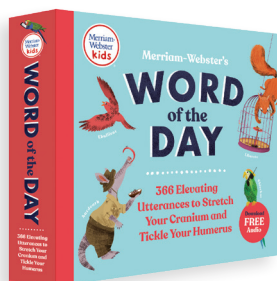# An Impromptu Dinner Party

Once a _____ my **cinephile** parents leave me at _____ alone while
    length of time   *place*

they go see the newest blockbuster. This particular evening I decided to throw an

impromptu _____ party. I wanted to keep it simple and _____ so I
                  noun   *adjective*

invited only a few of my _____ friends—no **fuddy-duddies** allowed!
                               adjective

My friends are always **punctual** so I didn't have time to _____ at the market
                                                        verb

before they arrived. That meant my menu choices were a **mishmash** of what I had

in my fridge and _____. There were **oodles** of _____ and _____
                  noun   *food*   *number*

small blocks of **cheddar** to serve as hors d'oeuvres. For the main course we had

frankfurters and _____, but I didn't have anything to serve for dessert. I
                              food

quickly called my friend, _____, and **hoodwinked** them into bringing over
                                    famous person

something _____.
                adjective

Now I don't normally **quibble** over dessert, but my friend is such a **flibbertigibbet**

they brought _____ for dessert. Everyone **devoured** the appetizers and main
                           food

course, but when I _____ out the _____ everyone quickly **vamoosed**,
                          verb past tense   *same food as previous*

leaving me to _____ the mountain of dishes before my parents got home.
                       verb

Fill in the blanks using the cues provided to reveal a fun story featuring words from *Merriam-Webster's Word of the Day*!

A Musical Afternoon

One _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ afternoon while my grandmother was outside picking flowers I
adjective

stayed inside playing the piano. I felt so _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ that I started playing quietly,
adjective

pianissimo-style. I could see her through the window placing flowers into a basket.

She wore _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ **galoshes** and a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ **anorak**. When she stopped at the
color   color

pink **Grevillea**, she looked up and said, "_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _!"
phrase

I went outside to see her and play. I ran around the house with my dog _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
number

times and did _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ jumping jacks!
number

When I got tired I went back inside to my piano and watched my grandmother through

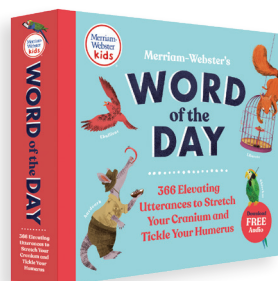the window again. I played an **eerie** tune just to try and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ her. She suddenly
verb

looked up like she saw a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ **hobgoblin**! The mood in the garden turned
adjective

macabre, and then a **gruesome** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ came out from behind the bushes. She
animal

screamed and ran into the house. It was like a **slapstick** comedy routine!

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