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Don’t let those language skills get lost or rusty!

As a teacher you work hard to teach language skills to your students. Your students work hard to master them. Do you worry that your students will forget the material as you move on to the next concept?

If so, here’s a plan for you and your students—one that will keep those skills sharp.

Use It! Don’t Lose It! provides daily language practice for all the basic skills. There are five language problems a day, every day for 36 weeks. The skills are correlated to national and state standards.

Students practice all the eighth grade skills, concepts, and processes in a spiraling sequence. The plan starts with the simplest level of eighth grade skills, progressing gradually to higher-level tasks, as it continually circles around and back to the the same skills at a little higher level, again and again. Each time a skill shows up, it has a new context—requiring students to dig into their memories, recall what they know, and apply it to another situation.

### The Weekly Plan – Five Problems a Day for 36 Weeks

**Monday – Thursday**
• one vocabulary or other word skills item
  • one spelling or mechanics item (capitalization, punctuation)
  • one grammar or language usage item

**Monday and Wednesday**
• one reading item
  • one literature item

**Tuesday and Thursday**
• one writing item
  • one research/information skills item

**Friday**
• one longer reading comprehension passage with questions
  • one writing task

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**How to Use Daily Skills Practice**

To get started, reproduce each page, slice the Monday–Thursday lesson pages in half or prepare a transparency. The lessons can be used . . .

- **for independent practice**—Reproduce the lessons and let students work individually or in pairs to practice skills at the beginning or end of a language class.
- **for small group work**—Students can discuss and solve the problems together and agree on answers.
- **for the whole class review**—Make a transparency and work through the problems together as a class.

**Helpful Hints for Getting Started**

- Though students may work alone on the items, always find a way to review and discuss the answers together. In each review, ask students to describe how they solved the problem-solving problems or other problems that involve choices of strategies.
- Allow more time for the Friday lesson, as these tasks may take a little longer. Students can work in small groups to discover and discuss their answers.
- Provide dictionaries and other resources that may be helpful to students as needed. There will not always be room on the sheet for some of the longer writing tasks.
- Many of the writing tasks can be expanded into full writing lessons. When you have time to do so, extend the activity to work on all or various stages of the writing process. Find time for students to share and enjoy their written products.
- The daily lessons are designed to be completed in a short time period, so that they can be used along with your regular daily instruction. However, don’t end the discussion until you are sure all students “get it,” or at least until you know which ones don’t get something and will need extra instruction. This will strengthen all the other work students do in language class.
- Keep a consistent focus on thinking skills for reading comprehension activities. Allow students to discuss their answers, particularly those that involve higher level thinking skills such as drawing conclusions, inferring, predicting, or evaluating.
- Find ways to strengthen the knowledge and use of new vocabulary words students learn in the daily practice. Keep a running list of these words. Use them in classroom discussions and activities. Find ways to share and show off knowledge of the words. Encourage students to include the new words in their writing.
- Take note of which items leave some or all of the students confused or uncertain. This will alert you to which skills need more instruction.
- The daily lessons may include some topics or skills your students have not yet learned. In these cases, students may skip items. Or, you might encourage them to consider how the problem could be solved. Or, you might use the occasion for a short lesson that would get them started on this skill.
MONDAY
WEEK 1

Name

1. Circle letters that should be capitalized.

   national football league player walter payton ran more than 16,000 yards in his 13-year career with the chicago bears.

2. What literary term matches this definition?
   a series of events related to the action of a story
   _____________________________________________

3. Circle the prefixes that mean not.
   atypical imperfect nonsense expel
   inactive disapprove illegible unfair

4. Which sentence is complete?
   a. Although the World Cup tournament is held every four years.
   b. Soccer is the most popular sport in the world.
   c. The only soccer player allowed to handle the ball

   _____________________________________________

TUESDAY
WEEK 1

Name

5. Which statements are opinions?
   a. A golf ball has more than 400 dimples.
   b. Ice dancing is more pleasant to watch than ice hockey.
   c. Racquetball is the most physically demanding racquet sport.
   d. A football field is 100 yards long without the end zones.
   e. A basketball player cannot score more than three points with any one successful basket attempt.

   _____________________________________________

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**WEDNESDAY WEEK 1 ______________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

1. Identify the rhyme pattern in the poem.
   - O abcd
   - O abab
   - O abcb
   - O aabb

2. Circle the correctly spelled words.
   - greif reign sleigh conciet beleive

3. What is the meaning of the bolded word?
   - I heard this game has been sold out for weeks, so how did you manage to **procure** seven tickets today?

4. Which sentences use **who** correctly?
   - a. To **who** should I give these tickets?
   - b. She’s the one **who** bought the tickets.
   - c. **Who** is the player on third base?
   - d. For **who** are you saving this seat?

5. Circle the sentence that is out of sequence.
   - At the beginning of the second quarter, the Comets were behind by seven points. Abe scored six points in the third quarter to give the lead to the Comets. By half-time, the score was tied. The Grizzlies pulled ahead by eleven points in the fourth quarter.

**THURSDAY WEEK 1 ______________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

1. Add the correct ending punctuation.
   - **Watch out for that golf ball**

2. An alphabetical list at the end of a book that helps locate information in the book is
   - O a bibliography
   - O a table of contents
   - O an index
   - O a preface

3. Circle the complete subject.
   - Jackie, wearing number ten, dribbled the ball all the way down the court.

4. What is the meaning of the word **morose**?

5. Cross out the unnecessary words in this passage.
   - **In my opinion, I think the game was a disaster. The two 16-year old teenage quarterbacks could share a prize for the worst, most awful plays of the night. I am sorry that I spent seven dollars for the ticket. I feel my money was wasted. Hopefully, I wish for a better game next week.**
Read:
1. Identify the genre (type of writing) for each example.
2. What is the main idea in passage F?
3. Circle an example of hyperbole.
4. Which examples are expository?
5. What is the tennis coach’s name?

A. Fifteen-year old Sam Garfus stunned a sold-out crowd at the state high school tennis championships yesterday. It was a surprise when the young player won straight sets to beat top-ranked players. The modest freshman explained that some lucky orange socks helped him win, but tennis pros around the state credit the victory to his outstanding skills.

B. Sam: Why does Coach Stringer wear earplugs to every game?
Dan: Because he can’t stand all the racket.

C. The tennis matches started at 8 a.m. By 10 o’clock, the weather was so hot that the rubber was melting off the tennis balls, and the referee’s nose had burst into flames twice. Nevertheless, Sam Garfus was playing his hottest game. Each time he hit a shot, he leaped 12 feet into the air and sent the ball above the clouds. In just under 45 seconds, he had won the tournament.

D. In the game of tennis, two or four people play on a court that is divided by a low net. The players use racquets to hit a ball back and forth over the net. A point is scored when the ball bounces inside the boundaries of the court without being returned by another player.

E. A young tennis player named Sam
Smacked ten balls, each time yelling, “Wham!”

Dear Grandma,
Guess what? I won the state high school single’s tennis championship yesterday! I am sure those orange socks helped me win. Thanks for knitting them for me. They were just as lucky as you said they would be.
Love ya,
Sam

The crowd chanted his name

Write:
1. Write a headline for example A.
2. Write a title for example C.
3. Write the missing lines for the limerick E.
MONDAY WEEK 2 ______________________________________

1. Circle the proper nouns.
   Shamu  Atlantic Ocean  sailor
   lifeguard  Agate Beach  Bay Bridge

2. Put commas where they are needed.
   After swimming we picked up shells ate lunch put on sunscreen and napped on the beach.

3. Circle the compound words.
   seaside  submarine  undertow
   shipshape  sandwich  waterlogged
   sunburn  seaweed  underwater

4. From this passage, can you tell how many circuli would indicate that a fish is three years old?
   A fish’s scales give a clue to its age. The scales have growth rings called circuli. These rings form in clusters called annuli. Each annulus (cluster) shows a year of age.

TUESDAY WEEK 2 _____________________________________

1. Which are examples of persuasive writing?
   a. recipe for salmon-broccoli ice cream
   b. brochure advertising a fishing boat
   c. essay warning teenagers about tattoos
   d. tall tale about a boy who rode sharks
   e. directions to get to the lighthouse

2. Which is the denotation of the word, pirate?
   ○ one who robs on seas or oceans
   ○ a dangerous person with an eye patch and a wooden leg who sails a black ship and steals gold

3. Name five first person pronouns.
   __________  __________  __________
   __________  __________

4. The word beachcomber would be found on page _____.

5. What can you tell about the bias of the person who wrote this sign?

NOTICE TO VISITORS
Visit this beach at your own risk.
The sand is scratchy and will get into your clothes and shoes.
The sun can burn you.
The wind can dry out your skin.
The water has slimy seaweed and you might smell dead fish.
Little children tend to be noisy and run around kicking up sand.
**WEDNESDAY WEEK 2 LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

**Thirst for Knowledge:**

1. **Which is the simple sentence?**
   - The Indian Ocean is the world's smallest, youngest, and most complex ocean.
   - It is 6,200 miles wide and covers a 28,000,000 square mile area.
   - The deepest point, off the southern coast of Java, is the Java Trench.

2. **Circle the antonym for malevolent.**
   - nefarious  wholesome
   - sullen    furtive

3. **Capitalize the book title correctly.**
   - Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea

4. **Circle the cause. Draw a box around the effect.**
   - Because the pirate ship sank in a wild storm, the treasure ended up at the bottom of the ocean.

**THURSDAY WEEK 2 LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

**Mystery of the Maine Clipper:**

1. **Give three different meanings of the word charge.**

2. **Correct the misspelled words.**
   - lisence  excape
   - weird    jeopardy
   - cafateria  whail

3. **Which sentence has correct pronoun use?**
   - a. Whose yacht is next to the pirate ship?
   - b. Do you know who's run into the pier?
   - c. No, but I know who's life rafts are missing.

4. **Rob is ready to write a paragraph that gives details about a ship, The Maine Clipper, that crashed into rocks during a storm on Halloween night. Write a topic sentence for this paragraph.**

5. **Examine the picture. Predict what will happen next.**
FRIDAY WEEK 2

NAME

LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Read

1. What time must a visitor leave the beach on March 4?
2. What can you infer about the water temperatures?
3. What general conclusions can you draw about this area from reading all the signs?
4. Are picnics permitted on Red Rock Beach?

Write

The structure of these sentences has confused the meaning. Rewrite each sentence to clarify the meaning.

1. Mom whistled to her dog driving a dune buggy on Lost Creek Beach.
2. Alex and I laughed a lot when we had Sam for lunch on the beach.
3. Relaxing on my sailboat, a storm came in.
4. The blue swimmer’s beach towel got washed away by a wave.
5. Lucy dropped into the ocean the new goggles she had bought by mistake.
6. Todd caught fish and served them to the girls seasoned with salt and pepper.
7. Paddling the raft to the shore, the picnic looked inviting.
8. While waiting on my surfboard, a jellyfish stung me.
9. Shakira saw a shark in her bathing suit ready to go into the water.
10. Tired and hot from running on the beach, the water looked good to us.
**MONDAY WEEK 3 ______________________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

1. A story begins like this:
   I have the honor of being the man with the world's longest beard. Let me tell you how I came to have this much hair on my chin.

What is the point of view?

________________________________________

2. Does this sentence use an apostrophe correctly?
   That girl's fingernails are long enough to set a record.

3. Which word means to cause to feel terror?
   ○ terrible ○ terrorize
   ○ terrific ○ terrorism

4. Circle the correct word to complete the sentence.
   Excited fans, eager to watch the marathon, (lines) up early to buy their tickets.

Imagine having the longest fingernails in the world! Lee Redmond, of the USA, has not cut her nails since 1979. The total length of all ten nails is 24 feet, 7.8 inches. She doesn’t bite them; she won’t sell them; and she only trims them occasionally. She claims they do not complicate her life much. It’s safe to say, she is happy with this unusual characteristic.

5. Does the author have enough information to draw the conclusion written in the last sentence?

**TUESDAY WEEK 3 ______________________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

1. Rewrite the sentence to show more action.
   With 13 balanced spoons, Jonathan Friedman is the world record-holder for balancing spoons on his face.

2. A record-holding juggler was showing off to his friends by juggling 20 kitchen utensils.

   Was he flaunting or flouting his skills?

3. Which key word or phrase is best to use for an encyclopedia search for the world's longest tunnel?
   tunnel length world manmade structures longest

4. Correct the spelling of any misspelled words.
   lafter ghastly chemist jiant gnome riggle shure skwirt

5. Choose and circle the correct word for each sentence.
   a. (Anyway, Anyways), I can’t believe you balanced all those spoons.
   b. I found some broken plates (beside, besides) the juggler’s van.
   c. What’s the difference (between, among) juggling balls or plates?
   d. Who holds the record for (setting, sitting) in a tree the longest?
WEDNESDAY  WEEK 3 ______________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. What is the meaning of this sentence?
   While Kate has been doing that project, she has been burning the candle at both ends.

2. Insert the correct punctuation.
   So my question is this: Did you know that the longest tongue in the world measures 3.7 inches and belongs to Stephen Taylor (UK)?

3. Write a possessive phrase meaning the peel of one banana.

4. To which sense does this description appeal most strongly?
   The bubble-blowing championship was a melodious chorus of smacking and cracking, rhythmically swaying with whooshesthes and hisses, and pleasantly punctuated by regular pops!

THURSDAY  WEEK 3 ______________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. Correctly spell the plural of each word.
   monkey   box   record
   hoof     penny  pailful

2. Circle the word that does not belong.
   waffle  heiress  pneumonia
   gnome    knight  kneel

3. Circle the verbs that are in past tense.
   swam     juggle  broke
   argued   leapt   rise

4. Which reference source is a dictionary of geographical terms and places?
   ○ almanac  ○ periodical
   ○ atlas    ○ gazetteer
   ○ thesaurus ○ quotation index

5. Max got these books at the library. Examine the titles. What can you infer about Max’s interests?

5. Write a caption for this picture of Tanya, the person with the longest hair in the state. Add any details or facts you wish to the description.
Read

1. How many of the records were set in the 20th century?

2. How many records were not set in North America?

3. If the snowball fighters joined the musical chair players, how large would the group be?

4. How many groups had fewer participants than the group hug?

5. Which event do you suppose took up the most space or distance?

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Write

Think of yourself as a radio reporter covering one of the record-setting events above. Write a brief report that you will give, describing the event to your audience. Use your imagination to elaborate on what you think it might be like to watch the event.
1. Choose the correct literary device.
   Huffing and puffing, the old locomotive complained grumpily as he trudged up the hill.
   ○ onomatopoeia ○ irony ○ personification ○ foreshadowing

2. Circle the objective pronouns.
   We waited an hour for them at the train station and gave them a rousing welcome.

3. Write the past tense of each verb.
   speed fight read
   catch hurry loosen

4. Could an attempt to rob a train turn into a debacle? Explain.

5. Write a summary of this story.
   The Great Train Robbery of 1963 took place north of London. Robbers fixed the train signal to turn red and stop the train. Then 15 holdup men wearing masks, gloves, and helmets took 120 mailbags containing 2,600,000 British pounds. Two accomplices helped by providing train information and a hideout. There were no guns used in the robbery. After the robbers left fingerprints at a hideaway, twelve of the robbers were caught and sent to prison. One robber, Ronnie Briggs, escaped from prison in 1965 and fled to Mexico. At age 71, he returned to Britain and was put in prison. The stolen money was never recovered.

1. Write the plural of each noun.
   sister-in-law cactus tooth radio
   engineer watch knife mystery

2. Which statement is true?
   ○ Fiction is organized alphabetically by titles.
   ○ Biographies are arranged alphabetically by the name of the author.
   ○ The Dewey Decimal System is used to organize nonfiction.

3. Add correct punctuation to the sentence.
   Officer, whispered the lady in the fur coat, that man’s behavior is very suspicious.

4. What is the meaning of surreptitious in item 5?
1. What is the main idea of this passage?
Bobbie Jo meant to rob the train. He had a mask and a gun. The mask was ripped off his face when it got caught on Mrs. Leevy's hat pin, and nobody was fooled by the squirt gun. When he stood up, intending to yell, "Get on the floor and empty your pockets," it came out like this: "Empty the floor and spit on your pockets!"

2. Circle the words that need capital letters.
   dr. charles ryder bought pepsi cola before boarding the starlight express to portland, oregon.

3. What kind of sentence is this?
   Give me all your money.
   ○ declarative   ○ imperative
   ○ exclamatory   ○ interrogative.

4. What is the tone of the passage in 1?

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**THURSDAY WEEK 4 LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

1. A book about a person's life that is written by the subject of the book is a(n) __________________

2. Circle the conjunction in this sentence.
   When two high-speed trains pass each other, they must slow down so that their windows do not break.

3. Correct the spelling in these words.
   celloes _______________________
   potatoe _______________________
   avacado _______________________
   echoe _________________________
   obo ___________________________
   saprano _______________________

4. Finish the analogy
   artisan : art :: traveler : _______________
   ○ travel   ○ timetable   ○ train   ○ travelogue

5. Add a detail to the passage.
   **Before You Board The Train**
   The first thing you must remember when you are taking a train trip is to buy your ticket. Also, be sure that your suitcase is not too heavy to lift up the train steps. Take along some spending money to buy lunch on the train.

   ____________________________________
   ____________________________________

   Above all, get to the train station on time!
Read

1. What is the purpose of the example?
2. If Mr. Smoots misses the 5:36 train out of Blythe headed for Newberry, where will he have to spend the night?
3. About how long is the Westbound trip between Silverton and Newberry?
4. Which two cities are probably closest together?
5. Where is the end of the westbound line?

GOLD COUNTY TRAIN SCHEDULE

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Write

Finish the comparisons.

1. A ride on a train is like __________________________________________________________.
2. That old steam engine sounds as _______________________ as ________________________.
3. The food on the train tasted like ________________________________________________.
4. ___________________________________________ is as loud as the train’s whistle.
5. The bullet train is faster than _________________________________________________.
6. The noise of the train on the rails reminds me of ________________________________.
7. ___________________________________________ is as thrilling as a ride on a high speed train.
8. The swaying of the train is like ________________________________________________.
MONDAY WEEK 5 ______________________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. Circle examples with correct hyphen use.
   roller-coaster one-half
   French-fries stomach-ache
   ex-president brother-in-law

2. Which word does not belong?
   ○ exuberance      ○ ardor
   ○ enthusiasm      ○ exorbitance

3. Which is an example of imaginative writing?
   a. a science fiction story about a 25th century amusement park
   b. an article about the history of theme parks
   c. a biography of the man who holds the world’s record for time on a roller coaster

4. Fact or opinion?
   Roller coasters are the most thrilling rides at any amusement park.

5. Give the indicated tenses for each irregular verb.
   present – rise
   past – _________________
   past participle – ___________
   future – _________________

   present – begin
   past – _________________
   past participle – ___________
   future – _________________

   present – grow
   past – _________________
   past participle – ___________
   future – _________________

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1. Michael recommends that Ralph avoid riding The Terminator roller coaster. Is Michael giving advice or advise?

2. Give the comparative and superlative forms of the adjective thrilling:

3. One word shows up twice in this sentence. Explain both meanings of the word.
   Brie said, “I’ll pass on the potatoes, but before long, she hollered, “Pass the fries!”

4. Cross out words in the sentence that are not needed to convey the meaning.
   When we finish our rides, let’s meet under that triangular sign that has three sides.

5. Tell three things you could learn from reading this encyclopedia entry.

   Ferris Wheel, history
   The first Ferris Wheel was designed by George Washington Gale Ferris. Thirty-six cars carried riders. Twelve different steel companies took part in the construction of the wheel, which cost $350,000. It towered 264 feet high, weighed 1,200 tons, and held 2,160 passengers at a time. The Ferris Wheel made its public debut at the World’s Columbian Exposition in 1893. It proved to be a very popular ride.
1. What words or phrases create sensory appeal?
   **Waves of warm buttery popcorn-air wrapped around us and pulled us toward the popcorn stand.**

2. Give an antonym for the word **plummet**.

3. Choose the correct word for the sentence.
   With their steep drops, these rides (appeal, appeals) to most teenage visitors at the theme park.

4. Correct the capitalization and punctuation in the heading of this letter.

5. The Scream Machine ride begins with a 200-foot fall followed by three hills and three steep dips and a screeching left hairpin turn. At the top of the fourth hill, the cars wind down a tight spiral track that leaves every rider with a spinning head. The ride finishes after nine more hills, twelve sharp curves, and nine dips.

   On this ride, what happens just before the cars climb the fourth hill?

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**THURSDAY WEEK 5 LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

1. Use each of these words as a part of two compound words. Make it the beginning of one word and the ending of another.
   light book over board

2. Which example shows correct usage?
   a. To whom shall I give this cotton candy?
   b. Whom shall I say is calling?

3. Circle the correctly spelled words.
   silliness fancyful worrysome pennyless terrifying justified

4. Which information can be found in a dictionary?
   a. word histories  
   b. word meanings 
   c. word pronunciations  
   d. synonyms

5. Tell what mood is set by this selection. Identify words or phrases the author used to set the mood.
   **Afraid she would miss the ride, Annie raced past the Haunted Village, dashed across the food court, and elbowed her way urgently through the crowded walkway. Just in time, she darted under the rope and tore around the side of the track. “Thanks for saving my place!” she panted as she scrambled into the front car of the roller coaster.**
**Read**

1. Which selection is most convincing to you? Tell why.
2. Describe the main idea of each selection.
3. Describe the bias found in each selection.
4. Circle one fact in each selection.
5. Circle one opinion in each selection.
6. A rider in the back seat gets more airtime. Make an inference about the reason for this.

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**Take A Back Seat**

The very best seat in a roller coaster is the last seat. As the coaster climbs each hill, you have the fun of watching each of the other cars disappear over the edge, and you get the longest time to anticipate the drop. Beyond that, this is the spot for the greatest speed. As that last car drops over the top, the roller coaster is going its fastest, and you get the tail end of that tremendous speed. In the back seat, you also get the longest airtime. This is the time that you fly up out of your seat, feeling weightless, because of inertia. And that’s not all! You hear all of the screams along the ride, and the ride seems longer because your car pulls into the station last.

**Go For The Front Seat**

Run as fast as you can to get in the front seat of the roller coaster. This is the spot for the greatest thrills. Here, you will feel the greatest force of the wind as the coaster tears down the hills and around corners. It is only in the front that you can enjoy the unrestricted views and that amazing, terrifying feeling of being utterly alone at the steepest points of the ride. After the train of cars chug-chug-chugs to the top of the hill, only front riders get to feel that heart-stopping anticipation of dropping over the edge first. There is nothing ahead but empty space and the hope that there is, indeed, a track. No other seat in the coaster offers the same combination of dread and excitement.

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**Write**

Write a short summary of one or both of the selections.
Monday Week 6 ___________________________ Language Practice

1. What is the meaning of the bolded word?
   After 18 days on the trail, Teryl was getting hungry because of a **dearth** of food.

2. Which examples contain linking verbs?
   a. Eric is a hiker on the Pacific Crest Trail.
   b. By dinner time, he feels famished.
   c. If he’s lucky, he might cover 20 miles today.

3. Circle the correctly spelled words.
   migrant  accident  negligent
   distant  observant  vigilant

4. What literary technique is used in this example?
   A loud crash and a grinding crunch echoed from just around the bend on the trail. Lee stopped dead in his tracks. When ear-splitting cracks and snaps followed, he dropped his pack and sprinted in the opposite direction.

Tuesday Week 6 ___________________________ Language Practice

1. Is the punctuation correct?
   The Pacific Crest Trail passes through: three national monuments; 24 national forests; 32 wilderness areas; and seven national parks.

2. Underline the indirect object.
   The Pacific Crest Trail offers hikers a unique challenge.

3. Circle the correct word for the sentence.
   Yesterday’s hike was so long and hard; today, Simone was (**loath**, loathe) to get out of her tent.

4. Correct the punctuation and capitalization.
   maomi vemura was the first man to reach the north pole alone this japanese explorer arrived at his goal on april 29 1978

5. Write the dictionary page number on which each word would be found.
   _____ A. adventurous  _____ D. aerial
   _____ B. ad-lib  _____ E. admire
   _____ C. adorn  _____ F. advertise
### Wednesday Week 6

**Name**

1. What is the meaning of this word’s root?
   - vitality
   - root: vita
   - meaning: life

2. Circle the **effect** in this example.
   - Each time the hiker ran out of food, she was forced to forage something to eat from her natural surroundings.

3. Rewrite this sentence to show correct use of a negative.
   - Scarcely nobody has completed the Pacific Crest Trail yet this year.

4. Capitalize and punctuate the sentences correctly.
   - watch out for the falling rocks yelled Rod to the hiker behind him Samantha hollered back I see them

### Thursday Week 6

**Name**

5. Identify one or more effective writing techniques used by the author.
   - An aggravated bear, fiercely roaring, bolted down the trail straight into the path of the hikers. They froze. Their hair stood on end. Bodies quivered. Muscles shivered. No one could move—no one but the bear, that is. Claws throwing up clods of earth, mighty weight smashing branches, breath steaming rhythmically like a well-fueled locomotive—the bear kept moving closer, closer.

### Thursday Week 6

**Name**

5. Rewrite each sentence in active voice.
   - A. Joe seemed miserable with his mosquito bites.
   - B. That bear is really close!
   - C. Tom is probably on the wrong trail.
   - D. Does it appear to be thundering?
Read

1. Could someone travel by water from Diamond Lake to Rainbow Campsite?
2. What bodies of water are crossed by Paradise Trail?
3. About how long is Last Chance Lake?
4. Which campsite is farthest from North Fork Creek?
5. What direction is Agate Butte from the ranger station?

Write clear directions that a hiker could follow to get from Three Fork Campsite to Agate Butte passing through Redwood Grove.
MONDAY WEEK 7 ______________________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Name

1. Write a homonym for each word.
   fowl  carrot  pour
   symbol  toad  rap

2. Correct the misspelled words.
   When they went for a liesurely swim, niether Al nor Sal noticed the wierd creature floating along the shore.

3. Circle the correct pronoun.
   Few divers were disappointed by the sights (he, they) saw.

4. A writer uses these words and phrases to set a certain mood in a passage. What is the mood?
   drowsy eyelids _________________________
   languid music __________________________
   sluggish steps __________________________
   meandering dreams _____________________

5. Identify two similarities of and two differences between free diving and scuba diving.

   There are two basic kinds of underwater diving outside of a protective vehicle. Although both kinds of diving allow people to enjoy the wonders of life below the surface, they are quite different. The simplest and oldest form is called free diving. Divers use a mask, a snorkel, or possibly a wet suit. They must hold their breath and can only descend about 30 or 40 feet. They must come to the surface in a minute or two. Scuba diving is the second basic kind of diving. Scuba-diving equipment allows divers to go much deeper. The breathing apparatus supplies air so they do not have to hold their breath. The usual equipment includes a mask, tank, wet suit, hose, and regulator.

TUESDAY WEEK 7 ______________________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Name

1. Explain the meaning of the sentence.
   Even though the water was cold, I was sweating bullets as I got ready for my first deep sea dive.

2. Correct the capitalization and punctuation.
   did you know that the biggest canyons in the world are under the bering sea off the coast of Alaska navarin canyon is 60 miles wide thats six times wider than the grand canyon

3. Which are features of a clause?
   a. a group of related words
   b. missing a subject, predicate, or both
   c. has both a subject and a predicate

4. Number these words to show alphabetical order.
   watery  wetsuit  waterlogged
   wetter  water  whack

5. Finish the poem.
   Shipwrecked on her maiden voyage
   The Golden Princess lies
   Deep beneath, in murky sand
   ________________________________
   She gives a home to stealthy fish
   Within her timbers, torn apart
   What secrets does The Princess keep
   ________________________________

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1. Should you get into an **altercation** with a barracuda?

2. Place parentheses correctly in the sentence.
   After the incident with the shark the one with the mean look on his face, Georgia was wary of scuba diving.

3. Circle the appositive in each sentence.
   a. Jacques Cousteau, famous oceanographer, was one of the inventors of scuba equipment.
   b. Let’s get a picture of Will the first diver to get back to the boat.
   c. That skin diver, the one with the string of freshly-caught fish, is my brother.

4. Identify the rhyme pattern of the poem in problem 5.

5. Make an inference about what happened to the author.
As I explored the sunken ship
A flash of silver caught my eye—
A slinky shark was sneaking by,
A creature thrice as big as I,
A creature looking mean and sly.
This morning I can testify
The crusty, rusty sunken skip
No more’s the highlight of my trip.

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1. Finish the analogy.
   audacious : timorous :: deride: ________
   ○ ridicule ○ fearful ○ honor ○ belittle

2. Correct the misspelled words.
   A wistling wich took an ocean voyage with a corus of clever kemists.

3. Circle the intransitive verb.
   The barracuda swam away before I could take a picture.

4. Rewrite the passage to give it more sensory appeal.
   On her first snorkel trip, Lois was amazed by what she saw beneath the surface. The coral reef was full of underwater life.

5. Can someone get a diving lesson and a sale price on a wetsuit on the same day at Sam’s Scuba Shoppe?
FRIDAY WEEK 7 LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Name

Read

1. What parts of the passage give clues to the author’s bias?
2. Circle a statement that is an opinion.
3. Draw a box around a statement that is a fact.
4. What is the purpose of this passage?
5. What is the audience for which this was written?
6. In what situations can nitrogen narcosis occur?

The Dangers of Diving Under Water

Underwater diving offers a unique view of a world that is otherwise not easily accessible. Thousands of people take up the sport each year, eager to see the wonders of life deep beneath the ocean's surface. But the thrills of this adventure are outweighed by the many risks to human life and health.

Beneath the water, pressure increases by about a half pound per square inch for each foot of depth. If the pressure inside the body is not equal to the outside water pressure, a diver's lungs can be squeezed and severely injured. This condition is called barotraumas or squeeze.

While using compressed air from a tank, a diver absorbs considerable amounts of nitrogen into the blood. If a diver ascends to the surface too quickly, bubbles of nitrogen form in the blood and can make the diver ill. This condition is known as the bends (decompression sickness) and can be deadly.

Another serious condition, called air embolism, can occur during ascent. As a diver rises toward the surface, air in the lungs expands because the air pressure outside the body lessens as the depth of water decreases. This pressure can tear the lungs apart and push air into the bloodstream. This condition can be crippling or deadly.

Another risk is the danger of oxygen poisoning. A diver who breathes from a tank that has a high level of oxygen can become very sick or can even die. When breathing compressed air at great depths, a diver can also become drugged or sick from nitrogen narcosis.

Of course, in addition to these dangers, there are the risks of accidents, malfunctioning equipment, or attacks by underwater creatures. As you can see, underwater diving is the most dangerous of all sports.

Write

1. Rewrite this beginning for an underwater adventure. Make it grab the reader’s attention.
   The weather looked good as the divers prepared for their dive.

2. Write an attention-grabbing beginning for an essay to convince someone to try scuba diving.
1. Identify the mode of writing in 5.
   - ○ imaginative
   - ○ expository
   - ○ narrative
   - ○ descriptive
   - ○ personal-expressive
   - ○ persuasive

2. Insert necessary commas and apostrophes.
   
   **Have you met Jeremy Mark and Carlos the men who took the world's longest taxi ride?**

3. Give the meaning of the bold words.
   
   I've got great photographs from my safari. I take the most **pride** in the pictures of the lion **pride** we saw sleeping by the river.

4. Circle the predicate noun.
   
   **The Radiance is a solar car that holds a record for the longest trip of any vehicle of its kind.**

5. What is passage’s main idea?
   
   A television travel channel selected the Seiad Valley Café (California) as one of the best places in the world to “pig out.” This is undoubtedly due to the Pancake Challenge that the café offers. Thru-hikers on the Pacific Crest Trail can get a free pancake breakfast if they can eat the giant stack of pancakes in one sitting. It may sound easy, but this is a huge stack. So most eaters end up paying the bill!

TUESDAY

1. You want to find a weather forecast for a city that you will visit tomorrow. The city is 2,500 miles away. What reference source will you consult?

2. Which pairs of words are **antonyms**?
   - ○ abhor – revere
   - ○ churlish – grumpy
   - ○ urban – urbane
   - ○ mediocre – exemplary

3. Which phrase means **the wheels of more than one bus**?
   - a. the bus’s wheels
   - b. the busses’ wheels
   - c. the buses wheels
   - d. the busses’ wheel

4. Spell the plural of each word.
   - itinerary ____________________________
   - chief ________________________________
   - rodeo ______________________________
   - yacht ______________________________
1. Cross out any unnecessary words.

The first flight attendants, they had to be unmarried nurses who weighed 115 pounds or less.

2. Choose the correct literary device.

Once in a blue moon, Ruben takes a long trip on his unicycle.
a. an idiom  b. irony  c. hyperbole

3. Correct the misspelled words.

benefit emergency laboratory restaurant memorise although

4. What is the connotation of the word travel?

5. Does the passage give enough information to allow you to make a prediction as to whether or not Wilma will catch her plane?

Wilma’s Day So Far

The taxi did not show up to take her to the airport. She caught a slow bus instead. When she finally arrived at the ticket counter, Wilma had a hard time finding her passport. There were very long lines at the security checkpoint. Wilma discovered that she had not taken her fingernail scissors out of her purse. Finally she got through security. By then, she was so hungry that she just had to stop and get a sandwich.

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1. Correctly capitalize this book title:

ten places I’ll never visit again

2. Cross out words that are not compounds.

passport discontinued suitcase

3. Which example contains object pronouns?

○ Leave the ticking to him and me.
○ He and I will be glad to buy your tickets.

4. What part of speech is the word globetrotter?

globe · trot · ter (glob trot r) n. One who travels often and widely. – globetrot v, globetrotting n & adj

5. Tell which bit of trivia interests you most, and why.

Travel Trivia

• At any given hour in the United States, 61,000 people are up in the air in airplanes.

• In 1987, American Airlines eliminated one olive from each salad served in the first class cabin, saving $40,000.

• At the busiest airport in the world, an airplane lands or takes off every 37 seconds.

• In 1961, it became illegal to hijack an airplane.
Read

1. Circle an alliterative phrase.

2. What is the meaning of the word tight in line 9?

3. Circle an example of rhyme.

4. Circle an example of repetition.

5. What is the main idea of the poem?

6. What is one of the discomforts described in the poem?

7. To what common experiences does the poet compare the distresses of some travel locations?

Write

Finish this diary entry. Begin by finishing the topic sentence with the name of a place you don’t want to visit. Then add at least three supporting details or examples.

Dear Diary,

Today while dreaming about places I want to visit, I suddenly was reminded of a place that I would NEVER visit.
MONDAY  WEEK 9 ______________________________________  LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Name

1. Circle the correct word for the sentence.
   I (compliment, complement) you on your skiing!

2. Fix any capitalization errors.
   Ice Sailing began in holland, spread across northern europe, and became a Russian Pastime.

3. Underline any adjectives and draw a box around any adverbs.
   If Charlie had not been such a skillful ice sailor, the accident could have been deadly.

4. Which does not include personification?
   a. Ice climbers scale icicles as sharp and slippery as daggers.
   b. “Come play with me,” the powdery snow called out to eager sledders.
   c. An icy wind reached its fingers under the edges of Julia’s hat and bit her ears.

5. Read and follow the directions to make a snowflake.
   1. Start with a 6- or 9-inch square of white paper.
   2. Fold it in half, then fold in half again.
   3. Fold this in half on the diagonal to form a triangle.
   4. Round off the wide end of the triangle.
   5. Cut a V shape from the top edge toward the point.
   6. Cut wedges and triangles along the folded edges.
   7. Open the finished snowflake.

TUESDAY  WEEK 9 ______________________________________  LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Name

1. What is the meaning of the bold word?
   Amy is my most jocose friend—just the right person to invite to join our snowball fight.
   ○ competitive ○ playful
   ○ petulant ○ timorous

2. Write the past tense of each verb.
   think know speak
   lay raise snow

3. Circle the participial phrase.
   The shovel racer, traveling 50 mph, barely avoided running into that tree.

4. Which of these words would be found on a dictionary page with guidewords skier and snowy?
   ○ swath ○ skewer ○ snowplow
   ○ skid ○ skimp ○ slippery

5. Write a brief summary of this passage.
   Ski lift operators were the first shovel racers. When the ski lifts closed at the end of the day, the operators were left at the top of the hills. Shovels were the handiest things available, so they used them as sleds and raced each other down the ski hills. Now, shovel racing takes place all around North America. Racers travel at speeds of up to 60 mph.
1. What punctuation belongs after this greeting in a business letter?
   **Dear Dr. Fracture**

2. Could you find a **horde** at an Olympic skiing event?

3. Which example shows correct pronoun use?
   a. May Dan and me watch you skate?
   b. She and Lisa are going to the Olympics.
   c. It was her that won the competition.

4. Which are examples of descriptive writing?
   ○ letter telling about all the sights from a ski lift
   ○ encyclopedia entry about sled dogs
   ○ poster telling what a missing sled dog looks like
   ○ tall tale about extreme winter weather

5. What is the main idea of this selection?
   **A Breath-Taking Sport**
   Pair skating is one of the most beautiful of the figure skating disciplines. But it is also the most dangerous kind of figure skating. This is because the sport involves the man lifting the woman high in the air, throwing her in spinning jumps, and swinging her around so that her head almost touches the ground in the daring “death spiral.” The moves take great strength, courage, and a whole lot of practice.

**THURSDAY WEEK 9 ______________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

1. Circle the prefix meaning away from.
   - mistake
   - parallel
   - detract
   - prologue
   - anterior
   - telegraph

2. Describe the difference between **fiction** and **nonfiction**.

3. Which example shows correct usage?
   a. You look well after your polar bear swim.
   b. It’s well that you didn’t freeze your toes off!
   c. Didn’t I do a good job on the snow fort?

4. Add **ed**, **ing**, or **ness** to each word to make a new word. Spell the new word correctly.
   - horrify
   - monkey
   - worry
   - silly
   - lonely
   - ice

5. Edit the capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and grammar.
   Each year thousands of People enjoys taking a polar bear swim well maybe they don’t actually enjoy it but they sere like Bragging about it once they’ve done it! A polar bear swim is an event where people jumps into freezing cold bodies of water in the winter Lakes Rivers or Oceans they stay in the water for only a few seconds polar bear swims are a very popular new years day activity.
Read

1. What would be the cause of someone having a ski lift ticket taken away?
2. What color and shape symbols are found on hills suitable for moderate ability skiers?
3. What do rules ask skiers NOT to do?
4. Make an inference about what time the ski hill closes.
5. Draw a conclusion about what a sitzmark is and how one is formed.

Write

Collect words, ideas, and phrases for a description of a day on a ski hill.
Gather your ideas in the following categories:
MONDAY  WEEK 10 _____________________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Name

1. What is the meaning of the word desiccated?
   The desert travelers came across a small dead animal so desiccated by the heat of the sun and lack of water that only hardened skin and bones remained.

2. Correct the misspelled words.
   - sissors
   - Cristmas
   - sqeeze
   - neumonia
   - jiant
   - cammel

3. Write the past perfect tense of the verb drink.

   _______________________________

4. What is the audience of the following selection?

   _______________________________

5. Write a brief summary of this passage.
   The Sahara Desert is one of the world's largest and driest deserts. It may surprise people to learn that this was not always so. Nine thousand-year old cave paintings found in the heart of the Sahara show people herding in an area of lush swamps, fields, and rivers.

TUESDAY  WEEK 10 _____________________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Name

1. Add correct punctuation and capitalization.
   hey everybody shouted the guide look at this 700-foot high sand dune.

2. Circle the error in this sentence.
   Roadrunners are so fast that it can catch a moving rattlesnake.

3. Which word completes the analogy?
   humid : sultry as _________________ : avarice
   a. glee c. greed
   b. scruple d. parched

4. Edit the sentence for grammar errors.
   A roadrunner he is a desert bird whom actually belongs to the cuckoo family. You should of seen that roadrunner move at 17 miles per hour!

5. Make an inference about the meaning of the name El Desierto Pintado.

   The Painted Desert
   I. Location, size
      A. 200-mile long plateau
      B. North-central Arizona
      C. Along Little Colorado River
   II. History
      A. Discovered by Spanish explorers
      B. Named El Desierto Pintado
   III. Features
      A. Formations – buttes, mesas, pinnacles
      B. Colors –
         1. Yellows, reds, blues
         2. Cause – iron oxides, limonite
         3. Most brilliant at sunrise, sunset
1. Underline the simple subject. Circle the simple predicate.

Rainfall in the Atacama Desert measures about three-hundredths of an inch per year.

2. Write an antonym for each word.
   torrid, parched, secluded

3. Add the endings. Spell each new word correctly.
   regret + ed = true + ly =
   nap + ing = red + ish =

4. What literary techniques are used in this sentence?
   Like a thousand angry cats, the blowing sand scratches at my eyes and slices through my sleeves.

5. Evaluate the passage. How successful was the author at accomplishing the purpose?
   So you want to climb a sand dune? It won’t be easy—because sand just doesn’t stay put. Every time you take a step upwards, your feet will sink into the sand. You will stumble forward and slide backward. It is very hard to make progress. Climbing on sand takes a lot of time and energy. Besides the sinking and sliding difficulties, the sand may be very hot. It can burn your feet and hands, so be careful!

1. Write and define a homonym for each:
   duel, flea, hail

2. Add apostrophes where they belong.
   one deserts cold temperatures
   two camels humps
   three lizards tails

3. Rewrite the sentence to clarify the meaning.
   Carla rode on a camel wearing a red scarf to keep the sand out of her eyes.

4. Number these words to show alphabetical order.
   ___ Caesar   ___ camouflage
   ___ cactus   ___ Cairo
   ___ cahoots   ___ cache

5. Write a good headline for the story.
   Travelers on a desert caravan reported a strange site last weekend. A group of 50 tourists riding across a portion of the Sahara Desert stopped for a rest at a small oasis. According to the statements of all members of the party, the water of the oasis was glowing and emitting music. A team of researchers has been sent to examine and verify the phenomenon.
FRIDAY  WEEK 10 ______________________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Name

Read

1. What is the theme of the passage?
2. What is the point of view?
3. What is the setting?
4. What event in the story is the climax?
5. Circle an example of sensory appeal.
6. What clue does the title give you about the story?

Whispers in the Desert

“Strange things can happen in the desert.” These are the words the twins heard before they left for a two-week expedition. They gave little thought to the old woman’s words until now. A wild sandstorm had surrounded the group quickly. The fierce winds, stinging sand, and blackening skies sent them to huddle beside the camels. By the time the sand cleared, it was dark. Tom and Tim dug themselves out and found they were alone. Their guide and the other travelers were nowhere in sight. All they could see for miles in each direction was empty sand. They had no food, little water, and no idea what to do.

For what seemed like hours, they sat together in fear, consoled only by the steady breathing of the sleeping camel. Suddenly a little crooked spiral of sand scuttled past, whistling and whispering: “Trust the camel.” Again, the whirlwind circled. “Trust the camel,” a voice repeated. Tom and Tim looked at each other in wonder.

Strange as the voice in the wind seemed, its message made sense. Tom and Tim scrambled up onto the camel and prodded him awake. Slowly, the sluggish camel struggled to its feet. After some hesitation, he began to move. Trudging through the sand following some unknown inner compass, he moved confidently toward some destination that Tom and Tim did not understand. They just kept remembering the whisper: “Trust the camel.” When, at last, the shapes of other camels and people appeared on the horizon, the twins breathed the biggest relieved sigh of their lives.

Write

Write an ode to a cactus. Use the beginning given here, or create a new beginning. Here are some words and phrases to help you get started.

barbs    tender, moist flesh
spikes    succulent insides
bristles  sweetness beneath the spines
prickle   like a huge coat rack
cantankerous a sturdy silhouette against desert sky
irksome  soft-hearted or rough and rude?

To A Cactus

Oh cactus with your thorny coat, your arms outstretched. Are you inviting me to come inspect those fuzzy spines?
**MONDAY WEEK 11 LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

**1.** Which sentence shows correct usage?
   a. Tony Hawk is the skateboarder whom has won many X-Games championships.
   b. Whoever wants to learn about the sport of skateboarding, ask Tony.

**2.** Place a hyphen where it belongs in the sentence.
   I really did beat Tony Hawk in a skateboarding competition not that I could ever convince you of that.

**3.** Make four compound words.
   sand__________ ___________print
   __________back  look___________

**4.** Moe goes to the sale with $80. Can he afford a skateboard that had a regular price of $165?

**5.** What is the setting in this passage?
   When the math teacher saw that his eighth grade students were losing interest in the geometry lesson, he put away the textbooks. “Here’s a problem for you,” he said. “Skateboarder Jan does 12 shuvits in a row and skateboarder Stan does 3 cabs. What is the difference in the number of degrees the two have turned?”

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**TUESDAY WEEK 11 LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

**1.** Where might a skateboarder find a **contusion**?
   ○ on a leash  ○ in the refrigerator
   ○ on a pizza  ○ on his elbow
   ○ in his bank account  ○ under a rock

**2.** Circle the correct word.
   Gina plans to become a professional skateboarder when she finishes **collage, college**.

**3.** Which example contains an **essential clause**?
   a. We interviewed the skater that was wearing the orange hat.
   b. The skateboard, which was lost yesterday, was worth $500.

**4.** Write two phrases about skateboard tricks that will create a visual image.

**5.** Read the encyclopedia entry. Tell one way in which wakeboarding is similar to skateboarding and one way it is different.
   Wakeboarding is a waterbased version of skateboarding. The board is narrower than a skateboard and, unlike the skateboard, has mountings that hold the feet. A rider is towed behind a boat, riding sideways on the board. Wakeboarders do tricks that are similar to skateboard tricks. They jump off or over obstacles and leap, twist, and spin in the air. The sport is steadily increasing in popularity.
WEDNESDAY  WEEK 11  _____________________________  LANGUAGE  PRACTICE  

Name

1. Explain the meaning of the sentence.
The new skateboard idea did not work well, so the designers had to go back to square one.

2. Identify the direct object in the sentence.
I'd give up my whole allowance to ride your skateboard for an hour.
a. allowance  b. skateboard  c. hour

3. Correct the spelling of each word.
acrabatic  thurough  dynomite
eleet  trackshun  simultanously

4. Which examples are similes?
○ Joe’s a streak of lightning on that board.
○ Riding a skateboard is as thrilling as Christmas.
○ The skateboarders look like shooting fireworks.

5. What is the main idea of this passage?
All skateboards have essentially the same components. The platform on which the boarder stands (the deck) is made of wood, fiberglass, or plastic. The board has a tip (front) and a tail (back). The sides are called rails. A set of trucks (axles) is attached to the bottom, one near the front and one near the back. Two sets of wheels are mounted to each truck.

THURSDAY  WEEK 11  ________________________________  LANGUAGE  PRACTICE  

Name

1. Add correct punctuation.
Though there are many theories on the subject no one is certain about the origins of skateboarding

2. Circle the indirect object.
Susie’s dad gave her wakeboard lessons for her birthday.

3. Which word does not belong?
○ defiance   ○ bedlam
○ chaos      ○ turbulence

4. Lisa is at the library. She wants to find a book that will describe different extreme sports. Which kind of search should she do in the library catalog?
○ subject  ○ title  ○ author

5. Identify the bias in the selection.
Then write a conclusion for the essay.
City Council Members, open your minds and lengthen your sights. Your hasty dismissal of the proposed skateboard park says, “We’re not listening” to the voters who gave you your jobs.

Town surveys show that 80 percent of voters want boarders of all ages to have a safe, confined place to practice their sport. A designated skating area will keep skateboarders off city streets and sidewalks, set rules and limits, and encourage a healthy activity for the city’s youth.
Read

1. What is the purpose of this selection?
2. What is the intended audience?
3. Which is probably the most common (frequent) kind of skateboard injury?
4. What part of the body is injured by a snakebite?
5. Is a runout a mishap, a wipeout, or a narrow escape?

Skateboard Mishaps, Wipeouts, and Narrow Escapes

Road Rash: This is the name for the scrapes, cuts, scratches, and other abrasions that result from falls. You are most likely to get road rash on your arms, elbows, knees, and back.

Snakebite: A snakebite is the injury you get when the skateboard rolls into your ankle. This can be mild or serious, depending on how hard the board hits you.

Credit Card: This one hurts. When the skateboard flips the wrong way and smacks you on your bottom, you have been credit carded.

Runout: If you get started on a trick, and you know you’re going to fail, sometimes you can run out of the trick and escape the fall. If you are going very fast, you might not be able to run out of it.

Battle Roll: This maneuver will reduce injuries to your shoulder when you fall. If you are thrown forward, instead of taking the impact on the shoulder entirely, tuck and roll right back up onto your feet.

Write

A couplet is a set of two lines that rhyme.

1. Finish each of these couplets.

What a sight when head meets snow!

___________________________

What a thrill to watch her go!

___________________________

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The skater jumps, the skater spins,

___________________________

“Sure, it’s safe!” claimed boarder Peg

___________________________

He left the ground; he caught some air!

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MONDAY  WEEK 12  LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. Circle the silent letters.
   rhubarb  wrinkle  hymn
   wedge    muscle   heiress

2. Which sentences show correct usage?
   a. She and he are expert parachutists.
   b. Did Matt and her find parachutes?
   c. Who took the picture of the girls and I?
   d. Lessons cost my parents and me $100.

3. Circle suffixes that mean one who.
   adulthood  jumper  parachutist
   sailor     resident piracy

4. Which piece of writing would be in narrative mode?
   o step-by-step account of your first sky dive
   o essay about the thrills of hot air ballooning
   o poster advertising hang gliding lessons

5. Draw a conclusion about how Susan is feeling about her upcoming jump.
   Susan recently started taking skydiving lessons. She has been reading, studying, and watching videos to prepare for her first jump. Today at school, her friend Dana notices that Susan is very distracted and fidgety. Dana is surprised to see that Susan has become a nail-biter all of a sudden. She is not so surprised, then, to learn that Susan will do her first jump this afternoon.

TUESDAY  WEEK 12  LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. Add correct capitalization and punctuation to this title of a magazine article.
   the youngest balloonist crosses the continent

2. Underline the prepositional phrase(s).
   Circle the preposition(s).
   On November 1–12, 2003, Jay Stokes made 534 jumps with a parachute.

3. What is the denotation of tourniquet?

4. Which is the best key word to use in an encyclopedia search on the topic of the history of hot air ballooning?
   o history  o sports
   o hot air   o ballooning

5. Edit the passage for punctuation, capitalization, spelling, and grammar.
   High Wire Walkers entertained Circis crowds for years sometimes the best performers would walk, without a net below the wire. now many has taken the Act outside the Circis tent. Jay cochrane holds the World record for the hiest and longest high wire act he crosst the qutang gorge in china, 1350 Feet above the yangtze river.
1. Write the plural form of each of these.
   scissors valley bridesmaid
country horsefly great-aunt

2. Jay Cochrane is an expert high-wire performer. Is he a neophyte in his sport?

3. What does the ellipsis in this sentence tell the reader?
The instructor had told her, “You should have known . . . I’ve told you not to practice alone.”

4. What stereotype is reflected in this passage?
Anyone with any sense would not choose to bungee jump. I know for sure that all bungee jumpers have a death wish. Otherwise, they would never try the sport.

5. Circle two opinions in the passage. Underline one fact.
   More than 20 years ago, skydivers began jumping with a surfboard. They did this because they discovered they could get more time in the air if they were lying on a flat surface. Many new tricks have evolved over the years as sky surfers have pushed the limits of their sport. A sky surfer can travel at speeds of up to 120 mph. It is the most thrilling of all variations of skydiving, and it is only attempted by the most daring of people. Of course, only expert skydivers should try this sport.

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1. Write the past tense of each verb.
   plunge take
   surf use
   fly hurry
   am bring

2. Maxie’s mom stopped her from taking skydiving lessons. Did this stymie or stump Maxie’s progress at learning the sport?

3. Add -ance or -ence to each word. Spell the new word correctly.
   ○ attend ○ insure ○ rely
   ○ occur ○ accept ○ absent

4. Which reference source would you use to find the current population of Portugal?
   ○ dictionary ○ almanac ○ thesaurus

5. Write a topic sentence for the article.
   Eleven-year old Victoria Van Meter crossed the North American continent. She did all of the flying and instrument reading during the flight from Maine to California. The 4,640 kilometer flight lasted three days. Victoria is several years younger than the previous person holding the record of the youngest female to fly alone across the continent.
**Read**

1. What genre (type) of writing is this?
2. What feat is described after the bungee jump with a barbecue grill?
3. Circle two examples of hyperbole.
4. Draw a line under a simile.
5. Draw a box around three examples of active verbs.

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**The Amazing Stretching Mr. McCoy**

Stretch McCoy is the greatest bungee jumper alive. He has defied death thousands of times. People say that his legs are actually rubber bands. They are so stretchy that he doesn't need the usual bungee cord. Once, he leapt from the top of Mr. Everest, dropping all the way to the base of the mountain where he scooped up a can of snow, mixed it with cola, and guzzled it down before being snapped back up to the mountain top. Another time, Stretch jumped from a bridge in the Amazon. He hurtled straight down into the mouth of a crocodile. He bounced up and down five times, in and out of the croc's jaws. On the last trip down, he wrestled the crocodile in a move as swift as a sneeze and left it exhausted on the riverbank.

Stretch has been known to bungee jump while hula hooping, while barbequing a steak, and while playing a piano. It's amazing how he can carry that hoop, or grill, or piano right along with him. You can guess how strong he is. He is so strong that . . . well now, that's another story, isn't it?

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**Write**

Give your personal response to the passage above. Your response might answer questions such as these:

- What did you like best?
- What techniques did the author use that made the writing effective?
- What surprised (or shocked, or disappointed, or amused) you?
- What do you think of the ending?
- What words or phrases were interesting?
- What would you like to say to the author?
- What do you think about the character?
1. What kind of sentence?
   The number of bacteria in each quart of
   backyard soil is 30 times the world's population.
   ○ interrogative  ○ imperative  ○ declarative

2. Add correct capitalization and punctuation
   to the sentence.
   why are you digging holes in your back
   yard george asked his neighbor

3. The main meaning or idea of a written
   selection is its
   ○ mood  ○ setting  ○ bias  ○ theme

4. Circle the homonyms that
   were used incorrectly.

5. Make a prediction about something
   related to the duke’s party.
   It rained for three weeks. The duke
   was so worried that the rain would
   spoil his garden party. When the rain
   stopped the morning of the event, he
   was greatly relieved. There was
   enough sun so that the blades of
   grass were no longer wet. Servants
   hauled eight heavy tables and 40
   chairs, and put them out on the lawn.
   When all the dishes were set out, they
   went inside to spend the last few
   hours preparing food.

1. Circle the correct spelling for each word.
   terrane terriane terrain terraine
   disguise disgeyse disguies disguise

2. Which verb is intransitive?
   The yard looked too big to mow
   in one day.

3. Why would these be classified together?
   vitality revival vibrant
   vitamin viable vivacious

4. Cross out unnecessary words in the sentence.
   I think that it is never not a good
   idea to mow the lawn in bare feet,
   in my opinion.

5. About how long are the hedges on the
   south side of the yard? (1 cm = 10 ft.)
WEDNESDAY WEEK 13 _________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Name

1. Which examples show correct noun-verb agreement?
   a. Several brands of squirrel-proof birdseed is on the market.
   b. Pepper coating on the seeds deter squirrels.
   c. Squirrels don’t like the heat of the pepper.

2. What is the purpose of the written selection in 5?

3. Which pairs of words are synonyms?
   upbraid – rebuke query – emulate
   callow – mature brusque – abrupt

4. Circle the correctly spelled words.
   foreign height deceive shriek

5. Number the poem’s lines to put them in correct sequence.
   _____ This thing isn’t a bird!
   _____ A birdwatcher, Bertie McBain
   _____ It’s a miniature flying plane!”
   _____ He exclaimed, “Oh my word!
   _____ Tracked a bird from Ohio to Maine

THURSDAY WEEK 13 _________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Name

1. Put these words in alphabetical order.
   ___ lawn ___ lantern ___ lawless
   ___ laryngitis ___ land ___ landscape

2. Correct the sentences.
   Hardly no one has squirrels in their garden.
   No chipmunks live there neither.

3. Could brawn be an advantageous characteristic for a landscaper?

4. Circle any misspelled words. Give the correct spelling.
   The word squirel comes from two Greke words which mean large butshy trail.
   Squirrel, like other rodents, have teeth which are purfect for nawing and grinding seeds or nuts.

5. Revise the sentences for clarity.
   a. While eating my lunch, a squirrel hopped up on the railing and chattered at me.
   b. We were surprised after the barbeque by the squirrels.
   c. A storm came up suddenly mowing the lawn.
   d. When I came out the back door, I saw a chipmunk eating something out of the orange girl's backpack.
Read

1. Read the descriptions of the folks who attended the duke’s backyard garden party.
2. Circle a phrase in each example that represents an effective use of words.
3. Give a brief response to each character, telling why you would or would not want to meet the person.
4. Draw a picture of your favorite character.

Count Pompous is strutting about the great yard with a frilly hat and silver-toed, high-heeled boots. He will probably keep his nose in the air the entire evening.

Lady Columbine brashly shows off her beauty and grace. She just knows that you’re gazing at her, and have eyes for no one else. But if you are not a young, handsome, and wealthy prince, she won’t waste her time on you.

Little Prince Mischief is so small that the guests hardly notice him. He lurks under tables and behind curtains, eavesdropping and spying. Occasionally, he slips a gooey cream puff inside a lady’s shawl or tucks a crudité into a tall hairdo.

Judge d’Éclair is a terribly important man. He hovers close to the plentiful food displays at these lavish parties. Oh, how he loves to eat! If you stop to chat with him, do bring along a pastry or two.

Countess Dainty dances blithely across the lawn. She needs no partner. I swear she floats just above the surface with her light step. Everything about her seems silky soft, sweet, and sincere. Is she for real?

Look quickly! There’s Dowager La-de-da! How honored you should be to come into the presence of this rich grand dame. Be sure you say nothing rowdy or risqué in her presence. She has no time for foolishness.

Write

Think of a character that would make an interesting addition to the backyard party. (It can be someone you know, someone you don’t know, or even a fictitious character.) Write a short character sketch to add to the group of sketches above. Describe your character in such a way that other people would like to meet him or her.
MONDAY WEEK 14 _____________________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Name

1. What literary device is used?
   Sweet, slow drops of purple juice dripped from the corners of his mouth and flowed in little blueberry rivers down to his chin.
   ○ alliteration ○ consonance ○ imagery

2. Write the plural form of each noun.
   tortilla  sundae  soufflé  cheese

3. Which shows correct usage?
   a. Let me alone to eat my dessert.
   b. Will you leave me do this by myself?
   c. Don’t you wish they’d let us alone?

4. What is the main idea of the advertisement?

      WANTED: Live-in cook to prepare five hearty meals a day for local gourmand.
      Must be trained and bring recipes for rich foods.
      email: leat@food.net

TUESDAY WEEK 14 _____________________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Name

1. Put the correct punctuation in the blank.
   The average person will eat about 60,000 pounds of food in a lifetime___ that’s the weight of 30 school buses.

2. What is the meaning of the root of these words:
   graduate and gradual?

3. Count the common and proper nouns.
   A Frenchman named Michel Lotito has perhaps the strangest diet in the world. He eats two pounds of metal a day.
   common _________  proper _________

4. Would the word nourish be found on a dictionary page with the guide words notch and nougat?
   ○ yes ○ no

5. Write an antonym for each of these comments made about a buffet dinner.

   Preposterous!  Gigantic!
   Extravagant!  Fetid!
   Superfluous!
   Colossal!

   5. Summarize this passage.
   Patrick Cunnade of England set a world record for doughnut-eating when he ate twenty 4-ounce doughnuts in six minutes. Others have eaten record-winning amounts of this delicious pastry, too. An American ate forty-five 5½-ounce doughnuts in 17½ minutes, and a fellow countryman ate twenty-two 1½-ounce doughnuts in 1½ minutes.

   Doughnuts, beware!
1. Add the ending to each word. Spell the new word correctly.
   - pay + able = carry + ing =
   - pray + ed = fancy + ful =

2. Name the underlined clause.
   - That Joe could eat 20 doughnuts in a minute worried his mom.
     ○ noun clause ○ verb clause ○ adverbial clause

3. A recipe for a salami mousse would most likely be written in which mode?
   ○ descriptive ○ expository
   ○ narrative ○ personal-expressive

4. Write the meaning of the underlined word.
   - When the main course arrived, it was so malodor ous that the princess gasped, covered her nose with her napkin, and ran away.

5. Follow the directions.
   - a. Get a sheet of 8½ x 11" paper.
   - b. Draw a cone in the bottom third of the paper.
   - c. Draw and color a scoop of strawberry ice cream on top of the cone.
   - d. Draw 2 scoops of orange sherbet on top of the strawberry scoop.
   - e. Put 4 more scoops on the cone.
     Make every other one chocolate.
   - f. Draw a cherry on the top of the cone.

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1. What reference source is a listing of synonyms for many words?

2. Add apostrophes where needed.
   - Its a good idea to limit the childrens intake of doughnuts in the morning, isnt it?

3. Finish the analogy.
   - gourmand : eating
     as detective : ____________________________

4. Find the phrases in the sentences.
   - Eating pizza is a favorite American pastime.
   - Americans eat over 75 acres of pizza in a day.
     gerund phrase ____________________________
     prepositional phrases ______________________

5. Write a beginning for this passage
   - Take A Bite of The Largest Cake
     ______________________________________
   - This record-breaking cake is a birthday cake. It took 20 bakers over 700 hours to bake the cake and 14 more hours to put it together. With the 34,000 pounds of icing, it weighs 130,000 pounds. So, step right up and have your share of the 23 million calories! By the way, does anyone know whose birthday it is?
Read

1. How many desserts are less expensive than the custard?

2. How much would a customer pay for six doughnuts, a mousse, a piece of pie, and a cappuccino?

3. Which menu item appeals to you most? Why?

Write

Write a phrase to describe each menu item. Try to include phrases that show appeal to all five senses.

Souffle _______________________________ Eclair _______________________________
Trifle _______________________________ Mousse _______________________________ 
Fluffs _______________________________ Custard _______________________________ 
Pot-Au-Creme ________________________ Turnover ____________________________ 
Cream Puffs _________________________ Flan _________________________________ 
Pie _________________________________ Napoleon ___________________________ 
Cake _______________________________ Cappuccino _________________________
MONDAY WEEK 15 ________________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Name

1. Write a possessive phrase that means
   a. the tricks of a clown _______________________
   b. the trick of a clown _______________________
   c. the trick of three clowns _________________
   d. the tricks of three clowns _______________

2. Add correct punctuation and capitalization.
   
   When the lion tamer hollered look out
   sam was so startled that he dropped
   his fire sticks

3. In the sentence above, Sam the fire-eater dropped his fire sticks. What caused this?

4. The trapeze act is just about to begin. Is the act imminent or eminent?

5. Which examples contain puns?
   a. That clown is as cool as an ice cube.
   b. It’s high time for the tightrope walking act to begin.
   c. Pass the popcorn and pepper, please.
   d. My stomach is asking for more pizza.
   e. Is it true that the lion-tamer’s name is Ibenin Jaw?
   f. That trapeze artist stretches like a rubber band.
   g. The contortionist can’t make it to the show today. She’s all tied up.
   h. I hear the elephant trainer packed his trunk and left the circus.

TUESDAY WEEK 15 ________________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Name

1. Correct the misspelled words.
   exaggerate difference immediately
   manageable outrageous irregular

2. Circle the independent clause.
   A circus train has several kinds of cars, some specially designed to hold animals.

3. What is the connotation of lavish?

4. Which information would not be found in an encyclopedia?
   ○ facts about elephants
   ○ the history of circuses
   ○ climate in Asia
   ○ today’s weather in Africa

5. Write three questions you would ask the dentist who performed the dental work on Spike.

The largest dental caps ever made were for a patient named Spike (an Asian elephant). The 19-inch long steel caps were designed to repair Spike’s cracked tusks. The surgery to repair the tusks took 3½ hours.
5. Write a short summary of the passage.

Visitors to the 1952 Bertram Mills Circus in London saw an amazing and unique performance. It was during this circus tour that Randy Horn (UK) became the first person to throw six cups and saucers with his feet, catch them on his head, and add a teaspoon of sugar—all while riding a unicycle.
Read

1. How long after the first circus in America did the Greatest Show on Earth begin?
2. How many years passed between the first circus parade and the discontinuation of the Ringling Brothers-Barnum & Bailey parades?
3. Jumbo the Elephant was killed by a freight train three years after she came to New York City. What year was that?
4. How many years ago was cotton candy invented?
5. Give the names of two famous animal circus performers.

Circus History Time Line

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<td>R.Bros - B&amp;B discontinue circus parades</td>
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<td>Gargantua the Gorilla joins circus tour</td>
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Write

Choose a job in a circus that you would like to try. (This can be an imaginary situation.) Write a business letter to a fictitious circus applying for a job. In the letter, present a good argument as to why you are qualified for the job. Create an address for the letter.

Possible jobs:
- ringmaster
- elephant trainer
- clown
- lion tamer
- trapeze artist
- high wire performer
- acrobat
- trainmaster
- animal feeder
- fire-eater
- costume designer
MONDAY  WEEK 16 _____________________________________  LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. The point in a story plot where the conflict is solved is the
   ○ climax       ○ mood
   ○ resolution   ○ exposition

2. Circle the subject of the sentence.
   Did you know that humans spend a third of their lives sleeping?

3. Add correct punctuation and capitalization to this opening and closing of a business letter to a dentist:
   dear dr drill
   yours truly

4. Give a synonym and an antonym for the word arduous.
   synonym _________________________________
   antonym _________________________________

5. What is the main idea of the notice?
   NOTICE:
   To All Gym Members
   Due to the increased costs of utilities, we can no longer supply towels free of charge.
   New Fees For Towels
   One-Day Use - $1
   Week Use - $5
   Unlimited Use - $45/yr

TUESDAY  WEEK 16 _____________________________________  LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. Use your dictionary to help answer the question:
   Should you hire a wraith to be your personal trainer at the gym?

2. Tell the part of speech for each bold word in the sentence.
   Strangely enough, the strongest muscle in the human body is the tongue.

3. What is the meaning of impeccable?
   a. indelible    c. immature
   b. hostile      d. inedible

4. Correct the misspelled words.
   mosquito   echoe   canoe   altoe
   tornadoe   banjo   cello   oleo

5. Add a title and a topic sentence to the article.
   __________________________________
   __________________________________
   This amazing feat took place in Los Angeles in 1998. The Chinese man lifted a column of bricks that was suspended from a chain attached to his ear. The bricks weighed 110 pounds, making Li Jian Hua the new record-holder in this strange sport.
1. Put commas in the correct places.
   
   On September 30 2001 a team of body builders in Kenosha Wisconsin pulled a 36620-pound truck over three miles setting a world record.

2. Are there any linking verbs in the sentence?
   They may look easy when I do them, but one-arm pushups are really hard.

3. What is the meaning of the sentence?
   Those pushups you did don’t amount to a hill of beans.

4. An advertisement for a new brand of barbells is an example of
   ○ expository writing  ○ persuasive writing
   ○ narrative writing   ○ imaginative writing

5. Number the sentences to arrange them in a sensible sequence.
   ___ Then he put the car on his head.
   ___ He balanced it for 33 seconds to set a record.
   ___ He set another record in 2001.
   ___ In 1999, John Evans took the engine out of a mini car.
   ___ This time, John stacked 96 milk crates on his head and balanced them.
   ___ This reduced the car’s weight to 352 pounds.

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5. Write a homonym for each word.
   lone miner naval
   packed taught side

2. Does the pronoun in this sentence agree with its antecedent?
   Isn’t she the weightlifter that set a new world record?

3. In which section of the Dewey Decimal system will you find biographies?
   ____________________________

4. Write the present tense of each verb.
   hid ____________ chose ____________
   lay ____________ rung ____________
   threw ____________ rose ____________

5. Edit this selection for capitalization, punctuation, and usage.
   
   Some people such as Fuatai Solo climbs coconut trees for fun when he broke the tree climbing record in Sukuna park Fiji. Fuatai was so excited that he climbed the tree a second time this time as he climbed he held the prize money in their teeth.
Read

1. Who sponsored the chin-up competition?

2. Make an inference about why Uma Glass was able to beat Susie Fisher.

3. At what point in the race did Uma pass Susie?

4. What interrupted Lester during his event?

5. How long was the distance of Uma’s race?

6. Compare the information in the two captions and their pictures. Draw a conclusion about a similarity in the two situations.

Write

Write the missing captions. Use your imagination to decide what is happening, then write an explanation to inform the readers.
MONDAY  WEEK 17 _____________________________________  LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. Edit the sentence for correct punctuation.
   The smallest muscles length, is five hundredths, of an inch long.

2. Classify the sentence.
   Motor neurons are the longest cells in the human body it's amazing to learn that they can be over four feet long.
   ○ a fragment ○ run-on ○ complete

3. Ninety-nine percent of J.J.’s body is covered with tattoos. Would it be accurate to say that his tattoos are ubiquitous?

4. Each year for the last ten years, Julianna has added one more tattoo to her body than in the previous year. In 1998, she got seven new tattoos. Predict the number she’ll add in 2006.

5. Which sentences contain metaphors?
   a. My toaster plays a game of hide-and-seek with my toast.
   b. Her eyes were purple velvet pools.
   c. Muscleman Matt mashes melons many Mondays.
   d. Life is a gift waiting to be opened.
   e. The doctor’s words were unsolvable puzzles.
   f. Your desk is a small version of the Bermuda Triangle; things go into it and are never seen again.

TUESDAY  WEEK 17 _____________________________________  LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. Circle the interrogative pronouns.
   who       all       most
   whom      what      this
   which     several   their

2. Rewrite the sentence with an active verb.
   Al’s leg bone was cracked by the fall.

3. Circle two words that could serve as guide words on a dictionary page for the word gallbladder.
   ○ gallery — gait ○ gag — galavant
   ○ galleon — gale ○ gaff — gambit

4. Write the contractions.
   should + have = ____________________________
   they + are = _____________________________
   will + not = _____________________________
   it + would = _____________________________

5. Play this game with compound words. In each box, write a word that finishes a compound for the previous word and begins a compound for the word to follow.

A. board  ___________ way
B. show  ___________ stairs
C. over  ___________ ache
D. foot  ___________ game
E. blue  ___________ bleed
F. green  ___________ boat
how i endured 970 surgeries
and lived to tell about them

2. What can you infer about the person who wrote the book in problem 1?

3. Which is not an antonym for churlish?
- sullen
- amiable
- irascible
- grumpy

4. Circle the participial phrase. Draw a box around the preposition.
A doctor measuring sneezes found mine to be faster than 100 miles per hour.

5. Identify the rhyming pattern in the poem. (Use letters such as a, b, c, d, etc. to describe the pattern.)
I’ve got a new replacement part
Besides my kidney, lung, and heart.
This set of teeth was almost free.
(I paid ten thousand for the knee.)
My hips are new, too - don’t you see
It’s hard to tell I’m even me?

I guess I’d better bone up on my anatomy.

1. Correct the usage mistake.
Several scientists says that the femur is the longest bone in the human body.

2. Add correct capitalization and punctuation.
at age 111 James Henry Brett Jr
had a successful hip transplant making him the oldest person on record to endure a surgery this took place on November 7 1960.

3. Finish the analogy:
physician : cardiologist
as scientist :
chemistry physicist science medicine

4. What key word or phrase would be best for an encyclopedia search on the human body’s protections against disease?
FRIDAY WEEK 17

LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Read

1. What literary technique serves as the basis for this essay?
2. What does the author do well?
3. What part of the essay is most catchy, funny, or interesting to you?
4. Circle a phrase or sentence that has a strong sensory appeal.

Headaches

I am glad to be a headache. A headache never has a problem finding a home. A toothache has to wait for a holey moler. Imagine how confining it is to be a toothache traped inside a bicuspid! An earache has to wait for a cold day to chase down hatless children. Even if an earache is lucky enuf to catch an ear he still has cramped quarters to live in.

Neither has as much room as I have. I dont have too put up with either bad breath or sticky wax. I can find a home in any head that has a problem and most people have plenty of problems! Would you beleive that I have lived in some of the best heads in the world. I have known movie stars presetints and queens and profesional athlaletes personally. I have met more people than any other acke I kno but the person I wish I hadn’t never met is the person whom invented asprrin.
**MONDAY WEEK 18 LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

**Name**

1. Add correct punctuation.
   
   Isnt the largest shopping mall in the world the one in Edmonton Alberta Canada

2. Choose the correct literary device.
   
   Your expensive new high-density TV is as tall as a skyscraper.
   □ personification □ alliteration □ hyperbole □ an idiom

3. Choose the meaning of the underlined word.
   
   Andy has a proclivity for shopping.
   □ large budget □ deep spite □ aversion □ natural tendency

4. Write the plural form of each noun.
   
   mouse ox
   antelope studio
   chief father-in-law

**TUESDAY WEEK 18 LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

**Name**

1. A collection of maps bound in a book form is a(n)

2. Correct the spelling of these words.
   
   rythm anser casle
   lafter lama ziper

3. Choose the most precise word to complete the sentence.
   
   We were privileged to view the world’s most expensive diamond in the world. The gem was so ______ that it took my breath away.
   □ nice □ exquisite □ fine □ pretty

4. Circle suffixes meaning pertaining to.
   
   artistic clarify rivalry magical

5. Identify each phrase (I for infinitive; G for gerund, PR for preposition, and PA for participial)

   a. We wandered all day inside the biggest shopping mall.
   b. Marathon shopping is his favorite sport.
   c. We heard about three shoppers fighting over a TV.
   d. Getting the best bargain is important to Juan.
   e. She lives to shop.
**WEDNESDAY WEEK 18 _____________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

1. Circle the correct word for the sentence.
   The chairman of the Chelsea Football Club paid $29,884 for a slice of turf from London’s Wembley Stadium. This was the (site, sight) of the 1966 world cup final.

2. Choose the correct word.
   (Who’s, Whose) shopping bag is this one with the diamonds?

3. Correct the misspelled words.
   contagious courteous glamorous malishus genius anonymous

4. Which literary technique is used here?
   Merchants love the jingling of coins and the swish, swish of credit cards swiping through their machines.

5. Label each statement as fact (F) or opinion (O).
   ____ A. A person should spend no more than 20 percent of his income on rent.
   ____ B. The most expensive comic book sold cost $350,000.
   ____ C. Abe Lincoln was the writer of the highest-priced letter ever sold.
   ____ D. Joe Pytka paid too much to buy the most valuable edible fungus.
   ____ E. Antique clocks are more valuable than new clocks.

**THURSDAY WEEK 18 _____________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

1. Add correct capitalization.
   Garth’s gold specialties company made a gold mousetrap for Dr. Rodenz’s wife.

2. Circle the pairs of words that are synonyms.
   plethora – scarcity veritable – true acrimony – bitterness timorous – shy

3. Circle the participle in the sentence.
   Exhausted shoppers headed home early.

4. Edit for capitalization.
   Who would pay $350 for a yo-yo?
   In 1998, Thousands of people paid this much for the gold fusion yo-yo. It won the coveted toy craze of the year award.

5. Are these fiction books organized in the correct manner to be found on a library shelf?
Read

1. Give a good title to each selection.

2. Compare the two selections by describing each of these features for #1 and #2:
   - Point of View
   - Theme
   - Mood
   - Literary Techniques

Shopping Tale #1

A simple shopping trip for a birthday present turned into a colossal fiasco. Jojo took his little brother Scott along to find the perfect yo-yo for sister Allie. They had a plan to search three different toy stores and game stores. Oh, they made it to all three, all right. But they didn’t last long in any of those stores.

At “Toys For Kids,” Scott squealed with delight at the tiny action figures and the real swimming pool. All the action figures in the entire store are now in the bottom of the pool. The brothers were asked to leave. The manager at “Toys Galore” is still boiling over the missing hair on all the dolls. However, she’s in far better shape than Gretta, the manager at “Games, Etcetera.” Gretta is still tied to the video game machine with yo-yo string.

Word spread quickly among stores. No toy store or game store would admit the two brothers. Now Jojo and Scott are home in their bedroom, frantically cleaning up some of Jojo’s old yo-yos to wrap up for Allie.

Shopping Tale #2

Don’t ever take your little brother shopping! Believe me, you will be sorry. A little brother in a toy store is like a cyclone on the loose, a runaway train, or an underfed orangutan. No toy, human, animal, or display is safe. He can turn any establishment into an environmental hazard faster than you can sneeze. You may think your little brother is a darling, but don’t be fooled. Just walk in the door of any store, any store at all. Things will break; things will fall; people will scream; store managers will call their security guards. Be warned! Be warned!

Write

Write a summary of both selections.

#1

#2
1. Circle the conjunction.
   Lou had the winning score even though he made some mistakes in two dives.

2. Cross out the word that does not belong.
   submerge insensitive championship
   extract cooperate mistake
   antitrust descend semicircle

3. Which literary technique is used here?
   Cute Katie can’t kick her chronic hiccups.
   ○ A. consonance ○ C. pun
   ○ B. assonance ○ D. satire

4. Which examples show incorrect hyphen use?
   ○ twenty-three ○ well-groomed ○ over-whelming
   ○ foot-print ○ all-knowing ○ U-turn
   ○ one-half ○ all-together ○ forget-me-not

5. What is the main idea of the passage?
The first Water Polo World Championships were held in 1973, when they were added to the World Swimming Championships. Since then, only four countries have won the title twice. These countries are Yugoslavia, the Soviet Union, Italy, and Spain.

TUESDAY WEEK 19 LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. Does the sentence show correct usage?
   Do not say nothing about the diver’s funny cap.

2. Circle the correctly spelled words.
   raspberries babboon negligence
   eventually exuusted hopeless

3. The missing words look alike but do not sound alike. What are the words?
   At the last ____________, the judges made a __________ adjustment in the swimmer’s score.

4. Put these words in alphabetical order.
   ____ swimmer ____ swam ____ sword
   ____ sweetheart ____ swatch ____ swallow

5. At this point in the race, how many swimmers are ahead of the swimmer in lane four?
WEDNESDAY  WEEK 19  LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. Finish the analogy.
   lifeguard : _________ :: attorney : defend
   _______________________________________

2. Circle the **transitive verb(s)**. Draw a box around the **intransitive verb(s)**.
   George did so well that the judges gave him the highest marks for his dives. He wore the medal proudly.

3. Greg Louganis (US) won five world titles in diving and four Olympic gold medals. Is it logical to infer that Greg won almost every diving competition in which he participated?

4. Change this sentence into a sentence with a direct quotation.
   After practicing for their ocean swim competition, Joe asked Max if he had ever heard a whale wail.

5. Which selections would be examples of imaginative writing?
   a. a list of winners in diving events
   b. a tall tale about a swimmer with the ability to hold her breath for several hours at a time
   c. a diary entry describing a swimmer’s day
   d. an essay explaining how to do the butterfly stroke

THURSDAY  WEEK 19  LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. What is the meaning of the underlined word?
   After a sloppy performance, Cynthia’s coach harangued her for an hour, recounting all the mistakes made in her dives.

2. Correct any misspelled words.
   leutenant ______________________________
   decieved _______________________________
   counterfiet ______________________________
   neighborly ______________________________

3. Circle the appositive in the sentence.
   The Italian Water Polo Team, winner of the 1978 World Championships, won the title in 1994.

4. What is the topic sentence in question 5?

5. Could the information in the passage lead to the conclusion that the swimmer covered an average of about 70 miles a day?

A Long Swim
The farthest distance anyone has swum at one time is 2,560 miles. This record, verified in the *Guinness Book of World Records*, was set in 2001.
Martin Strel of Slovenia swam the length of the Mississippi River from its source to its mouth in the Gulf of Mexico. This swim took 68 days.
Read

1. How many of the first ten channel swimmers were not from the UK?
2. What is the difference between the fastest and slowest times?
3. During what four-year span did seven out of the ten make their swims?
4. American Florence Chadwick was the first woman to swim the channel from England to France. She did this on September 11, 1951. How much later was this than the first female channel swimmer (G. Ederle)?
5. Make a generalization about which months are the best months for swimming the channel.
6. Make a generalization about the difficulty of swimming in the two different directions.
7. What is the mood of the diary entry below?

Write

What would you like to say to the author of this diary page? Write a few comments to her. Also, give Jana some suggestions for revisions in sentence structure and variety.

Comments:

August 28

Journal Entry #13

Today was the 13th day of my swim. It was a hard day. The water is cold and polluted. The water is sticky with oil and other gunky substances. The wind was blowing towards me so hard. I had to fight the currents all the way. I had a tear in my wet suit and the water seeped in and spoiled me down.

There were hardly any people along the riverbanks today cheering me on as there usually are and, along with the choppy water, that made me discouraged. Two weeks ago, everyone was so excited about my plan to swim the whole Mississippi River. Now, everyone seems to have forgotten all about me done out here on the river.
1. Insert correct punctuation.

We ate appetizers salads and pasta then fish rice and vegetables and finally cake pie and ice cream.

2. The sentence below is
   a. simple  
   b. complex  
   c. compound  
   d. compound-complex

When Val was a little girl, she fell into the goldfish pond at the May Day party.

3. Is **benign** an antonym for **macabre**?

4. A lady tells a story about events at the World’s Largest Maple Syrup Festival. She narrates the story as an outside observer. The point of view is
   a. first person  
   b. second person  
   c. third person

TUESDAY  WEEK 20  ______________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. Does the pronoun agree with its antecedent?

   Each of the clowns at the event enjoy the cream puffs.

2. What is the meaning of **fete**?

   Someone held a lavish fete at the country club.

3. Correct any misspelled words.

   chaos  frawd  pauper
   eloquent  beerd  lepard

4. Edit the punctuation and capitalization.

   cuban dancers thrilled the Spectators at the World’s largest dance festival over 4000 dancers entertained for ten days at the festival in canta catarina brazil

5. A dictionary lists these meanings for a word. What is the word?

   1. A social gathering for pleasure or amusement n.
   2. A group of persons gathered together for an activity n.
   3. A political group n.
   4. To celebrate v.
1. Add correct capitalization.

   my favorite days of the year are the fourth of july, halloween, valentine’s day, any saturday, and any day in july.

2. Circle the correct word for the sentence.

   I’m (confident, confidant) that Julianna’s party will be a smashing success.

3. What is the case of the underlined word, nominative or objective?

   Right after the fireworks, the orchestra started playing classical music.

4. What is the meaning of this sentence?

   You must try eating a whole garlic at the World Garlic Festival. So you don’t like garlic?—just bite the bullet and eat it!

5. What is the main idea of the passage?

   “Did your snail win the race at the Snail Festival?” Henry asked Amy.
   “Oh!” answered Amy, “It was a disaster!” She continued, “Sammy practiced that race 100 times, but . . .
   “But, what?” Henry prodded. Reluctantly, Amy told the story. “When the bell rang, he turned and crawled in every direction but the right one.” She finished, “Finally, he headed toward the center of the ring. But by then, the race was over.”

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1. Everyone praised the dancers’ performance. Were they complemented or complimented?

2. Write the plural of each noun.

   radio ______________________________
   donkey _____________________________
   buzz ______________________________
   charity ______________________________

3. Circle the misplaced modifier.

   On the morning of the Frog Legs Festival, Erin went into her backyard and found an escaped frog still in her pajamas.

4. Write a memorable ending for a tale about a monkey buffet prepared for 2,000 monkeys.

   Prizewinning Chef R. Ibbet shocked the audience at the Frog Leg Festival cook-off yesterday. He refused to cook any frog legs. Instead, he gave freedom to all the frogs in his care.
**Read**

1. What does the Chinese Dragon symbolize?
2. How long does the Chinese New Year last?
3. What is the meaning of the word *revered* in the last sentence?
4. What does the passage say that would help you answer this question: Is the Chinese Dragon a creature that actually existed in history?
5. Make an inference about what the Chinese proverb in the last sentence means.

The Chinese New Year is one of the most spectacular and colorful of the world's celebrations. The festival begins on the first day of the Chinese calendar and lasts for 15 days. This occurs near the beginning of February. The celebrations of the Chinese New Year include parades with colorful costumes, banners, and wonderful, long dragons.

The Chinese Dragon is called *Gum Loong*, or *Golden Dragon*. He is a symbol of great power. The dragon comes at the end of the parade to wish everyone good luck, peace, and prosperity. The dragons are highly-respected, mythical creatures in Chinese culture. The dragon is so revered that the Chinese have a proverb: *I hope the child will become a dragon.*

**Write**

Examine the paper dragon illustration. Think about how you would make a dragon similar to this one. Write step-by-step instructions that explain to someone how to make a paper dragon.
1. What is the meaning of the root that these words have in common?
   vitality revival vibrant viable

2. Which sentence has a predicate adjective?
   a. Doesn’t that gorilla seem sick?
   b. Which monkey is a trickster?

3. Circle the correctly spelled words.
   absence importance
   sequence evidence
   allowance assurance

4. Karin is writing a moment-by-moment report of events at the World Camel Wrestling Festival. This kind of writing is
   ○ imaginative
   ○ expository
   ○ persuasive
   ○ narrative
   ○ descriptive
   ○ personal-expressive

5. Which reason is most convincing or interesting to you? Tell why.
   Some people are mesmerized by the lions; a force seems to draw them ever closer to the lion cage. As for me, I stay far away. Here are my reasons to keep your distance.
   1. A lion can’t be trusted.
   2. The teeth are huge.
   3. A human arm or fingers may look like a snack to a lion.
   4. A lion has a powerful swipe.
      His paws might sneak through the bars of the cage.
   5. A lion’s roar can scare you to death.
   6. Lions have bad breath.

TUESDAY WEEK 21 LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. Are the pronouns in this sentence used correctly?
   Do you think that parrot will talk to you and I?

2. Patsy says her pet pig is docile. What does this word mean?

3. Insert commas in the correct places.
   Popeye the oldest snake on record died in Philadelphia Pennsylvania on April 15 1977 at the age of 40 years 3 months and 14 days.

4. Number these words to show alphabetical order.
   ____ gorilla    ____ goose
   ____ gore      ____ gosling
   ____ governor  ____ gorgeous

5. Write a short paragraph that tells about the noisiest animal in your experience.
   Many animals make noise. Birds chirp and screech, cats snarl, dogs growl, pigs squeal, and squirrels chatter. The world’s noisiest land animal makes sounds far more ear-shattering than these. It's a howl that can be heard up to three miles away. Found in Central and South America, this noisy animal has an appropriate name—the howler monkey!
1. Correct the misspelled words.
   quaint   quarel   quirkey
   quandary   quality   quoteint

2. Which is not a synonym for *urbane*?
   ○ suave   ○ refined
   ○ logical   ○ genteel

3. Is the pronoun *himself* intensive or reflexive?
   The pet shop owner himself is responsible for letting the African Grey Parrot escape.

4. Which examples include *similes*?
   a. My dog is as graceful as a bulldozer.
   b. Ear-splitting cries echoed across the gorilla cage.
   c. As fast as a shooting star, the boa snatched the rat.
   d. Bats blackened the sky like a thundercloud.

5. How well does the author of the passage communicate the main idea?
   How do most gorillas communicate?
   Hang around a zoo and you might get some clues. You will see, in person, the short low grunts, loud chest-beating, and screeching shouts demanding food. One famous gorilla learned another way to communicate. The story of Koko is well known. A trainer taught this gorilla to express herself well in sign language. When asked if she was an animal or a person, Koko signed, “Fine animal gorilla.”

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1. A new book describes the tricks and travels of an amazing performing poodle whose tricks include untying knots and playing the piano. This book is probably
   ○ fiction   ○ nonfiction   ○ biography

2. What is the meaning of this sentence?
   The lion made a beeline for the poodle.

3. Add correct punctuation and capitalization.
   what does the parrot think about the expression a birds eye view

4. Circle the direct object.
   Bats detect obstacles with their ultrasonic echolocation ability.

5. Choose one of the following topic sentences for a paragraph. Then write three details that you would add to the paragraph.

   A. There are several reasons why a porcupine would make a good pet.
   B. Having a porcupine for a pet is a terrible idea.

   **Details**
   1. _________________________________
   2. _________________________________
   3. _________________________________
**Read**

Follow the directions to make a frog out of a dollar bill. Start with a crisp dollar bill.

1. Fold the top left corner over to the right edge of the bill. Crease the fold and unfold. Repeat with the right corner folded to the left side. Unfold.
2. Fold the top down so the two corners are even with the bottom points of the diagonal creases. Crease tightly and unfold.
3. Make an inverted fold on each side along the dotted lines of the two side triangles that show in figure 2. When you are done, your dollar should look like figure 3.
4. Fold the top down so the dollar looks like a house with a pointed roof.
5. Fold the pointed left bottom corner of this flap up toward the center.
6. Fold this same flap in half so that the tip points over to the left.
7. Repeat step 6, this time with the right-hand flap.
8. Fold the sides into the center.
9. Fold the bottom up.
10. Fold this bottom flap down at the center.
11. Set the frog, flat side up, on a surface. Glue some eyes on the front.

**Write**

Green is a color associated with frogs and dollar bills. Finish this green poem by filling in the missing lines and phrases.

Green is _______________ and _______________.
The color of _______________ and _______________.
_____________________________ is green.
Green is the smell of ____________________.
And the taste of _____________________.
_____________________________ sounds green.
I feel green when ____________________.
My favorite green place is _______________.

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**MONDAY  WEEK 22  LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

1. Give the meaning of the prefix of each word.
   - autobiography
   - circumnavigate
   - midlife
   - unicycle

2. Show correct use of an apostrophe:
   A. to show something belongs to Joe ___________
   B. to form a possessive phrase meaning the ___________

3. Add the present perfect tense of **dread** to the sentence.
   - Philip’s wife _____________________ every bathtub-sailing trip he has taken.

4. Identify the bias of the poem in problem 5.
   St. Brendan found an island green
   When he first sailed the oceans blue,
   Found finest gemstones ever seen.
   I doubt that what he says is true.

5. Describe similarities and differences in the two passages.
   The story of St. Brendan’s voyage, 1000 years before Columbus, has been told since Medieval Times. He claims to have sailed the seas in a leather boat, experiencing many adventures. His tale of a large island with huge gemstones and fruit fascinated his listeners. Many searched for the island. Though some thought it was a hoax, a modern-day Englishman did cross the same route in a leather boat. And both fruit and gemstones are found in many places around the world—so why not St. Brendan’s island?

**TUESDAY  WEEK 22  LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

1. Circle the words that should be capitalized.
   - fbi
   - civil war
   - east coast
   - middle ages
   - kleenex
   - geometry lesson

2. Choose the correct word for the sentence.
   Joe’s bathtub sailing trip took him _____ the Panama Canal.
   ○ though  ○ thorough  ○ through

3. The denotations of **criticize** and **ridicule** are similar. Explain how their connotations are different.

4. On which dictionary page would **voyage** be found?

5. Edit the passage for punctuation and capitalization.
   **Two Brothers from the U.s.a.** hold a record for the longest team **Motorcycle** ride **chris and erin ratay rode 101322 miles through the Continents of asia, Africa, north America, South america, Europe, and Australia they left morocco on May 21,1999 and ended their trip in New York city on august 6 2003.**
1. Correct the usage:
   Where did the skateboard journey start at?
   ____________________________________________

2. What is the meaning of **preposterous**?
   ____________________________________________

3. Circle the participial phrase.
   **I have some good news about the young man traveling across the country on a skateboard.**

4. What is the rhyming pattern of the poem?
   _____ Kurt Osborn took an awesome ride
   _____ Across the country, so they say.
   _____ Three thousand miles, he biked with pride,
   _____ Doing a wheelie all the way.

5. Write a brief summary of the passage.
   People will try amazing trips in order to get into the record books. They will travel by bathtub, lawn mower, wheelchair, surfboard, garbage can—or even in beds on wheels. One person set a record riding nonstop on the rear wheels of his wheelchair. This was a six-mile trip. If the trip is strange enough and long enough, they probably will succeed in setting a record.

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1. Correct the misspelled words.
   - **wiley**
   - **shiftiy**
   - **luckey**
   - **apathy**

2. Which pairs of words are antonyms?
   - furtive – futile
   - doleful – cheerful
   - debase – shame
   - truncate – extend

3. Circle the independent clause.
   **By the time the storm hit, the bathtub sailors were safe on the shore.**

4. Which part of a book shows the author, publisher, and title?
   - cover
   - index
   - copyright page
   - title page
   - spine
   - table of contents

5. Choose the most precise word to complete the sentence.
   C. J. walked 20 miles carrying a milk crate full of bowling balls under each arm. He never stopped. This was a __________ feat.
   - hard
   - Thorny
   - herculean
   - difficult
   - trying
   - perplexing
Read

1. Zoey’s itinerary is all mixed up. Number the segments of her trip in the order in which they will occur.

2. What can you infer about Zoey’s personality or interests?

3. On the tractor trip, Zoey will ride five days, then rest two days. How many miles will she travel per day?

4. Tell what else you would take along on two of the Chicago legs of the trip.

5. On which leg of the journey would you like to join Zoey? Tell why.

Zoey Zach’s Travel Itinerary

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<td>skateboard ride, 7 mi</td>
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<td>Across Chicago</td>
<td>run backwards, 12 mi</td>
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<td>turn constant cartwheels, 7 mi</td>
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<td>Chicago to Kenosha</td>
<td>push a bed on wheels, 70 mi</td>
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<td>ride in rolling trash can, 45 mi</td>
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Write

Choose one of the journeys above (or any wacky journey you can invent). Write a short argument convincing someone that this would be an important (or exciting, or dangerous, or wonderful) journey to make. Use strong, convincing words and arguments.


**MONDAY WEEK 23 ________________________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

**1.** Create ten compound words that have *off* as the first or last part of the new word.

**2.** Correct the misspelled words.

An astronaut in nickers had a scene to *rite* a book under a *seudonym*.

**3.** Circle the common nouns.

The first space tourist took a trip to the International Space Station aboard a Russian Soyuz rocket. The trip cost him 20 million dollars.

**4.** What is the theme of the passage in 5?

5. What is the main idea?

When I look into the sky and see a streaking light, I always call it a shooting star, but these streaks are not usually stars at all.

Some of the streaks are meteors. Thousands of tiny particles of dust and rock broken from asteroids fall into Earth’s atmosphere. They burn up in the atmosphere and streak across the sky. A person might see ten of these a day from Earth.

Some of these streaks could be comets—snowballs of ice and dust that can be miles wide. As a comet orbits the sun, the ice melts into a streaming tail of water vapor, making it look like a shooting star.

**TUESDAY WEEK 23 ________________________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

**1.** Is the clause *essential* or *nonessential*?

The closest black hole, which was discovered in 2000, is 1600 light years from Earth.

**2.** Use the context to decide the meaning of the underlined word.

Al gave sensible and clear details as he described his abduction by aliens. Although some of it seemed believable, I came to the conclusion that it was a *specious* tale.

**3.** Write a topic sentence to begin a paragraph that will describe the landing in Atlanta of a large meteorite.

**4.** Insert parentheses correctly.

After the space trip which by the way departed by accident the space tourist had a long spell of dizziness.

5. Read the encyclopedia entry about black holes to find out why nothing can escape from one.

**black holes**

A black hole is an area of space made of extremely dense matter. The intense gravitational force of the matter pulls everything in. Nothing can escape, not even light. A black hole is formed when a giant star dies and explodes in a supernova. What is left of the star gets very small, with so much gravitational pull that all of the star’s matter is pulled inside itself.
**WEDNESDAY WEEK 23 LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

1. An astronomer sees that the moon has been getting more full each night for the past week. Is the moon **waxing** or **waning**?

2. Circle the pronouns that are not indefinite.
   - neither
   - somebody
   - ourselves
   - itself
   - whom
   - anything
   - most
   - yours

3. Circle the correctly-spelled words.
   - forty
   - people
   - already
   - enough
   - carosal
   - cemetery

4. Choose the correct literary device.
   - The meteorite was a dragon attacking with fiery claws.
   - ○ hyperbole
   - ○ irony
   - ○ alliteration
   - ○ imagery

5. What conclusion can you draw about the life or mindset of the people to whom the passage refers?
   - Long ago, the sight of a streaming, burning entity in the sky alarmed people.
   - The “fire in the sky” terrified and mystified them.
   - Some feared that the streak of fire was a signal that something disastrous was about to happen.
   - When a meteorite hit the ground, there was even more fear. Some thought these falling rocks were fire-breathing dragons sent by angry gods to punish people on the earth.

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**THURSDAY WEEK 23 LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

1. Give two meanings for the word **novel**.
   - __________________________________________
   - __________________________________________

2. Make corrections in the usage.
   - **Scarcely nobody isn’t impressed by the launch of a rocket.**

3. If you are writing an essay and need a source to provide a wide range of synonyms, what reference source would you choose?

4. Revise the sentence by replacing each verb with a more active, interesting word.
   - Interested onlookers saw the launch of the rocket and yelled with delight as it went into space.

5. Add correct punctuation and capitalization to this business letter.

   Sue Spacey
   1313 Corral Rd
   Keno OR 97591

   NASA Headquarters
   Suite IM32
   Washington DC 20546

   To whom it may concern
   I am looking for information about Comets can you send me anything

   Yours truly
   Sue Spacey
Two hours after takeoff, things had settled down. All of the animals were asleep, except for Mario the chimp who was trained to pull levers. Mario was bored. So he pulled a lot of levers. One of them released the locks on all the animal cages. The fruit flies buzzed into Maximilian the cat’s ears. Max got annoyed and pounced on the mice. The frogs ate the beetles, and the wasps chased the guinea pigs. Although the intelligent monkeys tried to shoo all the creatures back into their cages, they could not. Eventually, the squealing and howling, scratching, and chirping woke Julius, the German shepherd dog.
**MONDAY**

**WEEK 24**

**LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

1. Insert commas in the correct places.
   **Underneath the picnic blanket the ground is thick with bugs rocks worms and sand.**

2. Write the plural form of each noun.
   - basketful __________________________
   - family _____________________________
   - banjo ____________________________

3. Finish the analogy.
   jovial : solemn :: punctual : ____________________
   ○ tardy  ○ punctuate  ○ timely  ○ somber

4. Which word best describes the mood of the passage in 5?
   a. fearful  c. suspicious
   b. silly       d. celebratory

5. In the last sentence, the company president shows some ambivalence.
   Why do you think she is wavering?
   Everybody began to notice the stranger who lurked near the grill at the company picnic. He held a huge platter of raw hamburgers, but seemed to have no interest in grilling them. No one from the office recognized him. He talked to no one. He appeared to have come alone. The rest of the picnickers began whispering and sneaking glances at him. The strange overalls and large hat only increased the mystery. The company president wavered between confronting him and looking for a security guard.

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**TUESDAY**

**WEEK 24**

**LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

1. Circle the adverbs in the sentence.
   **Yesterday, the baseball team gobbled their picnic lunch greedily. Seldom have so many hot dogs been eaten so fast.**

2. Correct the misspelled words.
   The ogers at the monster picnic practised some bizzarre rules of etaquette by playing kazooos as they ate their hamburgers.

3. For each meaning, write a word with a prefix.
   - not regular ______________________________
   - above earth ___________________________
   - beyond sound ___________________________
   - one tone ______________________________

4. The book on the right is probably
   ○ fiction  ○ nonfiction  ○ autobiography

5. Rewrite each sentence with an active verb.
   a. Ants were all over my cupcake.
   b. Where is Janie's potato salad?
   c. Don't those baked beans seem spoiled?
   d. A wild thunderstorm was here during our picnic.
1. Identify the technique(s) used in the poem.
   He slurped and swallowed
   And guzzled it up.
   He slurped down the milkshake
   And then gobbled the cup.
   ○ rhythm   ○ rhyme
   ○ onomatopoeia   ○ metaphor

2. What is the meaning of audacious?

3. Punctuate and capitalize this article title.
   what to do after eating the world’s largest watermelon

4. Correct the usage mistake.
   Those ants they are everywhere!

5. Follow the directions to place things on the picnic tablecloth.
   Draw a cupcake on each of 4 gray squares in a diagonal row.
   Draw a hamburger that covers 3 gray and 2 white squares.
   Draw a hot dog that stretches across some of 3 gray and 3 white squares.

1. Explain the meaning of the sentence.
   When I told Abby my story about the aliens, she swallowed it hook, line, and sinker.

2. Correct any misspelled words.
   I just realised that I promised to bring cupcakes to the picnic. To my surprise, I forgot! I apologise.

3. Write a possessive phrase that means
   A. the seeds in a watermelon
   B. the handles on two picnic baskets
   C. the smell of several onions

4. Cross out unnecessary words.
   The abdomen of an ant it contains two stomachs. One stomach is a stomach for his own food. The other stomach is a stomach holding food to share.
Read

1. What step comes just before baking the beans?
2. Read the description below. What words are used to describe the texture (feel) of the beans?
3. What two ingredients have equal amounts?
4. What metaphor describes the cheese topping?
5. What techniques has the author used in describing the bean dish that appeals to your senses?

Is your mouth ready for a sweet but tart wake-up? Let your taste buds be startled and delighted by these incomparable baked beans! Dig your spoon through the cloud of bubbling cheese that hovers over the top of the dish. Dig it down, deep into the caramel smoothness below. Then, with your eyes closed, mound the creamy, honied mixture onto your tongue. Let the maple-mustard-pepper harmony flavors ooze over your tongue and trickle down your throat.

Write

Choose your favorite picnic food. Write a recipe, giving clear directions for making the food. Then, write a tantalizing description of the food.
**MONDAY WEEK 25 LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

Name

1. What do these words have in common?
   climb kneel gnash psalm sword

2. Give the part of speech of each underlined word.
   The largest landslide recorded in history moved down Mt. St. Helen's at speeds of up to 150 miles per hour.

3. Correct the spelling errors.
   mistakes twelth unique lisence remedie truble

4. What literary technique is used in this sentence?
   "I'll race you to the bottom of the hill," the little landslide challenged the big landslide.

**TUESDAY WEEK 25 LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

Name

1. Write the correct form of the adverb **deadly** for the sentence.
   Though 57 people were killed by the eruption, Mt. St. Helens is not the ___________ volcano.

2. What information can be found on the spine of a book?

3. Capitalize and punctuate the sentence.
   a group of Spanish tourists led by guide laroux visited mt st Helens after the eruption

4. Which words are synonyms for inundated?
   ○ wandered ○ overwhelmed
   ○ derided ○ flooded
   ○ frenzied ○ superstitious

5. Add another detail to the paragraph.
   The party of ten climbers prepared for a two-day climb. They carefully planned and packaged each day's food. Sleeping pads and warm clothes were packed tightly into stuff sacks. Just before leaving, each hiker rechecked the ropes and other climbing gear. They said their goodbyes to friends, and were on their way to a great adventure.
1. Does this show correct pronoun use?
   Who will climb this mountain with you and me?

2. Which words have a suffix meaning having the nature of?
   ○ childish  ○ comical
   ○ failure   ○ golden
   ○ ashen     ○ explosion

3. Circle the correctly spelled words.
   convenience efficient
   foreign mischievous
   hygiene reign

4. Read the passage in problem 5.
   Predict what will happen next.

5. What genre (kind) of literature is shown in this example?
   Steaming mountain
   Shuddering mountain
   Your trembling
   Starts my bones trembling.
   Your rumbling
   Rumbles in my stomach.
   Your creaking and groaning
   Send my feet flying
   Back down the path.
   Toward my van.

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1. Capitalize the phrases correctly.
   outback steakhouse
   my aunt and uncle
   Pvt. James Cohen
   a geography lesson
   Nashville Chamber of Commerce

2. Write a homonym for each word.
   descent higher current

3. What kind of a phrase is the underlined phrase?
   Proper training is important for a climber.

4. Edit for capitalization and punctuation.
   The Mountains eruption created an 80,000 foot Ash cloud in 15 Minutes
   some ash circled the earth

5. What was the height change in the mountain due to the eruption?
   Mt. St. Helens Eruption
   I. The event
      A. Date & time: 5/18, 1980, 8:32 am
      B. Cause: 5.1 earthquake beneath
      C. Force and temperature
   II. Effects
      A. Ash
      B. Deaths
      C. Landslides, floods
      D. Damage to land
   III. Changes
      A. Height changes
         1. before 9677 ft
         2. after 8363 ft
      B. New lava dome
The Elusive Yeti

You may know this creature as the Abominable Snowman—the large ape-like creature that supposedly lives in the high Himalayan Mountains. The local people call him the Yeti, which means little man-like animal or troll. For hundreds of years, natives in the Himalayan Mountains have told stories about a tall, upright primate-like, long-haired creature that roams the mountains. In the 1880s, guides described large footprints left by the Yeti. Reports became more frequent in the twentieth century, with many explorers searching for the Yeti. Interest in this creature increased when a well-known climber photographed large footprints in the snow on Mt. Everest at about 20,000 feet altitude. Many climbers have reported footprints and sightings of the creature. Others have reported hearing strange calls.

Although one expedition did result in the finding of an unidentified ape-hair, most scientists have concluded that the Yeti does not exist. No pictures or other solid evidence has been gathered. Still, an Italian mountain climber says he came face to face with a Yeti in 1997. And strange happenings are unconfirmed by scientists—especially in places as remote as the cold, high Himalayan Mountains. The idea of the Abominable Snowman continues to be alive and well and mesmerizing. The Yeti inspires countless movies, books, TV shows, rumors, tales, and fireside stories. Certainly something that arouses so much interest and is reported with such frequency must exist.

Write

1. Give your personal response to the selection about the Yeti. Tell what you think, what you wonder, what you would like to see, what you believe. Describe the information that interests you most.
2. Draw a picture of a Yeti.
1. Choose the correct word for each sentence.
   a. *(Whose, Who’s)* the inventor of the pretzel?
   b. Are you the one *(whose, who’s)* working on an electric fork?
   c. I’d like to meet *(whoever, whomever)* the person is that thought of the safety pin.
   d. *(Who, Whom)* gets the credit for the invention of the stop light?

2. Identify the setting of the selection in 5.

3. What is the difference between an *inventor* and an *itinerant*?

4. Add correct punctuation.
   
   My favorite inventions are these the zipper marshmallows electric toothbrushes and trains

5. Write a summary of the passage.
   
   Potato chips were invented because of a persnickety customer at a restaurant in Saratoga Springs, New York. This cranky customer refused an order of French fries because the potatoes were too thick. Chef George Crum made thinner fries, but the customer was still not satisfied. Finally, in disgust, the chef cut the potato into paper-thin slices and fried them to a crisp. He thought this would teach the customer a good lesson. Instead, the customer loved these potato “chips.” The word spread, and soon many customers were asking for the hard, thin chips.

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TUESDAY WEEK 26 Name

1. Spell each of these words correctly.
   
   omitted  embarass  horid
   memmory  stacatto  paralell

2. Circle the simple subject.
   
   Popsicles, sandwiches, and potato chips were all invented by accident.

3. Tom’s invention is *outlandish*. Louie’s invention is *ordinary*. Are these words antonyms?

4. What key words would be best for an encyclopedia search on the invention of the Popsicle?
   
   ○ inventions  ○ pop
   ○ frozen foods  ○ Popsicle

5. Edit the passage.
   
   It is said “that the popsicle was invented by accident.” Eleven-year old Frank epperson was trying to make his own Soda pop. Frank he mixed soda powder and water in a bucket the mixture was left outside in a small bucket, with the wooden stirring stick standing in the liquid. The next morning the liquid was frozen Frank picked it up by the Stick, tasted it, and loved it He began to sell “Epperson Icicles” for a nickel. Eventuly, he changed the name of the treat to “popsicles.”
1. Explain the difference between **illicit** and **elicit**.

2. Edit the sentence.
   **Is it true** asked Jason that the waffle was invented when someone wearing a metal suit sat on a pancake?

3. Which mode of writing is shown in problem 5?
   - narrative
   - descriptive
   - imaginary
   - persuasive
   - expository
   - personal-expressive

4. Which includes a present tense verb?
   - They discovered.
   - He is discovering.
   - We discover.
   - They will be inventing.
   - It had been invented.

5. Write your impressions about how the author communicated her idea.
   The history books show that chocolate chip cookies were invented by mistake—and what a wonderful mistake! Sweet morsels of chocolate nestle in soft cookie dough. When the cookies came out of the oven, the chocolate chunks were solid, not melted. They were elegant in-between warm, creamy nougats that became best friends with the tongue. The chips started softening in the oven, but finished melting in the warmth of your mouth. Thank goodness for Ruth Wakefield's 1930 accidental invention back at the Toll House Inn in Whitman, Massachusetts!

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1. Replace each underlined word with a more interesting or colorful word.
   Sylvester McClean's new invention is causing **big** trouble. The **loud** noise has **angered** his neighbor.

2. Write two sentences containing the word **charge**, each showing a different meaning of the word.

3. Correct the misspelled words.
   - restaurant
   - people
   - interesting
   - friend

4. A dictionary entry for the word **unique** has this section: [French, from Latin unicus meaning only, sole]. What does this tell about the word?

5. Which examples have linking verbs?
   a. Charlie's invention looks comical.
   b. This invention cracks me up!
   c. Which of these contraptions works?
   d. That seems like a mistake.
   e. Is the lollipop maker a new idea?
Read
1. Number the headlines to show the order in which they occurred.
2. Which discoveries or inventions seem to have happened accidentally?
3. What discovery do you think was connected to the falling apple?
4. What might the 1930 invention have been?
5. What might the 1920 discovery have been?
MONDAY WEEK 27 _____________________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. Change this into a complete sentence.
   The world’s largest Popsicle, containing enough liquid to make 250,000 ice cubes and weighing 17,450 pounds.

2. Create six compound words that contain the word over.

3. Write the plural of each noun.
   - pizza
   - fox
   - goose
   - jealousy
   - veto
   - wife
   - child
   - trousers

4. The atmosphere or feeling that a writer creates in a story is the
   - plot
   - theme
   - point of view
   - setting
   - mood
   - characterization

5. A. Which headline refers to an event that has not happened yet?
   - World’s Largest Milkshake Floods Cafe
   - Record-Setting Pizza Is Missing
   - Mice Destroy 90-Pound Cheese Ball

   B. How long after the cheese ball incident did the milkshake flood occur?

TUESDAY WEEK 27 _____________________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. What does this sentence mean?
   The prizewinner seemed like an upstanding citizen, but we heard that he had some skeletons in his closet.

2. Punctuate the sentence correctly.
   Joe took one look at the world’s largest donut and yelled, “I want a bite.”

3. Circle the subordinate clause.
   - To measure the largest dog biscuit I will need something longer than a ruler.

4. Are these words in alphabetical order?
   - half, halves, halt, halter, Hamburg, hamburger, Hamilton, hams

5. Eliminate any unnecessary words or phrases.
   - A Pasadena, California donut maker created the world’s largest donut. Winchell’s House of Donuts in Pasadena, California baked a giant apple fritter that weighed 5000 pounds in weight and measured 95-feet diameter across the center of the donut.
WEDNESDAY  WEEK 27 _____________________________  LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. Give the meaning of the root of each word.
   - inedible
   - rotisserie
   - dormitory

2. Correct any misspelled words.
   - *A gentelman from India husked a cocanut with his teeth. The shaggy fruit had a circumference of 30.7 inches and wieghed 4.744 kilagram.*
   - *No wonder he has fate teeth.

3. Does the subject agree with the verb?
   - The heaviest of all pineapples weigh 17 pounds.

4. Identify the sense to which each phrase appeals.
   a. warm, moist gingerbread
   b. kitchen thick with cabbage steam
   c. tart lemon juice brings tears to my eyes

5. Read the phrases in 4. Examine the topic, word use, structure, and effect.
   A. Describe two things that the phrases have in common.
   B. Tell one way the structure of C is different than the structure of A.
   C. Describe a difference between A and B.
   D. Which phrase is more active?

THURSDAY  WEEK 27 _____________________________  LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. Identify the tense of each verb in the sentences.
   - Bernard wondered if his pumpkin would break any records. He still wonders.

2. Insert commas where they belong.
   - *Alfred J. Cobb grower of the heaviest cucumber won an award in September 2003.*

3. A reference book of interesting and important statements is
   - ○ a thesaurus
   - ○ a glossary
   - ○ an almanac
   - ○ a quotation index

4. Sam can’t stop cultivating huge vegetables.
   He just loves watching them grow. Is this a *mania* or a *phobia*?

5. Add a topic sentence.
   - This giant popcorn ape was created to honor the 70th anniversary of the original King Kong film (released in 1933). It is not surprising that this 13-foot tall, 9-foot wide sculpture of the Hollywood icon set a new world record.
Read

1. What is the main idea of the selection?
2. What is the intended audience?
3. What is the purpose of the selection?
4. Circle an example of personification.
5. Approximately how many scoops of ice cream were used per mile?

Write

Think of a record-setting creation that you would like to see (or eat). Use the banner to write about the wonders of this food. Write words, phrases, or short sentences to show off the food.

Come see the World’s Largest Banana Split

- Four and one-half miles long
- 6,000 scoops of double vanilla ice cream
- 24,000 fresh, sliced, bananas
- 24,000 soft, red maraschino cherries
- 1,000 pounds of crunchy walnut pieces

A delight of icy cream drizzled with streams of chocolate sauce, proudly wearing puffy hats of sweet marshmallow cream, sprinkled with nuts, decorated with plump, mouth-watering cherries.

One spoonful for each visitor

Made with loving care by the residents of Selinas Grove, Pennsylvania
April 30, 1988

Stretches all along Market St.
1. Finish the analogy.
   backboard : board :: ____________ : storm

2. Circle letters that should be capitals.
   the boston celtics is the national basketball league team that has won the most championships.

3. Circle the predicate nouns.
   Shaquille O’Neal is a talented player. For years he was an L.A. Laker. On the court, he looks massive.

4. An editorial giving reasons that the city should build a new basketball arena is
   ○ imaginative writing
   ○ persuasive writing
   ○ narrative writing
   ○ expository writing

5. Number the lines in a logical sequence with an abcb rhyming pattern.
   __ She dribbled back and forth and back
   __ And shot it through the hoop.
   __ Around the back and down the side
   __ Ran around a loop.
   __ Across the court and up the center
   __ She ran in circles, ran in squares,
   __ She doubled back and charged inside
   __ She dribbled near and far and wide.

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1. Choose a synonym for the underlined word.
   The new guard on the team has attended the requisite number of practices.
   ○ minimum
   ○ required
   ○ greatest

2. Correct any misspelled words.
   That player is admirable, commendable, lovable, reliable, and sensibal.

3. Rewrite the sentences with active verbs.
   After the game, Veronica felt proud.
   All the coaches seem annoyed.

4. Write a good introduction for an interview with the man who holds the world record for spinning the most basketballs at one time.
1. Add correct punctuation.
   A Romanian-born basketball player who is 91 inches tall is the tallest man to play in the National Basketball League

2. Circle the direct object(s). Draw a box around any indirect object(s).
   After we shouted cheers and built a human pyramid, we threw our pompons into the crowd.

3. What are the meanings of the two bold words in the passage in 5?

4. Write an alliterative sentence using some of these words.
   bumbling  basket  Bruno
   ball  barely  beat
   buddies  Boston  bruised

5. Make an inference about what has happened to cause the mood or behavior of Player Number Eight.
   Player Number Eight sat alone on the end of the bench. He had a towel draped over his head; his shoulders drooped, and he wore a sullen glare. His teammates on the floor were performing spectacularly. They stole the ball over and over, scoring 12 points in a row. Still he sat, almost motionless. Now and then he gave a pretense of excitement for the team by clapping weakly. For the most part, however, he stayed in his gloomy mood for the rest of the game.

THURSDAY WEEK 28 LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. Add –ed to each word.
   mystify  envy  pay
   defy  worry  play

2. Find a pair of homonyms to complete the sentence.
   Did the ______________________  ______________________ before the championship game?
   (body part)  (get better)

3. Abby read about a basketball player who had shoes that enabled her to leap 20–30 feet into the air. This tale is probably
   ○ fiction  ○ nonfiction  ○ biography

4. Write a great title for the story described above in problem 3.

5. Give the part of speech for each underlined word in the story.
   A strange thing happened at the Rosebury High School basketball game last night. Just before half time, the lights went off. They were not off very long. But when they came back on, every basketball in the gym had disappeared. Officials, players, coaches, and students searched under the bleachers. Referees hurriedly unlocked the equipment room to get more balls. There were none to be found.
Read

1. What is the area of a basketball court?
2. Describe three different ways a player could score 12 points.
3. What would probably happen if there were 13 players on the floor at one time?
4. Describe the purpose and the likely audience of the selection.
5. At what point does a player “foul out”?

Some Basketball Facts

- A basketball basket is a bottomless white cord net suspended from a circular metal rim.
- The rim is 18 inches in diameter.
- The basket is suspended ten feet above the floor.
- The backboard of the basket is a fiberglass or wood rectangle.
- A basketball court is about 50 feet wide and 92 feet long.
- The floor is usually made of hardwood.
- During the game, players use an inflated ball made of leather or rubber.
- The object of the game is to score points by shooting the ball through the basket while keeping the other team from scoring.
- Each team has five players on the floor at one time.
- Players may dribble the ball as they move and shoot toward the basket or pass the ball to one another.
- Players may not run with the ball or kick the ball.
- Points can be scored by field goals (two points or three points) and by free throws (one point per successful throw).
- A game has quarters or halves, with the total time being 32–40 minutes of play.
- Players may not push, shove, or grab other players. Certain kinds of contact between players can result in a foul on a player or team.
- When a player is fouled by another player, the player fouled gets to shoot a free shot from the foul line.
- When a player gets five fouls (six in the NBA), he or she is out of the game.

Write

1. Collect words that you can use to write a rhyming poem about basketball. Make one list that rhymes with each of these words: gym, ball, team, win, hoop, toss, drop, run, score, lose, game.
2. Write lines ending in these words and move them around until you have created a poem of four lines or more.
1. Which word does not belong?
   ○ staccato    ○ ricotta
   ○ legato      ○ piano cello

2. Circle the prepositions in the sentence.
   If you search around the world for the largest jukebox, you will find it in Tokyo.

3. Spell these words correctly.
   annaversary    anonamous
   Antartica      archatect

4. Everyone who listens to rock music is a bad influence. They all dye their hair orange, and get many piercings and tattoos. Without exception, they lead unhealthy lifestyles.
   The above passage is an example of
   ○ metaphor    ○ narration    ○ personification
   ○ stereotype    ○ irony    ○ foreshadowing

5. What conclusion can you draw about James Kirkman from this passage?
   In 1987, James Kirkman bought a music manuscript at Sotheby's Auction in London, UK. He paid $4.1 million for a volume of nine complete Mozart symphonies. These were certified to have been written in Mozart's own handwriting. This was the highest price ever paid for a music manuscript.

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TUESDAY WEEK 29

1. What is the meaning of the underlined term?
   Had he not been assured that the manuscript was a bona fide Mozart original, the buyer would never have paid four million dollars for it.

2. Circle letters that should be capitals.
   shania twain is sometimes called the queen of country music.
   Her album, come on over, sold 30 million copies.

3. Circle the infinitive.
   Julia decided to buy the Legend album.

4. What is the purpose of an encyclopedia entry about electric guitars?

5. Ricky Brown of the U.S. holds an interesting musical record. He is the world's fastest rapper. In 2005, he recorded a rap called “No Clue.” For this, he rapped 723 syllables in 51.27 seconds. That's about 14 syllables a second!
WEDNESDAY  WEEK 29  LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. The country tune elicits visions of cowboys and broken hearts. Does it invoke or evoke images?

2. Choose the correct word for the sentence.
   Her mother's warnings to turn down the volume had no (affect, effect) on Gina's behavior.

3. Circle the misplaced modifier. Re-write the sentence to clarify the meaning.
   **By mistake, Joe dropped the music he had written in the garbage can.**

4. What is the main idea of the poem in problem 5?

5. What is the rhyme pattern of this lyric?
   I walk around the house to find
   Your boots aren't on the floor.
   I search the basement and garage.
   The facts I can't ignore.
   Your clothes are gone, your car is gone
   You're not just at the store.
   I cry because you left me,
   Then I hear you at the door.
   I'm running toward the door!

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THURSDAY  WEEK 29  LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. Punctuate the sentence correctly.
   Legend a music album by Jamaican Bob Marley is the best-selling reggae album of all time

2. Is this the connotation or the denotation of the word music?
   the science or art of ordering tones in succession and in combination to produce a composition having unity

3. Which examples show correct usage?
   A. That drummer plays badly.
   B. It’s too bad that the drummer is sick.
   C. Is the drummer feeling badly today?
   D. The whole band played bad today.

4. Edit the capitalization, punctuation, and spelling in problem 5.

5. Is it true to say that Jerry Garcia’s guitar sold for almost $200,000 more than the total of the other items?

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Expensive Pop Music Memorabilia

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Read

1. Describe the audience for whom this program was written.
2. Describe the purpose of the songs’ selection.
3. How many acts perform before the Lava-Ettes?
4. Charlie arrived at the concert at 11:15 pm. Is it likely that he missed Rocky & The Marbles?
5. Describe your reaction to this concert schedule.

Write

1. Design a CD cover for a live album from the concert.
2. Write a short biography for one of the performers.

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**Town Center**

**Rock Concert**

10 pm - midnight

**Program**

*Be A Little Boulder, Honey*
*Curt McCove*

*Please Don’t Take Me For Granite, Baby*
*The Standing Stones*

*I’m Yours Till the Volcano Erupts*
*The Lava-ettes*

**Intermission**

*Your Love Is Like A Sabre-Tooth Tiger*
*Terri Dactyl & The Hot Rocks*

*I Feel Like A Rockslide Covered My Heart*
*Smashing Limestones*

*I’ve Cried Pebbles Over You*
*Rocky & The Marbles*

*Your Heart’s Made Of Petrified Wood*
*Mick Jagged & The Rolling Boulders*
1. Circle the words containing a silent letter.
   The reporter stood dumbstruck looking at a scene of houses on the ledge of a chasm and gnarled trees wedged between blocks of a shattered bridge.

2. What is the meaning of this sentence?
   The weather service jumped the gun when it issued the tornado warning.

3. Choose the correct label for this sentence.
   When tornado season arrives, we put flashlights in the basement and stock up on food and water.
   ○ compound  ○ complex
   ○ compound-complex

4. A reporter stands in front of a TV camera describing everything that is happening as the camera films a hurricane swirling around the reporter. What is the point of view of this report?

5. Why are the cows in the treetops?
   Moo!
   Moo!

   Thursday's tornado actually picked up a herd of cows and left them stranded in trees. Thankfully, the treetops were sturdy enough to hold the cows.

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1. Circle letters that should be capitals.
   colombian coffee
   mother nature
   renaissance art
   sir frances frieze

2. How many adjectives are in the sentence?
   The fastest winds in the solar system blow fiercely at 1,500 miles per hour.

3. What is the meaning of the word adroit?

4. Which words would be found on a dictionary page with guide words tornado and toss-up?
   ○ torment  ○ topiary  ○ torpedo
   ○ torrid  ○ total  ○ torque

5. Rewrite the passage to eliminate excess ideas or words.
   There is an area in the United States named "Tornado Alley." This is called "Tornado Alley" because the conditions in the area are just right for spawning tornados. In the U.S., tornados form in places where there is a lot of moist, wet warm air in huge amounts from the Gulf of Mexico. That is what is necessary for a tornado to form.
**WEDNESDAY WEEK 30 ____________________________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

1. Which words are antonyms for **monumental**?
   - ○ infinitesimal
   - ○ obstreperous
   - ○ miniscule

2. Circle the clause in the sentence.
   Tell what kind of clause it is.
   **That’s the worst storm that I have seen in this area so far.**

3. Correct the misspelled words.
   - decision
   - musician
   - frivolous
   - ingeneous

4. Which examples contain a simile?
   a. My little brother is a raging tornado.
   b. I’m buried in a blizzard of homework.
   c. Taking a math test is like having a tooth pulled.
   d. Writing a poem is like trying to stand up in a windstorm.

5. Label each sentence in the paragraph **F** for fact or **O** for opinion.
   **Tornadoes form where there are large, quickly-rising swells of warm, moist air. The movement of the air upwards causes a rotation. When the air rotates intensely, it turns into a tornado—a spiraling, whirling mass. If you are smart, you will have removed yourself from the area before this happens. In fact, if you are really smart, you will stay completely away from areas where tornadoes can develop.**

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**THURSDAY WEEK 30 ____________________________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

1. Write the sentence correctly.
   **I don’t know of no area that gets more snowfall than Mt. Rainier, Washington.**

2. Write a word (with a prefix) meaning
   A. to act between
   B. not typical
   C. having equal sides

3. Correct the capitalization and punctuation.
   **The greatest depth of snow measured was found at tamarac California usa the measurement was taken in march 1911.**

4. Write a paraphrase of the information in 5.

5. Where is the best place to be outdoors during a tornado?

   **Tornado Safety Tips**
   Keep a supply of food, water, batteries, bedding, and flashlights in your basement or first floor.
   If you see a tornado coming or hear a warning signal, take cover immediately.
   Take shelter in the lowest part of a building.
   Stay away from doors and windows.
   Do not stay in your car.
   If you are outside, get under a bridge or in a ditch.
Read
1. What percentage of the continent of Australia gets less than ten inches of rain a year?
   a. about 10%  
   b. less than 50%  
   c. more than 50%  
   d. exactly 50%
2. Is the east coast of Australia one of the wetter or drier areas of the continent?
3. Which cities receive more rain in a year than Sydney?
4. Draw a conclusion about the amount of rain in the northern part of the continent
   (in comparison to the southern part).
5. What is the meaning of the stripes on the map?

Write
Write a short weather comment in each of the talk balloons. Use hyperbole as a part of all the reports.

- Yesterday, the hail was as large as
- It rained so hard that
- The fog today is so thick that
- It is so cold that
- The storm last night
- Last week's weather was so hot
- The wind is like
1. Find a pair of homonyms to fill the blanks.
   This is the ______________________ time the newspaper carrier has ventured ________________ in a blizzard. (out)

2. Does the pronoun agree with the antecedent?
   Both the milkman and the paper carrier are late today. I wonder if the storm is holding him up.

3. The approach a writer takes toward a topic or the attitude the writer has toward a topic is the
   ○ mood ○ theme ○ tone

4. Finish the chart to show the tenses.

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5. Follow the directions to make a hat from a newspaper page.
   A. Place the newspaper on a table with the longest edge up and down.
   B. Bring the top edge down to fold the page in half.
   C. Fold the top right corner in to make a triangle. Repeat with the top left edge.
   D. Fold the bottom flap up to touch the bottom edge of the triangles.
   E. Flip the shape over and fold the other bottom edge up.
   F. Use markers or crayons to add decorations to the hat.

Don't wear a newspaper hat in the rain.

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1. The reporter gave evidence that the mayor’s claims about a new bridge were not justified. Did the reporter refute or deny the mayor’s claims?

2. Insert commas in the correct places.
   The editor on the other hand argued in favor of the plan for a new bridge.

3. Give the case of the underlined noun.
   A reporter interviewed all nine candidates for the mayoral position.

4. Rearrange the passage to make sense.
   After finishing both crossword puzzles, Anne decides to try the tongue twister. When she finishes the pun cipher, she starts on the first crossword puzzle. Anne does all the puzzles in the paper every day.

5. Can you tell how many puzzles are included in this newspaper?

Puzzle Index
Thursday, Nov. 30
I. Crossword puzzles
   A. Easy, p. 17
   B. Hard, p. 35
II. Ciphers
   A. Quotations, p. 35
   B. Puns, p. 12 and 19
   C. Tongue Twisters, p. 19
III. Anagrams, pgs. 17 and 44
IV. Word search, p. 44
WEDNESDAY  WEEK 31 _____________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. Circle correctly-spelled words.
   radical  vessle  frugel  legel
   candel  spiral  cynicle  model

2. Write possessive phrases to show
   A. the clues of one puzzle
   B. the clues of two puzzles
   C. the paper of one wife
   D. the paper of more than one wife

3. Tell the meaning of the suffix in each word.
   ○ American  ○ earthen  ○ lifelike

4. In a piece of literature, the discrepancy between what appears to be true and what really is true is
   ○ metaphor  ○ irony  ○ assonance
   ○ hyperbole  ○ pun  ○ imagery

5. Write a headline for the article.

   The world’s largest crossword puzzle was recently unveiled. This gigantic puzzle contains 82,951 squares and a total of 12,489 clues. So far, there have been no estimates of the time it would take to complete the record-setting crossword puzzle. In any case, this a long way from the first crossword puzzle, published in 1913.

THURSDAY  WEEK 31 _____________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. What does garrulous mean?
   The garrulous nature of the reporter charmed her editor.

2. Does the example use a semicolon properly?
   Please hand me the newspaper; it’s on the coffee table.

3. Circle the prepositional phrase.
   The newspaper reporter is so sneaky that he writes his column under a pseudonym.

4. Which reference source would you use to find out who said this:
   “It’s not over till it’s over.”
   a. oration  c. talk
   b. response  d. admonishment

5. Which word is the most precise choice for the context?
   When Alexander decided to read the comic section of a newspaper in class, the history teacher gave him a harsh
   a. oration  c. talk
   b. response  d. admonishment
**Read**

1. What is different about this crossword puzzle?
2. What is the theme of the puzzle?
3. Find three words in the puzzle that could be verbs.
4. Find a word that could be a noun or a verb.
5. Find a word that has two or more meanings.
   Tell two of the meanings.

**Write**

This puzzle has the answers, but is missing the clues.
Write the clue for each word that has a number on the clue list. Do your best to make each clue relate to the theme of the puzzle. (Some words are not included on the clue list.)
1. Sue uses these words when describing the wakeboard tricks. Spell them correctly.
   - exemplery
   - ecxiting
   - exquiset
   - extremly
   - exeptional
   - excitotic

2. What does the underlined word mean?
   While ice climbing, Jolene exacerbated her shoulder injury.

3. Circle the subordinate clause in each example.
   A. Since we were running out of air, we gave up on our search for the cave.
   B. It was essential that we get back to the surface quickly.
   C. Everyone returned safely because we started our ascent in time to avoid danger.

4. In example 5, what bias does the author show?

5. What is the main idea of the passage?
   What a crazy idea! People actually fix up wheelbarrows with headlights and taillights. Then they race with them! This is not just any short little afternoon race, either. They race 100 kilometers. They race all weekend, pushing wheelbarrows along the long, varied terrain through city streets and along country highways. Who would want to do such a strange thing?

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1. Write a synonym for *altercation*.

2. Does the sentence show correct pronoun usage?
   Who wants to come to the guinea pig races with her and me?

3. Add correct ending punctuation.
   What an exciting finish to the lizard race

4. Which information can be found in a world almanac?
   - results of the latest Olympic games
   - recent population statistics for a country
   - names of leaders of world countries
   - current weather forecasts around the world

5. Rewrite the passage to include more interesting, colorful, active, or precise words or phrases. Pay special attention to replacing the underlined words.

Now here's an unusual recreational activity: a person is on a bed of sharp nails at the same time concrete blocks are broken on his chest. The 21 blocks had a total of 692 pounds of weight. Others used 16-pound sledgehammers to break the blocks while Chad Netherland lay on the blocks.
1. Add correct punctuation and capitalization.
   Let's race our camel at the Geelong Camel cup Carnival Sam suggested to Sara we could win a thousand dollars

2. Finish the analogy.
   noisy : clamorous :: _____ : superb
   ○ raucous  ○ clamor
   ○ subtle  ○ splendid

3. Circle the interjection.
   Oh, no! Our camel is racing the wrong way!

4. Replace the verbs with words that are more specific and interesting.
   At the Millthorpe Murphy Marathon, racers carry 50 kg of potatoes as they run 1610 meters.

5. Find the pun in each example.
   A. Jude cracked his shin in the egg-throwing competition.
   B. I hear you’re a shoe-in to win the boot-throwing contest.
   C. If you’re trying to win a cow-riding race, the most important thing is to keep moo-ving.
   D. Count deDough is the judge for the contests at the Penny Collecting Festival.
   E. All eyes are on the winner at the Potato Carnival, because she is wearing such an appealing outfit.

1. Give the two different meanings of the two homographs in the sentence.
   Abigail went to the judges to contest the results of the contest.

2. What kind of phrase is underlined?
   The object is to toss the egg without breaking it.

3. Correct any misspelled words.
   A reigning beauty queen and her deceitful, conceited neighbor teamed up to compete in the local egg-throwing contest.

4. Al has borrowed a book on extreme sports.
   He wants to find the definitions of the ice-climbing terms used in the book. Where (in the book) should he look?

5. Revise the passage to make it flow more smoothly, and to give it more variety in sentence length and structure.
   Some people race lizards. They get together in Eulo, Queensland. They go to a race track that is specially built, built just for racing lizards. They take their lizards along. The event begins with a lizard auction. Then they race their lizards in five different events. They can win prizes if their lizard wins a race.
Imagine putting a dead bug on your tongue—not just once, but many times a day. “Why,” you wonder, “would anyone do that?” Just ask teenager Katie Herrnstein, cricket-spitting competitor at Purdue University’s 1998 Annual Bug Bowl. Katie won the competition for the second year in a row to become the Junior World’s Champion. She spit a cricket 16 feet, 2 inches to win this title. The honor received so much attention that Katie was invited to fly to Paris to show her cricket-spitting skills on French television.

Another cricket-spitting champion is even better known for this unusual talent. Danny Capps of Wisconsin holds the world record (as certified for the Guinness World Records). He spit a cricket 30 feet, 1.2 inches to set a new record. Like Katie, Danny has had a long interest in insects, and is not the least bit bothered by the practice of holding dead bugs on the tongue.

How does someone spit a cricket far enough to win a competition or set a record? According to Katie Herrnstein, you place the cricket (dead, of course) in the center of your tongue near the front. Then you take a deep breath, being careful not to swallow the insect. Finally, you exhale as hard as you can—just as if you were spitting a watermelon seed or a spitball.

Cricket spitting is just one of the insect activities that draws visitors to Purdue University every April. Thousands of people also pet insects in a petting zoo, watch cockroach races, enjoy many insect exhibits, and taste foods cooked with insects or honey. The popularity of these events shows that many people beyond Katie and Danny are comfortable with bugs.

Write

Create a brief “How-To” manual that teaches the reader how to do some unusual sport or activity. For example, explain how to...
MONDAY WEEK 33 ________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Name

1. What punctuation is missing?
   - parentheses
   - colon
   - ellipsis
   - semicolon
   “I’d like to loan you my tent,” said Will, “but the last time you borrowed it _____ remember what happened?”

2. The part of the story that tells about the campers’ escape from the bear and safe journey home is probably the story’s
   - resolution
   - exposition
   - setting
   - climax

3. What is the connotation of campfire?

4. Identify a cause and an effect.
   George’s terrible blisters are the price he’s paying for not breaking in the new hiking boots before the camping trip.

TUESDAY WEEK 33 ________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Name

1. Correct the misspelled words.
   Lulu brout chocolate, mosquitoe repellaint, and a fishing lisence along on the hike.

2. What is the meaning of the root that these words have in common?
   - formula
   - reform
   - conform
   - formulate
   - formation
   - deformity

3. Eliminate excess words.
   The hikers they totally and completely panicked at the sight of the bear they just saw along the trail.

4. What reference book is a collection of articles telling about the lives of people and their accomplishments, arranged alphabetically?

5. Identify each sentence as
   D (declarative), IN (interrogative), IM (imperative), or E (exclamatory)
   ___ A. Did you bring bear repellant?
   ___ B. I forgot the freeze dried food.
   ___ C. Swat that mosquito, please.
   ___ D. Look out for the poison ivy!
   ___ E. Don’t touch that plant!
   ___ F. Paddle the canoe that way.

5. Write the correct pronoun in each blank.
   interrogative _____________
   possessive _______________
   intensive _______________
   demonstrative ____________
   indefinite ________________
   reflexive __________________
   whose    mine    yours
   myself    that    it
   this    which    everybody
1. Add correct punctuation and capitalization.
   who was it that said I hear a bear heavily breathing outside this tent

2. Circle the appositive.
   I found something we need, dry firewood.

3. Find a pair of homonyms to complete each sentence.
   A. On the hike up the mountain, did you get a ______ at the ______?
      (look) (apex)
   B. I don't want to see that ______ ______ his teeth at me.
      (animal) (expose)

4. Which sign in 5 shows alliteration?

5. Give a general summarizing statement about what the signs are saying.

THURSDAY WEEK 33 ________________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. Which word does not fit into the same classification as the others?
   ○ rascal ○ ransack ○ rattle
   ○ ramble ○ rankle ○ ratify

2. Correct this sentence.
   I could of brought marshmallows if you would of told me you needed them.

3. Which words are spelled correctly?
   ○ parenthetical ○ peculiarly
   ○ simultaneously ○ orthodontist

4. Would information about the Pacific Crest Hiking Trail be found on an encyclopedia page with the guide words penicillin and Pyrenees Mountains?

5. Rewrite this poem as prose.
   A campground's full of dirty stuff.
The campfire adds more grit.
Sooty pots and grimy pans—
You can't get away from it!
It's all around the campsite
Dust here, grime everywhere
On your skin, inside your bags
On everything you use and wear.
If you're going to be a camper
Forget that nice clean shirt
Make friends with dust, and grime,
and soot
Just get used to all the dirt.
Read

1. Which example uses onomatopoeia?
2. Circle two examples of personification.
3. Identify a phrase that is effective in creating suspense.
4. What image is created by example 2?
5. To which sense or senses does example 3 appeal?

A Ghostly Quartet

1. We were telling jokes around the campfire, never dreaming what was lurking out just beyond the rim of light from the fire. It was not until the fire died down that the dreadful rasping, gasping, choke . . . choke . . . choke echoed through the campsite.

2. The wind howled like a wounded animal and shook the tent with angry claws. Three terrified campers huddled inside, slightly consoled by the faint glimmer from the last flashlight.

3. “Stop that moaning,” snapped Jack. “It isn’t funny!”
   “I’m not moaning,” Tom replied.
   “Well, who is?” Tom and Jack looked at each other, suddenly realizing that the sound was not coming from inside the tent. Just at that moment, the zipper of the tent began an upward slide—without the help of either boy. A hand slithered its way through the open slit.

Write

Choose two of the ghost stories to finish. Choose words and phrases that will accomplish the purpose of making the listeners tremble. Pay special attention to the ending of your story. You will want the listeners to be very apprehensive!
1. What is the correct punctuation to place after the greeting in a business letter?

2. Tell the part of speech of each underlined word in the sentence.
   A person can survive as long as twelve days without water if the temperature is not higher than 70º F.

3. What is a charlatan?

4. What literary technique is shown with the use of the words drip, drip, drip and kerplunk?
   Adrift in the raft, he was awakened by the drip, drip, drip of rainwater on the rim of his hat and the kerplunk of fish jumping just beyond his feet.

5. Why would the solar still be an important factor in the Steven Callahan’s survival?
   In January 1982, a man named Steven Callahan set sail for a trip on a boat he had built. After six days at sea, the boat sank and he was left with only an inflatable raft. He had a little food, some water, and a solar still for removing salt from seawater. Steven was able to stay alive for 76 days, even though his raft sprung leaks. He drifted 1800 miles in the raft before he was rescued. Steven believes that the solar still was a major factor in his survival.

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1. Find a synonym for fracas.

2. Peyton spent four days wandering around the woods trying to find his way back to the campsite. Did he loose or lose his way?

3. Is the verb transitive or intransitive?
   During his time adrift on the sea, Steve Callahan fought off sharks.

4. Choose the most precise word to complete the sentence below.
   To conserve food the marooned sailors each morsel slowly.
   ○ devoured ○ ate ○ nibbled
   ○ tasted ○ licked ○ savored

5. How many February days did not have a shark-sighting?
   Jan 8 – set sail from St. Croix
   Jan 14 – boat sank
   Jan 30 – ran out of food
   Feb 4 – saw 3 sharks
   Feb 7 – saw 1 shark
   Feb 11 – saw 2 sharks
   Feb 16 – raft sprung a leak
   Feb 19 – saw 6 sharks
   Feb 29 – saw 2 sharks
   Mar 1 – got rescued
1. What word could be combined with each of these to form a compound word?
   - arrow  ○ light  ○ line
   - egg  ○ band  ○ letter

2. Add -ing and -ed to each word.
   - monkey worry say muddy

3. Which examples are correct?
   a. Bethany is the swimmer who survived.
   b. Was it Bethany whom survived the attack?
   c. Who is it that was attacked?
   d. Was it the same shark whom attacked Greg?

4. Choose the correct literary device.
   The surfers were tossed like rag dolls, tumbling in a frothy mixture of foam and seaweed.
   - imagery  ○ metaphor
   - simile  ○ hyperbole
   - alliteration  ○ pun

5. Circle the effect in each example.
   a. She was rescued after she waved down a passing ship.
   b. The skier got lost because of the blinding blizzard.
   c. Steven was able to drink pure water because he had a solar still.
   d. When the elevator cable was severed, the elevator car fell 75 stories.
   e. Someone locked the door early, leaving Bev stuck in the store overnight.

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THURSDAY WEEK 34 LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1. Which words need capital letters?
   Former Olympic hockey player Eric Lemaire got lost on his snowboard and survived seven days in California’s Sierra Nevada mountains.

2. Circle antonyms for survive.
   - succumb  subsist  persist
   - endure  perish  resist

3. Edit this sentence.
   On July 28, 1945 Betty Lou Oliver survive a 1000 foot fall in an elevator at the Empire State Building in New York City New York

4. Alphabetize these words.
   - survive  survival  surrender
   - surplice  surplus  surreptitious

5. Tell what should be changed to correct the usage in each example.
   a. It is well that you survived the fall.
   b. I’m surely she was lost 10 days.
   c. He fell very quick after Jim.
   d. The surfers were real scared of the sharks.
   e. Should you lay down when you meet a cougar?
   f. I think you should have risen up your arms when you met the bear.
   g. That grizzly behaved bad when I met him on the trail.
Read

1. What is the theme of these selections?
2. Circle an opinion in one of the selections.
3. Circle a fact in one of the selections.
4. Which ordeal lasted the longest?
5. Tell which ordeal you think would be the hardest one to survive (and why).


(1972) An unnamed cat survived eight days, trapped in the rubble of a building that collapsed during an earthquake.

(1942) Poom Lim survived 133 days along on a raft adrift in the Atlantic Ocean.

(1945) Betty Lou Oliver survived an amazing plunge in an elevator. An elevator in the Empire State Building fell 75 stories when its cables were severed. Ms. Oliver was inside that elevator and lived to tell about it.

(1988) Kively Popa John survived six days trapped in an elevator. Fortunately, she had just been to the market and had a bag of fruit, vegetables, and bread along with her.

(1986) A two-year old girl, Michelle Funk, survived 66 minutes underwater in a creek. She made a full recovery after her rescue.

(1972) Vesna Vulovic fell 33,333 feet inside a section of an aircraft. She is the survivor of the longest fall (without a parachute) on record.


Write

1. Write a title for this group of selections.
2. Write three questions you would like to ask each survivor.
1. Give correct capitalization to the book’s cover.

2. Circle the complete predicate. Mario skidded about half the distance between the two bases.

3. What is the meaning of the underlined word? It was a daunting task to try to get a strike out of Spike Malone. The pitcher tried again and again, and just couldn’t do it.

4. Choose the correct literary device.

   In the game today, Lucy was a tiger every time she got up to bat.
   ○ personification  ○ irony
   ○ simile  ○ metaphor

5. Number the events in a reasonable sequence.
   ____ The next time up to bat, she struck out.
   ____ Maria slid to first.
   ____ Then she got two strikes in a row.
   ____ It was Maria’s first turn to bat.
   ____ Maria passed third base on her way to home plate.
   ____ The first two pitches were balls.
   ____ She hit the ball past third base.
   ____ On Jana’s hit, she stole second.

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1. Correct the usage error in the sentence. How come you didn’t stop at second base?

2. Circle the correctly spelled words.

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3. Finish the analogy.

   blush : embarrassment :: fume : _______________

4. Which key word should you use to find information about famous hitters (such as Babe Ruth) in baseball history?

   ○ history  ○ Babe Ruth  ○ players
   ○ hitters  ○ major league  ○ baseball

5. Rewrite the sentences to make the sentences more interesting and the verbs more active.

   a. The umpire said, “Strike three!” as the ball whipped past the batter’s head.
   b. Running around the bases, Ramon looked like a streaking meteor.
   c. The wind at the ballpark was piercing.
1. The enthusiasm for the winning team is spreading. Is the enthusiasm contagious or infectious?

2. Insert apostrophes correctly.
   You've got to remember that it's only Tom's first time at bat in his whole life.

3. What literary technique is used here?
   Thick sheets of silver rain separated the fans from the field.

4. Circle and identify the verbal in each sentence (gerund, infinitive, or participle).
   a. Screaming made my throat sore.
   b. The screaming fans waved banners.
   c. Jim was the last one to scream.
   d. Fans screaming at the top of their lungs drove me away from the ballpark.

5. What is the main idea of the passage?
   For many years, fans at baseball games sang “Take Me Out To The Ballgame,” to the accompaniment of a baseball park organ played by a live organist. The tradition began in 1941 when the Chicago Cubs had an organ brought into Wrigley Field just for one day. Soon, organs were popping up in all the fields. But in early 2005, the Los Angeles Angels became the last major league team to let its organist go. Organ music is still played at some ballparks now and then, but, for the most part, the ballpark organist is a thing of the past.

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1. Explain the meaning of gaffe.
   Fans said the player made a gaffe.

2. Circle the direct object(s).
   The same man who invented baseball fired the first shot for the Union in the American Civil War.

3. Could a tale about a baseball game played in the 25th century be a nonfiction book?
   ○ yes  ○ no

4. Correct the spelling.
   thesuarus  beerd
   coogar  drowght
   angwish  boisterous

5. Write a caption for the picture.
   It's a home run.
FRIDAY WEEK 35 ______________________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Read

1. What is the point of view in this poem?
2. Give a brief oral or written summary. Tell what the author is trying to say.
3. Describe what you believe the poet really feels about the broken window.
4. Make an inference about the relationship between the baseball player and the person who is receiving the apology.

I Need To Tell You...

The baseball has broken your dining room window
And I know company’s coming for dinner
Forgive me
It was a fine hit
And I got a home run.

Write

Have you ever apologized for something for which you were not truly sorry? Think about it. Make a list of such events (real or imaginary). Then follow the form of the poem above to write an apology poem. (Look in your library or on the Internet for a copy of the poem This is Just to Say by poet William Carlos Williams. This poem was modeled after Mr. Williams' famous apology poem.)

Title

Line 1
What I did

Line 2
Why it’s a problem

Line 3
Some words or phrases that give the apology

Lines 4-5
A hint as to why you are not truly sorry
MONDAY  WEEK 36 _____________________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Name

1. Circle the words that are spelled correctly.
   - attendance
   - abundance
   - consequence
   - assurance
   - nuisance
   - transference

2. Write a synonym for paucity.

3. For each example, tell if the verb is an action verb or a linking verb.
   a. The Sears Tower looms above other buildings in Chicago.
   b. Elevators rise at 1,600 feet a minute.
   c. The tower’s cost was over $150 million.

4. What literary technique is shown here?
   The traffic light winked its yellow eye at me.

TUESDAY  WEEK 36 _____________________________________ LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Name

1. The city’s mayor warned people about the discovery of noxious substances. What does she mean by noxious?

2. Does the sentence show correct use of parentheses?
   The city of Seoul (South Korea’s capital) has a population greater than that of Australia.

3. Rewrite this to clarify the meaning.
   I learned that the population of Sao Paulo, Brazil increases by 2,000 people a day from reading an almanac.

4. Think of five words that could be found on a glossary page with the guide words causeway and city.

5. Edit the passage for punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.
   Middletown Connecticut is a small city of 45000 people situated in a pleasant spot along the connecticut river. In recent years the city is growing and becoming a particularly attractive setting for new businesses. Thirty five businesses have opened in a downtown mall called the main street market, other additions are two new Golf Corses and a new 12-screen movie theater complex.
**WEDNESDAY WEEK 36 LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

1. What is the meaning of this sentence?
   Todd and his friend were on top of the world because they won a trip to Paris.

2. Circle the silent letters.
   - an honest ghost
   - a whimpering gnome
   - a psychic knight
   - a gourmet wrestler

3. Does the subject agree with the verb?
   San Francisco, my favorite of all cities, have many beautiful bridges.

4. True or false?
   Expository writing is writing that informs, teaches, or explains.

**THURSDAY WEEK 36 LANGUAGE PRACTICE**

1. Give the meaning of each root.
   - lunar
   - mortal
   - dissect
   - portable
   - dynamite
   - dormant

2. Capitalize and punctuate the sentence.
   Venice a city in Italy has the distinction of being the world's most waterlogged city

3. What reference source is an alphabetical list of items or information, found in a book, magazine, or set of publications?

4. Is the underlined clause an essential clause?
   Las Vegas, a city set in the desert of Nevada, is the wedding capital of the world.

5. Compare the two lists. What do you notice about the similarities and differences?

   **Most Common U.S. City Names**
   1. Fairview
   2. Midway
   3. Oak Grove
   4. Franklin and Riverside
   5. Centerville
   6. Mount Pleasant
   7. Georgetown
   8. Salem

   **Most Common U.S. Place Names**
   1. Fairview
   2. Midway
   3. Riverside
   4. Oak Grove
   5. Five Points
   6. Oakland
   7. Greenwood
   8. Bethel and Franklin
   (Includes cities and other places such as parks, airports, etc.)

5. Eliminate unnecessary words.
   The city of Liverpool, England, a city in England, is famous for the number of musicians who call it home. There have been more number one top of the chart hit singles by people from Liverpool, in relation to the number of people in the population, than from any other city in the world.
**Read**

Examine this picture of the “goings-on” in the apartments and stores on this city street.

1. Make an inference about each scenario (A–H). Tell what you think is happening.
2. Predict what will happen next in two of the settings.

**Write**

1. Write a creative title for a story about window F.
2. Write an inviting beginning for a description of the happenings in window D.
3. Write part of a conversation that is going on in window G.
4. Write a question you would like to ask one the persons in window E.
5. Write a smashing ending for a story about window A.