

# Unit 5 - The Misunderstanding

aroma  
assume

available  
comply

edible  
gigantic

industrious  
numerous

provide  
saunter

## **5A Introduction**

Sometimes when you're caught in a strange situation, it's best to just play along.

## **5B Song Lyrics**

*"And that's how I got my new, uh, gold tooth."*

*"Wow, thanks Timmy. What an amazing story! Does anyone else have a story they'd like to share with the class? Yes, you there in the back: B, what do you have to say?"*

Hey!

I've been waiting; now it's my turn to speak,  
In my mind, the best place to eat is Burger Queen.  
Their fries taste like heaven; well, I haven't tasted heaven,  
But if heaven had a taste, it would be these fries.  
One day, walking easy, I **sauntered** in,  
Thinking about the food I'd be ordering.  
Suddenly the boss came over to me,  
Said, "I thought you'd be here at quarter to three!  
Now get on your uniform, you're late!"  
I said, "Wait, wait, sir, there must be a mistake!"  
But he didn't listen, he gave and **provided** me  
With a uniform that said "Burger Queen."  
And then he brought me to the back,  
The big room where they make all the snacks—imagine that.  
He said, "First go make some fries!"  
And I did what he said; I just **complied**.

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What I'ma do.  
Whatever it is, whatever it is,  
You know it's fine.*



*I don't know, I don't know  
What I'ma do.  
Whatever it is, you know it's fine,  
Because I keep an open mind.*

So I stood by the **gigantic** fry machine,  
It was bigger than a truck or an SUV.  
There were **numerous** buttons, lots to press,  
And I was kind of confused, I must confess.  
The whole machine had an **aroma** or smell,  
Kind of like chicken, but like chocolate as well.  
Now I'm very **industrious**; I work hard,  
So I got right down to my job—you feel me?  
Now I **assumed** and believed without being told,  
That I needed to chop some potatoes.  
But then I had an idea: As long as I'm making fries,  
I might as well make them into shapes so wild.  
So I cut some fries in the shape of a heart,  
The shape of a goat, the shape of a shark.  
As long as people can eat them and they're **edible**,  
I'm thinking these fries will be incredible.  
When the boss saw the fries, he came over to me,  
Saying, "A shark-shaped fry, you must be crazy!  
You think my customers want to eat sharks?  
You think my customers want to eat hearts?"  
But right then he heard something; he was surprised,  
A customer said, "Can I get more shark-shaped fries?"  
The boss said, "I guess they like your fry animals,  
Can you come in tomorrow; are you **available**?  
Are you free and ready?" I said, "Well, buddy,  
Do you need a new assistant manager?" "Yeah!"  
And that's how I went, in just one day,  
From customer to nearly running the place.

*Hook*

## **5C Words Defined**

### **aroma**

**(noun)** A smell or odor, especially a pleasant one.  
*The cook always loved the **aroma** of cheese.*



### available

**(adj)** Ready to use; at hand. *The restaurant staff told us that the “Summer Milkshake” wasn’t **available** until June 1st.*

Other forms: *I wanted to get a rap group to perform at my school, so I called up the manager of Outkast and asked about their **availability** (noun).*

### assume

**(verb)** 1. To take for granted; to think you know. *Since everyone I saw had wet hair, I **assumed** it was raining outside.* 2. To take upon oneself. *When Rhonda got sick, Stacey had to **assume** the role of class comedian.*

Other forms: *People make the **assumption** (noun) that just because I’m tall I’m good at basketball.*

### comply

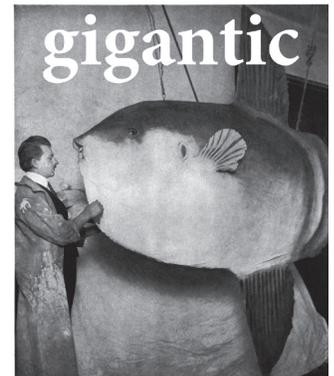
**(verb)** To act in a way that follows the rules or another’s wishes. *Mr. Archibald asked me to keep my voice down; I **complied** because I’m a nice dude.*

### edible

**(adj)** Safe or fit to be eaten. *Don’t put that chalk in your mouth—it’s not **edible**!*

### gigantic

**(adj)** Very large; huge. *My grandfather caught a fish so **gigantic** that most people thought it was fake.*



### industrious

**(adj)** Busy, working steadily. *Even though I think I’m smarter, Gwyn gets better grades than me because she’s more **industrious**...so maybe she’s the smart one.*

Other forms: *Cotton growing is a big **industry** (noun) in some parts of Georgia.*

### numerous

**(adj)** Many or very many. *There were **numerous** times last week when I thought, “You know what? I want to take a nap.”*

### provide

**(verb)** To give what is needed; to supply. *The people at the info booth **provided** us with a really helpful map of the city.*

### saunter

**(verb)** To walk without hurrying; to stroll in a relaxed, unhurried manner. *Just when Elmer Fudd was about to leave the restaurant, Bugs Bunny **sauntered** in.*

**5D Synonyms**

Circle the word on the right that matches the meaning of the word or phrase on the left.

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|------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| 1. hardworking         | edible   | available | industrious |
| 2. to follow the rules | assume   | comply    | provide     |
| 3. safe to be eaten    | edible   | numerous  | available   |
| 4. to stroll           | provide  | assume    | saunter     |
| 5. ready for use       | gigantic | available | numerous    |

**5E Fill in the Blank**

Write the word in the blank so that the sentence makes sense.

1. The sweet \_\_\_\_\_ of cinnamon filled the kitchen.

**availability      assumption      aroma**

2. There are \_\_\_\_\_ ways to solve the puzzle, but can you find the easiest way?

**industrious      numerous      gigantic**

3. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ that just because I'm young I'm immature!

**assume      comply      provide**

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ bear looked ridiculous sitting in the tiny car.

**edible      gigantic      available**

5. If you \_\_\_\_\_ me with your email address, I'll send you that video we were talking about.

**comply      saunter      provide**

**5F Connections**

Each sentence has a strong connection with one of the words from the unit. Write the correct word on the line below.

1. I have to go along with Coach's wishes because he knows what's best for the team.

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2. The cowboy strolled across the ranch, in no rush to get back to work.

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3. These flowers smell amazing!

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4. This guide will tell you which mushrooms can be eaten and which can't.

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5. I watched the ants working for hours; they never seemed to take a break!

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### **5G Applying Meanings**

*Circle the letter that makes sense or answers the question.*

1. Someone with **numerous** friends is most likely

- (A) very wealthy
- (B) boring
- (C) not very friendly
- (D) not very lonely

2. Which is an **assumption**?

- (A) We will have flying cars in the future.
- (B) Barack Obama is the 44<sup>th</sup> president of the United States.
- (C)  $2 + 2 = 4$
- (D) There are 60 minutes in an hour.

3. Who would be most likely to **provide** protection?

- (A) someone who is being mugged
- (B) a police officer
- (C) a well-known actress
- (D) an escaped prisoner

4. If a pair of sneakers are **available**, that means

- (A) They look cool.
- (B) They would be too big.
- (C) You can buy them.
- (D) You would not want them.

5. Which animal is **gigantic**?

- (A) a hummingbird
- (B) a zebra
- (C) a whale
- (D) a puppy

## 5H Reading

Read the passage below and then answer the questions that follow.

# Save the Bees!

You might **assume** that bees are just scary insects with nasty stings. But did you know that if it weren't for bees, millions of people might go hungry?

Bees are responsible for pollinating plants. These **industrious** insects fly around from flower to flower, collecting a substance known as nectar. While they're collecting nectar, a substance called pollen sticks to their bodies. The bees take pollen from one flower to the other flowers they visit. When pollen from one flower mixes with pollen from another flower, the flower makes seeds. These seeds grow into the fibers, fruits, nuts, and vegetables that we eat. In fact, bees have played a part in about one-third of all the food on Earth!

But pollination is not the only way bees feed humans. They also **provide** us with delicious honey. The bees use their long tongues to suck nectar out from inside the flowers. They then fly back to their hives. Another bee sucks the nectar from the first bee's mouth. This second bee then chews the nectar, which breaks down the nectar's sugars so it becomes honey. The honey is saved in the hive so that bees will have something to eat during the winter months when nectar is not **available**. Now that you know that honey has been chewed on by bees, it probably doesn't sound quite so **edible**!

A few years ago, **numerous** beekeepers around the world began to notice a strange thing: Their honeybees were flying away and not coming back! The strange problem became known as Colony Collapse Disorder, or CCD. Farmers are worried about CCD, because bees are so important for plants. No one knows for sure why this is happening. Some people think the bees have caught a disease, while others think environmental problems are causing CCD. Scientists are working hard to fix the problem and save our food supply. Bees might have a nasty temper sometimes, but we need them around!



1. What are two things that bees collect from flowers?

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2. What happens when pollen from one flower mixes with pollen from another flower?

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3. Why do bees make honey?

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4. What does CCD stand for?

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5. Why does the author say that we need bees around?

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## **5I Thinking Creatively**

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

1. Who is the most **industrious** person you know?

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2. What is your favorite **aroma**?

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3. Do you think you could have a **sauntering** race?

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4. What do you **assume** to be true about life?

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5. A **gigantic** eyeball is staring through the window at you! What do you do?

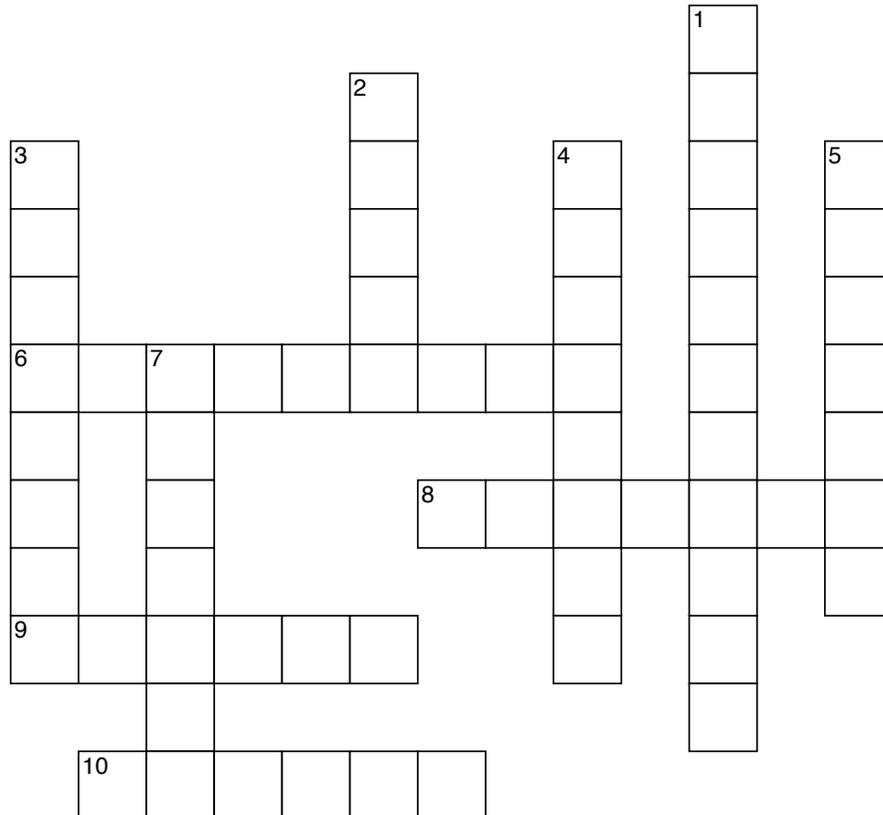
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## **Word Breakdown**

*Gulliver's Travels* is a famous book written in the 1700s by Jonathan Swift. In the book, the main character travels to four different lands. One of the lands he travels to is called Brobdingnag (pronounced just like it's spelled: Brob-ding-nag). Brobdingnag is a land filled with gigantic people. Today, the word Brobdingnagian is sometimes used as a synonym for *gigantic*. Now that's a gigantic mouthful!

**Bonus: Crossword Puzzle**

Solve this crossword puzzle. Note: Some answers may be different forms of the vocab words from this unit.



**ACROSS**

- 6 Are you \_\_\_\_\_ to help me mow the lawn on Saturday?
- 8 If you \_\_\_\_\_ the store with your real email address, they'll send you way too many messages.
- 9 If you \_\_\_\_\_ with my request, I'll be very grateful.
- 10 I hope these berries are \_\_\_\_\_, because I just ate a whole handful of them!

**DOWN**

- 1 Busy; working steadily.
- 2 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the woman's perfume was so strong it made me gag.
- 3 Very large.
- 4 Very many.
- 5 I love the summer; I usually \_\_\_\_\_ down to the pool around 11:00 and spend the day relaxing in the sun.
- 7 I \_\_\_\_\_ that person was a boy, until she took her hat off!