

Mid-Valley Genealogical Society  
11 February 1984

The February meeting of the Mid-Valley Genealogical Society was called to order by our president, Valerie Nichols. The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer reported that we have \$525.98 in our general fund and \$20.00 in the Petty cash fund.

NEW BUSINESS:

The By-Law Committee, composed of Velma Parsons, Valerie Nichols, and Edna Wiese, presented the revised By-Laws to the membership. An animated discussion followed the reading of each article and section and changes were made for clarification. The revised By-Laws will be retyped and read at the March meeting. At that time they will be voted on.

Our program for the month was in honor of Oregon's <sup>125<sup>th</sup></sup> birthday. Valerie baked a cake to celebrate this occasion and eight members told us of their ancestors and the part they played in Oregon's past, as we enjoyed the cake and punch.

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned.

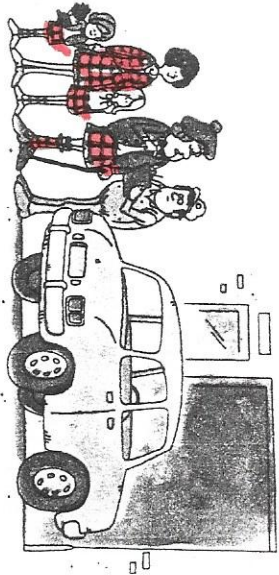
Respectfully submitted,

*Martha M. Marsh*

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# IT PAYS TO ENRICH YOUR WORD POWER

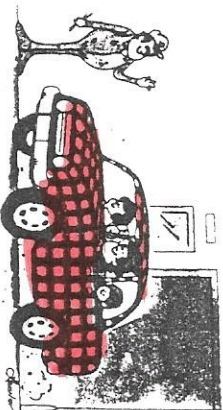


Full of this month's test words have to do with families and with family patterns—both regular and royal. Pick the answer you think is correct. Then turn the page to find out how you've done.

1. clan—families with **A**: a common ancestor. **B**: warlike tendencies. **C**: aristocratic ancestors. **D**: no common ancestors.
2. spouse—**A**: husband or wife. **B**: youngest child. **C**: newlywed. **D**: guardian.
3. matriarch (MAY tree ark)—woman who **A**: leads a family. **B**: has many children. **C**: has no wealth. **D**: is physically slight.
4. nuptials—**A**: birth. **B**: mourning. **C**: engagement parties. **D**: wedding.
5. progenitor (pro JEN uh tur)—**A**: leader. **B**: heir. **C**: alien. **D**: ancestor.
6. sibling—**A**: distant relation. **B**: cousin. **C**: brother or sister. **D**: aunt.
7. prince consort—**A**: son born out of wedlock. **B**: minor prince. **C**: heraldic shield. **D**: husband of a queen.
8. primogeniture (pry muh JEN uh chur)—state of being the **A**: youngest family member. **B**: earliest ancestor. **C**: firstborn child. **D**: only child.
9. cognomen (cog NON mun)—**A**: curse. **B**: name. **C**: tradition. **D**: archive.
10. filial (fil ee uh)—pertaining to **A**: a son or daughter. **B**: family loyalty. **C**: weakest member. **D**: a parent.
11. interecine (in tur NEE sin; in tur NEE s'n)—**A**: foolhardy. **B**: mutually destructive. **C**: public. **D**: pertaining to intermarriage.
12. genetics (guh NET iks)—study of **A**: a child's maturity. **B**: relationships to others. **C**: heredity. **D**: eccentric behavior.
13. monogamy (muh NOG uh mee)—state of being married **A**: to one person. **B**: early in life. **C**: late in life. **D**: to several people.
14. fiancé—**A**: divorce. **B**: widower. **C**: family friend. **D**: engaged man.
15. uxorious (uh sok ee us)—excessively devoted to **A**: parents. **B**: wife. **C**: husband. **D**: children.
16. kindred—pertaining to **A**: gentility. **B**: uniformity. **C**: relatives. **D**: pacts.
17. ménage (may NAZH)—**A**: household. **B**: family black sheep. **C**: family counselor. **D**: male descendants.
18. nepotism—**A**: selfishness. **B**: generosity. **C**: favoritism. **D**: prudence.
19. consanguineous (con sang GWIN ee us)—**A**: insular. **B**: related by blood. **C**: peaceful. **D**: having friendly relationships.
20. avuncular (uh VUNG kyoo ler)—**A**: like an uncle. **B**: foolish. **C**: overly inclined to teach. **D**: quarrelsome.

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1. clan—**A**: Family group interrelated through a common ancestor, or by marriage. Scottish-Gaelic *clann*.
2. spouse—**A**: Husband or wife. Latin *spousus* ( betrothed).
3. matriarch—**A**: Woman who leads her family, tribe or organization. Combining forms of Latin *matr-* (mother) and Greek *archo* (ruler).
4. nuptials—**D**: Wedding ceremony. Latin *nubere* (to marry).
5. progenitor—**D**: Direct ancestor or forefather; originator or founder of something; as, the native language of our *progenitors*. Latin *pro-* (forth) and *genere* (to beget).
6. sibling—**C**: Brother or sister; as, a striking resemblance between *siblings*. Old English *sibb* (blood relative).
7. prince consort—**D**: Husband of a reigning queen, who is himself a prince; as, Prince Philip is England's *prince consort*. Latin *princeps* (ruler) and *consors* (partner).
8. primogeniture—**C**: State of being the firstborn child. Also, the right of the eldest son to inherit the property of the parent. Latin *primus* (first) and *geniture*.
9. cognomen—**B**: Family name; surname; last name. In ancient Rome a citizen's third name indicating his family; as, Gaius Julius Caesar. Latin *co-* (with) and *nomen* (name).
10. filial—**A**: Pertaining to a son or daughter; as, *filial* love for one's parents. Latin *filias* (son); *filia* (daughter).
11. interecine—**B**: Mutually destructive; as, an *interecine* struggle for control of a family business. Latin *inter-* (between) and *recare* (to kill).
12. genetics—**C**: Study of the heredity and variations in organisms. Greek *genesis* (birth).
13. monogamy—**A**: State of being married to only one person at a time; practice of marrying only once during life. Greek *monos* (one) and *gamy* (marriage).
14. fiancé—**D**: The man to whom a woman is engaged to be married. Old French *fiancee* (promise).
15. uxorious—**B**: Excessively or irrationally fond of one's wife; as, an *uxorious* husband. Latin *uxor* (wife).
16. kindred—**C**: Pertaining to a person's relatives, especially by blood. Also, having a like nature. Old English *cygn* (kin) and *raden* (conclusion).
17. ménage—**A**: Household; domestic establishment. Old French *menage* (dwelling).
18. nepotism—**C**: Favoritism shown to relatives in giving them jobs. Italian *nepote* (nephew).
19. consanguineous—**B**: Related by blood or by having the same ancestor; as, *consanguineous* marriages are generally forbidden by law. Latin *con-* (with) and *san-guineus* (of blood).
20. avuncular—**A**: Like an uncle. Latin *avunculus* (maternal uncle). *Avuncular* advice is usually kindly.

### Vocabulary Ratings

- 20—18 correct . . . Master (exceptional)  
17—12 correct . . . Player (excellent)  
11—9 correct . . . Novice (good)

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