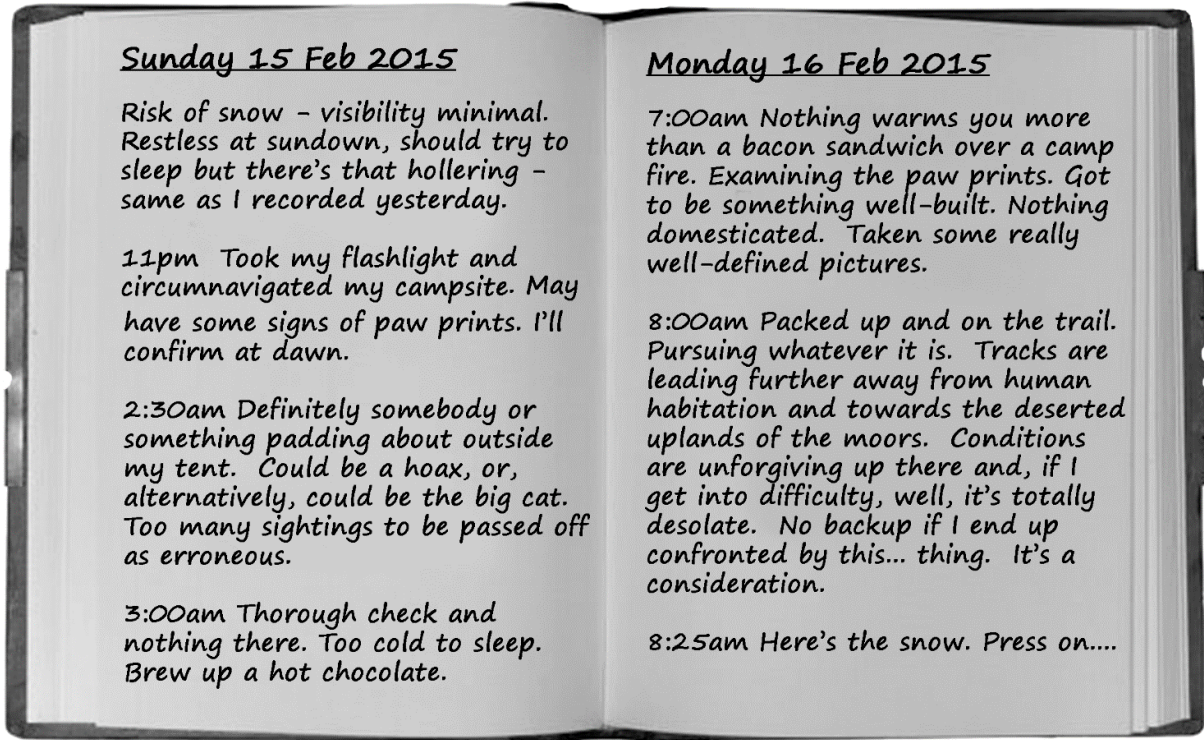
Chase scenes are common in novels and films. In this description, a number of key words are missing. Fill in the blanks using the list of words provided. Use the context of each sentence as a guide.

The _____ is so poor in the back streets in the dead of night, that it takes a jagged knife of _____ to streak across the sky before I can see the way ahead. I have to _____ the fact that no one dares step outside _____ me. So _____ going to know or care _____ car this is? The police will surely _____ if I try to tell them there is a killer robot on the _____. I could easily end up as one of the _____ in the local hospital for disturbed personalities! Anyway, I'm only too _____ of the fact that it's me that thing is after, and, in all _____ I can't let it wreak havoc in my city. No time to hang around and become some kind of robot _____. Heading out to the _____ is my one chance. _____ the suburbs, out past the city limits and be as _____ as I can in planning my next move. Put a _____ mileage between me and it before that final _____ down into Death Valley. _____ by the stars, the dirt road snakes away into the unknown – my only hope of not being _____.



TRACK DOWN THE SYNONYMS

Here are pages from the notebook of a wildlife photographer on a lonely moor.



Find synonyms (words that mean the same or are similar) for the following:

word	synonym	word	synonym
danger		muscular	
fidgety		tame	
howling		clear	
taped		following	
torch		settlement	
moved around		hills	
double check		harsh	
practical joke		bleak	
on the other hand		support	
mistaken		face to face	
inspecting		thought	