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The Goatherd and the Wild Goats

A GOATHERD, driving his flock from their pasture at eventide, found some Wild Goats mingled among them, and shut them up together with his own for the night. The next day it snowed very hard, so that he could not take the herd to their usual feeding places, but was obliged to keep them in the fold. He gave his own goats just sufficient food to keep them alive, but fed the strangers more abundantly in the hope of enticing them to stay with him and of making them his own.

When the thaw set in, he led them all out to feed, and the Wild Goats scampered away as fast as they could to the mountains. The Goatherd scolded them for their ingratitude in leaving him, when during the storm he had taken more care of them than of his own herd. One of them, turning about, said to him: “That is the very reason why we are so cautious; for if you yesterday treated us better than the Goats you have had so long, it is plain also that if others came after us, you would in the same manner prefer them to ourselves.”

Old friends cannot with impunity be sacrificed for new ones.

(You cannot abandon your old friends for the sake of new friends without bad things happening)

(Old friends should not be sacrificed for new ones.)

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Consonant Digraphs – Words for Spelling

QUESTIONS

Match the word and its meaning.

SORT ELEMENTS

○ rebuke someone angrily	goatherd
○ be indebted	eventide
○ move among	scolded
○ not decorated	mingled
○ the end of the day; evening	obliged
○ a person who tends goats	plain

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Circle the word from the list that has the same meaning as the word in A.

A	List
Obliged	unadorned, watchful, ungrateful, appreciative
Sufficient	enough, plentiful, ordinary, favour
Abundantly	enough, plentifully, adequate, favour
Enticing	attentive, watchful, unattractive, alluring

Circle the two words that mean the same thing.

defrost, method, ordinary, thaw
plentiful, rebuke, scolded, alluring
action, value, way, manner
cautious, plain, attentive, favour
hate, prefer, favour, wish

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Which of the following words can replace the word in bold?

Old friends cannot with **impunity** be sacrificed for new ones.

- ☐ without some consequence
 - ☐ guilt feelings
 - ☐ some trust
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Which is NOT a meaning for: **Sacrifice**?

- ☐ consider
- ☐ forfeit
- ☐ renounce
- ☐ abandon