



Polly is a superstar, but she's also of the people. What word part refers to *people*?

FOLD

POP



The Defamer wants to take away Polly's popularity. What word part often means to *undo, lessen, or take away*?

FOLD

DE

Word Sort Template for *POP* and *DE*

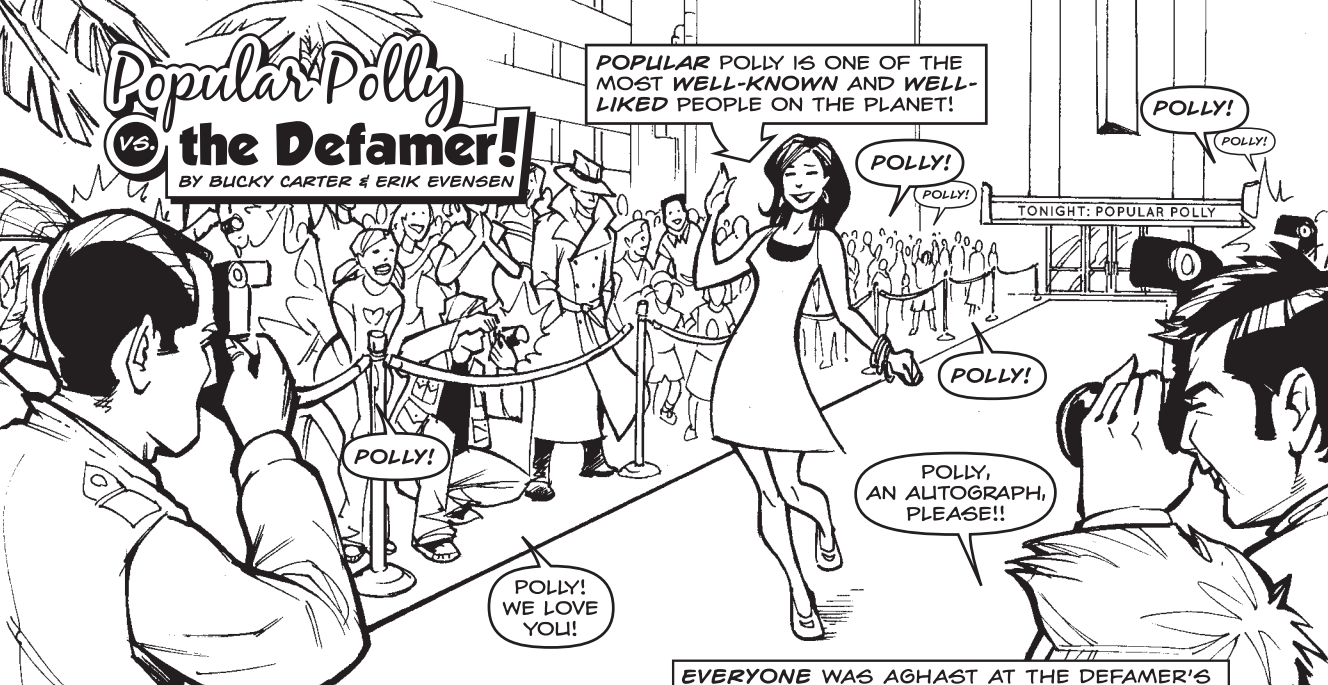
<i>POP</i>	deformed	popular	populace
populate	degradation	deemphasize	destruction
popularity	degenerate	population	dejection
depopulate	popularize	populous	debug
defuse	defrost	defamation	<i>DE</i>

Popular Polly

vs. the Defamer!

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POPULAR POLLY IS ONE OF THE MOST WELL-KNOWN AND WELL-LIKED PEOPLE ON THE PLANET!



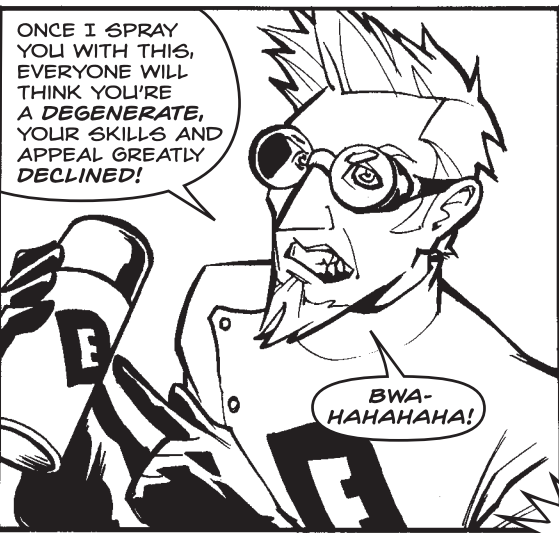
WITH HER LEVEL OF POPULARITY SO HIGH, WHO COULD POSSIBLY WISH TO DO HER HARM?



EVERYONE WAS AGHAST AT THE DEFAMER'S PRESENCE. I MEAN THE ENTIRE POPULATION!



DEFAMER? IS THAT THE GUY WHO DRAWS MISTACHES ON STATUES TO RUIN THEIR APPEARANCES?
NO, THAT'S THE DEFACER. THIS GUY RUINS REPUTATIONS. HE'S AN EXPERT IN DEFAMATION.



BLIT AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT...

CAN'T SEEM TO GET... THE CAP OFF...

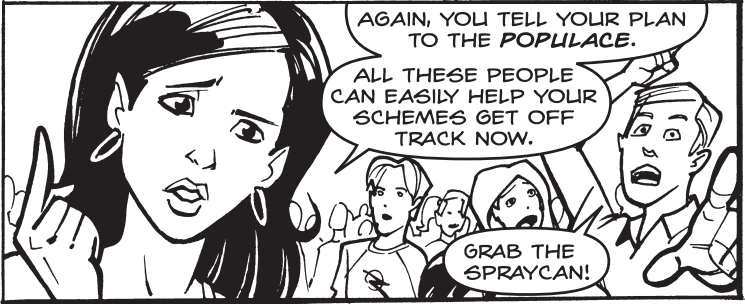
CAN'T HAVE PLAN DERAILED...



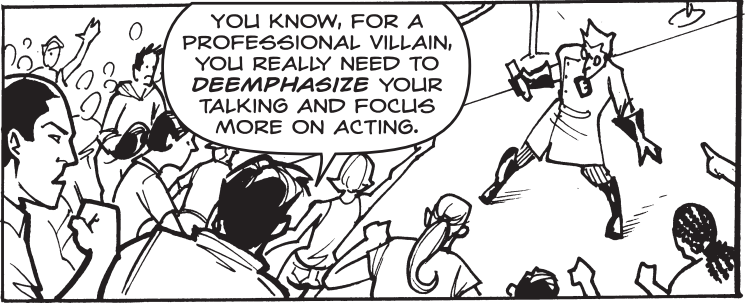
AGAIN, YOU TELL YOUR PLAN TO THE POPULACE.

ALL THESE PEOPLE CAN EASILY HELP YOUR SCHEMES GET OFF TRACK NOW.

GRAB THE SPRAYCAN!

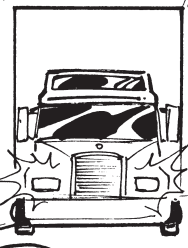


YOU KNOW, FOR A PROFESSIONAL VILLAIN, YOU REALLY NEED TO DEEMPHASIZE YOUR TALKING AND FOCUS MORE ON ACTING.



TAKE THAT, VILE SPRAY!

FWAP!

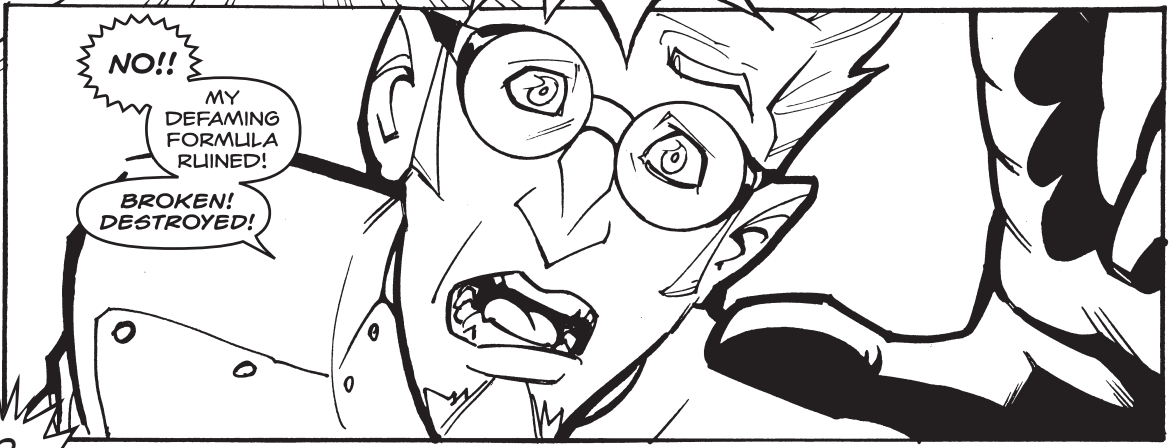


CRUNCH!

NO!!

MY DEFAMING FORMULA RUINED!

BROKEN! DESTROYED!





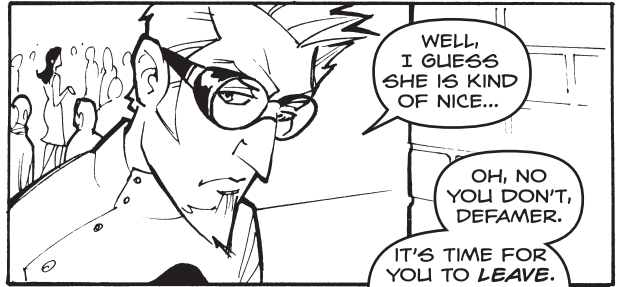
WOW, THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE, YA'LL!

MY FANS ARE THE BEST!

AND YOU'RE STILL THE MOST POPULAR PERSON AROUND, POLLY!

WE ALL LOVE POLLY!

WE LOVE POLLY!



WELL, I GUESS SHE IS KIND OF NICE...

OH, NO YOU DON'T, DEFAMER.

IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO LEAVE. I HOPE YOU'RE PREPARED TO DEPART.



YEAH, WE GOT A SPECIAL PERSONAL SPACE FOR YOU AT THE POLICE STATION. POPULATION: YOU!

SIGH... THAT'S NOT MANY PEOPLE AT ALL...



OH, YOU GLYS!

DO BE GENTLE WITH HIM. HE'S SWEET, JUST A LITTLE DERANGED, IS ALL.



SHE'S TRYING TO BLAME MY ATTEMPT TO THWART HER POPULARITY ON MY MENTAL INSTABILITY INSTEAD OF GETTING ANGRY WITH ME.

NO WONDER PEOPLE LIKE HER...

END.

Friday Assessment Opportunity for *POP* and *DE*

Un-YON, the Walking Union, has the ability to remove things, similar to the powers of the Defamer. Once the Defamer gets out of jail, he teams up with Un-YON to once again try to make Polly unpopular. Luckily for Polly, she has an admirer in the superhero of mallards everywhere, Redux the Uber-Duck! Write a story in which Redux and Polly fend off an attempt from the Defamer and Un-Yon to make Polly unloved and disliked. Use six words featuring POP- and DE- from your word bank, and be sure to use “clue language” to help your readers understand the words you are using.

Easter Egg/Extension

If you find yourself at the mall or grocery store this weekend, check out the magazine selection. Focus on the magazines that cover celebrities, and jot down a list of which actors and actresses appear on which covers. Often, people involved with the marketing of certain movies or television shows make sure their actors are on magazine covers right before a big movie featuring the stars hits the theatres or to drum up interest in the TV shows. Do certain people show up on covers more than others? Try to figure out how many of the people on the various covers have a movie or show out right now. Is it possible that these “covergirls” and “coverguys” are popular because you think they are or because others want you to think they are?