

# GEORGE AND THE DRAGON'S GLOSSARY

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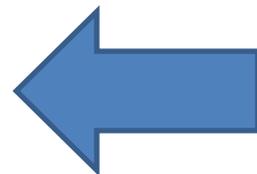
# ablaze

*adjective*

burning fiercely.

"his clothes were ablaze"

*synonyms:* alight, aflame, on fire, in flames, flaming, burning, blazing, raging, fiery, lit, lighted, ignited;



# acid

*adjective*

unpleasantly bitter or pungent.

"acid smoke"

*Synonyms:*

pungent, bitter, sharp, sour, tart, harsh, acid, acidic, acidulate  
d, vinegary, acerbic, acetic, acetous



# mare

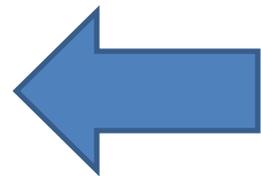
*noun*

the female of a horse or other equine animal.

BRITISH *informal derogatory*

a woman.

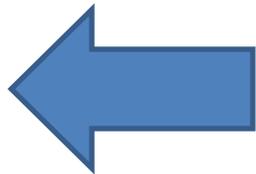
"that crazy mare put three bullets in him"



# lumbering

*adjective*

moving in a slow, heavy, awkward way.



# lolling

*verb*

gerund or present participle: **lolling**

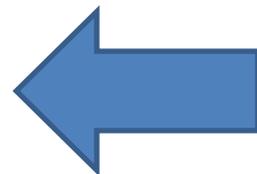
sit, lie, or stand in a lazy, relaxed way.

"the two girls lolled in their chairs"

*Synonyms:* lounge, sprawl, drape oneself, stretch oneself, lie, sit, flop; More

(of a part of the body) hang loosely; droop.

"he slumped against a tree trunk, his head lolling back"



# lash

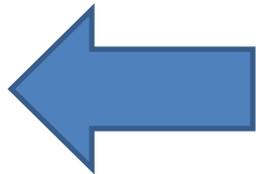
*verb*

(of an animal) move (a part of the body, especially the tail) quickly and violently.

"the cat was lashing its tail back and forth"

*Synonyms:* swish, flick, twitch, switch, whip, wave, wag

"The tiger began to growl and lash his tail."

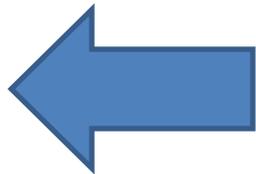


# flank

*noun*

**1.**

the side of a person's or animal's body between the ribs and the hip.



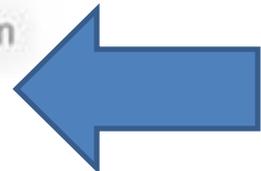
# bridle

*noun*

**1.**

the headgear used to control a horse, consisting of buckled straps to which a bit and reins are attached.

"grooms came at once to take the bridles"

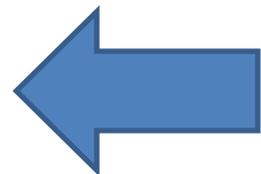
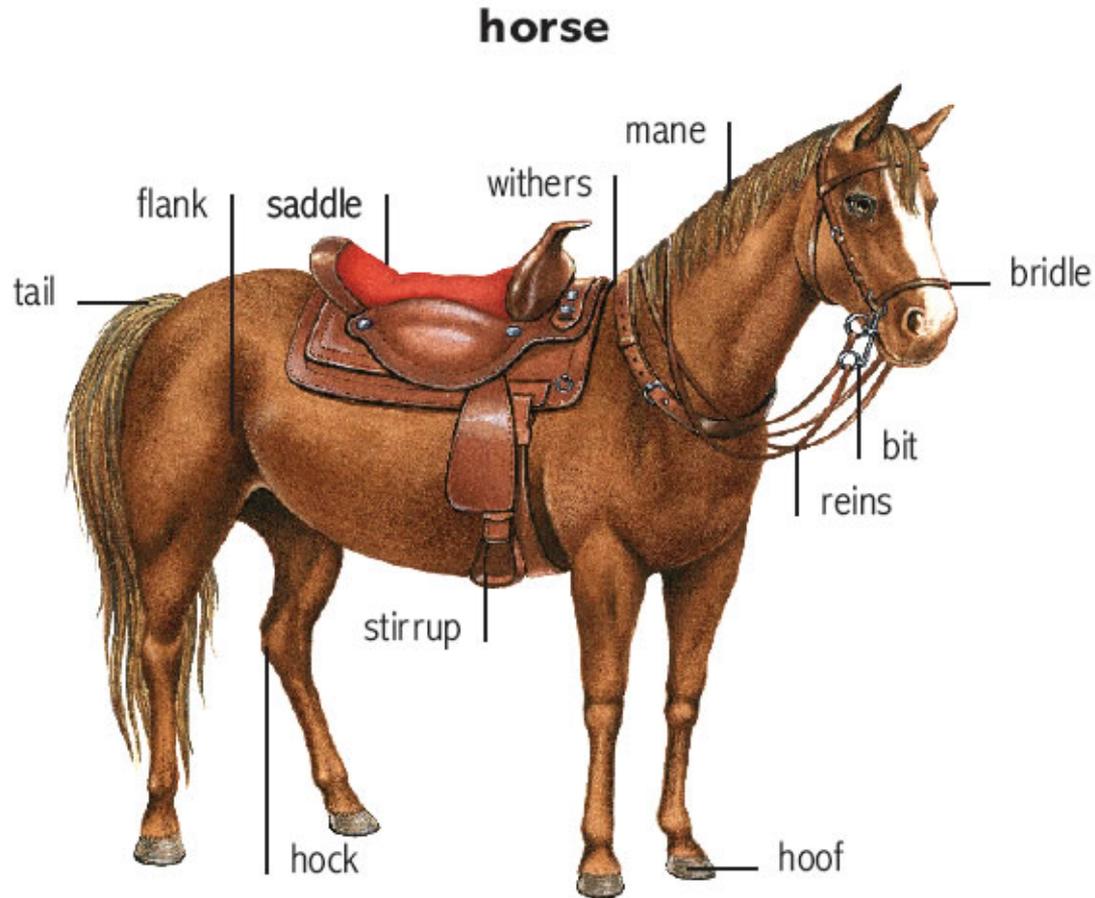


# saddle

*noun*

1.

a seat fastened on the back of a horse or other animal for riding, typically made of leather and raised at the front and rear.



**char**

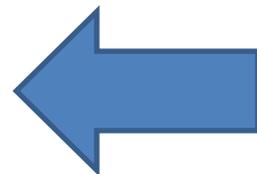
*verb*

past tense: **charred**; past participle: **charred**

partially burn so as to blacken the surface.

"a region charred by bush fires"

*Synonyms:* scorch, burn, singe, sear; More  
(of an object) become blackened as a result of partial burning.



# festering

*verb*

gerund or present participle: **festering**

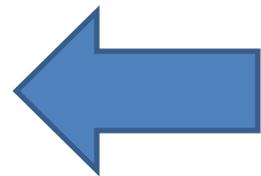
(of a wound or sore) become septic; suppurate.

"a festering abscess"

*synonyms:* suppurate, become septic, form pus, secrete pus, discharge, run, weep, ooze;

(of food or rubbish) become rotten and offensive to the senses.

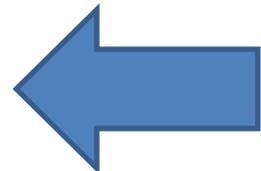
"piles of mouldy grey paper festered by the sink"



**crevice** - a narrow opening or fissure, especially in a rock or wall.



**Palisade** – 1. a fence of wooden stakes or iron railings fixed in the ground, forming an enclosure or defence.  
2. a line of high cliffs.



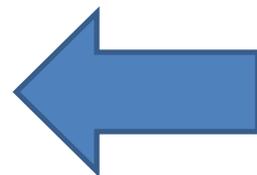
# morsel

*noun*

-a small piece or amount of food; a mouthful.

"Juliet pushed **a morsel of** toast into her mouth"

*Synonyms:* mouthful, bite, nibble, bit, small piece, soupcon, taste, sample, spoonful, forkful, crumb, grain, particle, fragment, fraction, scrap, sliver, shred, pinch, drop, dollop, whit, atom, granule, segment, spot, modicum, gobbet; More  
-a small piece or amount.

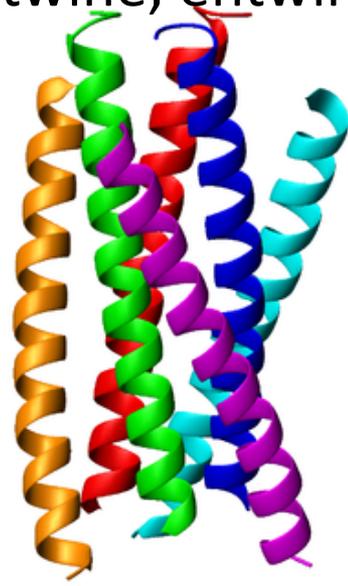


**bramble** - a prickly scrambling shrub of the rose family, especially a blackberry.



**Coil –**  
arrange (something long and flexible) in a coil.  
"he began to **coil up** the heavy ropes"  
*synonyms:*wind, loop, twist, curl, curve, bend, twine, entwine, snake;  
e;

move or twist into the shape of a coil.  
"smoke coiled lazily towards the ceiling"

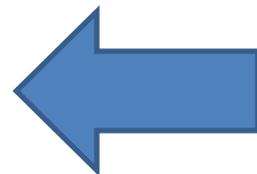


## **Straggle –**

(of an irregular group of people) move along slowly so as to remain some distance behind the person or people in front.

## **Straggling -**

to spread or be spread in a scattered fashion or at irregular intervals: *The trees straggle over the countryside.*



## wreath -

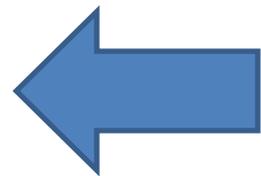
1. an arrangement of flowers, leaves, or stems fastened in a ring and used for decoration or for laying on a grave.

"the Queen laid a wreath at the Cenotaph"

2.

a curl or ring of smoke or cloud.

"wreaths of mist swirled up into the cold air"



**lurch -**

*verb*

verb: **lurch**; 3rd person present: **lurches**; past tense: **lurched**; past participle: **lurched**; gerund or present participle: **lurching**

**1.**

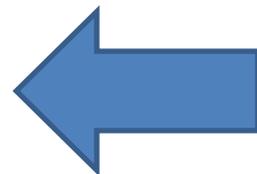
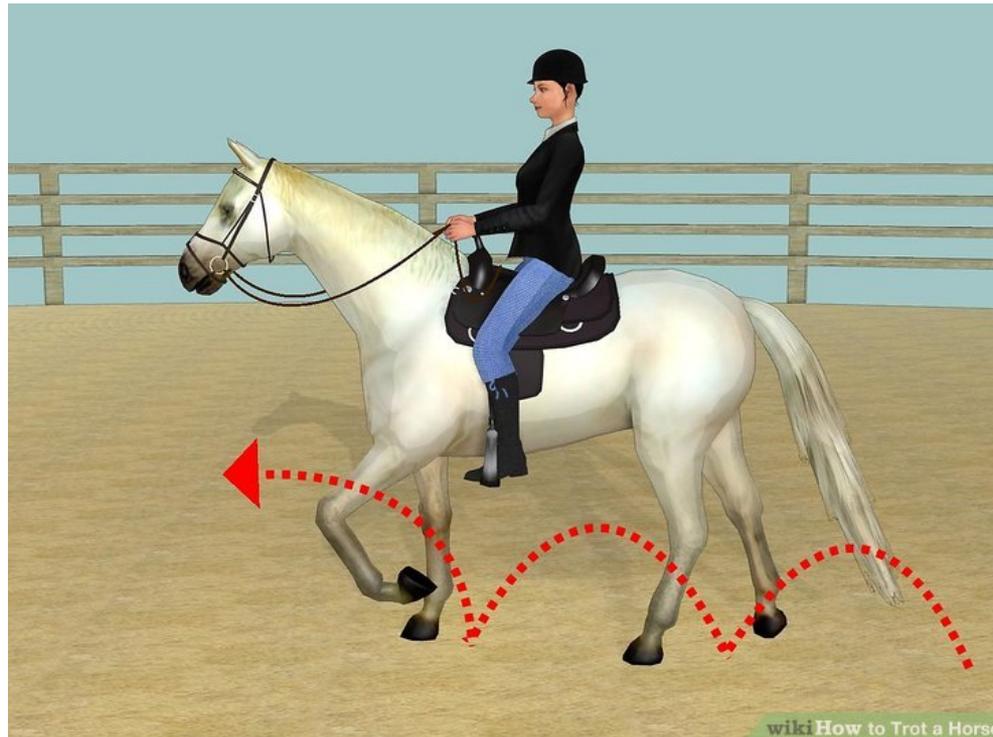
make an abrupt, unsteady, uncontrolled movement or series of movements; stagger.

"the car lurched forward"

*synonyms:*

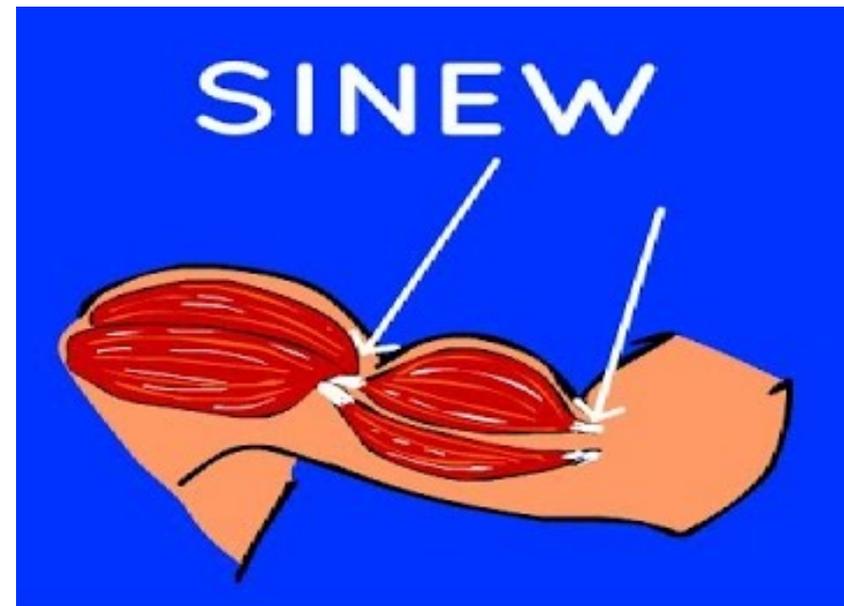
stagger, stumble, sway, reel, roll, weave, totter, flounder, falter, wobble, slip, move clumsily More

*antonyms:* tiptoe



# **sinew -**

a piece of tough fibrous tissue uniting muscle to bone; a tendon or ligament.



## stake -

a strong wooden or metal post with a point at one end, driven into the ground to support a plant, form part of a fence, mark a boundary, etc.

*synonyms*: post, pole, stick, spike, upright, support, prop, strut, stave, pale, paling, picket, pile, piling, stanchion, shaft, cane, beanpole, rod, mast; *historical* palisade

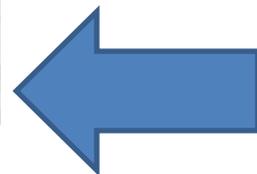
"he was replacing broken stakes in a barbed-wire fence"

### *historical*

a wooden post to which a person was tied before being burned alive as a punishment.

noun: **the stake**

"Bishop Ridley was **burned at the stake**."



**contemptuous -**

*adjective*

showing contempt; scornful.

*Synonyms:* scornful, disdainful, disrespectful, insulting, insolent



**slink** -

*verb*

gerund or present participle: **slinking**

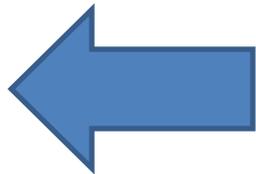
move smoothly and quietly with gliding steps, in a stealthy or sensuous manner.

"the fox came slinking through the bracken"

come or go unobtrusively or furtively.

"all the staff have slunk off home"

*Synonyms:* creep, sneak, steal, slip, slide, sidle, edge, move furtively, tiptoe



# scuttle –

*noun*

noun: **scuttle**; plural noun: **scuttles**

**1.**

a metal container with a handle, used to fetch and store coal for a domestic fire.

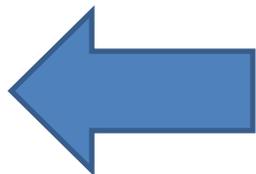
the amount of coal held in a scuttle.

"carrying endless **scuttles of** coal up from the cellar"

**2.**

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the part of a car's bodywork between the windscreen and the bonnet.



**siege -**

*noun*

**1.**

a military operation in which enemy forces surround a town or building, cutting off essential supplies, with the aim of compelling those inside to surrender.

"Verdun had withstood a siege of ten weeks"

*Synonym:* blockade



**gape** -

*verb*

**1.**

be or become wide open.

"a carpet bag gaped open by her feet"

*synonyms*: open wide, open up, yawn; More

*noun*

**1.**

a wide opening.

"a wide gape of the jaws"



**rampage** -

*verb*

gerund or present participle: **rampaging**

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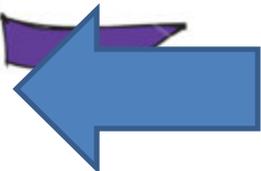
(especially of a large group of people) move through a place in a violent and uncontrollable manner.

"several thousand demonstrators rampaged through the city"

*Synonyms:* rush wildly/madly, riot



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**thrash -**

*verb*

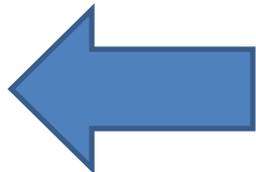
struggle in a desperate or unfocused way to do something.

"two months of thrashing around on my own have produced nothing"

*informal*

move in a fast or uncontrolled way.

"I wrench the steering wheel back and thrash on up the hill"



**bleat –**

*verb*

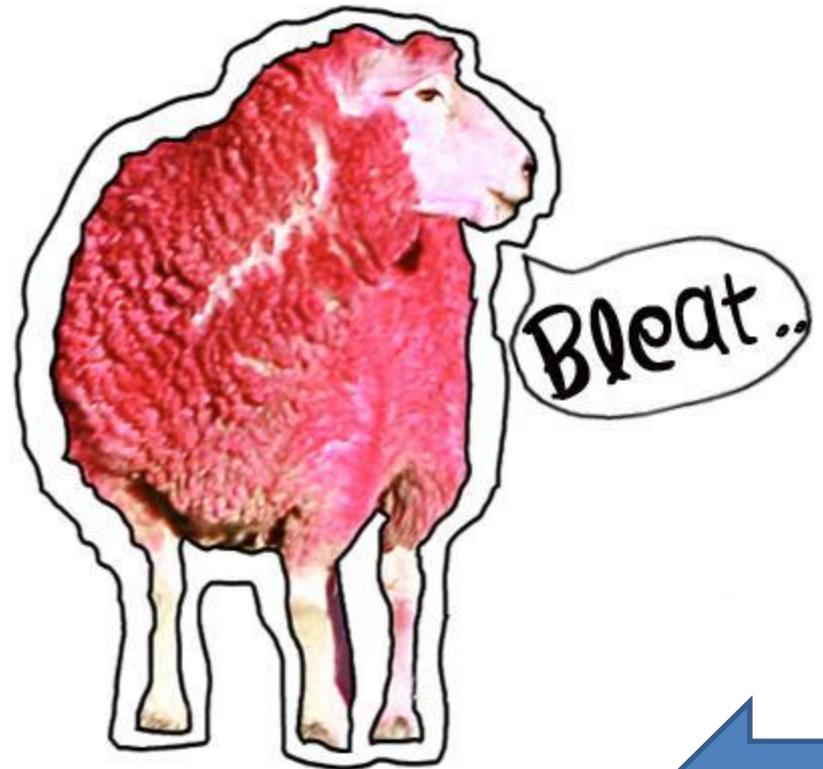
**1.**

(of a sheep, goat, or calf) make a characteristic weak, wavering cry.

"the lamb was bleating weakly"

*Synonyms* :baa, maa, cry, call; *informal* blat

"the sheep were bleating in the field"



**ragged** -  
*adjective*

**1.**  
(of cloth or clothes) old and torn.

"a rough-looking man wearing ragged clothes"

*synonyms:* tattered, in tatters, torn, ripped, split, in holes, holey, moth-eaten, frayed, worn, worn out, well worn, worn to shreds, falling to pieces, threadbare, the worse for wear, patched, scruffy, shabby, decrepit, old; More

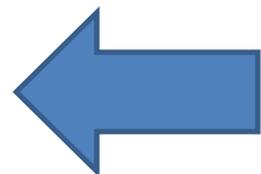
**2.**  
having a rough or irregular surface or edge.

"a ragged coastline"

*synonyms:* jagged, craggy, rugged, uneven, rough, irregular, broken; More



**ragged teeth**



# bulge

*verb*

1.

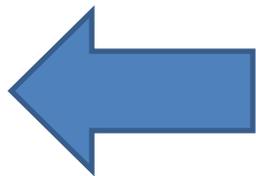
swell or protrude to an incongruous extent.

"the veins in his neck bulged"

*synonyms:* swell, swell out, puff up/out, stick out, balloon, balloon up/out, fill out, bag, belly



**bulging teeth**



**foul -**

*adjective*

**1.**

offensive to the senses, especially through having a disgusting smell or taste or being dirty.

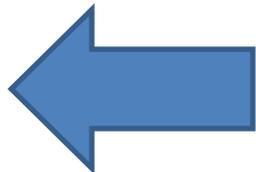
"a foul odour"

*synonyms:*

disgusting, revolting, repellent, repulsive, repugnant, abhorrent, loathsome, offensive



**Foul breath**



**haze-**

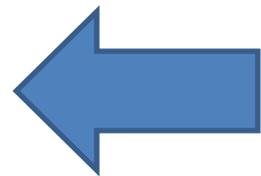
*noun*

**1.**

a slight obscuration of the lower atmosphere, typically caused by fine suspended particles.

"the cold air has no pollution and very little haze"

*synonyms:* mist, fog, cloud, smog;



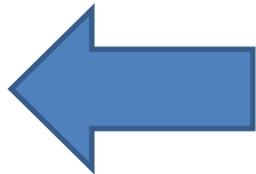
**haunch** -

*noun*

**1.**

a buttock and thigh considered together, in a human or animal.

*synonyms:* rump, rear, rear end, backside, seat;



## herd -

*noun*

1.

a large group of animals, especially hooved mammals, that live together or are kept together as livestock.

"a herd of elephants"

*synonyms:* flock, drove, pack, group, collection, fold“ large farms with big dairy herds"

*verb*

1.

(with reference to a group of people or animals) move in a group.

"they were herded into a bus"

*synonyms:* drive, round up, shepherd, gather, collect, assemble, guide, kettle More

2.

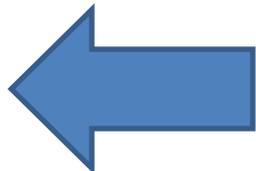
keep or look after (livestock).

"they live by herding reindeer"

*synonyms:* look after, take care of, keep, tend, watch, watch over, mind, guard“ they live by herding reindeer“

In the story: “The people **herded** their livestock into the city and shut the gates to the dragon.”

What definition is the correct one?

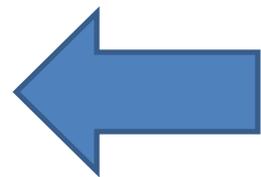


# livestock-

*noun*

farm animals regarded as an asset.

"markets for the trading of livestock"

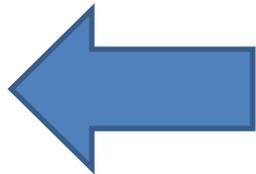


**sash-**

*noun*

a long strip or loop of cloth worn over one shoulder or round the waist, especially as part of a uniform or official dress.

*Synonyms:* belt, cummerbund, waistband, girdle

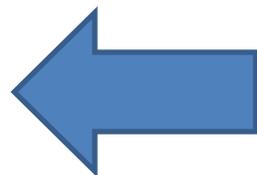


# slither

Meaning: slither (verb):

to slide down or along a surface, esp. unsteadily, from side to side, or with some friction or noise.

Example: The snake **slithered** towards the rat.



**timber-**

*noun*

**1.**

wood prepared for use in building and carpentry.

"the exploitation of forests for timber"

*Synonyms:* wood, logs, firewood;

