

## B is for Bear

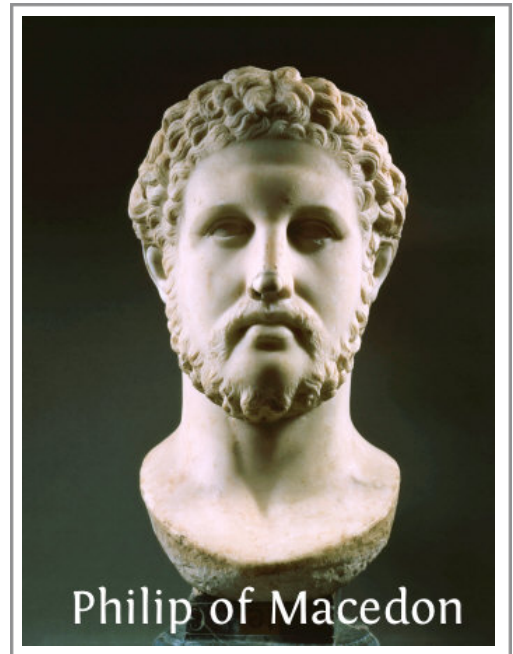
### Assignment 19

In addition to reviewing the *ar* and *aw* letter combinations, prepare for this week's lesson by writing out any number of the following words for the students on the board. The *dge* letter combination makes the sound of the letter *j*.

*edge, badge, hedge, pledge, wedge, ledge, sledge, gadget, badger, bridge, ridge, budge, nudge, judge, trudge, sludge, fudge, pudgy, smudge, lodge, knowledge*

Students may try to guess the meaning of the words *hedge*, *pledge*, *nudge*, *trudge*, and *lodge* in context.

Read the following sentences and have the student choose the correct answer from the multiple choice. Where possible, gestures may help make the meaning clear.



1. The birds built a little nest in the *hedge* by our house.
    - a) branch of a tree
    - b) row of bushes
  2. She made a *pledge* never to do it again.
    - a) threat
    - b) promise
  3. Sally gave her brother Bobby a *nudge* to wake him from his sleep.
    - a) a soft push
    - b) a violent punch
  4. The little boys *trudged* through the mud.
    - a) walked with difficulty
    - b) ran very fast
  5. We had no place to *lodge* in the small town.
    - a) to stay at for a time
    - b) to find
- Memorize Stanza 1 of Emily Dickinson's poem "In the Garden."
  - Complete Lesson 19 in your *B is for Bear* textbook, volume 2.

- Complete Lesson 19 of your handwriting book.
- Students should write out Dictation 19, found at the bottom of this assignment page. Parents should be writing misspelled words down on the dictation page and going over it.
- Here is a book recommendation: John Steptoe. *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters*. Lothrop Lee & Shepard, 1987. In this Cinderella-like story set in Zimbabwe, a kind sister becomes queen instead of a proud, selfish sister. Richly illustrated.

#### DICTIONARY 19

##### EXERCISE A

I saw the horse draw the sledge.  
She gave us a wedge of tart to eat.  
Did Bart make a pledge?  
Will we lodge in the barn for the night?  
By the light of dawn we crossed the bridge.

##### EXERCISE B

Try this fudge.  
I saw a smudge of ink on the card.  
Did the crow in the hedge caw?  
What is this gadget on the lawn?  
He didn't budge, but just yawned.