

What's in a Name?

1. Noun
2. Verb - Past Tense
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5. Noun
6. Verb - Present Ends In Ing
7. Part Of Body
8. Verb - Base Form
9. Noun
10. Part Of Body
11. Noun
12. Adjective
13. Noun
14. Adjective
15. Animal (Plural)
16. Verb - Present Ends In Ing
17. Noun
18. Noun
19. Adverb

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When the early European _____^{Noun} came to New England, they _____^{Verb - Past Tense} with them their livestock-based agriculture. The practice of mowing _____^{Noun} and storing winter feed was well-established, and became even more important when they _____^{Verb - Past Tense} the long _____^{Noun} in northern New England. But instead of _____^{Verb - Present ends in ING} such a field a "hayfield" like we do today, they called it a "mowing". These _____^{Part of Body}, or mowings, were usually further _____^{Verb - Base Form} by a descriptor referring to location: the "back mowing" was behind the _____^{Noun}, the "low mowing" was in the _____^{Part of Body}, and the "high mowing" was up on the _____^{Noun}. In _____^{Adjective} Vermont, where small _____^{Noun} wind their way through _____^{Adjective} and hilly terrain, nearly all mowings are "high mowings". A hundred years ago, farms on these _____^{Animal (plural)} had names like "High _____^{Verb - Present ends in ING} Farm" or "High Mowing Acres". When our seed _____^{Noun} first started, we not only liked the sound of "high mowing", but it was an old, regionally specific, agricultural term that fit the kind of _____^{Noun} company we are: farm-based and _____^{Adverb} in a place.