Cuzzle Answers

**Cuzzle #1**: A barn has a very steep roof that comes together at the top in a sharp point. If a rooster lays an egg *on the very apex* of the roof, which side would the egg roll down?

**Answer**: It would be a miracle for the egg to roll down either side, since roosters do not lay eggs.

**Cuzzle #2**: “I know that you can be overwhelmed, and I know that you can be underwhelmed, but can you ever just be whelmed?” – Gabrielle Union (Chastity) in *10 Things I Hate About You*

Can someone be whelmed? How? And how would we know?

Can you think of other words we use often, even though we rarely use their roots? Moreover, why do you think we do this?

**Answer**: Yes, someone can be just whelmed. The dictionary definition (according to Merriam-Webster):

**Whelm** (verb): 1. to turn (as a dish or vessel) upside down usually to cover something: cover or engulf completely with usually disastrous effect; 2. to overcome in thought or feeling; 3. to pass or go over something so as to bury or submerge it

Other examples of words we use often but not their roots:

- Disgruntled → Gruntled
- Uncouth → Couth
- Unkempt → Kempt
Cuzzle #3: A friend tells you someone stashed a $50 bill in a novel in the neighborhood library. The friend doesn’t know the title of the novel, but goes on to say that the money is between pages 201 and 202 of the unnamed novel. With this information, do you ransack the library looking for the right novel and the money? Why?

Answer: Save yourself a lot of time by just laughing off your friend’s report. Don’t bother looking for the novel or the $50. Every professionally made book numbers its pages by using odd numerals on the right-hand pages and even numerals on the left-hand pages. No one could have put anything between 201 and 202 as they are back to back pages.

Cuzzle #4: If a plane crashes on the border between Norway and Sweden, in which country do you bury the survivors?

Answer: Neither. Generally, you would not bury people who are still alive.

Cuzzle #5: How many squares are there in this graphic?
Answer: $16 + 9 + 4 + 1 = 30$ squares