



UNIT 1

THE COVERED WAGON

The great movement of people from the east coast of America to the west is one of the most interesting periods in American history. For a variety of reasons - the Civil War, epidemics of disease, a financial panic when many banks had to close - people set out in search of free land and a new life of opportunity in the west.

The journey across the continent in covered wagons lasted at least five months and families needed enough supplies to survive on the journey and to set up their new home at journey's end. Wagons were not large - usually about ten feet by three or four feet. Into this small space went everything from beds and blankets, cooking pots, dried foods such as fruit, beans, flour and beef, to clothing, medicines, wood to repair the wagon, farm tools, and weapons for protection. Many took pieces of their old life in the east with them - furniture, and even pianos - but these were heavy and usually had to be abandoned along the way.

In movies we see families riding the wagons, but in fact there was no room for people inside, unless they were sick or injured. They cooked, ate and slept around a campfire outside. The truth is that most people walked around 2,000 miles to their new life.



- What is the meaning of 'supplies' in paragraph 2?
 - food and clothing
 - farm tools and weapons
 - medicines
 - ☒ all of the above
- What was the 'financial panic'? (line 3)
 - People were going west.
 - ☒ People were losing their money.
 - People were dying from disease.
 - There was a war in the east.
- Why did people move west?
 - They had lost their homes in the east.
 - They were sick.
 - ☒ They wanted to find new land.
 - They wanted to travel.
- Why might people take a piano with them?
 - To sell it along the way.
 - ☒ To remind them of their life in the east.
 - In case they could not find firewood.
 - To use the wood to repair the wagons.
- Where did people sleep on the journey?
 - in campgrounds
 - in the wagon
 - under the wagon
 - ☒ on the ground
- How long was an average covered wagon?
 - about 3 feet
 - between 3 and 4 feet
 - ☒ about 10 feet
 - about 4 feet

VOCABULARY EXTENSION



true - truth - truly - (un)truthful(ly)

- Her attitude to life is truly amazing.
- There is absolutely no truth to that rumor.
- I believe him - he's always been a truthful person.
- I'd like to know what her true feelings are.
- His mother warned him not to be untruthful.
- I can't truthfully say that I understood anything he said.

A. DERIVATIVES

move (v/n) - movement - movie - movable - moving

- The tiger watched for any movement in the grass.
- Most dolls have movable arms and legs.
- The story was so moving that she cried.
- Do you feel like watching a movie tonight?
- As a sales rep, Barry's always on the move.
- WWF is a very large environmental movement.



VOCABULARY EXTENSION

B. PHRASAL VERB: SET

- **set apart (from)** = make sb/sth different or better
- **set aside** = keep for a special purpose
- **set back** = delay; cost
- **set down** = establish how sth should be done; write down
- **set in** = (for sth bad) start and continue
- **set off** = start sth happening; cause an explosion
- **set out (on)** = start a (long) trip
- **set up** = establish (a company); arrange; organize



He set off
the alarm...

1. Terrorists set a bomb in the shopping mall.
a. off b. back c. out d. in
2. I can set an interview for you with my boss.
a. in b. off c. down d. up
3. I try to set \$50 each week for bills.
a. off b. aside c. apart d. out
4. The firm has set new rules concerning overtime.
a. off b. apart c. back d. down
5. His use of color sets him from other artists.
a. apart b. off c. out d. aside
6. They set at dawn on their five-mile walk.
a. aside b. down c. out d. back
7. We must finish the roof before winter sets
a. off b. in c. out d. up
8. The fire set production by three weeks.
a. back b. down c. off d. apart

...and it set
him back 20
years.



C. VERB EXPRESSIONS: SET

- **set fire to**
- **set a time/date/price**
- **set standards/conditions/limits**
- **set the table**
- **set one's heart/mind/sights on sth**
- **set sail**
- **set (sb) free**
- **set sth right**

1. The hijackers **set** all the hostages **free** (release)
2. The 'Titanic' **set sail** for New York in 1912. (begin a journey by ship/boat)
3. We need new tax laws to **set** the economy **right** (correct a problem/mistake)
4. This school **sets** high **standards** for its students. (establish level of quality)
5. Brady has **set his heart/mind/sights on** going to law school. (be determined to achieve/get sth)
6. He dropped a cigarette and **set fire to** the rug. (make sth start burning)
7. Have they **set a date** for their wedding yet? (decide which day)
8. Take these knives and forks and **set the table** (prepare a table for a meal)

last - take - endure

- The rain **lasted** for three hours.
- It **took** me an hour to get here.
- We had to **endure** another of Kay's boring stories at the party.

tool - instrument - organ - gadget

- A mechanic needs **tools** to fix cars.
- What I hate about the dentist's is the sight of all those **instruments**.
- Ted plays the **organ** in church every Sunday morning.
- A remote control is a useful **gadget**.

D. CONFUSING/RELATED WORDS

1. People **endure** a lot of pain and poverty in wars.
2. The heart is one of the most complicated **organs**
3. Before the concert, the group tested all their **instruments**
4. Mom's bought a new **gadget** for crushing ice.
5. We've only got \$30? That won't **last** very long!
6. A pilot has to check all the **instruments** before take-off.
7. How long does it **take** to fly from L.A. to Hawaii?
8. Man began making **tools** back in the Stone Age.



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CAMPGROUNDS

1. Cape Coral Campground

Parents and kids have the time of their life at this extremely popular campground. Right in front of it is a long, sandy beach, and with very shallow water, it's safe swimming for little children. There are also theme parks nearby, and one of the biggest water parks - Sun Splash - on your doorstep. Have fun snorkeling in the clear blue water, and in the evening spoil yourself at one of the best restaurants in the area. Small pets welcome. Very busy in summer, so book well ahead of time.



2. Rocky State Campground



No end of things to do here! There's a zoo nearby, and an alligator farm, where you can see the bravest of men catch these dangerous creatures with their bare hands. Five minutes away are mountains with trails for hiking or mountain biking. Bikes for rent can be found at the campground. This camp is well known for its great sports, and every year there's a baseball championship. No restaurant, but snacks and soft drinks are available.

3. Fir Tree Campground

Fir Tree is a quiet place high up in the mountains and ideal for hiking. It is especially popular in the spring, when people come to see the beautiful wild flowers, animals such as deer and bears, and many types of birds. The campground puts on a music festival every August, and everyone is encouraged to take part and sing or play their favorite instrument. Every year, there are groups of kids from Europe and South America, so it's a big, international party!



4. Barbary Campground



This campground is popular with those kids who really want to put themselves to the test. They'll be spoilt for choice with sporting competitions, including basketball, volleyball and soccer. There's hiking and mountain climbing, camping in the wild, and whitewater canoeing. There's also a Safari Park, where more than 1,000 animals live. You'll see lions, elephants, zebras and many others. You can also take a course on wild animals, with a written exam at the end, and get a certificate to show your friends. All guests prepare their own food.

5. Rainbow Palm Campground

This is a surfer's paradise, but there are plenty of other things to do. Have a go at water-skiing or scuba diving. If it's your first time scuba diving, take a simple test and get a piece of paper to hang on your wall. Wonderful swimming for all ages. Also known for its lively nightlife, this campground has a restaurant specializing in tasty Mexican food. Not far away are some historic houses, built by native Americans. You can also buy native American souvenirs, such as rugs and painted vases, in the campground itself. Take your time and have a good look around.



READING

On the opposite page are a selection of advertisements for campgrounds. First look at the questions below. Then look at the ads to find the information you need to answer the questions.

1. Which campgrounds would you go to if you were interested in seeing wild animals?
 - a. 1, 2 & 4
 - ☒ b. 2, 3 & 4
 - c. 2, 3 & 5
 - d. 3, 4 & 5
2. Where would you go if you were keen on team sports?
 - a. 1 & 3
 - b. 2 & 3
 - ☒ c. 2 & 4
 - d. 4 & 5
3. Which camps would be best if you wanted to walk in the mountains?
 - a. 1, 2 & 3
 - b. 1, 4 & 5
 - ☒ c. 2, 3 & 4
 - d. 3, 4 & 5
4. Where can you take your dog or cat with you?
 - ☒ a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 4
 - d. 5
5. You are a keen guitar player. Which camp would be the best for you?
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - ☒ c. 3
 - d. 5
6. Your four-year-old twin brothers love swimming. Which camps would you take them to?
 - a. 1 & 4
 - ☒ b. 1 & 5
 - c. 2 & 5
 - d. 4 & 5
7. At which campground could you buy something to take back to decorate your house?
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3
 - ☒ d. 5
8. Which camps would parents who love good food enjoy the most?
 - a. 1 & 3
 - ☒ b. 1 & 5
 - c. 2 & 5
 - d. 3 & 5
9. Which campgrounds offer diplomas?
 - a. 1 & 5
 - b. 2 & 4
 - c. 3 & 4
 - ☒ d. 4 & 5
10. You enjoy meeting young people from abroad. Which camp would suit you best?
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - ☒ c. 3
 - d. 4
11. If you wanted a full meal, at which campgrounds would you have to cook it yourself?
 - a. 1 & 4
 - ☒ b. 2 & 4
 - c. 2 & 5
 - d. 3 & 5
12. Which place provides the best variety of water sports?
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 4
 - ☒ d. 5

