Charles Parker has a job as a gardener at a small mid-western college. He’s a very competent and hard-working employee who’s popular with the students, many of whom grew up on farms in that part of the country. You can often see them following him across campus, as he pushes his large cart of tools and plants to the next location. He’s always willing to pause a while to talk about his favorite topic, growing flowers. Some students are also interested in his comments on gardening and *lawn care because he’s especially knowledgeable in these areas, too. Mr. Parker is modest about his accomplishments, but he always enjoys being complimented on his artistic use of flowers.

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rob     scar
dollar  mark
option  bargain
honest  carpet
comedy  starve

*compound noun