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A photograph of a yellow flower on a green stem, positioned on the left side of the page. The flower is in focus, with several petals visible. The background is a clear, light blue sky. The overall composition is simple and clean.

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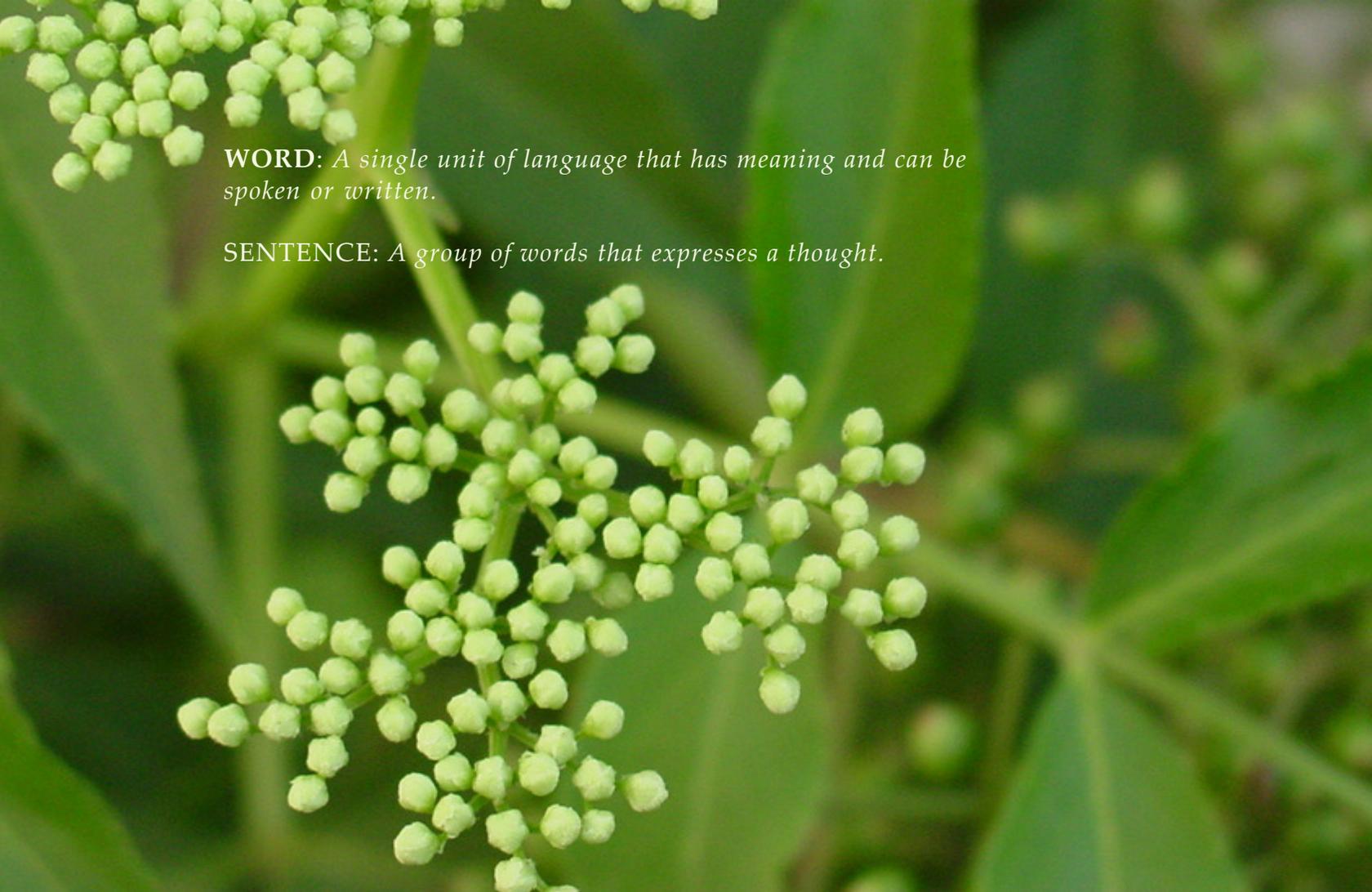
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WORD: *A single unit of language that has meaning and can be spoken or written.*

SENTENCE: *A group of words that expresses a thought.*



Now, if you come to think of it,

Words don't make sentences

Sentences make words.

What then of sentences?

By extension

I see this clearly:

Sentences don't make paragraphs,

It's paragraphs that make sentences.

PARAGRAPH: Consists of one or more sentences and deals usually with one idea.





What's it you extend

The idea or the convenience

Of moving from words to sentences;

From sentences to paragraphs and beyond?

Convenience!

Exposed I stand, enlighten me;

How's it sentences make words,

And not the other way round?

MONOSEMY: *A word
having a single meaning.*



POLYSEMY: *The coexistence of
many possible meanings for a
word or phrase.*

Why! Look at *round* itself:

Earth goes round the Sun.

You have a round face.

Four examples to round the round!

Hark! Attend instead to *four*, I say.

A word that stands firm everywhere:

Four times four is sixteen.

A four sided figure, a rectangle can be.

MEANING: *The thing that is conveyed especially by language.*





A truce! I declare.

A word can be a word,

A word can be made a word,

Hurrah! *Four* and *round* to our rescue.

Not so fast;

From a point destinations many.

A partial success;

No victory or defeat declares.

IDEA: *A formulated thought.*

THOUGHT: *An idea or opinion produced by thinking.*



Attend to *four* again,
How firm does it stand
When you fire on all four cylinders
Circling the four corners of the Earth?

Attending to *round* is no better,
A square peg in a round hole you are
No matter what you do
Right round the clock.

LANGUAGE: *The words, their pronunciation, and the methods of combining them; used and understood by a community.*





Convenience but limits the mind.

Words and sentences:

One is incomplete without the other

Together incomplete without a thought.

Tied up in knots by our creation—

Language!

None the wiser are we

Of what indeed makes what.



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