



Vocabulary

n., v.) honor	n., v.) award	n.) recognition v.) recognize
n.) breeder v., n.) breed	n.) achievement v.) achieve	adj., n.) acceptance v.) accept



Reading

Congratulations! You worked hard, and people have decided to honor you with an award.

So, go on! Get on up there! Enjoy your minute of fame! Say something to warm our hearts.

Oh! You don't know what you did to deserve this recognition? We can fix that....



Activity, Part I

Let's make a list of awards.

Think of activities towards which you personally feel great respect. Do you love dogs? How about a *Top Breeder of the Year* award? Do you love painting? How about a *Lifetime Achievement Award for Encouraging Young Artists*?

Let's pick our awards. We'll put them on the whiteboard.

Next, what are the "must-have" elements of an award acceptance speech? What will you need to cover?

Again, we'll put these ideas on the whiteboard.

Activity, Part II

You need to prepare for the banquet at which you could win one of these awards. If your name is called (*and it will be!*) you'll have to come up to the front of the room, and deliver some words of deep feeling and wisdom.



Garrison Keillor:
Jean, you got an *MBE*¹ from the Queen. Isn't that right?

Jean Redpath:
Yes, I did.

Garrison:
"MBE"; what does that mean?

Jean:
I think it means, "My own Bloody Exertions."

¹ Most Excellent Order of the British Empire





Workspace

You can use the space below to jot some notes, in preparation for your speech:

Cloze

Fill in the blanks below with words from the Vocabulary section at the top of Page 1. Be sure to apply any needed grammatical inflections (e.g., Simple Past, the singular/3rd-person/Simple Present '-s', plural, gerund, etc.):

- He won an _____ for his work with poor kids in villages.
- His _____ speech was very touching: There wasn't a dry eye in the house.
- I've never seen that _____ of dog before!
- Y'know, I'd appreciate a little _____ for all the hard work I put in on that project....
- It is a great _____ to meet you!
- She worked very hard during her undergraduate years and _____ a high level of skill on her instrument.