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Comprehensive Lexical Training

New Words : badger implore drudgery interminable perceive

How Not To Get Your Way It is difficult to change someone's opinion by *badgering* him. The child who begs his mother to "get off his back" when she *implores* him for some assistance with the household *drudgery*, may very well plead *interminably* for some special privilege when he wants something for himself. How paradoxical that mother is able to *perceive* that no one likes being nagged.

Sample Sentences: Getting the hang of it? Now go on and use the five new words in the following sentences:

1. She does her homework on Friday to save herself from the _____ of having to do it during the weekend.
2. The teacher continually _____ the pupil for the missing assignments.
3. The eminent scientist _____ difficulties in putting the invention into practice.
4. The sick child's mother _____ the doctor to come immediately.
5. I listened to the boring lecture for what seemed an _____ fifty minutes.

Definitions : Match the letter of the definition that matches your new word and write it in the answer space.

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| 6. badger (v) _____ | a. unpleasant, dull, or hard work |
| 7. implore _____ | b. unending, endless, infinite |
| 8. drudgery _____ | c. to plead urgently for aid or mercy |
| 9. interminable _____ | d. to understand, know, become aware of |
| 10. perceive _____ | e. to pester, nag, annoy persistently |

Today's Idiom *to pour oil on troubled waters*—to make peace, to calm someone down

When I tried to *pour oil on troubled waters*, both the angry husband and his wife stopped their quarrel and began to attack me.