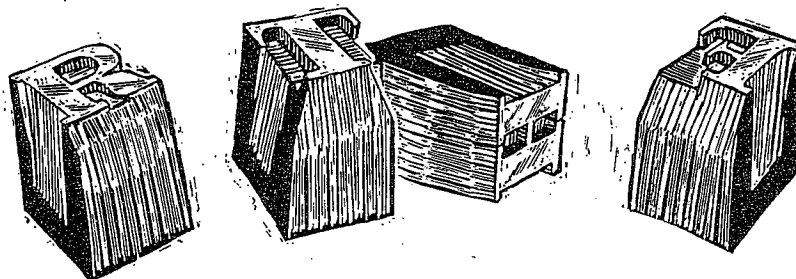
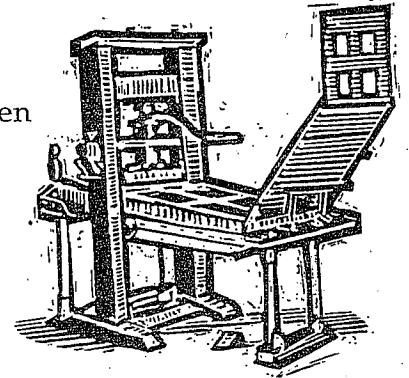


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Read the sentences. Underline the correct meaning for the boldface word in each sentence.

1. The printer worked slowly and **meticulously** to prepare the long document.
angrily carefully hopelessly greedily
2. When the document had been brought in, the **stipulation** had been that it would be ready by the end of the week.
condition argument misunderstanding question
3. The printer **surmised**, though he had no proof, that this was the famous document he had heard so much about recently.
doubted feared resented guessed
4. Many people had **latent** feelings of support for the Revolutionaries but were afraid to say so in public.
disgusted open hidden no
5. The printer hoped to make a perfect copy, but after all, he had not been given the gift of **infallibility**.
freedom from error hope freedom from fear trustworthiness
6. He was tired, and try as he might, he feared that **inevitably** he would make a mistake at some point.
happily unrelentingly unruly certainly
7. However, when he finally showed the document to his family, they said with **unanimity** that it was perfect.
complete agreement complete disagreement confidence lack of confidence
8. Proudly, the printer **affixed** his seal to the document and awaited those who would come to claim it for history.
took off hid carefully covered up attached



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A. Read each sentence. Underline the word or words that explain the boldface word.

1. The American colonists believed that certain rights were **unalienable**, that they could be neither given nor taken away.
2. Their **prudence**, or good judgment, led them to write down their grievances against King George III in the Declaration of Independence.
3. The world had a right to know of the violations of freedom and **infringements** of their rights imposed by the British.
4. Even today the record of British injustice to the colonies **evinces** the British plan for domination, while the colonies' own document demonstrates their resistance to this behavior.
5. The king's **despotism**, or tyranny, was one of the colonists' major complaints.
6. In addition, they expressed many **censures** of the British soldiers, criticizing the soldiers' ill treatment of colonists.
7. The colonists hoped that a listing of wrongs would convince readers of the **rectitude** of their position, its essential rightness.
8. The abuses had been going on long enough to convince the colonists that they were not of a **transient** nature and would not pass quickly.
9. They wished to be **absolved** of all further allegiance to the British crown and released from further taxation.
10. **Invariably**, many rulers misunderstood the Declaration, as tyrants will always fail to understand those who wish to be free.

B. On another sheet of paper, use the words *prudence*, *invariably*, *unalienable*, and *transient* in your own sentences.