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"The Eagle" Reading Fluency #2

The eagle is a huge bird. One type of eagle is the bald eagle. This bird of prey has a large yellow beak shaped like a hook and a pure white head. Its body is brown with a white tail. Female bald eagles are much bigger than males.

prey salmon Continental official

Bald eagles live all over North and South America. They make their nests near rivers, ponds, and lakes. There they can find many fish. Bald eagles build the biggest nests of any bird in America. Mostly, the birds stay away from people. Some birds move their nests frequently.

Bald eagles eat whatever they can find. But, mostly they eat fish. Some of their favorite meals are trout and salmon. To catch fish, bald eagles swoop down over the water and grab the fish with their feet, called talons. If the fish is too heavy for the eagle to carry, it might have to swim in the water. Many eagles aren't able to swim very well. Sometimes, bald eagles will steal their food from other birds that are smaller.

At about five years old, bald eagles find mates. They pick partners as their mates for life. Sometimes, if the pair cannot have a baby, they will find new partners. Babies are hatched from eggs in their nests, which are made out of twigs and branches. Nests are usually in trees near open water. Mother and father eagles will take turns watching the eggs while the mate finds food or adds on to the nest.

The bald eagle is also an important symbol of the United States of America. It is known as the national bird of the United States. In 1782, the Continental Congress named the bald eagle as the national bird. Ben Franklin once wrote that he thought that it was a bad choice. He said the bald eagle was too cowardly to symbolize the nation. Instead, he suggested the turkey. Today, the bald eagle appears on official seals of the United States on the backs of several coins. It was on the back of the quarter until 1999, with its head turned towards an olive branch.

The bald eagle used to be a common sight in the United States. But, over the nation's history, this eagle's population has slowly decreased. This decrease is due to hunting and the use of pest spray by farmers. Many farmers used to spray DDT to reduce pests on their crops. This spray, when breathed by eagles, made them unable to have babies. Fortunately, the bald eagle population has begun to increase since DDT was banned as a pest spray. The bald eagle was officially removed from the list of endangered species in 1995.

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"The Koi" Comprehension Worksheet #9

Koi fish are fresh water fishes and are kept by many as pets. Koi come in many different colors. Most of them are orange. Koi have eyes on both sides of their heads. Behind their eyes, they have gills. These gills help them breathe under water. On their backs, they have a fin.

The koi fish are related to carps. Carps come from the Caspian Sea in Europe. Colored koi fish were first discovered in Japan. Today, they live everywhere in the world. They are mostly kept as pets, but some have been **released** into the wild. People like keeping koi because of their bright colors. Many people have built koi ponds to enjoy these fish.

Koi will eat many different foods if they are available. Koi owners usually feed them fish food from the store. However, they may feed their fish with some live foods. These foods include worms, prawns, tadpoles, and frogs. Some live foods, like insects, are dangerous for koi to eat. Owners can also feed their koi fish brown bread and lettuce. But, owners need to be careful because there are foods that they can't digest.

Sometimes, male koi will bully females. If this happens, an owner must separate the two. After the babies, called *fry*, are born, they will find a place to hide. After two or three days of growing, the newborn koi fish will start swimming up to the surface of the water. The fry need to be fed and treated differently by their owner to help their growth.

Koi require a constant, good **filtration** system for the water in which they swim and live. Adding simple tap water to their habitat could even kill the fish. Tap water is filled with chlorine and other chemicals that may have negative effects on koi fish. Koi habitats must have water that has the right **texture** (hardness or softness), temperature, sunshine, and chemicals. It is recommended that new koi owners read information about creating a home for their fishes before bringing their fish home.

Since koi are domesticated water animals, they are not threatened by extinction. The population of koi in the world is increasing steadily as the demand for these beautiful colored fishes grows. Humans have destroyed some koi that have been released into the wild, because they pollute the water around them, making it undrinkable for livestock. However, large amounts of money have been spent to try to destroy these wild populations of koi, and those operations have been largely unsuccessful.

Interpret	(1) Why are koi fish popular as pets?
Predict	(2) What problems might
	result by releasing koi fish into the wild?
Re-think	(3) What special equipment would be necessary to raise both male and female koi?
Summarize	(4) Summarize the special care that pet koi require.
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Connect	(5) What other animals have a negative impact on a habitat?

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Sentence Revisions #33

Delete the Unnecessary "here" Word

Lesson Focus Key Idea(s) In this lesson we learn to **delete** the unnecessary "here" word. The unnecessary "here" word begins sentences or clauses and follow with a "helping verb" (has been, had been, will be, shall be, should be, would be, can be, could be, may be, might be, must be) or a "linking verb" (is, are, was, were). To delete the unnecessary "here" word, place the subject of the sentence at the beginning with or without its article (a, an, or the) and change the verb form as needed.

Examples

Here were four pencils in this coffee mug. This sentence can be changed to... Four pencils were in this coffee mug.

Here is the blue pen to use to write your grandmother.

This sentence can be changed to...

Use the blue pen to write your grandmother.

Change this sentence by deleting the unnecessary words:

Here were the children eating lunch by themselves on the bench.

Sentence R	Revision		

Literary Response Lesson #2

Literary Quotation

"Indifference and neglect often do much more damage than outright dislike."

J.K. Rowling (1965 -)

Definition/Explanation/Reflection: *Indifference* means to not be interested. *Neglect* means to not pay attention.

Observation: What do you see? What do you feel? What seem to be the key words?

Interpretation: How would you put this into your own words? What does this mean? What doesn't this mean? What does this suggest? Why does the author say this?

Application: How can this be used? How could this thought affect something else? What conclusions can be drawn from this? Do you agree with this? How does this apply to you? What conclusions can be drawn from this? Do you agree with this? How does this apply to you?

Revision: How else could this have been written? Revise this to reflect your point of view of ideas. Create something new to say about this subject.	or

Draw: Create a visual to summarize or respond to the literary quotation: A cartoon, a symbol, a graphic organizer, cut-outs from a printed computer image or magazine, or? Use the back if you wish.

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View the article about how to use the common Latin abbreviations in sentences at	Use periods following the first letter of each key word in an abbreviated title or expression, and pronounce each of these letters when saying the abbreviation.					
http://bit.ly/2cndJM6.	Latin abbreviations are set off from the rest of the sentence by commas or parentheses.					
	etc. (et cetera), which means <u>and so on</u> .					
	Examples: He likes them all: cake, cookies, etc.					
	et al. (et alii), which means and others.					
	Examples: The six researchers (Jones, et al.)					
	e.g. (exempli gratia), which means for example.					
	Examples: I love ice cream, e.g., vanilla.					
	i.e. (<i>id est</i>), which means <u>that is</u> . When using the i.e., think <u>in other words</u> to explain or define, not to signal examples.					
	Examples: He is goofy, i.e., silly (i.e., silly).					
Links and Resources	Grammar and Usage Notes					
Check out the Parts of Speech Song to practice the definitions of proper nouns and common nouns at	A proper noun is the name of a person, place, or thing and must be capitalized. A proper noun may be a single word, a group of words (with or without abbreviations), or a hyphenated word.					
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GRAMMAR AND MECHANICS ACADEMIC LITERACY CENTER LESSON #1 **Practice Answers** 1. Re-write these sentences correctly: I eat green vegetables, i.e., kale, beans, and peas. I also exercise, drink plenty of water, etc. I eat green vegetables, e.g., kale, beans, and peas. I also exercise, drink plenty of water, etc. 2. Re-write this sentence correctly: Tom read the research study by Dupont, Jones, et al., and responded with emails, texts, et al. Tom read the research study by Dupont, Jones, et al., and responded with emails, texts, etc. 3. Re-write this sentence correctly: I offered them drinks, e.g. sodas, and desserts, e.g., cake, pie, and cookies. I offered them drinks, i.e. sodas, and desserts, e.g., cake, pie, and cookies. 4. Re-write this sentence correctly: Washington d.c. is our nation's capital, and Ms. Gibson-Lee lived there for two years. Washington D.C. is our nation's capital, and Ms. Gibson-Lee lived there for two years. 5. Identify the proper nouns in this sentence: I attended school at Balboa Elementary School where Ms. Lee-Smith was principal. Proper Nouns: Balboa Elementary School, Ms. Lee-Smith 6. Identify the common noun and collective noun in this sentence: The class got to hear the vice-president. **Common Noun: vice-president Collective Noun: class**

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Vocabulary Worksheet #3

Multiple Meaning Words

Directions: Write the number of the definition that best matches the use of each vocabulary word in the sentence below.

Vocabulary Words staff (n) staff (n)	Definitions1. A specific group of workers.2. A stick or rod used for support or as a symbol of authority.							
The old chief leaned on his wooden staff, while our office staff hurried to prepare a								
comfortable spot for l	nim to sit.							
Greek and Latin	Word Parts: Prefixes, Roots, and Suffixes							
	prefix, root, or suffix, write an example word which includes the word part. rt meanings to help you write your own definition of the vocabulary word.							

Prefix	Root	Suffix	Meaning	Example Words
re			again	
	sent		feeling	
resent				

Language Resources: Dictionary and Thesaurus

Directions: Consult a dictionary to divide the vocabulary word into syl/la/bles, mark its primary accent, list its part of speech, and write its primary definition. Compare to your definition above.

resent ()		
Directions: Consult a thesau	rus to write the two best synonyms for the vocabulary w	ord.
Synonym	Synonym	

Idioms (non-literal expression used by a certain language group)

Directions: As used in the following sentences, interpret or explain the meaning of this idiom: "Get your ducks in a row." Your room is a mess, your backpack hasn't been cleaned out in a month, and you don't even know what day it is. It's time you got your ducks in a row.

Vocabulary Worksheet #4

Word Relationships: Synonyms

Directions: Write one or two sentences using both vocabulary words. Use **SALE** (Synonym, Antonym, Logic, Example) context clues to show the related meanings of each word.

Vocabulary Words Definitions

gather (v) To bring together.

collect (v) To keep things of a certain kind.

Connotations: Shades of Meaning

Directions: Write the vocabulary words where they belong on the **←**Connotation Spectrum. **→**

Vocabulary Words Definitions furious (adj) Really mad.

upset (adj) Unhappy or disappointed.

angry bothered

Academic Language

Directions: Describe the vocabulary words in each box.

Vocabulary Word: assess (v) Definition: To determine the value of something.	Similar to
Different than	Example, Characteristics, or Picture:

Vocabulary Word: assume (v) Definition: To conclude without proof.	Similar to
Different than	Example, Characteristics, or Picture:

Vocabulary Study Guides #9 and #10

ruler	a tool for drawing straight lines and measuring length	ruler	a person who governs	
en			hard	
sole	the underside of a shoe	slipper	a light, comfortable shoe normally worn indoors	
joyous	full of happiness	elated	extremely happy and proud	
consist	to make up or form	constitute	to combine and make whole	

Spelling and Syllabication Academic Literacy Center Grade 4

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Spelling Worksheet #15 Consonant Doubling

Spelling Focus

Double the consonant ending a base word or incomplete root when adding on a suffix if all three of these apply: 1. The accent is on the ending base word or incomplete root 2. The base word or root ends in a vowel then a consonant 3. The suffix begins with a vowel.

Directions: Sort each spelling word into the group that best matches its sound or spelling pattern.

SPELLING WORDS Double the No Vowel-Consonant Consonant at End of Root 1. funny 2. consonant 3. rancher 4. entertainment 5. rainout 6. stopped 7. started **Suffix Begins with Compound Words** 8. lifting Consonant 9. shuteye 10. quickly 11. conference 12. beginning 13. bookend 14. bumper Accent Not on Ending 15. comical **SPELLING TIPS** Base Word or 16. abandon **Incomplete Root** Syllable Rule 17. fictional Usually divide syllables 18. pickup between double consonants if they are 19. darkness surrounded by vowels. 20. dripping Don't divide between consonant digraphs and

most consonant blends.

Schwa Syllable Division Worksheet #16

Schwa Syllable Rule: Unaccented vowel sounds frequently have the *schwa* sound, especially when there is only one letter in the syllable. All vowels can have the *schwa* sound. The schwa makes a long /ŭh/ sound. **Examples:** a/lárm, com/mít The schwa can also make a short /ŭh/ or /ĭ/ sound. **Examples:** cúr/tain, gál/lon

Word Jumbles Directions: Unjumble these words in the spaces provided. Carefully divide the words into syllables with / marks. Then, write the accent mark (') above the primary vowel accent.

1. agdairm		-
2. mocwlee		-
3. egneiner		-
4. ecemytre		-
5. tapenrrseetiev		-
Nonsense Words Directions: according to the syllable rule.	Carefully divide these nonsense wo	ords into syllables with / marks
6. kerlion		
7. a t e n d o u s		
8. commestrious		
9. b u s t a i n l y		
10. d o w m a n		
Book Search Directions: Fine two in the second syllable.	d four words which include the schv	va: two in the first syllable and
Book Titles:		
	p	p
	n	n

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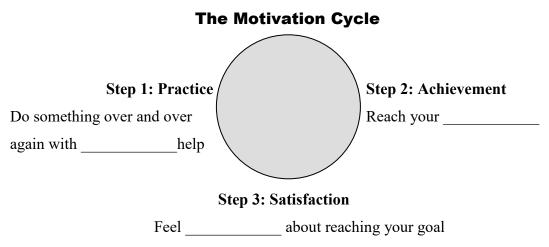
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How to Get Motivated Self-Assessment

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1. To get motivated to do something I don't want to do, I just get started and don't stop until						
_	or myself to get motivated to plish tasks that I don't want to do.					
	ch my goals, I celebrate my ements.					
4. I try my bes	st, even on tasks that I don't want to do.					
	help to show me how to accomplish which I feel unmotivated to complete.					
Results						
23-25	You know the all key strategies that al that you do not want to do.	low you	u to motiva	ate yourse	elf to do th	nings
20-22	You know most of the key strategies that allow you to motivate yourself to do things that you do not want to do.					
17-19	You know some of the key strategies that allow you to motivate yourself to do things that you do not want to do.					
13-16	3-16 You know few of the key strategies that allow you to motivate yourself to do things that you do not want to do. Knowing these strategies will get you motivated.					lo
<13	You do not know the key strategies that things that you do not want to do. Kno motivated.					lo
Already Kno	w: What I already know about getting r	notivate	ed is			
Want to Kno	w: What I want to know about getting r	notivate	ed is			

How to Get Motivated Lesson

It's easy to get motivated to do something you enjoy. If your parents announce plans to go out to your favorite restaurant, it isn't hard to get excited about that doing that task. However, it's harder to get motivated to do something that you do *not* enjoy. If your parents announce plans to go to visit your least favorite relative, it is hard to get excited about doing that task. The trick is to learn how to self-motivate to accomplish the things that you do not enjoy. Learning and applying the steps of **The Motivation Cycle** will help you achieve your goals and feel good about your accomplishments. Fill in the blanks in the graphic as you read this lesson.



Step 1 Practice

The only way to get motivated to complete a task is by starting on that task through effective practice. Effective practice means to do things repeatedly *the right way*. To find out *what* the best practice is and *how* to do it, you need to consult an expert. Teachers, parents, or friends who are successful at the task can be excellent coaches. Famous basketball star, Michael Jordan, said that he started listening to his coaches in high school after failing to make the varsity team in his freshman year. *How* you practice is just as important as *how much* you practice.

Step 2 Achievement

As you continue practice, you will begin to see results. It may take a while to reach your goal. If you haven't done any homework all year in Math, it will take some time to improve your grade and catch up on missing skills. If you do not experience achievement after a reasonable amount of time, ask for help and adjust your practice. Michael Jordan made the varsity the next year.

Step 3 Satisfaction

Once you start experiencing achievement, you start feeling good about yourself and your accomplishments. In fact, this sense of personal satisfaction, that is connected to the goal, will increase your motivation to continue practicing. When people sense that there is a "pay-out," they will continue to work well. I'd say Michael Jordan must have felt plenty of satisfaction with his personal achievements, and I'd say that he probably did not mind the continued practice.

How to Get Motivated Reflection

Something I did not know about getting motivated is that			
2. My specific goal about getting motivated is			
3. Accomplishing this goal will especially help me because			
4. Experts I plan to go to for help will be			
5. I will tell about my goal so that they will hold me accountable for making progress toward my goal.			
6. Before I begin working toward my goal, I will need to			
7. I plan to begin working toward my goal when			
8. This is how and when I will evaluate progress toward my goal:			
9. I will know that I have accomplished my goal when			
10. After reading the tips, I would still like to know			
Teacher/Parent Review (signature)			
Teacher/Parent Comments:			

6 Groups, 3 Rotations (60 Minutes Total) per Day, 4 Days per Week, 6 Literacy Centers

Day 1	Day 1						
Group 1	Reading	Writing	Language Conventions	Group 4	Vocabulary	Spelling & Syllabication	Study Skills
Group 2	Writing	Language Conventions	Reading	Group 5	Study Skills	Vocabulary	Spelling & Syllabication
Group 3	Language Conventions	Reading	Writing	Group 6	Spelling & Syllabication	Study Skills	Vocabulary
Day 2	2						
Group 1	Vocabulary	Spelling & Syllabication	Study Skills	Group 4	Reading	Writing	Language Conventions
Group 2	Study Skills	Vocabulary	Spelling & Syllabication	Group 5	Writing	Language Conventions	Reading
Group 3	Spelling & Syllabication	Study Skills	Vocabulary	Group 6	Language Conventions	Reading	Writing
Day 3							
Group 1	Reading	Writing	Language Conventions	Group 4	Vocabulary	Spelling & Syllabication	Study Skills
Group 2	Writing	Language Conventions	Reading	Group 5	Study Skills	Vocabulary	Spelling & Syllabication
Group 3	Language Conventions	Reading	Writing	Group 6	Spelling & Syllabication	Study Skills	Vocabulary
Day 4							
Group 1	Vocabulary	Spelling & Syllabication	Study Skills	Group 4	Reading	Writing	Language Conventions
Group 2	Study Skills	Vocabulary	Spelling & Syllabication	Group 5	Writing	Language Conventions	Reading
Group 3	Spelling & Syllabication	Study Skills	Vocabulary	Group 6	Language Conventions	Reading	Writing