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NOTE TO TEACHERS AND PARENTS

Spelling Rules!

A whole-school spelling program that makes spelling stick!

Some students are natural spellers. They seem to become proficient spellers without any explicit instruction. But the vast majority of students need formal, systematic and sequential instruction about the way spelling works and the strategies they can use to become independent, confident spellers and spelling risk-takers.



The *Spelling Rules!* program is based on sound linguistic and pedagogical theory. It is informed by recent research into how students of different ages acquire and apply spelling skills, and how those skills move from the working to the long-term memory. The program consists of seven Student Books, fully supported by two Teacher Resource Books.

Spelling knowledge

Learning to spell involves developing different kinds of spelling knowledge. In many cases, particularly in the upper grades, more than one kind of knowledge is called upon at a time. As they work through the activities in each *Spelling Rules!* unit, students will develop:

- ★ **Kinaesthetic knowledge**—the physical feeling when saying different sounds and words, and when writing the shapes of letters and words.
- ★ **Phonological knowledge**—how a word sounds and the patterns of sounds in words.
- ★ **Visual knowledge**—how letters and words look and the visual patterns in words.
- ★ **Morphemic knowledge**—the meaning or function of words or parts of words.
- ★ **Etymological knowledge**—the origins and history of words and the effect this has on spelling patterns.

Icons used in Student Book G

-  This icon highlights useful spelling rules. The rule is always introduced the first time students will need it to complete an activity. There is also a handy summary of important rules on page 80.
-  This icon tells students that a special clue or hint is provided for an activity. It may be a spelling, grammar or punctuation convention, or a definition of a useful term.

Spelling Rules! Teacher Resource Book Ages 8-12+

Full teacher support for *Student Book G* is provided by *Spelling Rules! Teacher Resource Book Ages 8-12+*. Here you will find valuable background information about spelling development and spelling knowledge, along with practical resources, such as:

- ★ teaching tips for every unit in *Student Book G*
- ★ extra word lists
- ★ strategies for teaching spelling
- ★ assessing spelling and diagnosing spelling errors
- ★ activities to support struggling spellers
- ★ worthwhile extension for more able spellers.



Student Book G

UNITS OF WORK

Student Book G contains 35 weekly units of work. See the **Scope and Sequence** chart on page 3 for more information.

WORD LISTS

Spelling lists enable a particular rule, letter pattern, sound pattern, etymology or morphemic element to be focused on. And they provide sufficient examples to consolidate the teaching point. In *Student Book G*, each unit (except Revision) has a list of fifteen spelling words. This is a large enough list for students to learn the rule or pattern, but not so large as to overwhelm students with too many words to learn. Research shows that even able spellers need worthwhile extra learning activities—not simply more words to learn.

The core words in the lists have been chosen to support the learning focus and strategies being taught in the unit. In addition, some confusing words and topic words are introduced. The words are listed in order from simplest to more challenging, acknowledging the wide range of student ability at this age.

SCALLURP

Each word list begins with a reminder for students to SCALLURP. SCALLURP summarises the strategies that will help spelling move from students' working memory to their long-term memory.



Say the word carefully and slowly to yourself, **Listen** to how each part of the word sounds in sequence, **Look** at the patterns of letters in the word and the shape of the word, **Understand** rules, word meanings and word origins, **Remember** all the similar words you can already spell and relate this knowledge to any new word, **Practise** writing the word until it is firmly fixed in long-term memory.

SCALLURP reminds students about strategies they can use to learn the words

Unit banner features the spelling focus in the context of a fun quiz about words

Spelling focus highlighted in colour

Sequenced activities

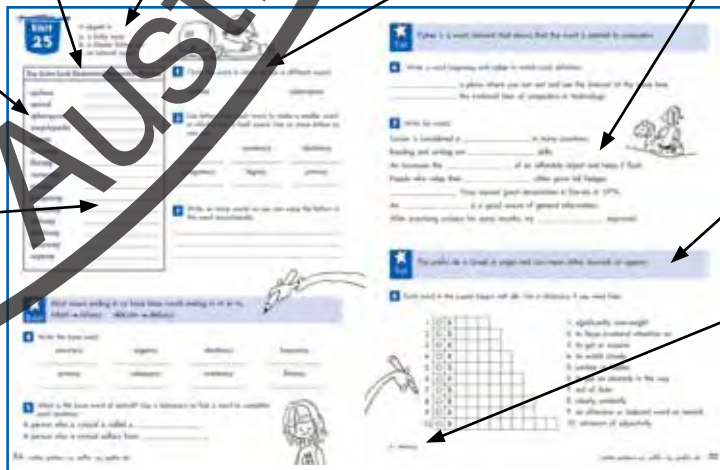
Spelling tips and rules introduced when students need them to complete an activity

Answer to the quiz in the unit banner

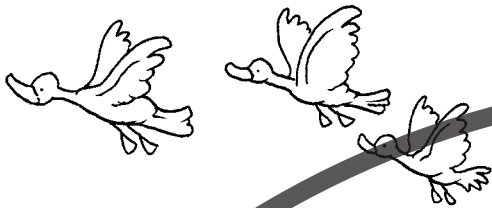
Footer shows the spelling focus for the unit

List words support the learning of the spelling focus for the unit

Space to practise list words; to write theme words, personal words or extension words; or to practise other words with the same spelling focus. Adapt this section to suit the needs of your class



Fluctuation occurs when
a. fruit becomes rotten
b. a flock of ducks flies in formation
c. something changes constantly



Say Listen Look Understand Remember Practise

desperation	_____
cooperation	_____
appreciation	_____
devastation	_____
association	_____
deception	_____
prescription	_____
explosion	_____
decision	_____
erosion	_____
invasion	_____
exclusion	_____
collision	_____
persuasion	_____
dissuasion	_____

★ Rule! Some verbs add **ion** to make the noun.
If the verb ends in silent **e**, drop the **e** before adding **ion**.
devote → devotion

1 Write the noun form.		
impress	_____	separate
pollute	_____	cooperate
education	_____	irrigation
discussion	_____	desperation
appreciation	_____	devastation

2 Write the base word.

★ Rule! If the verb ends in **de**, drop the **e** and change **d** to **s** before adding **ion**.
decide → decision

3 Write the noun form.				
explode	collide	invade	exclude	persuade
evade	include	erode	dissuade	conclude

4 Each word is an antonym of a list word. Write the list word. Circle the prefix or syllable which has been added or changed.

inclusion _____ disassociation _____
depreciation _____ persuasion _____



★ Tip! Some words are always used together. This is called **collocation**.
separation from not separation with
The underlined words are **prepositions**.



5 Write a list word and the preposition it goes with to complete each sentence.
The player's _____ the first team was due to injury.
The _____ the riverbank resulted in deep gullies.
To show our _____ our grandmother, we bought her some flowers.
The shattered glass at the intersection was due to the _____ two cars earlier.
Our school fete was a success due to _____ the parents and the local community.

★ Rule! If a verb ends in **ibe**, drop the **e** and change the **b** to **pt** before adding **ion**.
describe → description

6 Complete the table.

verb	noun
prescribe	_____
subscribe	_____
inscribe	_____



★ Rule! If a verb ends in **eive**, drop the silent **e** and change **iv** to **pt** before adding **ion**.
receive → reception

7 Complete the table.

verb	noun
deceive	_____
_____	perception
_____	conception



What does pretension mean?

- a. a claim that you deserve merit when you don't
- b. a number before ten
- c. preparing tent ropes

Say Listen Look Understand Remember Practise

rejection	
detection	
exhibition	
exhaustion	
digestion	
distinction	
admission	
permission	
submission	
extension	
suspension	
expansion	
evolution	
resolution	
revolution	



Rule!

For some words ending in **t**, change **t** to **ss** before adding **ion**.

admit → admission

If a word ends in **nd**, change **d** to **s** before adding **ion**.

extend → extension

3 Write the noun.

permit _____ submit _____ omit _____
expand _____ suspend _____ comprehend _____

4 Admit has two related nouns: admission and admittance. Use a dictionary to find the meaning of each word. Use each word in a sentence.

admission: _____

admittance: _____



1 Write the two list words that have a silent letter.

2 Complete the table.

verb	noun
attract	
	injection
	detection
exhibit	
exhaust	
	digestion
reject	
	direction
	infection
inspect	



Rule!

If a word ends in **lve**, change **ve** to **ut** before adding **ion**.

solve → solution

5 Make a noun by adding **ion**.

evolve _____ resolve _____ dissolve _____ revolve _____

6 Use the clue to make a new word that matches the definition.

word	clue	new word	definition
detection	change a letter	_____	gloominess
distinction	change 1st syllable	_____	end of a species
digestion	change 1st syllable	_____	build-up of traffic

7 Rewrite each sentence using a list word.

The scientist Charles Darwin proposed a theory to explain how living things have evolved.

This year I have resolved to talk to one new person a month.

The local council has finally said they will permit my parents to build a pool!

My prize-winning painting will be exhibited in the Town Hall next month.

Anyone caught writing graffiti on the walls will be suspended.

8 Proofread this text. Circle the five mistakes and write the words correctly.

I knew the little cakes on the bench were for morning tea and I would never get permission to have one now. Maybe the solussion was to sneak a couple while no one was around, and avoid detecscion. I had one in my hand when Dad came into the kitchen, so I stuffed it in my mouth. Eating that quickly is bad for the digeston! I've made a resolution not to do it again.



Julienne describes
a. the naming of a baby girl
b. something cut into thin strips
c. plans for a party in July



Say Listen Look Understand Remember Practise

average	_____
advantage	_____
passenger	_____
urgent	_____
fragile	_____
revenge	_____
challenge	_____
pledge	_____
justice	_____
rejoice	_____
junction	_____
prejudice	_____
adjacent	_____
adjustment	_____
judgement	_____

Tip! Prefixes and suffixes are known as affixes.

3 Break each word into its base word and affix.

urgently = _____ + _____
judgement = _____ + _____
adjustment = _____ + _____
disadvantage = _____ + _____

4 Sort the list words into verbs, nouns and adjectives. Some words will fit more than one category.

Verbs: _____
Nouns: _____
Adjectives: _____

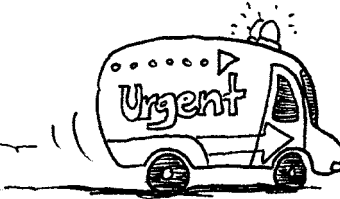
Tip! G usually has a soft sound when it is followed by e, i or y.

1 Circle the letter g if it has a soft sound.

gentle	energy	goalpost
gigantic	garden	gymnasium
genius	ginger	gear
golden	giddy	general

2 Use some of the letters in each word to make a new word with a hard g sound.

passenger _____
urgent _____
challenge _____
pledge _____
average _____

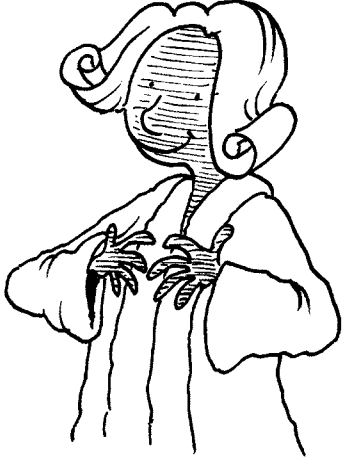


5 Write list words belonging to the same word family. Use a dictionary if you need help.

vengeful _____ joy _____ judge _____

6 Complete the passage.

In the Australian _____ system, anybody accused of a crime is defended by a lawyer. In court, there is a _____, who knows the law and controls what happens in the courtroom. A group of ordinary people called the _____ makes the final decision about whether the defendant is guilty.



7 Write list words.

The contents of the box are _____. Please carry it carefully.
We live _____ to a park, so I play there with my sister every day.
Mum made an _____ to the length of my pyjamas so my little brother could wear them.
In a game, the home team usually has an _____.
A judge must always act fairly if the accused is to receive _____.
I am of _____ height, but my sister is tall for her age.
Karl longed to travel as a _____ on the Trans-Siberian railway.
My father has a _____ against cats, because they make him sneeze.



8 Describe an amazing journey using as many list words as you can.

What is a whangee?

- a. the opposite of a wedgie
- b. bamboo used for making canes
- c. someone who has made one hundred bungee jumps

Say Listen Look Understand Remember Practise

flee	
pursue	
statue	
venue	
foe	
cocoa	
mosquito	
rodeo	
eerie	
simile	
guarantee	
refugee	
veranda	
debut	
alibi	

4 Write the plural.

veranda mosquito refugee foe alibi

5 Write the language each word comes from, and its meaning. Use a dictionary if you need help.

language	meaning
cocoa	
rodeo	
veranda	
debut	

1 Write list words that end with these sounds.

long o
as in toe

long e
as in key

long oo
as in true

2 Which list word has a silent letter?

3 Which list word is a homophone? Write both words in the homophone pair.

6 Most of the vowels have been left out of these sentences. Write each sentence correctly.

This nw cmpttr gdgt cms wth a fr-yr grnt.

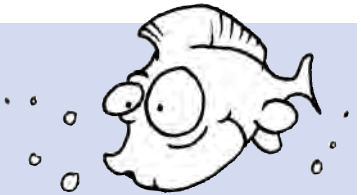
Th wnd whstlng thrgh th crck n th wndw mks n ri snd.

D y knw th vnu fr th drss rhrl?

Lins prsu thr pry n pcks t incrs thr chncs f mknng a kll.



A **simile** describes something by comparing it to something else. It uses *like* or *as* to make the comparison.
The dancer flopped around like a fish out of water.
The dancer moved as gracefully as a swan.



7 Write similes using these words.

statue: _____
cocoa: _____
eerie: _____
rodeo: _____
mosquito: _____

8 Write list words.

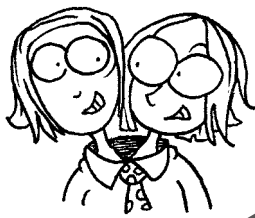
The local community hall will be a good _____ for our meeting.
Hot _____ can warm you up in winter.
The _____ net around my bed has a hole in it, and I got bitten last night.

9 Write the correct form of the verb to complete each sentence.

The police _____ the shoplifters and eventually caught them.
This gold pass _____ you free entry to the movies for one year!
Our cat Mimi _____ into the house when the dogs started barking.



A diarchy is
a. two arches in a row
b. a human with two heads
c. a State governed by two rulers



Say Listen Look Understand Remember Practise

government	
parliament	
cabinet	
politician	
minister	
senator	
representatives	
governor	
premier	
opposition	
president	
election	
democracy	
monarchy	
federal	

1 Break each word into its base word and suffix.

government = _____ + _____
election = _____ + _____
monarchy = _____ + _____
opposition = _____ + _____
politician = _____ + _____
president = _____ + _____
governor = _____ + _____

2 Look at the words in question 1.

Which words have the same base word?

In which words does the base word change when the suffix is added?

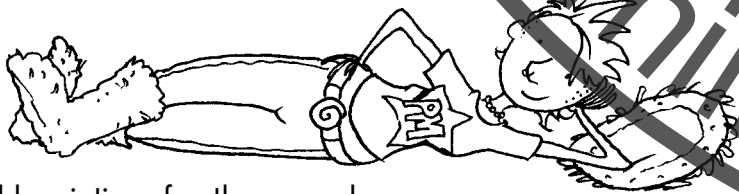
3 Write the list words that refer to people who work in government. Circle the word that is not relevant in Australian government.

4 Many abbreviations are used in government. What do these abbreviations stand for?

PM _____ MHR _____
MP _____ GG _____

5 Write commonly used abbreviations for these words.

federal _____ government _____ representatives _____



6 Find these words in a dictionary, and write a definition for each one.

monarchy _____
democracy _____



A word that is spelt the same as another but has a different meaning is called a homograph. The noun *bear*, meaning a big furry mammal, is a homograph of the verb *bear*, meaning to endure or to carry.

7 These words are homographs. Think of two different meanings for each word. Write a sentence to show each meaning.

premier: 1. _____
2. _____
cabinet: 1. _____
2. _____
minister: 1. _____
2. _____

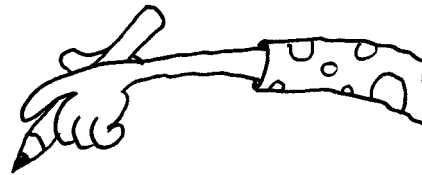
8 Make as many words as you can using the letters in each grid. Make sure you include the list word that is made using all the letters.

N	E	E
I	D	P
R	T	S

O	A	C
R	E	C
D	Y	M

9 Write the correct form of list words to complete the passage.

Most countries are _____. In these countries, the citizens _____ their government. In one type of democracy, such as in Australia and Singapore, the government is headed by a prime _____. In another type of democracy, such as in the USA and France, the government is headed by a _____.



What is your problem if you are suffering from verbiage?
a. you are constantly making up new verbs
b. you are allergic to the smell of rotting vegetables
c. you use many redundant words

1 Complete the table.

verb	add ed	add ing	noun
persuade	persuaded		
judge		judging	
digest			digestion
admit		admitting	
decide	decided		
oppose		opposing	
pursue			pursuit

2 Write double letters to complete each word.

a _ _ ociation _ _ rie pa _ _ enger permi _ _ ion cha _ _ enge
c _ _ peration di _ _ uasion a _ _ reciation admi _ _ ion _ _ _ osition

3 Write g or j.

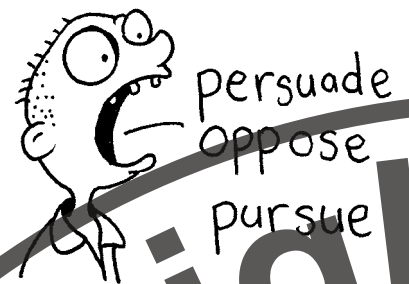
pre _ _ udice ad _ _ acent refu _ _ ee ur _ _ ent fra _ _ ile jud _ _ e

4 Write the missing letter or letters that make the s or sh sound.

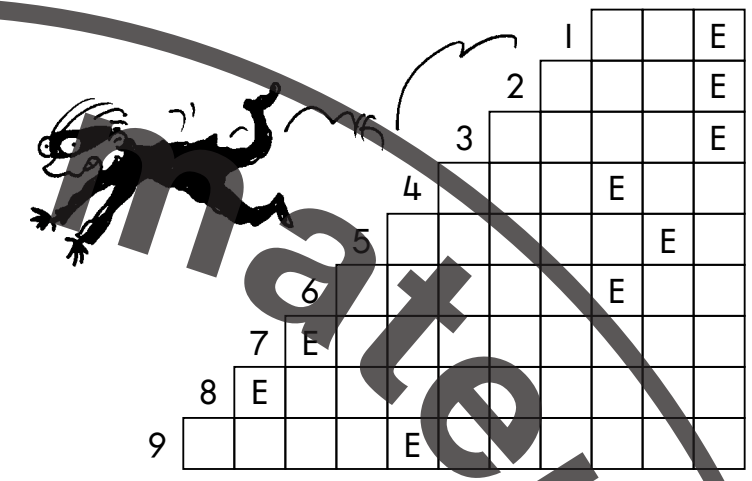
rejoi _ _ e appre _ _ ia _ _ on adju _ _ tment exten _ _ on revolu _ _ on
prejudi _ _ e exhibi _ _ on justi _ _ e democra _ _ y expan _ _ on

5 Rearrange the letters to make an appropriate word.

I received a tintiondisc in the competition. _____
As time ran out, the teams played with increasing spontraidee. _____
Denmark has the oldest chomanyr in the world. _____
I'm good at basketball but only gaverea in swimming. _____
Dad has to go to the doctor to renew his pitcrospine. _____
After running the marathon, Cleo was showing signs of exusiohatn. _____



6 Use the clues to complete the puzzle.



- 1. enemy
- 2. run away from
- 3. senior official in a law court
- 4. needed immediately
- 5. group of senior government ministers
- 6. next to
- 7. Darwin's theory of _____
- 8. extreme tiredness
- 9. working well together

7 Add a suitable prefix.

_____ digestion _____ advantage _____ justice _____ decision _____ judge

8 Write the correct form of the word to complete each sentence.

I've got _____ to go to the late movie on Saturday night.
permit

The _____ of the riverbank was caused by wind and rain.
erode

Laura asked for Niamh's _____ in organising the outing.
cooperate

Sherlock Holmes managed great feats of _____.
detect

Aaliyah showed her _____ of Ben's help by buying him some chocolates.
appreciate

After eating the chocolates, Ben's stomach showed signs of _____.
expand

9 One word in each sentence is spell incorrectly. Circle the word and write the correct spelling.

Do flees flee when vets check a sheep's fleece?
The artist made her debue with a one-woman show at the local gallery.
A new extention was built because more students were being enrolled at the school.
Police are trained to detect criminal desception.
In Australia, the two Houses of Parlament are the Senate and the House of Representatives.



What are you doing if you are smirching?

- a. soiling something
- b. smiling wickedly
- c. scaring something away



Say Listen Look Understand Remember Practise

per ma nent	_____
ter mi nate	_____
per se vere	_____
min er al	_____
se ve ral	_____
mi ir th	_____
vir tu al	_____
for wa rd	_____
or di nary	_____
or che stra	_____
mem o ry	_____
tem po rary	_____
cu rs e	_____
su rp lus	_____
distu rb ance	_____

4 Underline the letters that make the **er** sound in these words.

journey search journal rehearse pearl courtesy

5 Write a list word that is a synonym.

a few _____
end (verb) _____
extra _____
laughter _____

7 Write the correct form of a list verb.

Mrs Quinn _____ her luck when the hail destroyed her garden.
Don't go to sleep now! The train is _____ at the next station.
I overheard Grandma telling my cousin to _____ with his athletics training.



The unstressed vowel sound is called a **schwa**. This sound can be written in many ways.

away animal literal bitten
action kingdom evil

1 Write the missing letters representing the **schwa** sound.

exh _ bit _ _ n prej _ d _ ce
p _ jam _ s dev _ stat _ _ n
d _ mocr _ cy

2 Say aloud each list word that contains **or**. In which two words does **or** make the **schwa** sound?

3 Write **er**, **ir**, **or** or **ur**.

v _ _ se st _ _ th w _ _ th
f _ _ ther mod _ _ n aff _ _ d
s _ _ face c _ _ cular dist _ _ b

6 Write a list word that is an antonym.

real _____
permanent _____
backward _____
blessing _____

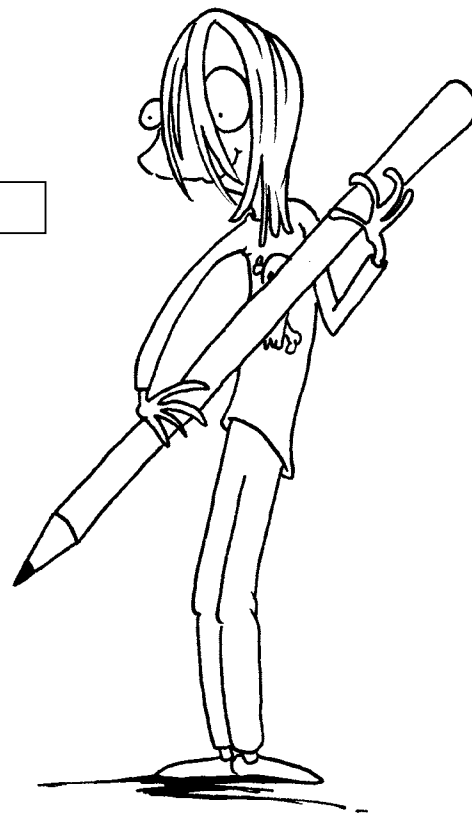
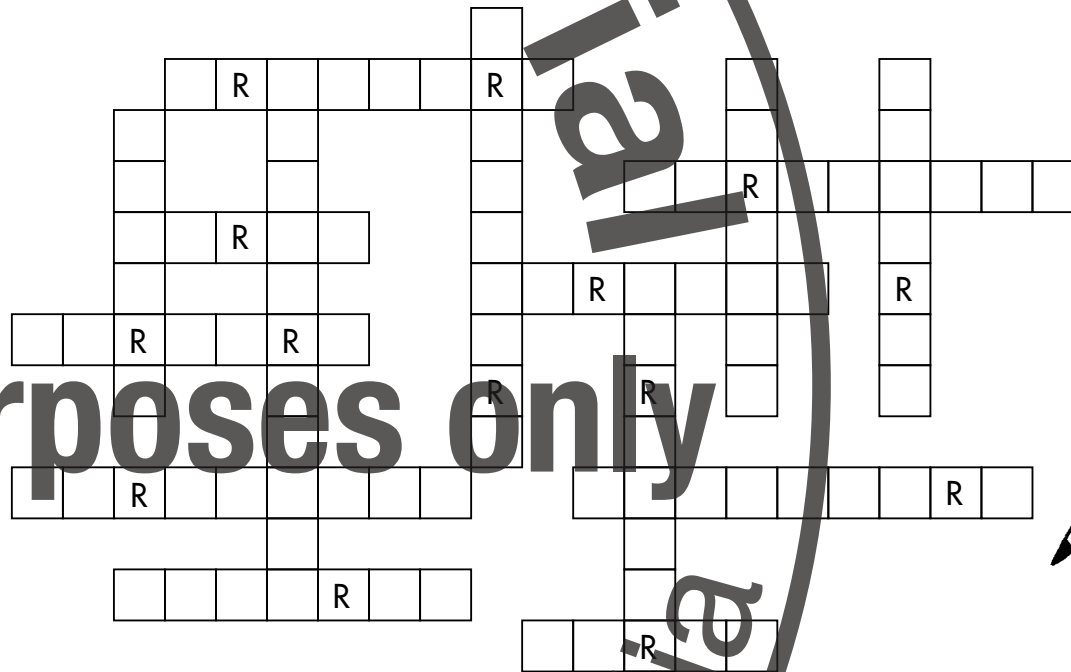
8 Write a list word to follow each prefix.

extra _____ im _____ ex _____

9 Add the suffix to make a new word.

virtual + ly → _____
temporary + ly → _____
terminate + ion → _____
ordinary + ly → _____
memory + al → _____
persevere + ance → _____

10 Use all the list words to complete the puzzle.



11 Forward sounds similar to foreword. Use a dictionary to find the meaning of each word. Write the meaning, then use the word in a sentence.

forward _____
foreword _____

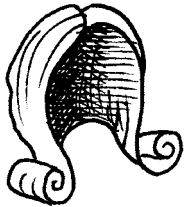
What is a hippiat~~er~~?
a. a hip surgeon
b. a species of alligator
c. a horse doctor

Say Listen Look Understand Remember Practise

employee	_____
employer	_____
manager	_____
lawyer	_____
cashier	_____
pioneer	_____
engineer	_____
translator	_____
sculptor	_____
surgeon	_____
scientist	_____
pharmacist	_____
chef	_____
athlete	_____
chauffeur	_____

3 Write a list word that fits each group.

nurse anaesthetist
_____ doctor



judge _____
prosecutor barrister

4 Write the occupation of a person who works in each place.

laboratory _____
restaurant _____
office _____

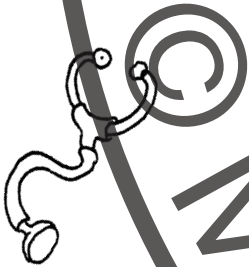
pharmacy _____
car _____
department store _____



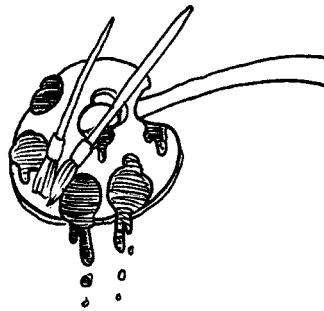
1 Complete the table.

occupation	base word
engineer	_____
manager	_____
	cash
	account
	sculpt
scientist	_____
lawyer	_____
translator	_____
	politics

2 Write the two list words that are also French words.



artist
painter
illustrator



physicist
geologist
biologist

5 Each word has a soft **g** or **c** sound. Use some of the letters in each word to make a word with a hard **g** or **c** sound.

manager surgeon pharmacist engineer

6 Use the clue to make a word that matches the meaning.

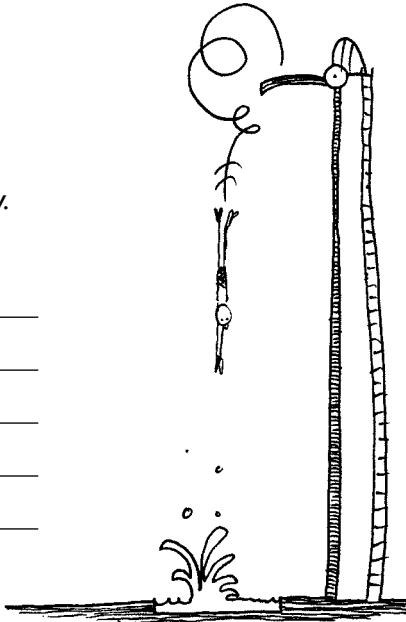
list word	clue	new word	meaning
chef	add a letter	_____	person in charge
manager	take away a letter	_____	food trough for animals
pioneer	change 3 letters	_____	female lion
surgeon	add a letter	_____	large fish producing caviar

7 Add **er**, **or** or **ist** to complete these occupation names. Use a dictionary if you need help.

ophthalmolog_____ anaesthet_____
curat_____ carpent_____
millin_____ tail_____
edit_____ horolog_____
ornitholog_____ plumb_____

8 Proofread this text. Circle the five mistakes and write the words correctly.

I enjoy watching the Olympic Games. The venu
is usually colourful with the many flags of the
participating nations. The atheletes exhibit great
skill and courage and the crowds cheer their
appresiation. I feel I am always guranteed great
entertainment.



9 Pioneer can be both a noun and a verb. Write a sentence for each meaning of the word

pioneer (noun): _____

pioneer (verb): _____

Risibility is the ability to

- a. rise early
- b. laugh easily
- c. rotate your wrists

Say Listen Look Understand Remember Practise

ability	
stability	
durability	
probability	
acceptability	
predictability	
respectability	
changeability	
availability	
irritability	
possibility	
visibility	
flexibility	
responsibility	
accessibility	



Words ending in **ible** and **able** are adjectives. These words may also add **ity** as a second suffix. Adding **ity** changes the adjective to a noun.

1 Write the list words ending in **ibility**. Then write the adjectival form.

noun	adjective

2 Write the list words ending in **ability**. Then write the adjectival form.

noun	adjective

noun	adjective

3 Most of the list words have two suffixes. Complete the pattern.

respect + able + ity → _____ flex + ible + ity → _____
accept + _____ + _____ → _____ access + _____ + _____ → _____
predict + _____ + _____ → _____ response + _____ + _____ → _____

4 Write the list word in which silent **e** has been kept when the suffixes are added to the base word.

5 Another word that keeps silent **e** is *traceability*. Why do these words keep the silent **e**?

6 Use each clue to find a smaller word within a list word. Write the small word and the list word.

clue	answer	list word
the opposite of off		
what thieves do		
the colour of anger or embarrassment		
what you do to show off your muscles		

7 Add **un**, **im**, **in** or **ir** to make an antonym.

_____ flexibility _____ possibility _____ predictability _____ responsibility

8 Write list words.

Our coach thinks that Rahim has the _____ to play for Australia one day.

Lili avoids _____ and constantly surprises us with new magic tricks.

Our bushwalk was cancelled due to the _____ of a thunderstorm.

Buster, our dog, has been bad-tempered recently. Our vet discovered that his _____ was due to an infection in his ear.

Janie's _____ this week is to clean the board; Lucas's is to turn off the lights and fans.

Animals are migratory if the _____ of food and water is not constant.

9 Write as many words as you can using the letters in the word *changeability*.



Continuous and contiguous are often confused. What does contiguous mean?

a. the contents of a tin
b. including tigers
c. adjacent



Say Listen Look Understand Remember Practise

accent	
ascent	
future	
further	
device	
devise	
cemetery	
symmetry	
stationery	
stationary	
bizarre	
bazaar	
excess	
descent	
wander	

1 The words in each pair are easily confused. Underline the part of each word that sounds different.

accent	descent	symmetry
ascent	decent	cemetery
future	wander	excess
further	wonder	access

Tip! The etymology of a word tells us where the word comes from and what its original meaning was.

2 Bizarre and bazaar are often confused. Write the correct word in each sentence. Use a dictionary if you need help.

_____ is a French word meaning odd or fantastic.
_____ is an old Persian word meaning market.

Tip! Some confusing pairs of words are the verb and noun form of the same word. For example, advise is the verb while advice is the noun. A useful mnemonic for advise/advice is that the verb advise contains the verb is and the noun advice contains the noun ice.

3 Write in the brackets whether each word is a noun or a verb. Use a dictionary if you need help. Then write the correct word in each sentence.

practise (_____)
practice (_____)
devise (_____)
device (_____)

I _____ the piano every day.
Sam fell over at basketball _____.
Dad's favourite _____ is the remote control.
For our project we have to _____ a weighing scale.

4 Draw a line to match each word to its meaning. Then use one of the words in your own sentence.

excess	extra
access	way through
desert	sweet food eaten at the end of a meal
dessert	an extremely dry place
stationary	not moving
stationery	things used for writing

5 One word in each sentence is wrong. The correct word may be a homophone or a similar sounding word. Circle the incorrect word and write the word correctly.

Jonah pulled a mussel while running in the 100 m race. _____
It's rained every day this week accept Tuesday. _____
I wander whether my aunt will come to visit today. _____
How long can you hold your breathe underwater? _____
Pia's mother has lived here for many years but she still has an ascent. _____
The hailstorm had a devastating affect. _____

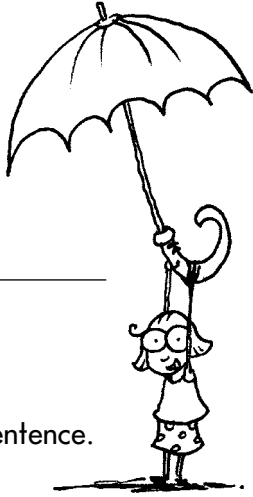
6 Write the other homophone or homophones, then use each set of homophones in a sentence.

lesson _____

medal _____

threw _____

their _____



What is trichology?
a. the science of hair and its diseases
b. the knowledge of three-sided objects
c. the study of tricks

Say Listen Look Understand Remember Practise

environment	
rainforest	
pollution	
greenhouse	
climate	
recycle	
ozone	
ecology	
irrigation	
conservation	
deforestation	
flora	
fauna	
sustainable	
atmosphere	

★ Tip! Prefixes and suffixes (affixes) add to the meaning of a base word.
de + forest + ation = the process of getting rid of forests

4 Write the meanings of these words. Use a dictionary if you need help.
reforestation: _____
unsustainable: _____
pollutants: _____

5 Use each clue to find a smaller word within a list word. Write the small word and the list word.

clue	answer	list word
a 3D shape	_____	_____
a number	_____	_____
a discoloured patch	_____	_____
where a train stops	_____	_____

1 Write the affixes used in the list words.

suffixes _____

prefixes _____

2 Write the base words.

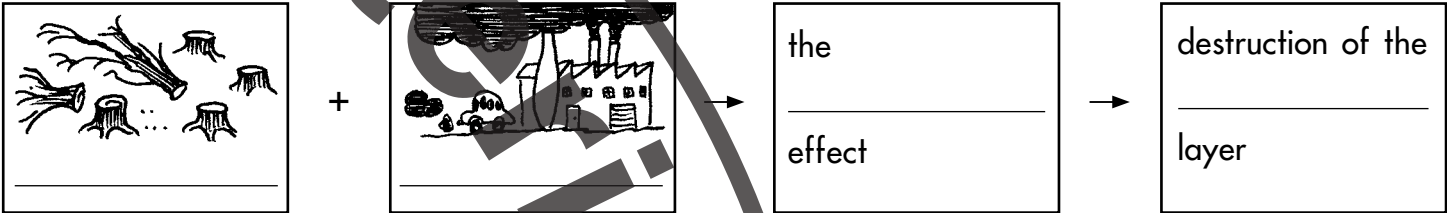
pollution _____
irrigation _____
conservation _____
sustainable _____
recycle _____

3 Write the list words which are compound words.

6 Use some of the letters in each list word to make a three-letter, a four-letter and a five-letter word.

environment	irrigation	sustainable
3 letters _____	_____	_____
4 letters _____	_____	_____
5 letters _____	_____	_____

7 Use a list word to complete the diagram. Briefly explain the diagram.



★ Tip! **logy** is a word element that means *science* or *the study of*.
bio (living things) + logy → biology

8 Use a dictionary to find the meaning of each word. Write the meaning, then use the word in a sentence.

ecology: _____

geology: _____

zoology: _____

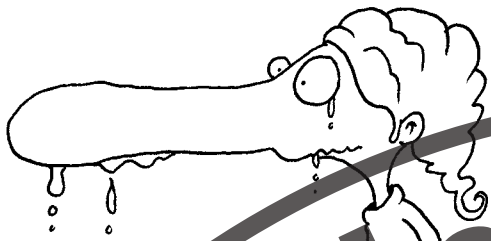
meteorology: _____

9 Use a list word to name each category. Add more examples.

_____ : trees, shrubs, grass, _____, _____
_____ : mammals, insects, fish, _____, _____
_____ : hose, dam, water pipe, _____, _____

What is a snorter?

- a. a rope attached to a ship's mast
- b. a person with a cold
- c. a sick pig



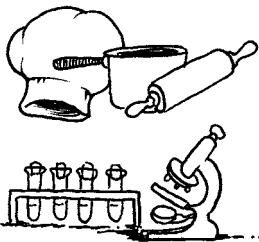
1 Write **ir**, **er**, **or** or **ur**.

s__face desp__ation p__severe w__th s__geon
sculpt__ cons__vation mem__y v__tual gov__n

2 Write the noun form.

disturb _____ decide _____
responsible _____ accept _____
pollute _____ translate _____
irrigate _____ able _____

3 Write the occupation associated with each picture.



4 Write the antonym.

permanent _____ certainty _____ flexibility _____
backward _____ possibility _____ stability _____

5 Use each word in a sentence.

affect _____
effect _____

6 Colour the correct word.

Fireworks have a terrible **affect** **effect** on my dog, who howls and whimpers.
Dad's taking me to buy some **stationary** **stationery** for my project.
I had to **practice** **practise** for weeks before I could hold my **breath** **breathe** long enough to
swim across the pool underwater.
Alita and her friends love to go to the Saturday **bazaar** **bizarre**.

7 Rewrite each sentence using one word to replace the underlined word or phrase.

We really admire Aoki because he never stops trying.

Airports must close if fog reduces the ability to see.

We put our empty bottles in the yellow bin so that they can be made into something else.

The world has to be careful about getting rid of all the forests, or our way of life may not be able to be sustained.

8 Complete the tables.

noun	adjective
responsibility	
	possible
	flexible
visibility	

noun	adjective
	stable
availability	
	probable
predictability	

9 Write the correct form of the verb to complete each sentence.

Our team captain later _____ responsibility for mixing up the time of our match.

accept

Yesterday, Alan _____ that he used to believe in bunyips.

admit

Everyone had to _____ to complete the obstacle course.

cooperate

Were you _____ by the thunderstorm last night?

disturb

_____ my shirt at half time definitely helped me play better.

change

10 Write about how recycling helps the environment.



What does it mean to ride **pillion**?
a. to be a passenger on a motorcycle
b. to deliver medicines in a van
c. to carry pillows on a bike



Say Listen Look Understand Remember Practise

opinion	
tuition	
rational	
occasional	
prior	
senior	
superior	
inferior	
exterior	
posterior	
median	
alliance	
radiant	
peculiar	
diarrhoea	

Tip! Interior, exterior, posterior and anterior describe different positions. The first syllable indicates the position.

4 Complete each sentence.

If *postpone* means *put off until later*, then **post** means _____.
If *antecede* means *go before*, then **ante** means _____.
If *external* means *outside*, then **ex** means _____.
If *internal* means *inside*, then **in** means _____.

5 Draw a line to match each word to its meaning.

interior	before
exterior	inside
anterior	behind
posterior	outside

1 Write a list word that rhymes.

fire _____
defiance _____
ignition _____
gradient _____

2 Write the list word that is an antonym.

junior _____
inferior _____
irrational _____
interior _____
frequent _____

3 Write the list word that is a synonym.

union _____
shining _____
strange _____
previous _____

Tip! **Diarrhoea** is unpleasant to have and difficult to spell.
The number of double letters in **occasionally** also causes confusion.

6 Make up mnemonics to help you remember the spelling of *diarrhoea* and *occasionally*.

diarrhoea

occasionally

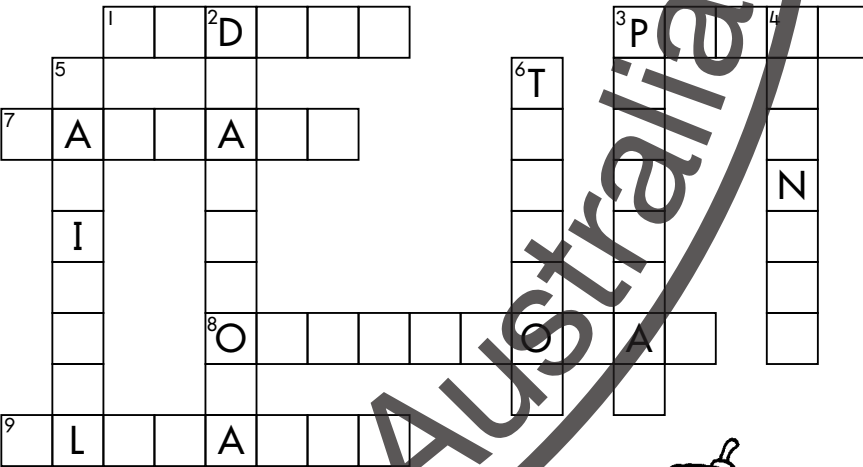
Tip! Many of the list words add **ity** to make the noun.
prior → *priority*

7 Add **ity** to make the noun.

prior _____
inferior _____
superior _____

senior _____
peculiar _____
familiar _____

8 Write list words to complete the puzzle. Write your own clue for each word.



Across

1. _____
3. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

Down

2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

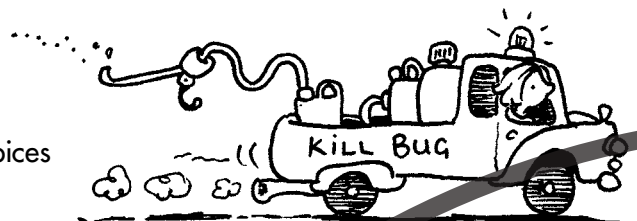


The interior is warmer than the exterior.



Answer: a

What is a pestle?
a. a pest elimination service
b. a club-shaped tool used to grind spices
c. a small child being a nuisance



Say Listen Look Understand Remember Practise

- optical
- practical
- skeletal
- serial
- gradual
- beneficial
- sequential
- especially
- essentially
- excel
- rebel
- parallel
- particle
- chortle
- vehicle

1 Write the list words that have a hard c sound, as in clear.

2 Complete the table.

base word	list word
sequence	
benefit	essentially
	serial
skeleton	
	practical

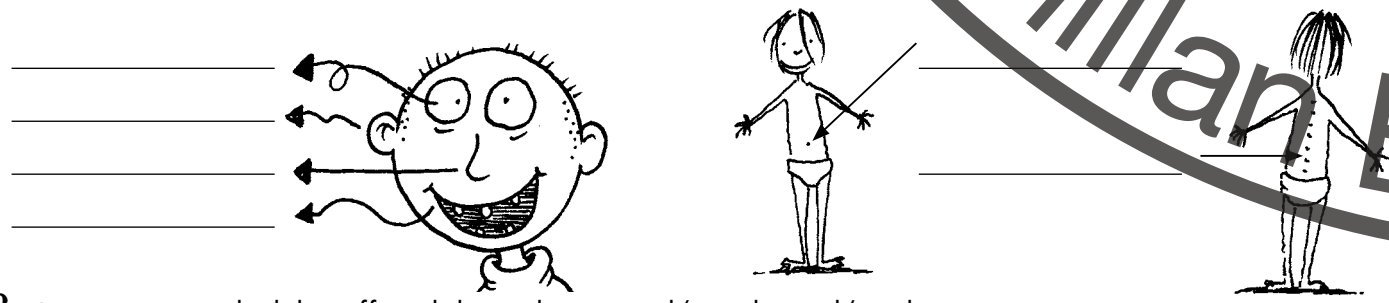
Tip! Serial and cereal are homophones.



3 Write serial or cereal to complete each sentence.
I have _____ for breakfast every morning, except on weekends.
The _____ numbers of the stolen banknotes were published in the newspaper.
I can't wait to see the next instalment of the television _____.
Wheat, rye, oats and maize are all kinds of _____.

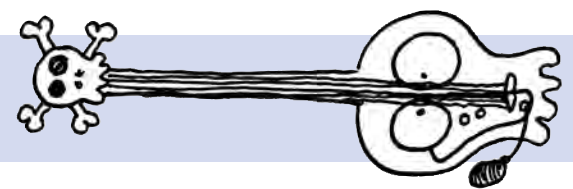
4 Use the words to label the pictures.

- abdominal aural dental spinal optical nasal



5 Write as many words as you can ending in tle. Circle the word if the t is silent.

Tip! Metal and mettle are homophones.



6 Use a dictionary to find the meaning of metal and mettle. Use each word in a sentence.

mettle: _____
metal: _____

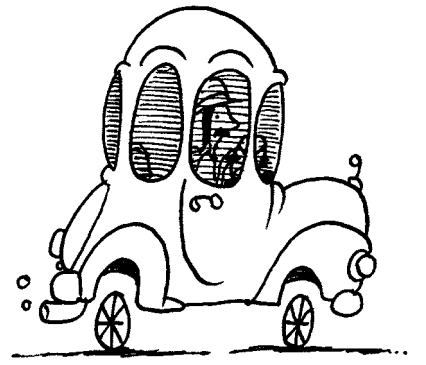
Rule! If a noun ends in ce, change the ce to ti before adding al to make the adjective.
confidence → confidential
Exceptions: office → official practice → practical

7 Add al.

essence → _____ sequence → _____
preference → _____ palace → _____

8 Write a list word to match each meaning.

in particular _____
lines that are always the same distance apart _____
progressing slowly _____
something of a very small size _____
something with wheels for transportation _____



9 Write the correct form of the verb to complete each sentence.

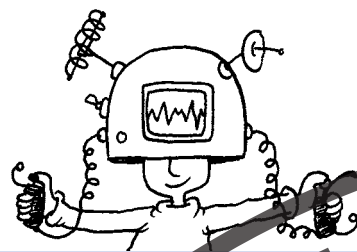
The hero in the story _____ against his uncle when he realised he was expected to commit a crime.

The champion has been _____ in her sport for many years.

I couldn't stop _____ when I heard the joke.

Ha ha ha ha ha ha ha!

Answer: b



wondr**ous** _____

disastr**ous** _____

humor**ous** _____

hazard**ous** _____

miracul**ous** _____

poison**ous** _____

mysteri**ous** _____

suspici**ous** _____

envi**ous** _____

rebelli**ous** _____

feroci**ous** _____

voraci**ous** _____

precar**ious** _____

advantage**ous** _____

spontane**ous** _____

study → _____

envy → _____

grace → _____
mystery → _____

fame → famous

ridicule → _____

malice → _____

space → _____

nerve → _____

outrage →
advantage →

We never know what's going to happen when we stay with Grandma. We have great fun and my friends are quite _____. Once she woke us in the middle of the night to watch a meteor shower. It was a _____ sight. Another time, she thought her neighbours were behaving in a _____ manner, so we followed them for a while as if we were detectives. She has a dog who looks _____ but will eat bits of toast out of your hand.



5/

uses only

jealous
funny
greedy
distrustful
impulsive
favourable



clue

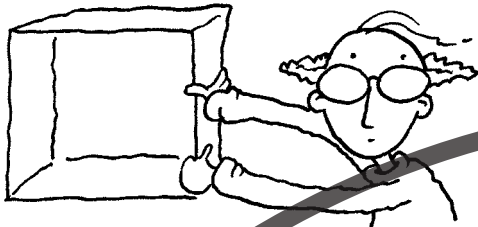
answer

list word

something you can ring
a browning of the skin
a male child of parents
a motor vehicle
to sing without words

What does the word element **neo** mean?

- a. nil
- b. new
- c. a broken neon light



Say Listen Look Understand Remember Practise

- novel
- novelty
- novice
- innovate
- innovation
- vocal
- vocabulary
- advocate
- vociferous
- invoke
- provoke
- notice
- notify
- annotate
- reminisce

1 Sort the list words into adjectives, verbs and nouns. Some words may belong to more than one group.

verbs

adjectives

nouns

Tip! **Etymology** is the study of the origin of words. Most English words have Old English, Latin or Greek origins. Synonyms often have different origins. For example, *new* is from Old English, while *novel* is from Latin.

The Latin origins for the list words are:
nova = new *vox* = voice *notare* = note *reminisci* = remember.

2 Group the list words.

related to **voice**:

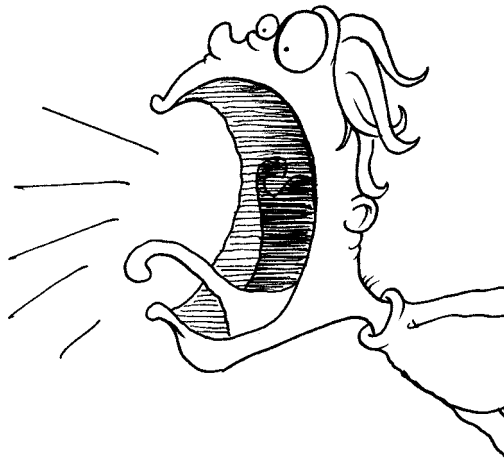
related to **note**:

related to **remember**:

related to **new**:

3 Using the word origin as a clue, write a list word to match each definition.

- speaking with a loud, fierce voice
- someone new and inexperienced
- to produce something new
- to call forth
- to make notes
- to remember the past
- to speak on someone's behalf
- something new and unusual



4 These words belong to the same word family as list words. Use each word in a sentence to show its meaning.

- reminiscent:
- renovate:
- notorious:
- revoke:

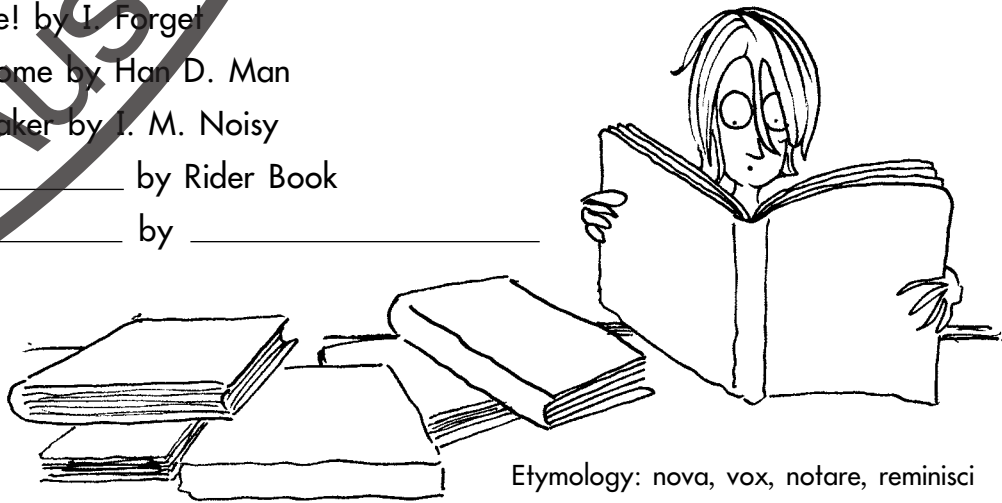
Tip! **Novel** is a homograph. It has two different meanings.

5 Write a definition for each meaning of *novel*.

- novel (noun) =
- novel (adjective) =

6 Use a list word to complete each title. Make up a title and author of your own.

- A Complete _____ by B. Ginner
- _____ No More! by I. Forget
- _____ in the Home by Han D. Man
- The _____ Speaker by I. M. Noisy
- Creating a Great _____ by Rider Book
- _____ by _____



- A periscope is
- a. a gourmet plum
 - b. a viewing device on a submarine
 - c. a device to measure the perimeter of an area

Say Listen Look Understand Remember Practise

solution	
toxic	
method	
experiment	
acid	
alkaline	
temperature	
evaporate	
thermometer	
theory	
equipment	
chemical	
microscope	
hypothesis	
laboratory	

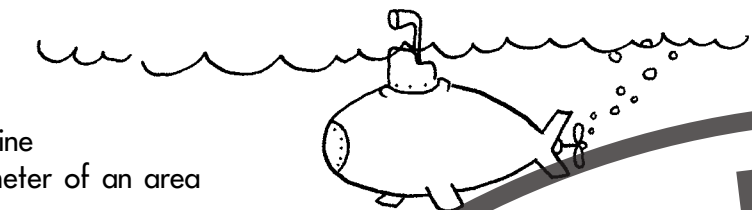
Tip! In a compound word, both parts can be used independently. Some words are not compound words, but consist of two separate word elements. **Scope** and **meter** can act as words and as word elements. As word elements, **scope** refers to a viewing instrument and **meter** to a measuring instrument.

- 3** Use a dictionary to find the meaning of the word element and the whole word.
- micro = _____ microscope = _____
- thermo = _____ thermometer = _____

Write other words you know that use these word elements.

scope: _____

meter: _____



- 1** Divide these list words into syllables. Underline the syllable that is stressed in each word.

- | | |
|-------------|------------|
| method | alkaline |
| evaporate | equipment |
| microscope | hypothesis |
| temperature | acid |

Rule! **ic** is a less common suffix that changes a noun to an adjective. The base word usually changes when **ic** is added.
tragedy → *tragic*

- 2** Add **ic** to make the adjective. The base word may change. Use a dictionary if you need help.

noun	adjective
base	
acid	
toxin	
science	
horror	

- 4** Write the correct form of a list word to complete each sentence.

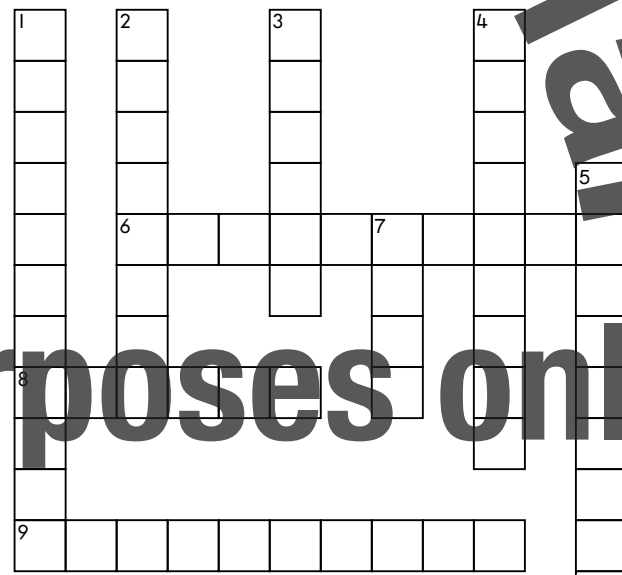
What usually makes people sick are _____ creatures called viruses and bacteria.

When you cook a cake, it is very important to follow the _____ given in the recipe.

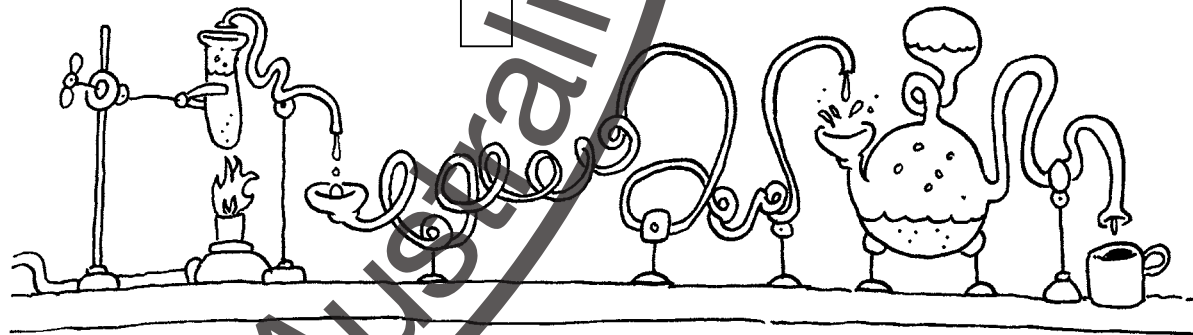
Some _____ are poisonous. Bottles containing dangerous materials are usually labelled _____.

My teacher believes that any place can be a _____. She encourages us to carry out _____ to test things out. I am going to test my _____ that the room temperature affects how quickly a slice of apple goes brown.

- 5** Use list words to complete the puzzle.



- Across**
- 6. a room in which experiments are performed
 - 8. a way of explaining what is observed
 - 9. a way of testing a theory
- Down**
- 1. a measure of how hot or cold something is
 - 2. a solution is either neutral, acidic or _____
 - 3. good experiments follow the scientific _____
 - 4. to convert a liquid into a gas
 - 5. what is tested during an experiment
 - 7. vinegar is a common _____



- 6** Write whether these word pairs are synonyms or antonyms.
- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| acidic/alkaline _____ | equipment/apparatus _____ |
| evaporation/condensation _____ | theoretical/practical _____ |

Answer: b

The word quadrumanous is used to describe

- a. lions that have four manes
- b. animals that use four feet as hands
- c. animals that have four teeth for eating

1 Complete the tables.

noun	adjective
disaster	
advantage	
humour	
mystery	
skeleton	
essence	
practice	

verb	noun
edit	
equip	
solve	
verb	adjective
radiate	
benefit	
rebel	

2 Write words that follow each rule.

Remove silent e from the base word before adding a suffix.

Change the final y to i before adding a suffix.

Keep the e so g stays soft when adding a suffix.

3 Write the correct form of the verb to complete each sentence.

Dad was _____ that he had jury duty next month.
notify

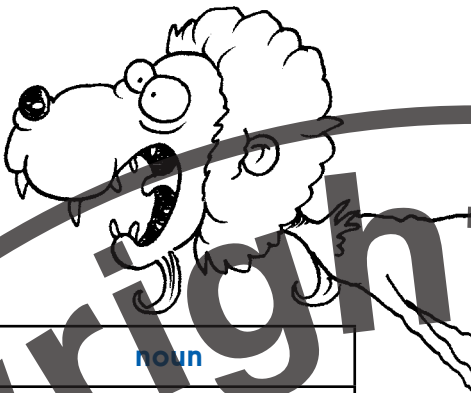
Uncle Carlos _____ against all the rules when he was young but now he's a police inspector!
rebel

I love the cakes at Pierre's Patisserie because they are always _____ with new flavours.
experiment

Did you know that if you drink too much water, you can get water _____?
poison

Because the water _____ as soon as it hit the pan, I knew the pan was hot.
evaporate

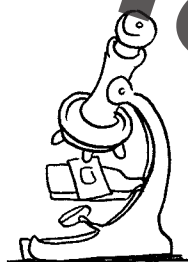
When Dana is amused, she doesn't just laugh, she _____.
chortle



4 Use a word you have learnt to complete each sentence.



In this diagram, the _____ lines look like they are of unequal lengths, but they are actually the same length. It is an _____ illusion.



Anton van Leeuwenhoek was the first person to observe bacteria under a _____.

You must take precautions when handling _____ chemicals.

The best way to increase your _____ is to read a lot.

A stomach bug gave Ramon a bad case of _____.

Cherie is always happy to give her _____ on any issue.



When two or more words start with the same sound, it is called alliteration.

5 Write a second word so that each pair is an example of alliteration.

hideous _____
peculiar _____
spontaneous _____

occasion _____
vehicle _____
laboratory _____

6 Write a word to name each category.

car, truck, tractor, van
Weety Flakes, Rice Pops, Corn Puffs, muesli
chlorine, ammonia, sodium chloride, fluoride

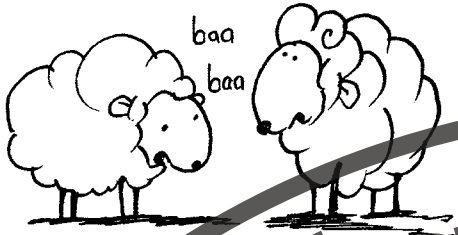


7 Proofread this text. Circle the five mistakes and write the words correctly.

The scientist was carrying out an experiment in her laborratory. She had a hypthises to test. Her method was to combine an acid and an alkali in different proportions and measure the temprature at which the solution boiled with a thermommeter. She wandered what the results would show.

Flocculation is what happens when

- a. music makes you sway from side to side
- b. flocks of sheep gather
- c. things are formed in a woolly mass



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satisfaction	
definition	
repetition	
convers ation	
alter ation	
continu ation	
declar ation	
cancell ation	
expl anation	
exclam ation	
vari ation	
multipli cation	
applic ation	
identifi cation	
notifi cation	

1 Complete the table.

verb	noun
satisfy	
define	
	cancellation
	declaration
	exclamation
alter	
	repetition
	continuation

Rule To add **ion** to a base word ending in **y**, change the **y** to **i** and add **cation**.
multiply → multiplication
Some exceptions: vary → variation
satisfy → satisfaction

2 Complete the tables.

base word	add ion	base word	add ion
apply		notify	
multiply		magnify	
identify		vilify	

3 Say the list words out loud, then complete the statements.
All of the list words except one have _____ more syllables than their base words.
The list word that is the exception is _____.

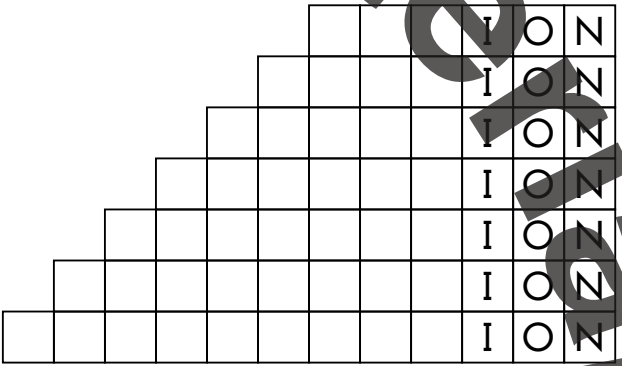
4 Write as many words as you can using the letters in the word *cancellation*.

5 **Convert** and **converse** both form a noun ending in **ion**. Write the nouns, then use each one in a sentence. Use a dictionary if you need help.

convert → _____

converse → _____

6 Use the clues to complete the puzzle.

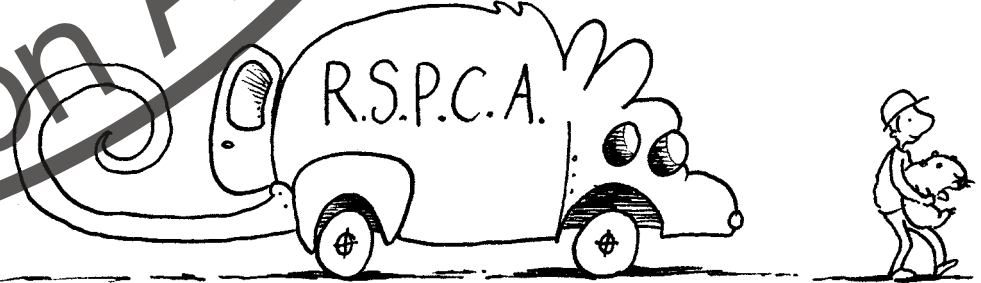


all talk and no _____
learning with a tutor
The judge's _____ is final.
antonym of acceptance
what someone makes when they accuse you of something
What is your _____ for being late?
document that informs you of something

Tip An **abbreviation** is either a short form of a word, or the first letter of each word in a phrase.
government → *govt* United States of America → *USA*
An **acronym** is a special kind of abbreviation. In an acronym, the abbreviation is pronounced as a whole word.
AIDS PIN

7 Write the abbreviated name of each organisation. Circle the abbreviations that are acronyms.

- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation _____
- Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries _____
- Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals _____
- North Atlantic Treaty Organisation _____
- National Aeronautic and Space Administration _____
- Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation group _____



An aviary is where
a. aircraft are designed
b. honey is harvested
c. birds are kept

Say Listen Look Understand Remember Practise

library	
salary	
imaginary	
secondary	
summary	
documentary	
gallery	
grocery	
jewellery	
forgery	
category	
exploratory	
accusatory	
dormitory	
laundry	

3 Write a list word for each abbreviation.

sec. _____ dorm _____ doco _____

★ Tip!

These pairs of words are sometimes confused.
salary = money paid for regular work
celery = a crisp green vegetable

summary = a brief presentation of facts
summery = like summer, or to do with summer

4 Write the correct word to complete each sentence. Circle the words that are homophones.

I love _____ because of its crunchy texture.
My parents are saving part of their _____ each month so we can buy a new car.
The blurb on the back of a book gives a brief _____ of what the book is about.
It was an autumn day, but the warm breeze made it feel _____.

5 Add ary, ery or ory.

groc _____ libr _____ categ _____ dormit _____ forg _____ imagin _____
document _____ jewell _____ sal _____ summ _____ gall _____ explorat _____

1 Write the words in which ery, ary or ory is a suffix.

2 Complete the table.

base word	list word
second	imaginary
sum	
document	
	jewellery
explore	forgery
	accusatory

6 Write a list word to complete each advertising slogan.

PUT YOURSELF IN THE PICTURE!
Visit the National Portrait _____ today.

Drop in for a word or two with us at your local _____.

THE FASTEST FOOD OF ALL!
Peel a banana from Jo's Green _____.

There's no present like the time!
Watch out for specials at Clocks 'n' Gems _____.

7 Rearrange some letters to make a small word in which the pronunciation of either a consonant or a vowel has changed. Circle the sound that has changed.

grocery _____ gallery _____ jewellery _____ category _____

8 Each small word can be found inside a list word. Use the list words to complete the story.

_____ sum tar all rat for

Last night I watched a _____ on an exhibition at the State Art _____.
The commentator was giving a detailed _____ of each artist's life, when what I was interested in were the paintings. But it got interesting when the commentator began an _____ conversation with an artist he suspected of _____.

9 Proofread this text. Circle the five mistakes and write the words correctly.

I love books, and one day I'd like to work in a library. I think I'd enjoy putting each new book into its correct category. I'm not sure what the salary would be. But to become a librarian you first have to finish secondary school, and then go to university. I think I'd try doing work experience in a library first, to make sure that the good points aren't just imaginary!



Answer: c

- A **polyglot** is
- a. someone who eats parrots
 - b. a figure with many angles and sides
 - c. a person who speaks many languages

Say Listen Look Understand Remember Practise

monopoly	_____
monorail	_____
monotonous	_____
monosyllabic	_____
multiple	_____
multipurpose	_____
multimedia	_____
multicultural	_____
multilingual	_____
polygon	_____
polyphonic	_____
omnivore	_____
omnipresent	_____
omnipotent	_____
omniscient	_____

2 Underline the syllable that is stressed.

monorail multiple
monotonous multicultural

omnivore polygon
omnivorous polyphonic

3 Write words beginning with these word elements.

mono
bi
multi

lingual

mono
tri
poly

syllabic

tri
quadru
multi

ple



A **word element** is a part of a word that can only be used in combination with another part of a word.

1 Draw a line to match the word element with its meaning.

mono all
multi one
omni many

Which of the word elements above means the same as **poly**?



Multi is Latin in origin and **poly** is Greek. Early Greek expertise in mathematics and science means that many words in these areas start with **poly**, not **multi**.
polygon polyester

4

Use a dictionary to find the meaning of each word. Write the meaning, then name some animals in each category.

herbivore = _____

carnivore = _____

omnivore = _____



Mrs Malaprop was a character in a play who continually mixed up similar sounding words. These 'slips of the tongue' are now called *malapropisms*.

5

Circle the malapropism in each sentence, then write the correct word.

I don't like Rap 'n' Roar's latest song. It's got a strong rhythm but it gets monogamous.

Triangles and squares are examples of polyglots.

Big Brother is omnivorous: he knows everything.

We use the multiparty hall for basketball, badminton and assemblies.

Tourists enjoy travelling on Sydney's monolith.

My brother's favourite board game is Monotony.

Now write a deliberate malapropism of your own.

6

Monopoly is one of the most popular board games in the world. Explain how it got its name. Use a dictionary if you need help.

A heckelphone is
a. a loud heckler
b. a noisy telephone
c. a musical instrument

Say Listen Look Understand Remember Practise

symphony	
phonetic	
microphone	
cacophony	
synonym	
antonym	
pseudonym	
anonymous	
sympathy	
empathy	
telepathy	
majesty	
majority	
magnify	
magnificent	

3 Write whether these word pairs are synonyms or antonyms. Then write your own examples of synonyms and antonyms.

Synonyms or antonyms?

Your examples

majority/most
cheerful/gloomy

4 Write a word that has the same underlined word element.

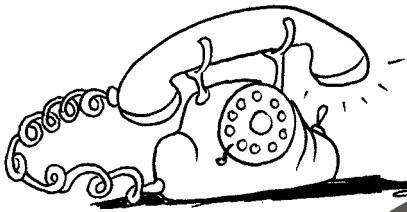
microphone

majesty

telepathy

5 Circle the meaning of each word element.

micro	loud	small	measure
magni	great	royal	magic
tele	sound	sender	far away



1 Write a list word that rhymes.

athletic
priority
synonymous

2 Write a list word that contains the smaller word.

net cop
crop ice
jest one
pat cent

6 The meaning of each word element is given. L or G shows whether the word is from Latin or Greek. Write the list word that combines these word elements.

tele + patheia =
G: far away G: feeling
kako + phone =
G: bad G: sound
syn + onyma =
G: together G: name
anti + onyma =
G: opposite G: name
pseudo + onyma =
G: false G: name
em + patheia =
L: in G: feeling

7 Circle the malapropism in each sentence and write the correct word.

The magician claimed he used mental telegraphy to communicate with his assistant.
The kidnapper sent a synonymous letter demanding a huge ransom.
The authority of the class voted to play volleyball in the gym.
Sam wears glasses to modify the text on his laptop.

8 Rewrite each sentence using the correct form of a list word to make it shorter.

Dictionaries often use an alphabet in which symbols replace letters to represent pronunciation.

Mrs Jenkins assured us that she was experiencing the same sad feelings that we were.

Being on stage is scary because the silence makes every mistake seem bigger.

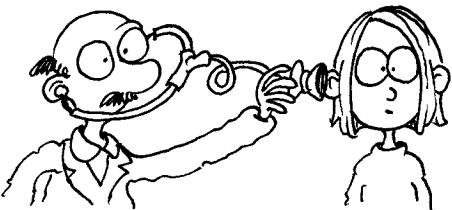


WHO is the abbreviation for
a. World Health Organisation
b. World Horticultural Organisation
c. Wild Horses in the Outback



Say Listen Look Understand Remember Practise

medicine	
bacteria	
virus	
pregnant	
fracture	
organ	
influenza	
abdomen	
intestine	
capsule	
appendix	
vaccination	
immunisation	
pneumonia	
stethoscope	



3 Use each clue to find a smaller word within a list word. Write the small word and the list word.

clue

answer

list word

- an assessment task
- a shape like a hemisphere
- a type of hat
- a strong but tiny insect
- a tool for writing
- to play a part
- rested on a chair

1 Write list words to complete the table.

Category	Examples
	antibiotics, aspirin,
medical equipment	syringe, thermometer,
	heart, lungs,
illnesses	bronchitis, tonsillitis,

2 Write list words to answer the questions.

Which word has a silent letter?

Which words end in the same vowel sound?

Which words have a soft c sound?

Which words contain double letters?



The word organ is a homograph. The word appendix is also a homograph. Each word has two very different meanings.

4 Write sentences to show the different meanings of organ and appendix. Use a dictionary if you need help.

organ 1.
2.
appendix 1.
2.

5 An ache is an ongoing pain. Write the names of different types of aches.



6 Write what each abbreviation stands for. Circle the abbreviations that are acronyms.

flu
AIDS
MS
CF
ADD
SARS

7 Each sentence contains one or two spelling errors. Circle the mistakes and write each word correctly.

I have a pain in my apendix so I have a docter's appointment.

Salim fracturd his wrist attempting to catch a cricket ball.

We thought our cat's swelling addomen meant she was overweight, but it turned out she was pregnant.

Nowadays children can be imunnised against many diseases.

Why is it that even in hot whether a stethoscope feels cold on your chest?

8 Write about a day in your life as a doctor. Use as many list words as you can.



What is sterilisation?
a. staring all the time
b. the realisation that you do not like stairs
c. the process of making something free of germs

- 1 Write the plural.
- symphony _____
 - multiple _____
 - bacterium _____
 - virus _____

- 2 Write the past tense.
- explore _____
 - magnify _____
 - cancel _____
 - fracture _____

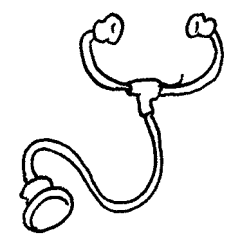
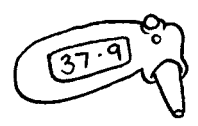
3 Add a suffix to each verb to complete the tables.

verb	noun
exclaim	
continue	
define	
satisfy	
repeat	

verb	noun
magnify	
imagine	
vary	
multiply	
explore	

4 Write the list words from Units 19-23 that have silent letters.

5 Name these instruments used by a doctor.



- 6 Write the double letters to complete each word.
- | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| va _ _ ination | ga _ _ ery | monosy _ _ abic | a _ _ endix |
| i _ _ unisation | su _ _ ary | jewe _ _ ery | cance _ _ ation |

7 Write sentences to show the two different meanings of the homograph organ.

1. _____

2. _____

- 8 Add **ary**, **ery** or **ory**.
- | | | | | | |
|------------|------------|--------------|----------|------------|--------------|
| libr _ _ | groc _ _ | document _ _ | forg _ _ | summ _ _ | explorat _ _ |
| dormit _ _ | jewell _ _ | second _ _ | gall _ _ | imagin _ _ | laborat _ _ |

9 Some letters have gone missing from each sentence. Write each sentence correctly.

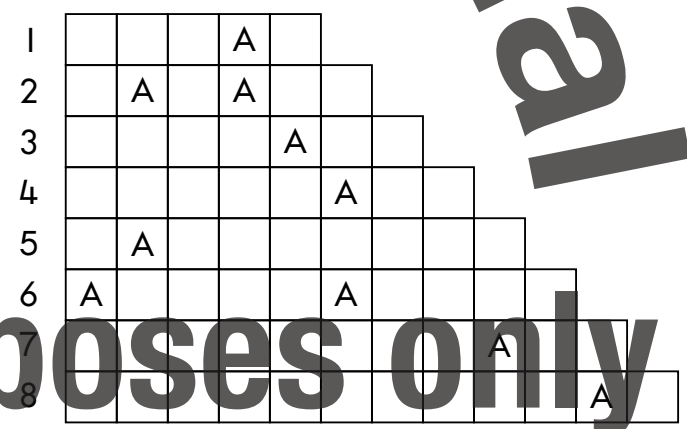
At the begning of my project I have t includ a sumry.

Kara's favrit game is Monopoly because she can be an imaginry millionaire.

Mr Jaffar is forgetful and somtimes throws his medcines away.

I was feeling genrus so I forgave Rita for eating my share of the delicious cake.

10 Use the clues to complete the puzzle.

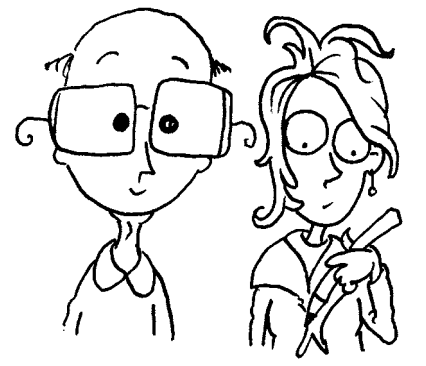


- 1. a musical instrument or body part
- 2. money for doing work
- 3. a place to borrow books
- 4. a train running on a single track
- 5. a series of loud grating noises
- 6. a charge made against you
- 7. a movie that gives information
- 8. speaking many languages

11 Write a word to complete each riddle.

Q: Why did the boy tiptoe past the medicine cabinet?
A: He didn't want to wake up the _____ tablets.

Q: Why is an optometrist like a teacher?
A: They both examine the _____.



12 Write the correct form of each word to complete the sentences.

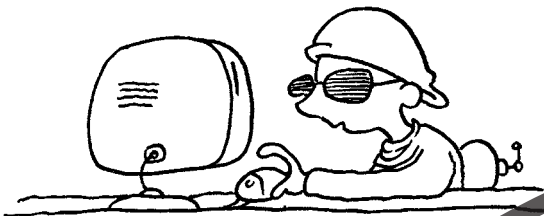
I fell down the stairs the other day and _____ my ankle.
fracture

Roald is great at addition, subtraction and division, but not as good at _____.
multiply

I like music that has _____ rather than lots of _____.
vary repeat

Answers: c

A **cygnet** is
a. a baby swan
b. a tubular fishing net
c. an internet expert



Say Listen Look Understand Remember Practise

cyclone	_____
cynical	_____
cyberspace	_____
encyclopedia	_____
legacy	_____
accuracy	_____
literacy	_____
numeracy	_____
privacy	_____
pregnancy	_____
adequacy	_____
delicacy	_____
obstinacy	_____
buoyancy	_____
urgency	_____

1 Circle the word in which **cy** has a different sound.

cyclone cynical cyberspace

2 Use letters from each word to make a smaller word in which **c** has a hard sound. Use as many letters as you can.

cyclone numeracy obstinacy

pregnancy legacy privacy

3 Write as many words as you can using the letters in the word *encyclopedia*.

For review purposes only

★ Rule! Most nouns ending in **cy** have base words ending in **nt** or **te**.
infant → *infancy* *delicate* → *delicacy*

4 Write the base word.

accuracy

urgency

obstinacy

buoyancy

privacy

adequacy

numeracy

literacy

5 What is the base word of **cynical**? Use a dictionary to find a word to complete each sentence.

A person who is cynical is called a _____.

A person who is cynical suffers from _____.

★ Tip!

Cyber is a word element that shows that the word is related to computers.

6 Write a word beginning with **cyber** to match each definition.

_____ a place where you can eat and use the Internet at the same time

_____ the irrational fear of computers or technology

7 Write list words.

Caviar is considered a _____ in many countries.

Reading and writing are _____ skills.

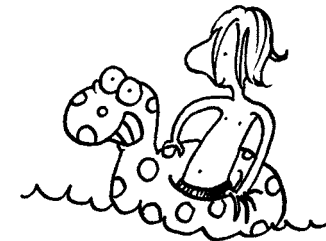
Air increases the _____ of an inflatable object and helps it float.

People who value their _____ often grow tall hedges.

_____ Tracy caused great devastation in Darwin in 1974.

An _____ is a good source of general information.

After practising archery for many months, my _____ improved.



★ Tip!

The prefix **ob** is Greek in origin and can mean either *towards* or *against*.

8 Each word in the puzzle begins with **ob**. Use a dictionary if you need help.

1	O	B																	
2	O	B																	
3	O	B																	
4	O	B																	
5	O	B																	
6	O	B																	
7	O	B																	
8	O	B																	
9	O	B																	
10	O	B																	

1. significantly overweight
2. to focus irrational attention on
3. to get or acquire
4. to watch closely
5. unclear or hidden
6. to put an obstacle in the way
7. out of date
8. clearly, evidently
9. an offensive or indecent word or remark
10. antonym of subjectivity

Psittacism is
a. an intelligent joke
b. the habit of sitting around all the time
c. meaningless, repetitive babble



Say Listen Look Understand Remember Practise

- sufficient
- territory
- appropriate
- committee
- suffocate
- graffiti
- confetti
- colleague
- curriculum
- suppress
- pallor
- interrogate
- assassin
- apparatus
- millennium

3 Underline the stressed syllable in each word.

- territory
- committee
- graffiti
- pallor
- colleague
- confetti
- curriculum
- appropriate
- suppress
- apparatus

4 Sort the list words according to the number of syllables.

2

3

4

1 Write the list word that contains the smaller word.

- prop
- league
- gate
- fit
- press
- rat

2 Complete the table.

verb	add ing
suffocate	
suppress	
interrogate	
suffice	
recommend	
terrorise	

5 Write a synonym.

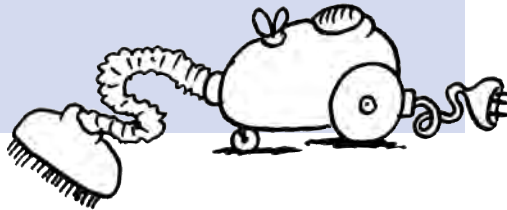
- coworker
- enough
- equipment

6 Write one word for each period of time.

- 10 years
- 100 years
- 1000 years



Nouns ending in **us** or **um** are Latin in origin. The Latin plural forms are still sometimes used.
radius → radii datum → data
But nowadays most words add **s** or **es** to make the plural.
virus → viruses vacuum → vacuums



7 Write the plural without using s.

- fungus
- cactus
- curriculum
- millennium

8 Use the correct form of a list word to complete each sentence.

Many animals are _____ by nature. Once they have established their _____, they will fight others to protect it.

I am on the _____ to organise the school fete this year.

Dad always insists we are _____ dressed before we go out.

The hostage was so frightened he had a deathly _____. Fortunately the _____ by his captors did not last long.

Our school painted a mural on the fence to prevent _____.

American President John F. Kennedy was _____ in Dallas in 1963.

The scientific _____ included beakers, test tubes and Bunsen burners.

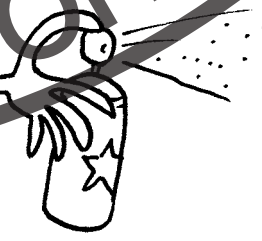


Collective nouns can be conventional or creative.
a school of fish a wail of weeping willows

9 Write creative collective nouns for confetti and graffiti. Then choose two words of your own and write collective nouns for them.

word	collective noun
confetti	
graffiti	

Answer: c



The coccyx is
a. the bone at the base of your spine
b. a sick cockatoo
c. the nail on your big toe

Say Listen Look Understand Remember Practise

- successful
eccentric
accentuate
according
accompany
accomplish
accommodation
accumulate
occupation
occurrence
occasionally
piccolo
accolade
desiccate
succulent

3 Write the base word.

successful

occurrence

occasionally

accommodation

4 Write list words to match the clues.

This is the only word that can take a prefix.

This is a musical instrument.

This word has a drinking vessel in it.

This word has a popular drink in it.

This word has a business or organisation in it.

These words have money in them.

This word has a thick string in it.



C makes its soft sound when it is followed by e, i or y.

1 Write the list words that have a soft c sound. Circle the c that makes a soft sound.

2 Write c, cc, x or xc.

oxygen

accept

exit

decide

acid

receive

necessary

extreme

elite

deceive

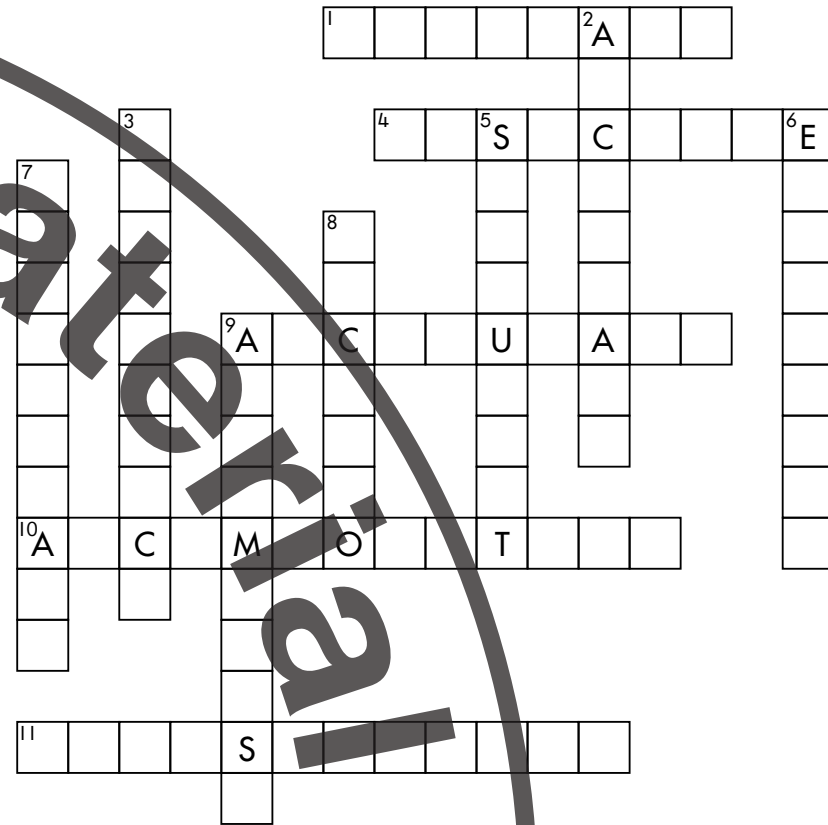
exercise

except

access

accessory

5 Write list words to complete the puzzle. Write your own clue for each word.



Well done, sir!



Elementary, elementary.



Across

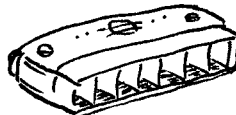
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Down

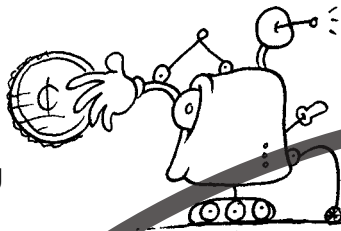
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3
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6
7
8
9

6 Proofread this text. Circle the five mistakes and write the words correctly.

According to Grandpa, the likelihood of an accident occurring in our family increases as a birthday approaches. The latest incident happened just last week. My cousin Susie received a mouth organ as a present. Unfortunately she triped while playing it and hit her head on the computer. She got a black eye, but was lucky she didn't lose a tooth!



- A **disincentive** is
- a. a process that removes smells
 - b. a machine that takes away your coins
 - c. something that discourages you from doing something



Say Listen Look Understand Remember Practise

comprehension	
unchangeable	
exploration	
delightful	
ignorance	
invisible	
irrational	
immobile	
immovable	
investigation	
noticeably	
symmetrical	
unintentionally	
uncritically	
reversible	



Tip!

The general term for prefixes and suffixes is **affixes**.



3 Complete the table. Add affixes to increase the number of syllables. The first one has been done for you.

1 syllable	2 syllables	3 syllables	4 syllables	5 syllables
		educate	educated	educational
	reverse			
	explore			
	intend			
note				
change				

4 These sentences are too negative. Rewrite each sentence so it makes sense.

My teacher praised me for an unsuccessful entry in the art competition.

Everyone looked puzzled as the conclusion to Rex's speech was not quite illogical.

The article carefully and uncritically reviewed the evidence.

The space in the hall was hard to rearrange as the chairs were not immovable.



5 Write the correct form of the word to complete each sentence.

Reading _____ is an important aspect of literacy.
comprehend

Mum bought a _____ new dress to wear to her birthday _____.
beauty celebrate

A new family has moved in next door. There are two children and an _____ puppy.
affection

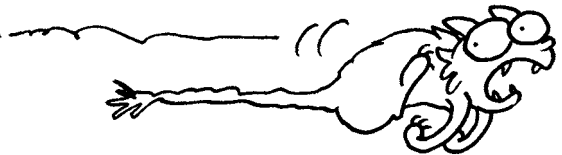
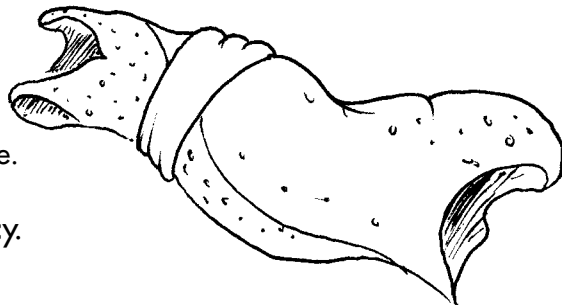
To _____ us in our fundraising this year, our teacher showed us a _____.
encourage document

I _____ trod on our cat's tail this morning.
unintentional

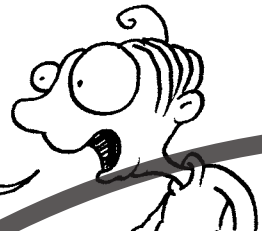
Radio telescopes are an important part of the _____ of space nowadays.
explore

6 Proofread this text. Circle the five mistakes and write the words correctly.

I'm writing a detective story. My character, Shirl Lock, is a mischevious girl who loves investigating mysteries. In the begining, her collection of semi-preceous gems goes missing. Her investergation leads her to view her best friend with suspision. In the end, however, her brother is the culprit. To apologise for his misbehaviour, he gives Shirl a beautiful piece of amber to add to her collection.



What is a questionnaire?
a. a person who asks pesky questions
b. someone who doesn't know how much money they have
c. a list of questions



Say Listen Look Understand Remember Practise

currency	_____
exchange	_____
pound	_____
euro	_____
rupiah	_____
baht	_____
allowance	_____
financial	_____
budget	_____
discount	_____
subsidy	_____
purchase	_____
expenditure	_____
millionaire	_____
treasury	_____

4 Write a rhyming word.
pound _____ euro _____

clue	answer	list word
helps fish steer		
a flower not yet in bloom		
to run after someone		
king of the jungle		
opposite of high		
finish		
a flat circular object		

1 Write each word as a base word and suffix.
millionaire = _____ + _____
allowance = _____ + _____
financial = _____ + _____
treasury = _____ + _____
accountant = _____ + _____

2 Write the plural.
allowance _____
currency _____
exchange _____
subsidy _____
euro _____

3 Some currencies have a special symbol. Write the currency.
¥ _____ £ _____
€ _____

baht _____ millionaire _____

6 Write the correct form of the word to complete the sentence.
Toby was _____ independent when he was eighteen.
financial

The T-shirt her aunt _____ was too big, so she took it back to the shop to be _____.
purchase
exchange

Mrs Vazquez says _____ is important so we know how much money we can spend without getting into debt.
budget

The boxes of chocolates were _____ so Mr Muthu bought ten!
discount

Some generous parents are _____ our excursion to Uluru.
subsidy

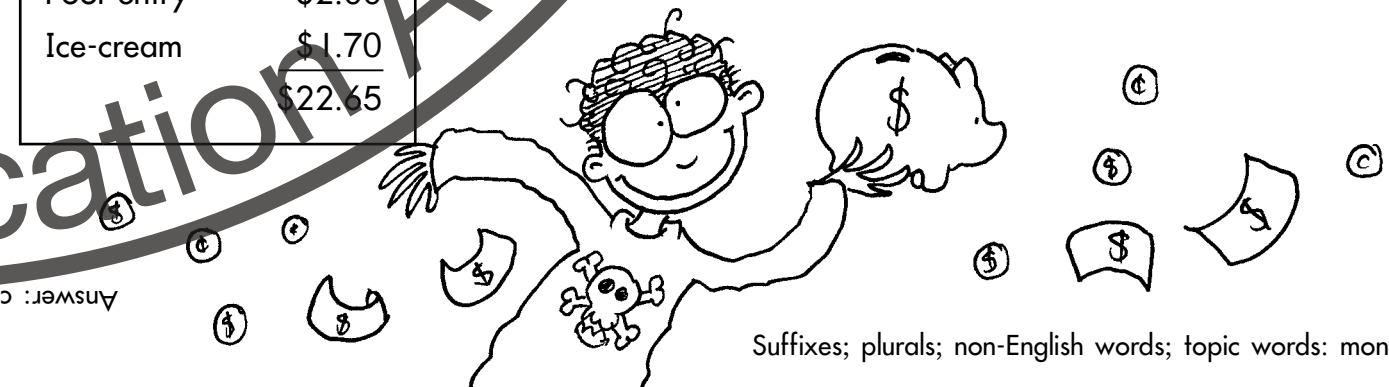
7 These people work with money. Write the occupation to match the definition.

accountant cashier teller money changer

You pay this person at the checkout counter. _____
You give or receive money from this person in a bank. _____
This person exchanges one currency for another. _____
This person keeps track of money in a business. _____

8 Look at Alex's weekly account and write a report of his budget and expenditure.

Allowance	\$20
Savings	\$45.60
Magazine	\$4.50
Grandma's gift	\$7.50
Photos	\$6.95
Pool entry	\$2.00
Ice-cream	\$1.70
	\$22.65



To **rappel** is to

- a. rap without a sense of rhythm
- b. descend a steep slope using a rope
- c. turn magnets away from each other



1 These words need single or double consonants added. Write the words correctly using the consonants in brackets.

mi__e__ium (l, n)

va__i__ation (c, n)

a__o__odation (c, m)

a__a__in (s, s)

gra__i__i (f, t)

de__i__ate (s, c)

cu__i__u__um (r, c, l)

mi__io__aire (l, n)

o__a__iona__y (c, s, l)

2 Write the plural.

territory

committee

piccolo

confetti

currency

3 Most of the vowels have been left out of these sentences. Write each sentence correctly.

My sstr s xtrmly obstnt s w cn rrly prsd hr t chng hr mnd.

Prsnlly, I thnk m ncl s a lttl cntrc bcs h njys rdng th dctry.

I m rsrchng th dffrnc n byncy f bjcts n frsh wtr nd slt wtr.

4 Write the correct form of the words to complete each sentence. You will need to add either one or two affixes.

Diana tried _____ to thread a needle and felt _____ when she pricked her finger yet again.

success

frustrate

Faizal is an _____ . So far, his greatest _____ has been playing at the Town Hall.

accomplish

violin

achieve

Uncle Max is a _____ and _____ kind of person. He's quite shy and _____ says much. However, when he has a story to tell, we give him our full _____ because his stories are always very _____.

sympathy

friend

rare

attend

humour

5 Write a word to match each definition. Each word has the letters **cy**, but not as a suffix.

hurricane _____

use again _____

two-wheeled transportation _____

book of knowledge _____

a conical, evergreen tree _____

a poison _____

6 Write a synonym and an antonym.

synonym

antonym

buy _____

new _____

rational _____

sufficient _____

7 Write the correct form of the word to complete each sentence.

I closed my door to get some _____ .

private

Please check your work for _____ .

accurate

Snails are considered a _____ in France.

delicate

Objects have greater _____ in salt water than in fresh water.

buoyant

8 Add **c**, **cc**, **x** or **xc**.

o__upation

su__essful

e__ercise

de__ide

e__entric

re__eive

e__tra

a__entuate

e__cite

a__complish

e__ept

e__act

9 Write as many words as you can by adding affixes to the base word. Choose one member of the word family to use in your own sentence.

able: _____

believe: _____

excite: _____



A fascicle is
a. an interesting fact
b. a broken icicle
c. a small bundle



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ascend	
descend	
transcend	
obscene	
adolescent	
fluorescent	
iridescent	
effervescent	
miscellaneous	
susceptible	
convalesce	
scintillate	
conscience	
conscientious	
resuscitate	

1 Each word has a soft c sound. Use some of the letters in each word to make a word with a hard c sound.

obscene	miscellaneous
susceptible	resuscitate

2 Write the list word that contains the smaller word.

dole	ran
ride	lane
it	science
scene	ale

Tip! Ascend, descend and transcend all have the same Latin origin, scandere, meaning to climb. The prefix a or ad means towards, de means away from and trans means beyond.

3 Write what each word means. Use a dictionary to check your answer.

descend =
ascend =
transcend =

4 Use a word containing sce or sci and alliteration to invent a product name.

Erin's effervescent energy drink

5 These sets of words are sometimes confused. Write the correct word to complete each sentence.

ascent accent assent

The principal gave his _____ to our plan to hold a twilight barbecue.
Don told the joke with a French _____ to make us laugh.
The _____ of Mount Everest must be made in stages.

descent decent dissent

She's got a _____ singing voice but she's no opera singer!
Be careful, as the _____ is steep and muddy.
There was no _____ when Magda and Ewan were elected school captains.

6 Add the suffix to make the noun.

base word	add ion
scintillate	
resuscitate	

base word	add ence
convalesce	
effervesce	
transcend	
fluoresce	

base word	add ity
susceptible	
obscene	

7 Write the correct form of a list word to complete each sentence.

Grandma is _____ well after her operation, although she is still _____ to infection.

The dance troupe put on a _____ performance at the concert. They wore _____ costumes that appeared to glow in the spotlights.

Dad contributed many _____ objects to our school's garage sale — but he bought even more junk home again!

8 Write the list words which have meanings related to light. Use a dictionary if you need help.

Choose one of these words and use it in a sentence.



Syzygy is
a. a country near Kazakhstan
b. the conjunction or opposition of two heavenly bodies
c. the noise sausages make when you throw them on a barbecue



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skiing	_____
queued	_____
asphalt	_____
amateur	_____
havoc	_____
awkward	_____
anemone	_____
rhyme	_____
rhythm	_____
sleuth	_____
nuisance	_____
naively	_____
eclipse	_____
impromptu	_____
labyrinth	_____

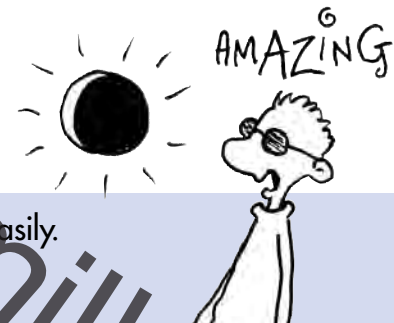
3 Write list words.

The new puppy caused _____ when it got into the groceries.
They discovered the pungent smell was caused by new _____ being put down on the road.

An _____ of the sun is an amazing natural event.
Rada is going _____ for the first time this winter.



Mnemonics are tricks to help you remember something more easily.
Eclipse – it **clips** from **e** to **e**.



4 Choose three list words you find difficult, then make up a mnemonic for each.

5 Write a list word so that the first and last part of each sentence rhymes.

The intrepid _____ found the thief in a booth.
The poet gave up crime to search for the perfect _____.
The crowd had a festive mood, as we waited and patiently _____.
The locusts caused _____ as they ate through the paddock.
We planned a simple barbecue; the party was quite _____.

6 Write your own rhyming sentence using a list word.

7 Circle the word that doesn't make sense in each sentence. Write the correct word in the box.

The anomalies in the rock pool waved their tentacles.

We queried for an hour to enter the stadium.

Keep quiet and don't be such a nuance!

This competition is only open to armatures.

8 Find one word or phrase in each sentence for which a list word is a synonym. Circle the word or phrase you have chosen and write the synonym in the box.

The basement was a maze of storerooms and passageways.

Dad gave an off-the-cuff speech at his birthday dinner.

Sasha offered to assist at the carnival even though the timing was inconvenient for her.



Similes describe something by comparing it to something else using *like* or *as*.
Her hair was like silk.
Metaphors describe something by saying it *is* something else.
Her hair was black silk.

9 Write a simile and a metaphor using the word *rhythm*.

simile: _____

metaphor: _____

Answer: b



An **angklung** is
a. a very long rowboat
b. an Indonesian musical instrument
c. an angle on the long side of a rectangle

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- trek _____
- snorkel _____
- mammoth _____
- deluxe _____
- carnival _____
- rampage _____
- maestro _____
- berserk _____
- gruesome _____
- cologne _____
- abseil _____
- souvenir _____
- gourmet _____
- silhouette _____
- entrepreneur _____

3 Use a dictionary to find out where each list word comes from.

Iceland

Scotland

France

Russia

The Netherlands

Germany

Italy

1 Write the list words that have silent letters.



Tip!

Some words can be both nouns and verbs.
I **spy** a fly. I didn't know he was a **spy**.

2 Write a sentence for each meaning of these words.

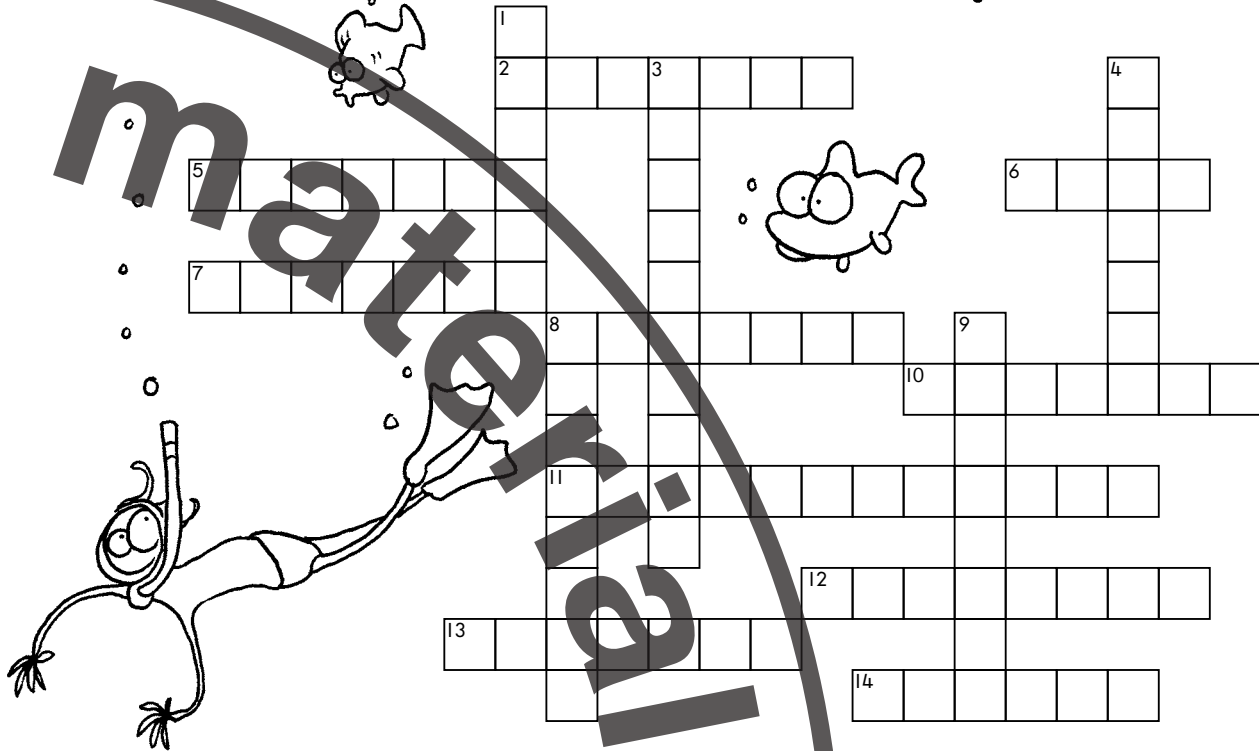
trek (noun): _____

trek (verb): _____

snorkel (noun): _____

snorkel (verb): _____

4 Use list words to complete the puzzle.



Across

- 2. wild and frenzied
- 5. perfume
- 6. long and difficult journey
- 7. tube for breathing underwater
- 8. of excellent taste
- 10. gigantic
- 11. business person
- 12. a holiday keepsake
- 13. destructive behaviour
- 14. of superior quality

Down

- 1. to descend using a rope
- 3. an outline
- 4. a distinguished musician
- 8. horrific
- 9. a travelling fair or sports meet



5 Write list words you might use when talking about these topics.

- war _____
- sports _____
- people _____
- your senses _____

Answer: b

An **astrolabe** was a medieval instrument used to measure

- a. the altitude of the stars and planets
- b. how much water stars hold
- c. how many labradors there are in space

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asteroid	
astronaut	
astronomy	
comet	
galaxy	
meteor	
shuttle	
dimension	
futuristic	
chronology	
medieval	
terrestrial	
archaeologist	
palaeontology	
Renaissance	

Tip! The prefix *astro* comes from the Greek word for *star*.

2 Use the definitions to complete the puzzle.

1	A	S	T	E	R			
2	A	S	T	E	R			
3	A	S	T	R	O			
4	A	S	T	R	O			
5	A	S	T	R	O			

- 1. a structure that revolves around the sun
- 2. *
- 3. a space traveller
- 4. the study of the universe
- 5. a person who studies the universe



1 Sort the list words according to whether they are related to time or space. Some words may fit both categories.

time: _____

space: _____

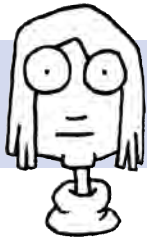
Write the word that comes from another language.



3 Use each clue to find a smaller word within a list word. Write the small word and the list word.

clue	answer	list word
a small dwelling		
opposite of go		
male adults		
to have a break		

Tip! An idiom is a group of words always used in a fixed expression.



4 Write the meaning of each idiom.

- out of this world _____
- to work like clockwork _____
- par for the course _____
- a dog's breakfast _____
- in the nick of time _____
- know it like the back of your hand _____

5 Write the correct form of a list word to complete each sentence.

Two of the first _____ to land on the moon were Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin.
Takei has had a _____ rise in the company. He's worked there for only a year and is already a manager.

A _____ is someone who studies fossils in order to discover more about extinct plants and animals. Part of the job is working out the _____ order of events so as to trace the evolution of these plants and animals.

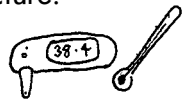
A shape like a circle or square is two-_____ because it only has length and breadth.
A sphere and a cylinder have three _____ because they also have depth and can contain things.

Aliens can also be called _____ creatures. Most movies make such creatures seem frightening.



The longest real word in the English language is **floccinaucinihilipilification**. It means
a. having hallucinations about sheep
b. climbing hills repeatedly
c. the act of estimating something as worthless

1 Write the word for each picture.



2 Complete the table by building word families.

verb	past tense	noun	adjective	adverb
wonder				
	exploded			
		desperation		
			suspicious	
				decisively

3 Some of the vowels have been left out of these words. Add the missing vowels.

__wkw__rd t__tion
__rch__logist __rie
fl__rescent baz__r
s__ven__r f__na

4 Some of the consonants have been left out of these words. Add the missing consonants.

ex__e__ fra__ure
enviro__ent bu__et
__eumonia co__oa
e__erve__ence a__lete

5 Write a word to match each definition. Each word has a Latin or Greek origin.

a long piece of music played by a large orchestra _____
someone new and inexperienced _____
able to speak many languages _____
all the words a person knows _____
to enlarge a sound or image _____
a false name _____
a many-sided shape _____
a destructive tropical storm _____

6 Each word has been written as it sounds. Rewrite it correctly.

converless daybew show fur orkustrah
rithum canserlation missalayneeus backteeriah

7 Add g or j.

ad__acent avera__e passen__er __ustice ur__ent
re__oice fra__ile challen__e pre__udice __ud__ement

8 Add the letters that make the er sound.

p__manent v__tual c__cular t__minate dist__b
j__ney p__l reh__se c__tesy s__ch

9 Add al, el or le.

practic__ seri__ chort__ sequenti__ vehic__
gradu__ parall__ opti__ partic__ skelet__

10 Circle any words in each sentence that do not make sense. Rewrite each sentence so it makes sense.

The train terminals at the next stop.

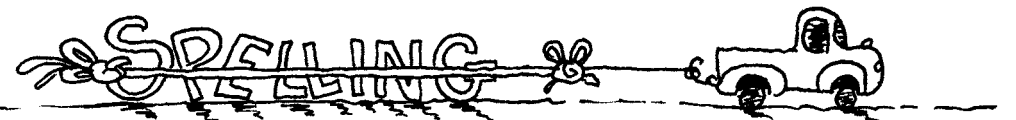
Our team was unsuccessful because we trained hard and played well.

At weddings I love throwing graffiti at the bride and groom.

When I had affluence the doctor listened to my chest with a periscope.

“You’d better have a good exclamation for being late,” said Boris.

At dinner, Doug ate an excess of dessert. No wonder his digression was affected!



Answer: c

Unit 1 desperation cooperation appreciation devastation association deception prescription explosion decision erosion invasion exclusion collision persuasion dissuasion	Unit 4 flee pursue statue venue foe cocoa mosquito rodeo eerie simile guarantee refugee veranda debut alibi	Unit 8 employee employer manager lawyer cashier pioneer engineer translator sculptor surgeon scientist pharmacist chef athlete chauffeur	Unit 11 environment rainforest pollution greenhouse climate recycle ozone ecology irrigation conservation deforestation flora fauna sustainable atmosphere	Unit 15 wondrous disastrous humorous hazardous miraculous poisonous mysterious suspicious envious rebellious ferocious voracious precarious advantageous spontaneous	Unit 19 satisfaction definition repetition conversation alteration continuation declaration cancellation explanation exclamation variation multiplication application identification notification	Unit 22 symphony phonetic microphone cacophony synonym antonym pseudonym anonymous sympathy empathy telepathy majesty majority magnify magnificent	Unit 26 sufficient territory appropriate committee suffocate graffiti confetti colleague curriculum suppress pallor interrogate assassin apparatus millennium	Unit 29 currency exchange pound euro rupiah baht allowance financial budget discount subsidy purchase expenditure millionaire treasury	Unit 33 trek snorkel mammoth deluxe carnival rampage maestro berserk gruesome cologne abseil souvenir gourmet silhouette entrepreneur
Unit 2 rejection detection exhibition exhaustion digestion distinction admission permission submission extension suspension expansion evolution resolution revolution	Unit 5 government parliament cabinet politician minister senator representatives governor premier opposition president election democracy monarchy federal	Unit 9 ability stability durability probability acceptability predictability respectability changeability availability irritability possibility visibility flexibility responsibility accessibility	Unit 13 opinion tuition rational occasional prior senior superior inferior exterior posterior median alliance radiant peculiar diarrhoea	Unit 16 novel novelty novice innovate innovation vocal vocabulary advocate vociferous invoke provoke notice notify annotate reminisce	Unit 20 library salary imaginary secondary summary documentary gallery grocery jewellery forgery category exploratory accusatory dormitory laundry	Unit 23 medicine bacteria virus pregnant fracture organ influenza abdomen intestine capsule appendix vaccination immunisation pneumonia stethoscope	Unit 27 successful eccentric accentuate according accompany accomplish accommodation accumulate occupation occurrence occasionally piccolo accolade desecrate succulent	Unit 31 ascend descend transcend obscene adolescent fluorescent iridescent effervescent miscellaneous susceptible convalesce scintillate conscience conscientious resuscitate	Unit 34 asteroid astronaut astronomy comet galaxy meteor shuttle dimension futuristic chronology medieval terrestrial archaeologist palaeontology Renaissance
Unit 3 average advantage passenger urgent fragile revenge challenge pledge justice rejoice junction prejudice adjacent adjustment judgement	Unit 7 permanent terminate persevere mineral several mirth virtual forward ordinary orchestra memory temporary curse surplus disturbance	Unit 10 accent ascent future further device devise cemetery symmetry stationery stationary bizarre bazaar excess descent wander	Unit 14 optical practical skeletal serial gradual beneficial sequential especially essentially excel rebel parallel particle chortle vehicle	Unit 17 solution toxic method experiment acid alkaline temperature evaporate thermometer theory equipment chemical microscope hypothesis laboratory	Unit 21 monopoly monorail monotonous monosyllabic multiple multipurpose multimedia multicultural multilingual polygon polyphonic omnivore omnipresent omnipotent omniscient	Unit 25 cyclone cynical cyberspace encyclopedia legacy accuracy literacy numeraacy privacy pregnancy adequacy delicacy obstinacy buoyancy urgency	Unit 28 comprehension unchangeable exploration delightful ignorance invisible irrational immobile immovable investigation noticeably symmetrical unintentionally uncritically reversible	Unit 32 skiing queued asphalt amateur havoc awkward anemone rhyme rhythm sleuth nuisance naively eclipse impromptu labyrinth	



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ability	Unit 9	budget	Unit 29	diarrhoea	Unit 13	forgery	Unit 20	literacy	Unit 25	opinion	Unit 13	refugee	Unit 4	sustainable	Unit 11
absail	Unit 33	buoyancy	Unit 25	digestion	Unit 2	forward	Unit 7			opposition	Unit 5	rejection	Unit 2	symmetrical	Unit 28
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accumulate	Unit 27	challenge	Unit 3			government	Unit 5	medieval	Unit 34	parliament	Unit 5	revenge	Unit 3	terrestrial	Unit 34
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acid	Unit 17	chef	Unit 8	ecology	Unit 11	graffiti	Unit 26	method	Unit 17	peculiar	Unit 13	rhyme	Unit 32	thermometer	Unit 17
adequacy	Unit 25	chemical	Unit 17	eerie	Unit 4	greenhouse	Unit 11	microphone	Unit 22	permanent	Unit 7	rhythm	Unit 32	toxic	Unit 17
adjacent	Unit 3	chortle	Unit 14	effervescent	Unit 31	grocery	Unit 20	microscope	Unit 17	permission	Unit 2	rodeo	Unit 4	transcend	Unit 31
adjustment	Unit 3	chronology	Unit 34	election	Unit 5	gruesome	Unit 33	millennium	Unit 26	persevere	Unit 7	rupiah	Unit 29	translator	Unit 8
admission	Unit 2	climate	Unit 11	empathy	Unit 22	guarantee	Unit 4	millionaire	Unit 29	persuasion	Unit 1			treasury	Unit 29
adolescent	Unit 31	cocoa	Unit 4	employee	Unit 8			mineral	Unit 7	pharmacist	Unit 8	salary	Unit 20	trek	Unit 33
advantage	Unit 3	colleague	Unit 26	employer	Unit 8	havoc	Unit 32	minister	Unit 5	phonetic	Unit 22	satisfaction	Unit 19	tuition	Unit 13
advantageous	Unit 15	collision	Unit 1	encyclopedia	Unit 25	hazardous	Unit 15	miraculous	Unit 15	piccolo	Unit 27	scientist	Unit 8		
advocate	Unit 16	cologne	Unit 33	engineer	Unit 8	humorous	Unit 15	mirth	Unit 7	pioneer	Unit 8	scintillate	Unit 31	unchangeable	Unit 28
alibi	Unit 4	comet	Unit 34	entrepreneur	Unit 33	hypothesis	Unit 17	miscellaneous	Unit 31	pledge	Unit 3	sculptor	Unit 8	uncritically	Unit 28
alkaline	Unit 17	committee	Unit 26	envious	Unit 15			monarchy	Unit 5	pneumonia	Unit 23	secondary	Unit 20	unintentionally	Unit 28
alliance	Unit 13	comprehension	Unit 28	environment	Unit 11	identification	Unit 19	monopoly	Unit 21	poisonous	Unit 15	senior	Unit 5	urgency	Unit 25
allowance	Unit 29	confetti	Unit 26	equipment	Unit 17	ignorance	Unit 28	monorail	Unit 21	politician	Unit 5	sendor	Unit 13	urgent	Unit 3
alteration	Unit 19	conscience	Unit 31	erosion	Unit 1	imaginary	Unit 20	monosyllabic	Unit 21	pollution	Unit 11	sequential	Unit 14		
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application	Unit 19	curriculum	Unit 26	exchange	Unit 29	innovation	Unit 16	multipurpose	Unit 21	predictability	Unit 9	sleuth	Unit 32	visibility	Unit 9
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appropriate	Unit 26	cyberspace	Unit 25	exclusion	Unit 1	intestine	Unit 23			pregnant	Unit 23	solution	Unit 17	vocal	Unit 16
archaeologist	Unit 34	cyclone	Unit 25	exhaustion	Unit 2	invasion	Unit 1	naively	Unit 32	prejudice	Unit 3	souvenir	Unit 33	vociferous	Unit 16
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assassin	Unit 26	deception	Unit 1	experiment	Unit 17	iridescent	Unit 31	novel	Unit 16	privacy	Unit 25	stationery	Unit 10	wondrous	Unit 15
association	Unit 1	decision	Unit 1	exploration	Unit 19	irrational	Unit 28	novelty	Unit 16	probability	Unit 9	statue	Unit 4		
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availability	Unit 9	deluxe	Unit 33	fauna	Unit 11	justice	Unit 3	obstinacy	Unit 25	radiant	Unit 13	sufficient	Unit 26		
average	Unit 3	democracy	Unit 5	federal	Unit 5			occasional	Unit 13	rainforest	Unit 11	suffocate	Unit 26		
awkward	Unit 32	descend	Unit 31	ferocious	Unit 15	laboratory	Unit 17	occasionally	Unit 27	rampage	Unit 33	summary	Unit 20		
		descent	Unit 10	financial	Unit 29	labyrinth	Unit 32	occupation	Unit 27	rational	Unit 13	superior	Unit 13		
bacteria	Unit 23	desiccate	Unit 27	flee	Unit 4	laundry	Unit 20	occurrence	Unit 27	rebel	Unit 14	suppress	Unit 26		
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bazaar	Unit 10	defection	Unit 2	flora	Unit 11	legacy	Unit 25	omnipresent	Unit 21			surplus	Unit 7		
beneficial	Unit 14	devastation	Unit 1	fluorescent	Unit 31			omniscient	Unit 21			susceptible	Unit 31		
berserk	Unit 33	device	Unit 10									suspension	Unit 2		



SPELLING RULES AND TIPS



Adding **ion**

If a verb ends in **be**, drop the **e** and change the **b** to **pt** before adding **ion**.

describe → *description*

If a verb ends in **ive**, drop the silent **e** and change **iv** to **pt** before adding **ion**.

receive → *reception*

If a word ends in **t**, change **t** to **ss** before adding **ion**.

admit → *admission*

If a word ends in **nd**, change **d** to **s** before adding **ion**.

extend → *extension*

If a word ends in **lve**, change **ve** to **ut** before adding **ion**.

solve → *solution*

If a word ends in **y**, change the **y** to **i** and add **cation**.

multiply → *multiplication*

Some exceptions: *vary* → *variation* *satisfy* → *satisfaction*



Adding **al**

If a noun ends in **ce**, change the **ce** to **ti** before adding **al** to make the adjective.

confidence → *confidential*

Exceptions: *office* → *official* *practice* → *practical*



Adding **ity**

Words ending in **ible** and **able** are adjectives.

These words may also add **ity** as a second suffix.

Adding **ity** changes the adjective to a noun.

probable → *probability* *visible* → *visibility*



Homographs

A word that is spelt the same as another but has a different meaning is called a **homograph**.

bear = a big furry mammal

bear = to endure or to carry



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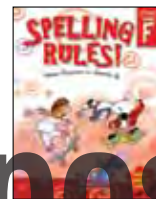
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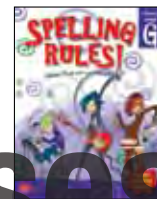
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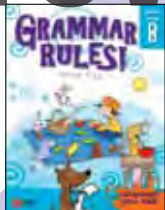
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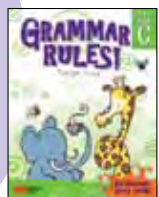
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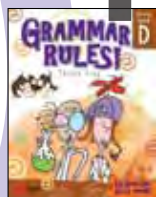
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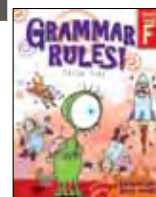
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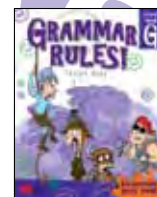
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