

Odd Word Out

For each set, pick the one word or phrase that doesn't belong and explain why. The word or phrase may be the 'odd word out' because it doesn't mean the same thing as the others, because it doesn't share the same root or prefix as the others, or because it's not the same part of speech as the others. Target words are in **bold**.

1.

maintain

continue

keep going

sleep

2.

repay

reheat

read

repaint

3.

intractable

tractor

attractive

trick

4.

aspire

desire

hope

laugh

5.

show

run

illustrate

demonstrate

6.

characteristic

quality

person

attribute

7.

emphasize

maintain

profound

motivate

8.

emotion

motivate

promote

mitten

9.

encourage

crawl

motivate

stimulate interest

10.

difficult to control

intractable

hard to manage

easy to fix

11.

strength

cause

reason

factor

12.

profound

silly

deep

extreme

13.

highlight

stress

decide

emphasize

14.

hardship

difficulty

adversity

fun