



Reading Writin √ Grammar & Mechanics Vocabular Spelling and Syllabicaton Study Skills **Standards**

FAQs

The Academic Literacy Centers have been designed to minimize or eliminate preparation, correction, behavioral problems, and clean-up time and to maximize flexible on-task learning.

- ✓ Can I set up, tear down, and move these centers quickly? Yes. Set up and tear down only take a few minutes. Perfect if you share a classroom or move to another classroom.
- ✓ What supplies do I need to provide? Just the paper copies. Use colored paper if you can. Also, scissors will be necessary for the vocabulary study cards. As explained in the overview, this is not an artsy-fartsy program designed to make your classroom look cute. Less supplies and art projects means easy and quick set up and clean up. You can maintain your organizational sanity and keep the custodian happy.
- ✓ **Are there literacy center signs?** Yes, they are provided in both color and black and white and are formatted for both pocket charts and center display.
- ✓ **Do the print materials stay in the center or do students have weekly packets**? Your choice. Either option works well.
- ✓ Are there directions for each lesson and activity? Yes. There are *longer* teacher directions and *shorter* student directions on the literacy center task cards (provided in both color and black and white).
- ✓ Do the literacy centers have the same instructional procedures for each lesson and activity? Yes. Read the directions and model the first activity or lesson for each literacy center once and your students will be able to work independently thereafter.
- ✓ Are there answers for all the literacy center lessons and activities? Yes, except for open-ended thinking, free-response questions.
- ✓ **How much correction is there?** Plenty, but your students *will do all the correcting*. Answers are provided with each task. Students learn from their own mistakes.
- ✓ Are there unit tests? Yes, biweekly tests are provided on the grammar, usage, mechanics, vocabulary, and spelling content and skills. Answers, of course.
- ✓ Can I teach some of the activities whole class or assign them as homework? Certainly, although your students will lose the benefits of cooperative learning.
- What exactly is Common Core State Standard grade-level specific and what is not? The sentence revisions (Writing Center), vocabulary worksheets (Vocabulary Center), spelling sorts (Spelling Sorts and Syllabication Center) each have separate grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 lessons and activities. Other lessons and activities cover the breadth of the grades 4–8 Standards. The reading fluencies and comprehension worksheets are leveled at third, fifth, and seventh grade levels. Check out the instructional scope and sequence HERE.
- ✓ Can I add my own centers? Yes, and I have six other remediatrative learning.

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- Literacy center task cards
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- Answers to the comprehension worksheets

Literacy Center #2: Sentence Revisions and Literary Response

- Literacy center task cards
- Eight sentence revisions lessons, which include revising sentence structure, grammar application, and writing style
- Eight literary response activities, which include literary quotation mentor texts and writer response tasks with different rhetorical stance (voice, audience, purpose, and form)
- Answers to the sentence revisions

Literacy Center #3: Language Conventions

- Literacy center task cards
- Eight grammar, usage, and mechanics lessons including online links for both grammar and mechanics content and/or skills (Internet access preferred with tablets, phones, or desktop access, but not necessary.)
- Answers

Literacy Center #4: Vocabulary and Word Games

- Literacy center task cards
- Eight vocabulary worksheets including Multiple Meaning Words and Context Clues;
 Greek and Latin Word Parts; Language Resources; Figures of Speech; Word
 Relationships; Connotations; and Academic Language Words
- Answers
- Vocabulary study cards

Literacy Center #5: Spelling and Syllabication

- Literacy center task cards
- Two spelling sorts based upon conventional spelling rules
- Two syllable worksheets
- Answers

Literacy Center #6: Study Skills

- Literacy center task cards
- Self-assessment, study skills lesson, and reflection

6 Literacy Centers, 6 Groups, 3 Rotations, 4 Days per Week

| 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 |

7, 8, 9, or 10 Literacy Centers, 8 Groups, 4 Rotations, 4 Days per Week

| Day 1 | | | | | | | | | |
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| Group | Additional | Reading | Writing | Language | Group | Additional | Vocabulary | Spelling & | Study Skills |
| 1 | Center(s) | | | Conventions | 5 | Center(s) | | Syllabication | |
| Group | Writing | Additional | Language | Reading | Group | Spelling & | Additional | Study Skills | Vocabulary |
| 2 | | Center(s) | Conventions | | 6 | Syllabication | Center(s) | | |
| Group | Reading | Language | Additional | Writing | Group | Vocabulary | Study Skills | Additional | Spelling & |
| 3 | | Conventions | Center(s) | | 7 | | | Center(s) | Syllabication |
| Group | Study Skills | Writing | Vocabulary | Additional | Group | Language | Spelling & | Reading | Additional |
| 4 | | | | Center(s) | 8 | Conventions | Syllabication | | Center(s) |
| Day 2 | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Group | Additional | Vocabulary | Spelling & | Study Skills | Group | Additional | Reading | Writing | Language |
| 1 | Center(s) | | Syllabication | | 5 | Center(s) | | | Conventions |
| Group | Spelling & | Additional | Study Skills | Vocabulary | Group | Writing | Additional | Language | Reading |
| 2 | Syllabication | Center(s) | | | 6 | | Center(s) | Conventions | |
| Group | Vocabulary | Study Skills | Additional | Spelling & | Group | Reading | Language | Additional | Writing |
| 3 | | | Center(s) | Syllabication | 7 | | Conventions | Center(s) | |
| Group | Language | Spelling & | Reading | Additional | Group | Study Skills | Writing | Vocabulary | Additional |
| 4 | Conventions | Syllabication | | Center(s) | 8 | | | | Center(s) |
| Day 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| Group | Additional | Reading | Writing | Language | Group | Additional | Vocabulary | Spelling & | Study Skills |
| 1 | Center(s) | | | Conventions | 5 | Center(s) | | Syllabication | |
| Group | Writing | Additional | Language | Reading | Group | Spelling & | Additional | Study Skills | Vocabulary |
| 2 | | Center(s) | Conventions | | 6 | Syllabication | Center(s) | | |
| Group | Reading | Language | Additional | Writing | Group | Vocabulary | Study Skills | Additional | Spelling & |
| 3 | | Conventions | Center(s) | | 7 | | | Center(s) | Syllabication |
| Group | Study Skills | Writing | Vocabulary | Additional | Group | Language | Spelling & | Reading | Additional |
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| Group | Spelling & | Additional | Study Skills | Vocabulary | Group | Writing | Additional | Language | Reading |
| 2 | Syllabication | Center(s) | | | 6 | | Center(s) | Conventions | |
| Group | Vocabulary | Study Skills | Additional | Spelling & | Group | Reading | Language | Additional | Writing |
| 3 | | | Center(s) | Syllabication | 7 | | Conventions | Center(s) | |
| Group | Language | Spelling & | Reading | Additional | Group | Study Skills | Writing | Vocabulary | Additional |
| 4 | Conventions | Syllabication | | Center(s) | 8 | | | | Center(s) |

Literacy Centers Group Norms

ve HEROIC!

Responsible

Organized

Collaborative

SHOW Initiative

BE

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BE

BE

| | Hard-working Do your best work on each lesson of activity. Work the whole time. |
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Do your fair share of the work.
Complete your assigned leadership role.

Do all parts of the lesson or activity for each literacy center. Focus on your learning and that of others in your group.

Keep all lesson or activity materials where they belong. Clean up neatly and completely.

Begin the literacy center lesson or activity as soon as you sit down. Encourage others to complete their assigned leadership roles.

Work together in quiet voices and practice kindness. Help without doing others' work.

Literacy Centers

LEADERSHIP ROLES

Reader

Read the lesson or activity out loud in a quiet voice. Pause to allow the group to think and respond. Re-read sections if necessary.

Clarifier

Refer to the task card to begin the lesson or activity and help the group perform its tasks. Ask the teacher if help is needed on the directions.

Task Manager

Write down the beginning and ending times. Manage how much time should be spent on each part of the lesson or activity. Make sure that every part is completed and done well.

People Manager

Keep all group members focused on the lesson or activity and talking in quiet voices. Make sure every student contributes and performs their leadership roles. Ask the teacher for help if the group needs it.

Reading Literacy Center Task Card: Reading Fluency and Comprehension

- 1. The Clarifier picks up the task card, and the Task Manager passes out the *cold* and *hot* color pencils and erasers. The Task Manager notes the ending time for this literacy center. The People Manager makes sure that everyone in the group has the reading fluency article and reminds students to write their names on the page.
- 2. The Clarifier points to the **boldfaced** pronunciation words in the upper right corner of the article and says, "Ready, begin." The group reads the words together out loud and repeats any words which are mispronounced. The Clarifier asks the teacher if unsure of the pronunciation.
- 3. The Task Manager sets the timer for two minutes. The Reader reads the article title and then says, "Ready, begin." The Task Manager starts the timer and students read the article in quiet voices (slightly louder than a whisper) at their own individual paces until the timer rings. When the timer rings, the students place a finger on their ending word.
- 4. Students look to the left column of their finger for the word count. Students add on the number of words on the line up to their finger to determine their cold or hot timings. The People Manager tells the students to record their cold timings quickly and neatly in the lower right box. The other boxes are for your teacher's use.
- 5. The People Manager makes sure that everyone in the group has the reading comprehension article and reminds the group to write their names on the page.
- 6. The Reader reads the article title and then the first SCRIP question. Next, the Reader begins reading the article in a quiet voice until someone in the group says, "Stop," because the the first SCRIP question has been answered or the related information has been read.
- 7. Students discuss how to word the answer and write the answer in the spaces provided below the SCRIP question. The Clarifier turns over the task card and reads the suggested answer. Students revise their answers if necessary.
- 8. When the Reader finishes a sentence in which a **boldfaced** vocabulary word appears, the Reader stops and students discuss the meaning of the word from surrounding **SALE** (Synonym, Antonym, Logic, Example) context clues. Students discuss how to word each definition and write the vocabulary words and their definitions in the article margins.
- 9. Continue these steps until the article is read, the SCRIP questions are answered, and the vocabulary words are defined. The Task Manager gets the answers from the teacher and students self-correct and revise their answers.
- 10. Follow the same directions (#3) for the hot timing and use the hot pencil to record your score on top of cold timing. If you read fewer words on this hot timing than you did on your cold timing, simply draw a line across the bar at the correct spot.

Writing Literacy Center Task Card: Sentence Revisions and Literary Response

- 1. The Clarifier picks up the task card and will ask the teacher any questions about directions. The Task Manager writes down the ending time for this literacy center. The People Manager makes sure that everyone in the group has the sentence revision activity and reminds students to write their names on the page.
- 2. The Reader reads the sentence revisions Lesson Focus out loud in a soft voice, and the Task Manager helps the group summarize the Key Idea(s) of the lesson on the lines provided in the second column.
- 3. After each student has completed the summaries, the Reader reads the Example(s), and the Clarifier asks students to explain how each example relates to the Lesson Focus.
- 4. The Reader reads the sentence revision task, and students complete this task individually.
- 5. Upon completion, the Clarifier asks students to share their sentence revisions. The Task Manager gets the answers from the teacher and students self-correct and revise their answers.
- 6. Next, students turn their papers over to the back and the Reader reads the Literary Quotation and the Definition/Explanation/Reflection.
- 7. The Task Manager reads each of the Observation, Interpretation, and Application questions. *Observation* is What do you see? *Interpretation* is What does it mean? *Application* is How can this be used? The Task Manager pauses after each question and the Clarifier asks for responses. The People Manager encourages all students to respond.
- 8. After completing discussion, students complete the Revision and Draw tasks individually. If time remains, the Clarifier asks students to share their responses.

Language Conventions Literacy Center Task Card: Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics

- 1. The Clarifier picks up the task card and will ask the teacher any questions about directions. The Task Manager writes down the ending time for this Literacy Center. The People Manager makes sure that everyone in the group has the GUM worksheet and reminds students to write their names on the page.
- 2. The Reader reads the Mechanics Notes in the right column out loud in a soft voice and stops at the Example(s). Students look at the back of their worksheet and copy down the example(s) **for that section only**. The Clarifier asks students how the examples relate to the mechanics rule. Continue to follow these steps for the rest of the Mechanics Notes.
- 3. Next, students complete the Practice sentences individually in the left column for the mechanics section by crossing out and revising errors or underlining words according to the worksheet directions. Upon completion, students look at the back of their worksheet to self-correct and revise their answers if necessary.
- 4. Continue to follow these steps (#s 2 and 3) for next section of the GUM worksheet.
- 5. Upon completion, the Task Manager reads the Writing Application task out loud. Students complete this sentence or sentences individually.
- 6. When finished, the Clarifier asks the group to share the Writing Application sentences. Students *borrow* from each other to revise their sentences if necessary.

Vocabulary Literacy Center Task Card: Odd-Numbered Vocabulary Worksheets

- 1. The Clarifier picks up the task card, and the Task Manager passes out the *cold* and *hot* color pencils and erasers. The Task Manager notes the ending time for the literacy center. The People Manager makes sure that everyone in the group has the reading fluency article and reminds students to write their names on the page.
- 2. The Clarifier points to the **boldfaced** pronunciation words in the upper right corner of the article and says, "Ready, begin." The group reads the words together out loud and repeats any words which are mispronounced. The Clarifier asks the teacher if unsure of the pronunciation.
- 3. The Task Manager sets the timer for two minutes. The Reader reads the article title and then says, "Ready, begin." The Task Manager starts the timer and students read the article in quiet voices (slightly louder than a whisper) at their own individual paces until the timer rings. When the timer rings, the students place a finger on their ending word.
- 4. Students look to the left column of their finger for the word count. Students add on the number of words on the line up to their finger to determine their cold or hot timings. The People Manager tells the students to record their cold timings quickly and neatly in the lower right box. The other boxes are for your teacher's use.
- 5. The People Manager makes sure that everyone in the group has the reading comprehension article and reminds the group to write their names on the page.
- 6. The Reader reads the article title and then the first SCRIP question. Next, the Reader begins reading the article in a quiet voice until someone in the group says, "Stop," because the the first SCRIP question has been answered or the related information has been read.
- 7. Students discuss how to word the answer and write the answer in the spaces provided below the SCRIP question. The Clarifier turns over the task card and reads the suggested answer. Students revise their answers if necessary.
- 8. When the Reader finishes a sentence in which a **boldface** vocabulary word appears, the Reader stops and students discuss the meaning of the word from surrounding **SALE** (Synonym, Antonym, Logic, Example) context clues. Students discuss how to word each definition and write the vocabulary words and their definitions in the article margins.
- 9. Continue these steps until the article is read, the SCRIP questions are answered, and the vocabulary words are defined. The Task Manager gets the answers from the teacher and students self-correct and revise their answers.
- 10. Follow the same directions (#3) for the hot timing and use the hot pencil to record your score on top of cold timing. If you read fewer words on this hot timing than you did on your cold timing, simply draw a line across the bar at the correct spot.

Spelling and Syllabication Literacy Center Task Card: Spelling Sorts

- 1. The Clarifier picks up the task card and will ask the teacher any questions about directions. The Task Manager writes down the ending time for this literacy center. The People Manager makes sure that everyone in the group has the spelling sort worksheet and reminds students to write their names on both pages.
- 2. The Reader reads the Spelling Rule out loud and the Spelling Rule Directions in a soft voice.
- 3. The Clarifier helps the group to brainstorm placement of the spelling words listed in the left column into the categories in the right column. Students should select the placements considering the best possible answers which match the words' sounds or spelling patterns.
- 4. Upon completion, the Reader turns the worksheet over to the back and reads the spelling sort category and its spelling sort words.
- 5. The Task Manager tells students to turn their worksheets over to the back and to circle the bolded spelling patterns in the words they sorted correctly.
- 6. Students self-edit and revise, according to the answers. The Clarifier helps students understand why the answers best match each spelling sort category.
- 7. The Clarifier helps the group brainstorm six other words which match the spelling pattern. Students write these in the spaces provided and discuss where each word would fit into the spelling sort categories.

Syllable Worksheets

- 1. The Clarifier picks up the task card and will ask the teacher any questions about directions. The Task Manager writes down the ending time for this literacy center. The People Manager makes sure that everyone in the group has the syllable worksheet and syllable answers and reminds students to write their names on the page.
- 2. The Reader reads the title, syllable rule, and directions. Students work collaboratively to divide the words into syllables, according to the rule, with / marks and write the accent mark (/) above the primary vowel accent.
- 3. The Reader reads the title, directions, and syllable rule. Students work collaboratively to neatly print the syllable words in the spaces provided with syllable divisions and accent marks.
- 4. Upon completion, students self-correct and revise, according to the answers. The Clarifier helps students understand why the answers best match each spelling sort category.

Study Skills Literacy Center Task Card: Self-Assessment, Study Skills Lesson, and Reflection

- 1. The Clarifier picks up the task card and will ask the teacher any questions about directions. The Task Manager writes down the ending time for this literacy center. The People Manager makes sure that everyone in the group has the study skills self-assessment, lesson, and reflection and reminds students to write their names on both pages.
- 2. Students silently read the self-assessment individually and rate themselves for each of the five statements.
- 3. Students total up the point values and circle the numerical range which matches their total under the Results column.
- 4. Students individually complete the Already Know and Want to Know sections.
- 5. Upon completion, the Clarifier asks students to share their responses in the Already Know and Want to Know sections.
- 6. The Reader reads the study skills lesson out loud in a quiet voice. Students say, "Stop," when they wish to clarify or discuss any part of the lesson. The Clarifier should ask the teacher if students have questions about any part of the lesson.
- 7. Upon completion of the lesson, students complete the reflection individually.
- 8. When finished, the Clarifier asks students to share any of the ten answers which were unclear and left unwritten. Students self-correct and revise if necessary.

"The Ape" Reading Fluency #1

| | The ape is a very interesting | • | | | | |
|------------|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------|--|--|
| 8 | type of ape is the orangutan. Male orangutans orangutan | | | | | |
| 16 | can weigh as much as two norm | nal size humans. | Sumatra | | | |
| 25 | Females weigh about half as mu | ich. Orangutans | Borneo | | | |
| 32 | have long, strong arms and their | r hands and feet | omnivore | | | |
| 41 | are shaped like hooks. They are | shaggy and have | endangered | l | | |
| 50 | red hair. | | species | | | |
| 52 | Orangutans used to live al | 1 over Southeast | 3pecies | | | |
| 59 | Asia. Now they only live in a fe | | ne islands of | | | |
| 73 | Sumatra and Borneo. Orangutar | | | | | |
| 83 | around. It is warm where these | • | | iere | | |
| 96 | is a lot of rain there, so trees and | · · | | 1010 | | |
| 111 | Orangutans are <i>omnivores</i> , sir | 1 0 | | | | |
| 121 | mammals. However, they mostly eat plants, like fruit and leaves, instead of | | | | | |
| 133 | meat. Their diet consists of mostly fruit. The fruits they tend to prefer have a | | | | | |
| 148 | lot of sugar in them. One fruit that the | ney like in particular a | re figs. Figs com | e | | |
| 164 | from trees and they are easy for orangutans to pick and eat. Orangutans also | | | | | |
| 179 | eat lots of young leaves from many trees in their habitat. | | | | | |
| 189 | Unlike many other animals, orangutans are single adults, so they have | | | | | |
| 200 | no family structure. Mother orangutans raise their children one at a time. The | | | | | |
| 213 230 | baby rides on its mother's back for three years at the start of its life. There, it | | | | | |
| 242 | learns how to pick food and protect itself from danger. Female orangutans usually have one baby every six years. Older male orangutans may fight each | | | | | |
| 255 | other for the attention of the available | | tans may ngm ca | CII | | |
| 264 | The territory of an adult orangutan is not of | clearly established, as is the ca | | | | |
| 282 298 | orangutan territories will overlap. However, this does not mean that orangutans are social animals. They limit | | | | | |
| 316 | their social interaction to feeding, mating, and calling each other. Only rarely will orangutans get in fights with each other over food or territory. In these fights, the apes will demonstrate their strength by destroying | | | | | |
| 333 346 | branches, charging at each other, and biting each other until one gives up. | | | | | |
| 362 | Due to deforestation of the rain forest (cutting down trees for grazing or farmland), orangutans are becoming more and more endangered with each day. Palm oil farmers have cut down much of the forest on | | | | | |
| 381 399 | Sumatra and Borneo. Some people even capture orangutans to use them as pets in their homes. Orangutans are already on international endangered species lists, and their habitat has been increasingly threatened by | | | | | |
| 413 | humans, mainly through the deforestation of the rain forest. | | | | | |
| 422 | Total Number of Words Read | Total Number of Wo | ords Read | | | |
| | - Total Number of Mistakes | - Total Number of N | | | | |
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| | = Total Number of Words Read | = Total Number of V | voius reau | | | |

"The Eagle" Comprehension Worksheet #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.

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.

| Interpret | (1) Why might bald eagles move their nests so often? |
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| Re-think | (2) Why might eagles be poor swimmers? |
| Connect | (3) Why would the location near water be important? |
| Summarize | (4) Summarize the selection of the bald eagle as the national bird. |
| Predict | (5) Why might the future of the bald eagle be safer than that of other endangered species? |
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Sentence Revision #1

Delete the Unnecessary "here" and "there" Words

Lesson Focus Key Idea(s) Our sentence revision task is to delete the unnecessary "here" and "there" words. The unnecessary "here" and "there" words begin sentences or clauses and follow with "to be" verbs (is, am, are, was, were, be, being, and been). The "here" and "there" + "to be" verb constructions are frequently followed by a noun or pronoun and a relative clause beginning with that, which, or who. To eliminate the unnecessary "here" and "there" words, place the subject of the sentence at the beginning. These "here" and "there" words are not adverbs. For example, I like living both here and there. **Example** Here (There) are four friends who work for the company. This sentence can be better revised as... Four friends work for the company. Combine these sentences into one by deleting the unnecessary words: Here was their rudeness. There was shouting in the early hours of the morning by them which woke everyone. **Sentence Revision**

Literary Response Lesson #1

**All would live long, but none would be old." Benjamin Franklin (1706 – 1790) Definition/Explanation/Reflection: Growing old presents both opportunities and challenges. 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? Revision: How else could this have been written? Revise this to reflect your point of view or ideas. Create something new to say about this subject.

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.

GUM Consonant Doubling Spelling Rule and Adjectives #4 Practice Mechanics Notes Listen to the Consonant **Consonant Doubling Doodle** (to the tune of "Yankee Doodle") **Doubling Doodle song at** http://bit.ly/2bP2tHm. Double the last consonant when adding on an ending Yankee Doodle went to town 'a riding on a pony if these three do all agree (on this you'll be depending): Correct these sentences: Stuck a feather in his cap and called it macaroni. Is the accent at the end? 1. The students rejected the new cafeteria menu and stoped Yankee Doodle keep it up! buying the school lunches. With a vowel then consonant? Yankee Doodle da-an-dy 2. Mr. Jones permited 30 Does the ending you must add begin with a vowel? Mind the music and the step and with the girls be handy. minutes for the test, but accidentally allowed us 40 minutes to finish. Examples: Practice Parts of Speech Notes An adjective modifies a noun with Which one? How many? or What Check out the Parts of Speech Song to practice the definition kind? When using more than one adjective to modify the same noun of an adjective at in a sentence, follow this order of adjectival functions: Which Onehttp://bit.ly/29aK4EV How Many-What Kind. **Correct these sentences: Examples** 1. It was morning early when I Which One: fell asleep on soft two pillows. How Many: 2. I don't want to leave until I get my prize well-deserved, but What Kind: we have to go in five short minutes. Place adjectives before nouns, even when they are compound adjectives. A compound adjective joins two or more adjectives with a hyphen (-) Identify the adjectives in to modify a single noun or pronoun. Don't use a hyphen if you can use the word these sentence: and between the two adjectives. 3. It's a crazy idea, but it's the Examples: only real approach that works. Don't use redundant adjectives. Redundant means something that is unnecessary 4. After ten weeks delay we or repetitive. were frustrated, but now we see

Writing Application: Write a sentence or two with one of your own consonant doubling spellings, one Which One? adjective, one How Many? adjective, and one What Kind? adjective.

Examples:

that it takes more time than we

thought to get better.

GUM Consonant Doubling Spelling Rule and Adjectives #4

Practice

Mechanics Notes

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if these three do all agree (on this you'll be depending):

Stuck a feather in his cap and called it macaroni.

 The students rejected the new cafeteria menu and stoped buying the school lunches. Is the accent at the end?

Yankee Doodle keep it up!

With a vowel then consonant?

Yankee Doodle da-an-dy

 Mr. Jones permited 30 minutes for the test, but accidentally allowed us 40 minutes to finish. Does the ending you must add begin with a vowel? *Mind the music and the step and with the girls be handy.*

Examples: commit-com/mít-committed

Practice

Parts of Speech Notes

Check out the **Parts of Speech Song** to practice the definition
of an adjective at
http://bit.ly/29aK4EV.

An adjective modifies a noun with Which one? How many? or What kind? When using more than one adjective to modify the same noun in a sentence, follow this order of adjectival functions: Which One-How Many-What Kind.

Correct these sentences:

Examples

1. It was morning early when I fell asleep on soft two pillows.

Which One: blue How Many: few What Kind: great

2. I don't want to leave until I get my prize well-deserved, but we have to go in five short minutes.

Place adjectives before nouns, even when they are compound adjectives. A compound adjective joins two or more adjectives with a hyphen (-) to modify a single noun or pronoun. Don't use a hyphen if you can use the word *and* between the two adjectives.

Identify the adjectives in these sentence:

Examples: good-looking shirt, part-time job

3. It's a crazy idea, but it's the only real approach that works.

Don't use redundant adjectives. Redundant means something that is unnecessary or repetitive.

4. After ten weeks delay we were frustrated, but now we see that it takes more time than we thought to get better.

Examples: free gift, unexpected surprise, fast jet

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Vocabulary Worksheet #1

Multiple Meaning Words

Vocabulary Words Definitions

crop (n) crop (v)

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

1. A plant grown by farmers for use as food.

2. To cut or trim.

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| The farmer | r had to crop _ | the photogra | aph of his farm to fit | his website. The bar graph of his |
| 2012 whea | at crop pro | duction was for | and on another web p | page. |
| Greek a | nd Latin W | ord Parts: F | Prefixes, Roots, | and Suffixes |
| | | | | e word which includes the word part definition of the vocabulary word. |
| Prefix | Root | Suffix | Meaning | Example Words |
| | carn(i) | | meat | |
| | vore | | eat | |
| carnivore _ | | | | |
| Directions áccent, list | s: Consult a dic its part of spe | ctionary to divicech, and write i | | ord into syl/la/bles, mark its primary. Compare to your definition above. |
| | | | | nd antonym for the vocabulary word |
| Synonym | | | Antonym | |
| ldioms (| (non-literal | expression | is used by a cer | rtain language group) |
| | s: As used in the was raining ca | | ntence, interpret or ex | xplain the meaning of this idiom: |
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Vocabulary Worksheet #2

Word Relationships: Synonyms

Vocabulary Words Definitions

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.

| bother (v) To annoy someone. irritate (v) To annoy someone to the extreme over a period of time. | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| | | | | |
| Connotations: | Shades of Meaning | | | |
| Directions: Write th | ne vocabulary words where | e they belong on the C onnotation Spectrum. > | | |
| Vocabulary Words | | | | |
| extrovert (n) Someone confident and outgoing. | | | | |
| introvert (n) Someone who lacks confidence in public situations. | | | | |
| ~ | social | shy | | |
| Academic Lang | guage | · | | |
| Directions: Describ | e the vocabulary words in | each box. | | |
| | rd: subsequent (adj) ag place after something | Similar to | | |
| Different than | | Example, Characteristics, or Picture: | | |
| Vocabulary Wor | rd: academy (n) | Similar to | | |

Example, Characteristics, or Picture:

Definition: A private secondary school.

Different than...

Vocabulary Study Cards #1 and #2

| crop | a plant grown by farmers for use as food | crop | to cut or trim |
|------------|--|-----------|---|
| carn | meat | vore | eat |
| bother | to annoy someone | irritate | to annoy someone to the extreme over a period of time |
| extrovert | someone confident and outgoing | introvert | someone who lacks confidence in public situations |
| subsequent | taking place after something else | academy | a private secondary school |

Spelling Sort #1 Consonant Doubling

Spelling Rule

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.

Spelling Sort Directions

Sort each spelling word into the group that best matches its spelling pattern. Hint: Sort the Compound Words first.

SPELLING WORDS Double the No Vowel-Consonant Consonant at End of Root 1. baggage 2. entered 3. passionless 4. concealment 5. evergreen 6. acquitted **Suffix Begins with Compound Words** 7. inverted Consonant 8. bewitched 9. straightedge 10. unfairness 11. commonly 12. drummer 13. dropout **Accent Not on Ending** 14. enabling **Base Word or SPELLING TIPS Incomplete Root** 15. galloped Syllable Rule 16. prediction Usually divide syllables 17. pampered between double 18. dumbwaiter consonants if they are surrounded by vowels. 19. soberest Don't divide between 20. omitted consonant digraphs and most consonant blends.

Vowel Teams Syllable Division Worksheet #4

Vowel Teams Syllable Rule: Usually keep vowel teams together in the same syllable. **Example:** beau-ty.

Directions: Divide the words into syllables, according to the rule, with / marks and write the accent mark (') above the primary vowel accent.

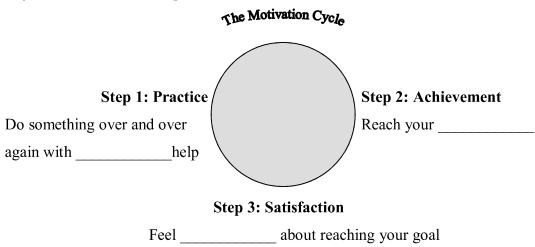
| 1. ownership | 2. throughout | 3. awful |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 4. eyebrows | 5. ointment | 6. cautiousness |
| 7. howling | 8. weighty | 9. afterthought |
| 10. roughly | 11. receipt | 12. boastful |
| 13. rooster | 14. cheapskate | 15. undergoes |
| 16. wooden | 17. between | 18. rainfall |
| 19. greatest | 20. mischief | 21. spraying |
| 22. deathlike | 23. friendship | 24. sleighing |
| 25. fruitful | 26. fewest | 27. keystroke |

How to Get Motivated Self-Assessment

| | | Alway 5 | s Usually 4 | Sometim 3 | es Rarely 2 | Neve |
|--|--|------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|------|
| 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. | | | | | |
| 5. I get expert help to show me how to accomplish tasks which I feel unmotivated to complete. | | | | | | |
| Results | | | | | | |
| 23-25 | You know the all key strategies that allow you to motivate yourself to do things that you do not want to do. | | | | | |
| 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. | | | | | |
| 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. | | | | | | |
| You do not know 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. | | | | | | |
| Already Know: What I already know about getting motivated is | | | | | | |
| Want to Know: What I want to know about about getting motivated 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. By learning and applying the steps of **The Motivation Cycle**, you will begin learning a terrific life skill that you can use right away in your schoolwork. These steps will help you accomplish your tasks well and help you feel good about your accomplishments. Fill in the blanks in the graphic as you read each of the steps.



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, says that he got expert coaching in high school after failing to make the varsity team in his freshman year. Practicing the coaches' advice, Michael shot 500 free-throws a day, every day of his freshman year. So, practice correctly.

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

| 1. Something I did not know about about getting motivated is that |
|--|
| 2. My specific goal about 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: |

Unit Test #1

| Spelling: Print the spelling words w | hich your teacher dictates. | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1 | 2 | | | | |
| 3 | 4 | | | | |
| 5 | 6 | | | | |
| 7 | 8 | | | | |
| 9 | 10 | | | | |
| Matching Directions: Place the cap | oital letter(s) that best matches to the left of the number. | | | | |
| 11. <u>i</u> before <u>e</u> Rule | A. Change to \underline{i} if root ends in consonant then \underline{y} . | | | | |
| 12. Proper nouns | B. Keep with a soft /c/ or /g/ then "able" or "ible." | | | | |
| 13. Final <u>y</u> Rule | C. Idea, person, place or thing. | | | | |
| 14. Common nouns | D. Subjective, possessive, or object case. | | | | |
| 15. Silent final <u>e</u> Rule | E. "ei" after <u>c</u> or sounding like long /a/ | | | | |
| 16. Pronouns | AB. Yes, if all three agree. No, if they don't. | | | | |
| 17. Consonant Doubling Rule | AC. Capitalized to name a person, place, or thing. | | | | |
| 18. Adjectives | AD. Which one? How many? What kind? | | | | |
| Sentence Application Directions: Answer in complete sentences. | | | | | |
| | of your own "ei" spellings. | | | | |
| 20. Write a sentence including two t | types of proper nouns | | | | |

| 21. Write a sentence, usi | ng two words with suffixes which change and keep the final y. |
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| 22. Write a sentence incl | uding two types of common nouns. |
| | ng two words with suffixes which drop and keep the final <u>e</u> . |
| 24. Write a sentence incl | uding two types of pronouns. |
| | ng two words with suffixes which double and don't double the final |
| | uding two types of adjectives. |
| Matching Directions: P | lace the capital letter(s) that best matches to the left of the number. |
| 27. crop | A. A private secondary school |
| 28. carn(i) | B. To annoy someone to the extreme over a period of time |
| 29. vore | C. Taking place after something else |
| 30. irritate | D. Eat |
| 31. introvert | E. Someone who lacks confidence in public situations |
| 32. subsequent | AB. To cut or trim |
| 33. academy | AC. Meat |

Unit Test #1 Answers

Spelling

| 1. luggage | We dropped off our luggage at the hotel. | luggage |
|-----------------|--|--------------|
| 2. converted | The traveler converted dollars to pesos. | converted |
| 3. motionless | The child lay motionless in the grass. | motionless |
| 4. nevertheless | I wanted to see her; nevertheless, I did not go. | nevertheless |
| 5. preferred | She preferred to eat alone. | referred |
| 6. reign | The queen would reign for 30 years. | reign |
| 7. weird | The entire situation was weird. | weird |
| 8. conceive | I can't conceive of a better surprise. | conceive |
| 9. relieved | My parents were so relieved to find me. | relieved |
| 10. heist | The bank robbers pulled off a remarkable heist. | heist |

Language Conventions Matching

- 11. E
- 12. AC
- 13. A
- 14. C
- 15. B
- 16. D
- 17. AB
- 18. AD

Vocabulary Matching

| 27. AB | 34. AC |
|--------|--------|
| 28. AC | 35. E |
| 29. D | 36. B |
| 30. B | 37. AB |
| 31. E | 38. A |
| 32. C | 39. D |
| 33. A | 40. C |

Greek and Latin Vocabulary and Figures of Speech

- 41. "Raining cats and dogs" means that there is a heavy rainstorm.
- 42. "Burning the candle at both ends" means you are working long hours.
- 43. The word *carnivore* means one who eats meat.
- 44. The word *hematoma* means a swelling of clotted blood.