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St. Louis City SC Scarf

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St. Louis City SC Wood sign

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St. Louis Post-Dispatch Winter Under the Arch Photo Jigsaw Puzzle

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Use the definitions to correctly match the spelling word from the word bank below.

1. ___________ an elastic and jellylike substance.
2. ___________ a chain of connected railroad cars.
3. ___________ to wear something with delight or satisfaction.
4. ___________ having large amounts of wealth.
5. ___________ a snakelike fish with smooth skin.
6. ___________ people who enthusiastically support a sport or activity.
7. ___________ a circular roof or ceiling that is vaulted.
8. ___________ above average in height.
9. ___________ improved in well-being.
10. ___________ to strike something with an object in order to move it.
11. ___________ the edible, oily seed of a plant that ripens to have seed pods each with one to three seeds inside.
12. ___________ a sweet baked good that is usually covered with icing.
13. ___________ a snack.
14. ___________ twelve o’clock: the part of the day when the sun is highest.
15. ___________ sticky and gluey.
16. ___________ to cause sharp mental suffering.
17. ___________ a line of light coming out of a bright object.
18. ___________ the darker part of twilight.
19. ___________ household devices that consist of rags or yarn attached to a handle and that are used to clean floors.
20. ___________ a touch of something.
21. ___________ the covering of a fruit.
22. ___________ an object in the sky that gives off light you can generally only see at night.
23. ___________ started an action or activity.
24. ___________ arose and came into full development.
25. ___________ the period of light between sunrise and sunset.
26. ___________ to disturb the peace of: to cause emotional distress.
27. ___________ a male who is also a parent.
28. ___________ a sweet thick food made from fruit and sugar.
29. ___________ cups with handles used for drinking beverages.
30. ___________ an event with games, rides, and other attractions.
31. ___________ the main meal of the day, eaten in the evening.
32. ___________ members of the rodent family that are larger than mice, sometimes live near humans, and are often considered undesirable pests that can carry disease.
33. ___________ gave food to.
34. ___________ used as a form of address showing respect to a person of greater age or authority.
35. ___________ a hollow sound that is deep.
36. ___________ to move the hands or something held in the hands in order to communicate.
37. ___________ an item of luggage with rigid construction that is generally too big to be carried by one person.
38. ___________ feeling ready to rest.
39. ___________ holding the maximum amount.
40. ___________ extremely big.
41. ___________ having certain qualities from the time of birth.
42. ___________ given to or characterized by making leaps.
43. ___________ a little bit wet.
44. ___________ — used to indicate a starting point when expressing how far one place is in relation to another.
45. ___________ an intuitive feeling that is strong.
46. ___________ being one of two or more individuals that make up a group.
47. ___________ a place protected from the sun.
48. ___________ the curved bony rods found in pairs that occur usually between the neck and the abdomen in mammals and that protect the organs.

WORD BANK

began  dash  fair  gel  jumping  ribs  star  wave
better  day  fans  grew  mops  rich  sting  wave
bite  dinner  father  gummy  mugs  shade  tall  wave
boom  dome  fed  hit  noon  sir  thanks  wave
born  dusk  fine  huge  peanut  skin  sleepy  wave
cake  each  from  hunch  rats  sport  sport  wave
damp  eel  full  jam  ray  sport  sport  wave
### Word Scramble for Second Grade

Unscramble the words below using the spelling words from the word bank below. The first letter of each word is given.

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WORD SEARCH FOR THIRD GRADE

Find each spelling word from the word bank in the puzzle.

WORD BANK:

afraid  amount  athlete  belle  career  chose  clothes  combed  cranky  career  chose  clothes  entire  epic  followed  goofy  hatchling  insisted  jotted  percent  percent  picture  pocket  project  purple  quicken  razz  rely  remember  repress  rescue  sandwich  shambles  sheen  sighed  sizzle  slither  sudden  swirled  tailight  travel  trophy  vital  vital  worse
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CROSSWORD FOR FOURTH GRADE

Complete the crossword by filling in the correct spelling word that fits each clue.

ACROSS

1. to determine the place of with exceptional accuracy.
2. to yank or pick out.
4. fractured pieces of rock and other materials produced by the deterioration or demolition of a building.
7. to cover loosely with a cloth.
8. to fling something with great effort.
12. became shiny like glass in appearance.
13. a hairstyle where all the hair is pulled back and meant to look like the long hairs on the end of a horse.
14. a hard, protective head covering.
15. a brief acknowledgment or citation.
18. a statement in writing giving the details of an event.
20. an individual piece of a type of sweet good that is made of baked dough.
24. a type of 10-armed sea animal having a highly developed head, prehensile suckers or hooks, and the ability to swim rapidly by means of shooting a jet of water.
27. a coming together of people in a group for a specific purpose.
28. plants related to onions that are used to add flavor to food.
29. a North American country that stretches from the northern border of the United States to the Arctic, from the Atlantic to the Pacific.
30. people who journey from one place to another for knowledge or enjoyment.
34. delivered by word of mouth.
35. information gained over time.
37. a device that makes a digital copy of an image or document.

ACROSS CONTINUED

38. regains strength or comes back in an athletic contest.
39. a long cloth first worn as a garment by citizens of ancient Rome.
41. approaching.
42. a flat stone tile used for roofing and siding.
43. not sturdy: weak.
44. a flying insect that emits intermittent light.

DOWN

1. extremely luxurious or exquisite.
3. a bed that typically rocks and is designed for use by a baby.
5. to move in wave-like surges.
6. something that is built over a low spot or obstacle in order to travel over it.
9. a loud noise as of solid objects colliding.
10. the sound of air being expelled from the lungs in the expression of an emotion (such as joy).
11. strips of cloth with messages or signs painted on them.
14. to float over something.
16. — used for a thin circular object made of plastic that is thrown between two or more people.
17. a large, shaggy cowlike mammal with short horns and a hump.
19. too many to be tallied: a great number.
20. markedly extravagant, lavish, or effortless: exceptional of its kind.
21. to move in a wobbly or unsteady way.
23. a country in southern North America.
25. involving risk: requiring caution.
26. an opening in a wall or door that usually contains a sheet of glass and that allows light and air in and permits viewing.
28. clothes worn over others to protect them, generally consisting of shirts and loose trousers joined together.
29. a country that stretches from the northern border of the United States to the Arctic, from the Atlantic to the Pacific.
30. people who journey from one place to another for knowledge or enjoyment.
31. remnants of things that have been demolished.
32. the lengthy projecting nose of any of several mammals, such as the pig.
33. a haven, unseen shelter, or safe harbor.
36. grave in demeanor, personality, or appearance.
37. a device that makes a digital copy of an image or document.
38. regains strength or comes back in an athletic contest.
39. a long cloth first worn as a garment by citizens of ancient Rome.
41. approaching.
42. a flat stone tile used for roofing and siding.
43. not sturdy: weak.
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DEFINITION MATCHING FOR FIFTH GRADE

Use the definitions to correctly match the spelling word from the word bank below.

1. _______________ to whine softly.
2. _______________ a chain worn around the wrist for ornamentation.
3. _______________ internally : privately to one’s self.
4. _______________ the ease with which a person or thing can move.
5. _______________ a small swirl of air or water moving against the main current.
6. _______________ having the long sharp teeth of certain predatory animals, or being shaped like such teeth.
7. _______________ a tree branch.
8. _______________ in a spiritless, languid manner.
9. _______________ warned about a danger.
10. _______________ an instance of many things happening at once.
11. _______________ to shineto sparkle.
12. _______________ to charge with a wrong.
13. _______________ sleepy.
14. _______________ to speak with contempt or ridicule.
15. _______________ contrary : utterly different.
16. _______________ a device that is used to make music.
17. _______________ in a manner indicating absolute happiness.
18. _______________ rough or crude in form or design.
19. _______________ people who agitate and organize to achieve particular political goals.
20. _______________ to journey back and forth between locations often or regularly.
21. _______________ a warm drink of chocolate powder and water or milk.
22. _______________ substances that nourish or promote growth or development.
23. _______________ just barely.
24. _______________ a carrying device used to transport the dead, sick, or injured.
25. _______________ places where wild animals live.
26. _______________ having a blend of traits from two different traditions or cultures.
27. _______________ a strong yellow condiment made of crushed seeds made into a paste.
28. _______________ stern, harsh, and without pity or softness.
29. _______________ a list of events or activities marked with when each will take place.
30. _______________ fairy creatures, generally ugly and threatening.
31. _______________ to speak in a hasty or confused fashion.
32. _______________ to get someone to agree or believe by arguing a point.
33. _______________ expressing gratitude : wanting to give thanks.
34. _______________ a movement of the body that communicates an idea.
35. _______________ a group of troops arranged in a particular order.
36. _______________ occurring earlier or before.
37. _______________ commanding attention due to magnificence, stature, size, or scope.
38. _______________ not easy to understand.
39. _______________ not observed or recognized.
40. _______________ a plan or course of action that two or more people have decided upon.
41. _______________ spotted or speckled.
42. _______________ to cause low, distinct sounds by moving.
43. _______________ a skilled cook who leads a kitchen, its staff, and its operations in a restaurant or other business.
44. _______________ a line or groove left in a flexible material through folding.
45. _______________ very large aquatic mammals that look like fish.
46. _______________ to guide in an incorrect direction or into a mistaken belief or action : to deceive.
47. _______________ written translations of foreign language dialogue projected at the bottom of the screen of a motion picture.
48. _______________ a portion broken off from a whole.
49. _______________ to fall back or retire from a position.
50. _______________ to beseech.

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WORD SCRAMBLE FOR SIXTH GRADE

Unscramble the words below using the spelling words from the word bank below.

| 1. LEONT     | 18. ITCLAB     | 35. RNDETGGEE  |
| 2. IACASANDIVN | 19. EEURNTVD   | 36. SEEDHTHA   |
| 3. ASGGIH     | 20. SDITEEI    | 37. ALMENT     |
| 4. EOCLD      | 21. TAEF       | 38. LMRETTAES  |
| 5. PSOU       | 22. REPVORB    | 39. RATTASI    |
| 6. AEPIESNTRD | 23. EIPEHDINLBECAR | 40. TTAAENORLCUG |
| 7. KNRSELOS   | 24. MIUOPD     | 41. NTAOIUFN   |
| 8. LALULBY    | 25. EERTRACD   | 42. RYULCT     |
| 9. OTRNARF    | 26. ZECAT      | 43. AIRGHS     |
| 10. NNTTASEG  | 27. AALBROORYT | 44. IGDLED     |
| 11. RENPEOSXSI| 28. RSSEIITN   | 45. OTINGCNETN |
| 12. LOINV     | 29. ESRNU      | 46. ESRVWE     |
| 13. IRYABN    | 30. OCNERTSAS  | 47. TPENSDREI  |
| 14. OSCMENOLI | 31. ESLOIUCVNV | 48. PTEHSD     |
| 15. ATPTEN    | 32. PSAJER     | 49. GOOERN     |
| 16. NAIICNONTSAT | HERBT     | 50. PRPOESU   |
| 17. LERTEB    | 33. EFEERENDC  |              |

WORD BANK

ancestors  convulsive  expression  incantations  opus  purpose  strait  violin
Aztec       curtly       feta           indecipherable  Oregon  runes  streamlet
Baltic      deference    FORTRAN       jasper         patent  Scandinavia  свернуть
berth       deities       fountain      laboratory      pedestrian  semicolon  tangents
binary      depths        garish         lento           president  sheathed
congratulate  detergent    gilded      lullaby         proverb  sinister
treble
contingent  dolce         haggis         mantle         snorkels
WORD SEARCH FOR SEVENTH GRADE

Find each spelling word from the word bank in the puzzle.

WORD BANK

anguish
appalling
appropriate
authority
bankrupt
blight
cladding
constricting
copious
corporate
dismayed
dissuade
divulge
embellishes
engrossed
eviction
fester
franchise
fronds
hindmost
hooey
hurtle
increments
ineffective
inevitable
insurance
intoxicating
leach
lurching
mechanics
meditation
offspring
outlandish
parchment
pillage
porcupine
pretentious
profusion
propane
protruding
r ummages
scallion
stealthily
strife
substantial
trough
warden
wrath
Complete the crossword by filling in the correct spelling word that fits each clue.

**ACROSS**

6. someone who is in charge of the operations and direction of an institution, place, department, or organization.
9. beyond reasonable limits: extravagant.
10. a cause of great suffering.
11. a residential building that resembles a type of Swiss house featuring decorative carved beams, balconies, and a sizeable roof overhang.
13. relating to the German priest Martin __________ and his teachings.
14. distinctive clothing, such as that worn by people in a certain job.
15. a man who belongs to a religious society founded by St. Ignatius Loyola in 1534.

16. a doctor who specializes in treating behavioral, mental, or emotional issues and disorders.
21. a person who belongs to or is part of a local church community.
24. all of a bird’s feathers.
25. someone who permanently leaves a party, cause, or doctrine, often in favor of another.
27. an outward breath.
29. a city in British Columbia, Canada.
32. people who tell the future by looking at how the position of the stars in the sky supposedly affects people’s lives and events on Earth.
33. a gray or brownish insect-eating bird with a hooked bill that often uses thorns to impale its prey.

35. the expression on one’s face.
37. stirring up.
39. embarrassing.
41. a mineral deposit growing up from the floor of a cave.

**DOWN**

1. a state of conflict or lack of agreement.
2. in an agile, powerful manner.
3. gossip.
4. religious, pious.
5. foolish.
7. the receipt of property upon the owner’s death.
8. having the qualities of a person who betrays another.
11. to bring into reality as if by magic.
12. affected by a mood disorder that causes experiences of depression and mania that alternate.
16. to put forward for consideration.
17. characterized by din: noisy.
18. a specter or ghost.
19. producing a negative or neutral first impression.
20. an army.
22. the supreme god in Norse mythology.
23. people who transport other people by driving cars.
26. a resource or inspiration for artistic work.
28. dressed in impressive or magnificent clothing.
30. a building that consists of multiple privately owned apartments or units.
31. an object or objects placed so as to prevent entry or passage.
34. impossible to take back or cancel out.
36. despairingly sad.
38. marked by a somewhat saucy, undisciplined, or vivacious manner.
40. makes a deliberate facial expression in order to convey a feeling such as contempt.
42. lacking vigor.

**ACROSS CONTINUED**

35. the expression on one’s face.
37. stirring up.
39. embarrassing.
41. a mineral deposit growing up from the floor of a cave.
43. the amounts of medicines ordered by a physician for the treatment of illness.
44. impossible to breach or enter.
45. to mediate between differing parties.
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WORD SEARCH FOR EIGHTH GRADE

Find each spelling word from the word bank in the puzzle.

WORD BANK

Aachen  adjutant  Algiers  arcane  arret  arrondissement  assuage
chanteuse  cloisters  colonel  copse  courtiers  disgorged  Etruscan
frisson  Ganges  inexorably  knickerbockers  liana  litany  marquee
minivets  necromancer  niagara  oriole  politesse  primavera  proffered
proscenium  redound  sacristy  Salzkammergut  samosas  scabbard  sibilant
soleil  souterrain  subaltern  tamarisk  testosterone  unsullied
WORD LISTS BY GRADE

**FIRST GRADE**
began
better
bite
boom
born
cake
damp
dash
day
dinner
dome
dusk
each
eel
fan
father
fed
fine
from
full
gel
grew
gummy
hit
huge
hunch
jumping
mops
mugs
noon
peanut
rats
ray
ribs
rich
shade
sir
skin
sleepy
sport
star
sting
tall
thanks
train
trunk
upset
wave

**SECOND GRADE**
afar
ahoy
angry
awe
beans
bottle
bowl
carefully
chapter
chess
child
cost
couch
darted
double
dream
dead
forever
freeze
friend
heal
known
laptop
left
little
money
motor
movie
nibble
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plucked
princess
scorch
sidekick
sleek
slimy
smart
space
sprint
squeak
stared
strands
stuff
suffer
summer
sweat
talking
watch
whine
would

**THIRD GRADE**
afraid
amount
athlete
belle
career
chose
clothes
combed
cranky
December
disease
duo
either
else
entire
epic
followed
gleaming
goofy
hatchling
insisted
jotted
patrol
percent
picture
pocket
prepare
presence
project
purple
quicken
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rescue
sandwich
shambles
sheen
sighed
sizzle
slither
sudden
swirled
taillight
travel
trophy
vital
worse

**FOURTH GRADE**
antsy
banners
billow
bison
bridge
Canada
chives
clatter
countless
coveralls
cradle
dangerous
drape
firefly
flimsy
Frisbee
glazed
helmet
hideout
hover
laughter
laughter
launch
meeting
mention
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oncoming
pastry
pinpoint
pluck
plush
ponytail
posh
rallies
record
rubble
ruins
scanner
scoff
squad
strum
teeter
toga
tourists
tumbling
window
wisdom

**FIFTH GRADE**
accuse
activists
agreement
blissfully
bough
bracelet
cautioned
chef
coarse
cocoa
commute
complicated
convince
crease
cruel
dappled
drowsy
eddy
fanged
flurry
formation
gesture
glisten
grateful
hybrid
implore
imposing
imposing
instrument
inwardly
lairs
listlessly
mislead
mobility
mustard
nutrients
opposite
previous
retreat
rustle
scarcely
schedule
scoff
splutter
stretcher
subtitles
unnoticed
whales
whimper
**WORD LISTS BY GRADE**

**SIXTH GRADE**
- ancestors
- Aztec
- Baltic
- berth
- binary
- congratulate
- contingent
- convulsive
- curtsy
- deference
- deities
- depths
- detergent
- dolce
- expression
- feta
- FORTRAN
- fountain
- garish
- gilded
- haggis
- incantations
- indecipherable
- jasper
- laboratory
- lento
- lullaby
- mantle
- opus
- Oregon
- patent
- pedestrian
- podium
- president
- proverb
- purpose
- runes
- Scandinavia
- semicolon
- sheathed
- sinister
- snorkels
- strait
- streamlet
- swerve
- tangents
- terraced
- treble
- ventured
- violin

**SEVENTH GRADE**
- anguish
- appalling
- appropriate
- authority
- bankrupt
- blight
- cladding
- constricting
- copious
- corporate
- dismayed
- dissuade
- divulge
- embelishes
- engrossed
- eviction
- fester
- franchise
- fronds
- hindmost
- hooey
- hurtle
- increments
- ineffective
- inevitable
- insurance
- intoxicating
- leach
- lurching
- mechanics
- meditation
- offsprings
- outlandish
- parchement
- pillage
- porcupine
- pretentious
- profusion
- propane
- protruding
- rumpages
- scallion
- stealthily
- strife
- substantial
- trough
- warden
- wrath

**EIGHTH GRADE**
- Aachen
- adjutant
- Algiers
- apparition
- arcane
- arrayed
- arret
- arrondissement
- assuage
- astrologers
- au revoir
- barricade
- battalion
- Benedictine
- bipolar
- bitumen
- carabinieri
- carrion
- Carthusian
- chalet
- chalice
- chanteuse
- chauffeurs
- clamorous
- cloisters
- colonel
- condominium
- conjure
- copse
- countenance
- courtiers
- defector
- devout
- disconcerting
- disconsolate
- discord
- disgorged
- dosages
- Etruscan
- exhalation
- featherbrained
- fodder
- frisson
- Ganges
- grimaces
- immoderate
- impenetrable
- inexorably
- inheritance
- intercede
- irreverent
- irreversible
- Jesuit
- knickerbockers
- liana
- litany
- livery
- Lutheran
- marquee
- minivets
- necromancer
- niagara
- Odin
- oriole
- parishioner
- plumage
- politesse
- primavera
- proffered
- propound
- proscenium
- psychiatrist
- redound
- rolling
- sacristry
- Salzkammergut
- samosas
- scabbard
- scourge
- scuttlebutt
- shrive
- sibilant
- sinuously
- soleil
- souterrain
- stalagmite
- stubborn
- superintendent
- tamarisk
- testosterone
- torpid
- traitorous
- unprepossessing
- unsullied
- Vancouver
STUDY WORDS USED IN SENTENCES

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FIRST GRADE SENTENCES

Emily used a cleaning gel to sanitize her hands.
I was waiting at the railway station for my train.
Jane decided to sport her new shoes on her birthday.
I love to watch TV shows about the rich and famous.
Like many other creatures, the eel is now an endangered species.
The fans viewing the baseball game were very loud.
The dome of the cathedral was spectacular.
Chris was really tall for his age.
Janet was already feeling better the day after she developed a sore throat.
The player hit the baseball out of the park for a home run.
President Jimmy Carter was well known for owning a peanut farm.
The birthday cake was very tasty.
I always carry a bite to eat in my backpack.
I like the hour following noon because it is my lunch break.
Jose liked gummy candy.
She could not forget the sting of her friend’s words after they argued.
The deer stood frozen in the ray of light from my flashlight.
The dusk after sunset was really beautiful that day.
The kitchen mops have become old and need to be replaced.
I accepted my birthday gift with thanks.
A dash of sprinkles would add to the flavor of the ice cream.
I peeled the skin off my apple.
I wished upon the first star to appear in the sky tonight.
The class began sharply at 8 in the morning.
Tomatoes grew well in our vegetable garden.
Lily was a fine addition to the basketball team.
Tracy would love to have a four day work week.
Courtney upset the class by bringing her pet.
When I am in doubt, I always ask my father.
I love apricot jam.
My mother won’t let me use her favorite mugs.
The fair was canceled this year.
We always pray before dinner.
Lisa was hoping that her new cat would get rid of the rats.
Erica fed her dog before she ate.
May I ask a question, sir?
Henrik loves the boom of the bass drums.
I always wave goodbye to my friends.
My grandmother stores old stuff in a trunk in the attic.
Florian felt sleepy after a big dinner.
Zach was really full after Thanksgiving dinner.
The sumo wrestler was huge.
Antwon was born with a joyful demeanor.
The monkey was jumping around the branches of the tree.
Mom took the damp clothes out of the washing machine and put them in the dryer.
Jenny was third from the front of the line.
Kolten had a hunch that his mom would be upset for playing outside too long.
I gave each of my friends a gift.
Leif stood in the shade under the tree.
Desiree hurt her ribs when she fell.

SECOND GRADE SENTENCES

Dowel felt that waiting for her birthday to arrive would take forever.
Guy could hardly wait for the lakes to freeze so that he could play hockey.
If her dad set the iron on a high setting, he would scorch her blouse.
Bridget started the motor on her car so that it could warm up.
During the Zoom call, the teacher asked the students to put themselves on mute so that they could not hear others talking.
In second grade, the students were reviewing the values of money.
Tom and Pat played video games while sitting on the couch.
Mom brought in a tray of snacks to nibble on while they were studying.
Shreya’s macramé plant hanger had many strands of different colors.
The second grade class had graduated to reading chapter books.
Matthew loved to shout “checkmate!” to his brother when he beat him at chess.
Although she thought the snake would feel slimy, it was really very soft and dry.
Every time she walked into her room, Gianna’s guinea pigs would begin to squeak.
Isaiah knew he could always count on his friend to help him.
During virtual learning, a laptop is an essential school supply.
To prepare to watch the movie, Al popped popcorn.
Johnny had known his neighbors for a long time.
Aunt Jeannie took two aspirin so that she didn’t have to suffer from another headache.
Although Molly thought she was seeing double, she was really seeing the new twin boys in her class.
Madeline would always watch for the ice cream truck to come down her street.
The sailor shouted “ahoy!” when greeting the new sailors on his ship.
Ricardo enjoyed using several different beans in his chili.
The little child was not able to swing by herself, so her brother had to push her.
The rocket ship blasted off into outer space.
The daughter of the king or queen is called the princess.
The piper led the children through the town using his magic flute.
Tara couldn’t hear the television, so she asked her sister to turn up the volume.
Natasha arrived late at the bus stop, so she had to sprint to catch the bus.
Franco was in awe of the magician and his many magic tricks.
Tatiana could see her mother approaching from afar.
Latasha was so hungry that she filled her cereal bowl to the top.
After she ran a mile on the track, Toni’s shirt was covered in sweat.
At the gift shop, Ahana asked about the cost of the dinosaur.
Hair conditioner makes your hair feel smooth and sleek.
Joel always enjoyed a bottle of cold water after exercising at the gym.
I saw a snake slither away from the bird's nest.

The police decided to patrol the neighborhood after a string of burglaries.

The nature of the news story was of vital importance.

By the seventh month, Vivian could feel the baby's heart rate quicken.

I felt my mother's presence when I entered the room.

Dad became angry when we tracked mud onto his clean kitchen floor.

When she helped her mom with the home repair, Carla was proud when her mother referred to her as her sidekick.

While cleaning out her toy closet, Renee decided to donate all of her extra stuff to the thrift store.

Some chess players think that the pawn is the least powerful piece in the game.

The little puppy loved to play fetch with the tennis ball.

The vest was made of tennis ball.

I combed my hair after my shower.

The scientists spent several years studying the disease.

If you win the spelling bee, you get a trophy.

A lot of hard work goes into becoming a professional athlete.

Reagan jotted down notes as the teacher gave the lecture.

Dimitri swirled across the stage during his dance performance.

Stefano was shocked by the amount of the bill after the shopping trip.

Kelly sighed in relief after her team won the game.

The sheen of the horse’s coat was beautiful after it was brushed.

Ciara felt worse after injuring her foot.

Nelly enjoyed the peanut butter and jelly sandwich he had for lunch.

The skating duo put on a great performance.

After the car wash, Steve rubbed wax on the car until it was gleaming.

Winnie had to repress her anger after she fought with her brother.

My clothes get really dirty after I play outside.

The ‘spell off’ is fun to watch since either of the finalists could win.

Nailah had to rely on her memory to get through her oral speech.

Mac chose the music for his road trip.

Kim was voted as the belle of the ball.

Dylan wondered what else was going to happen in 2020.

Riley looked with awe at the picture of the cathedral.

Astrid was glad when she got 90 percent on her math test.

I am afraid of taking this test tomorrow because I didn’t study.

The firemen came to rescue my neighbor when his house caught fire.

Shrinivas became antsy after sitting at his computer all morning.

The hummingbirds hover over the flowers to get the nectar.

The grass began to billow and bend against the strong winds.

Charlie was impressed with the posh furnishings at the fancy hotel.

The symbol of the official flag of Canada is the maple leaf.

The citizens of Rome wore a long garment called a toga.

When Native Americans lived on the western plains, bison roamed freely in large herds.

Sage loved to strum her guitar and sing her favorite folk songs.

Donna knew that riding her bicycle without a helmet was dangerous.

Gary loved to walk through the garden and pluck fresh tomatoes for lunch.

When they went to the aquarium, they were able to observe the speed at which the squid could move by shooting jets of water.

Joan and Susan loved to toss the Frisbee to each other in the park.

After spinning round and round, Jarid would teeter and sway along the sidewalk.

When preparing the ingredients to make the quiche recipe, Harriette realized she needed to go to the supermarket and buy chives.

When Shanti is running in races and begins to tire, she rallies after thinking of the medal waiting for her at the finish line.

Capucine made fruit pastry to share with her guests at the birthday party.

The house painter wore coveralls to protect his clothes from paint splatter.

Madison always wore a ponytail to keep her long hair out of her face.
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As Nicholas pulled the pots out of the cabinet, the 
clatter awoke everyone in the house.
The pig used his long snout to dig root vegetables 
out of the garden.
Maxine loved to perform her gymnastics routine, 
especially the tumbling and rolling.
The slow rhythm of the cradle was able to soothe the 
crying baby.
One of the best things about summer evenings is 
watching a firefly light up the darkness.
Preparing for the baseball season, Carter was very 
serious about his rigorous exercise routine.
After the Blues won the Stanley Cup, banners were 
flying all over St. Louis.
Isabel finished fourth place in the science fair and was 
awarded honorable mention.
In order to honor those who had died, each name was 
spoken by a family member.
Puja requested that a copy of her school record be 
forwarded to her university registrar.
The bridge was built over the river in order to connect 
the two cities.
We were able to pinpoint the exact location of the 
party by using the GPS on our phone.
Grandma always gave us excellent advice and happily shared her wisdom with us.
After the strong wind blew through the neighborhood, 
we needed to replace several slate tiles on our roof.
When Alison left her summer home in August, she 
would drape all of the furniture with sheets to protect it through the winter.
Akshay spent countless hours studying formulas in 
preparation for the math exam.
The boys chose their closet as a hideout to escape from their pesky little sister.
Archaeologists recently discovered several mummies 
in the ruins of ancient Egypt.
When Maria traveled to Mexico, she went fishing for 
red snapper on the beach.
After the snowstorm, the sidewalk was glazed with 
ice and made walking very hazardous.
When the secretary was asked to send the 
document to the customer, she used a scanner 
to make a copy.
After the car accident, Patricia noticed that the 
oncoming traffic was moving very slowly.
Telling your teacher that your dog ate your 
homework is a flimsy excuse for not having your 
assignment completed.
Connor was able to launch several water balloons 
before his friends were even aware of what 
was happening.
After the earthquake, many of the homes in our 
neighborhood were reduced to rubble.
Many tourists come to St. Louis to visit the Gateway Arch, the Zoo and Six Flags.
As the children shared their favorite jokes at the talent 
show, their laughter filled the auditorium.
When Markisha’s mother complained that the oven was 
heating up the kitchen, she opened a window to 
allow fresh air into the room.
As president of his class, Tyrone held a meeting 
of the student council representatives to plan the 
homecoming parade.
Mira’s new mattress had a pillow top cover and was 
very thick and plush.
When Joe purchased his new motorcycle, 
he made sure to choose a helmet that would 
provide excellent protection.

FIFTH GRADE SENTENCES

Cadence heard the dog whimper at the door. 
Tinley loved the bracelet she got for her birthday.
Deshawn put up a brave front even though he was shaking inwardly.
A sprained ankle will restrict your mobility.
Emerson dropped flower petals in the river’s eddy so 
she could watch them swirl.
A fanged cobra strikes at its prey.
After the ice storm, the bough of the tree bent 
to the ground.
After losing the boxing match, Brody walked away listlessly.
We have been cautioned to wear a mask when we 
go out in public.
There was a flurry of activity before 
the guests arrived.
The rain made the streets glisten.
You should not accuse someone without giving them 
the benefit of the doubt.
The heavy dinner made everybody drowsy.
Eugene had to scoff when his brother claimed he was the best.
My mom and dad have opposite views on politics.
Jed wants to learn to play a musical instrument.
Penny was blissfully unaware of the weather outside.

The sweater looked really coarse.
Activists for change are marching on the streets.
It is tough to commute to work in heavy traffic.
A hot cup of cocoa is a wonderful drink on a cold, 
winter day.
Kaitlyn looks at the list of nutrients on the label 
before she buys a product.
Fletcher scarcely made it to class on time.
After he fell and injured his leg, he was carried out on 
a stretcher.
The scoutmaster warned us not to go into lairs when 
exploring the forest.
My dad loves his hybrid car because it saves 
him money.
Niko likes honey mustard dressing on his salad.
Rocco can’t stand people who are cruel to animals.
Leighton was happy with the class schedule she had this year.
Melvin was expecting to see many of his friends 
dressed as ghouls and gobins on Halloween.
Jabari had to splutter his apologies after he forgot his homework.
Megan had to convince her mother to let her stay up past her bedtime.
I am grateful to my brother for helping me 
with my homework.
The queen waved to the crowd, which was her 
well-known gesture.
Geese fly in an arrowhead formation when they fly 
south for the winter.
Dan liked this school more than his previous one.
The Gateway Arch is an imposing structure in the St. Louis skyline.
The teacher gave me a sentence that was 
complicated.
Kyle was hoping that he could leave the 
party unnoticed.
Chet reached an agreement with his teacher that he 
will finish his homework on time.
The forest was vibrant with the dappled 
foliage of fall.
Andrea loves the rustle of leaves on the ground in the fall.
The chef at the restaurant was very knowledgeable 
about the ingredients used in the dish.
Sonya ironed her pants carefully to keep the crease.
Whales are the largest mammals on earth.
Our teacher is so smart that it is difficult to mislead her.
Landry was glad that the movie came with subtitles.
A fragment broke off of Lynn's favorite glass when she dropped it.
The general ordered his forces to retreat when the enemy advanced with reinforcements.
Lizzy had to implore her mom for a sleepover at her friend's house.

**SIXTH GRADE SENTENCES**
The somber funeral composition was meant to be performed lento.
The countries of Sweden, Norway and Denmark make up Scandinavia.
While traveling through Scotland, the tourists were served haggis and were surprised to learn that the sausage was made from sheep and calf organs.
Michael's favorite ice cream was dolce de leche, made from lots of sugar and milk.
The Gambler was Prokofiev's sixth opera, despite its early opus number.
Alec was careful to cross the street in the pedestrian crosswalk.
When Roberto took his family on a cruise, he brought snorkels for his whole family so that they could observe the fish and turtles below the surface of the water.
Since the baby was fussy, mom soothed him by quietly singing him a lullaby.
Sheldon wrote his math and science computer programs in FORTRAN language.
Torrey was known to disagree with his friends and would often go off on tangents about politics.
My father always encouraged hard work and would use the expression, "Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today."
Darius was asked to join the school orchestra because he had played the violin for five years.
The binary system is a system of numerical notation that has two, rather than 10, as a base.
As Jill wrote her essay, she used a semicolon to indicate a pause between two clauses.
Sandy knew that Carol was not being truthful when she complimented her new haircut, as she was smiling with patent insincerity.
The sorcerer chanted incantations at the ceremony in order to cast a spell on the witches.

The soprano sang her part of the performance in the treble voice.
Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania are referred to as the Baltic States.
Philip and his family ventured into a new business which they hoped would be highly lucrative.
The king was adored by his citizens and attained the status of deities after his death.
Joel sprinkled feta cheese on top of his salad.
He realized the truth of the proverb, "Who goes a-borrowing, goes a-sorrowing."
As they visited the ancient Egyptian exhibit at the art museum, the students found the hieroglyphics indecipherable.
The president approached the podium as he prepared to give the State of the Union Address.
On the Amalfi Coast, the houses are terraced on the side of the hill as far as the eye can see.
Mexico City is built on top of ancient Aztec ruins.
Jose was hoping to be a doctor and so he spent many hours in the biology laboratory conducting experiments.
When the girls planned to kidnap the neighbor's dog, Destiny refused to participate in the sinister plan.
Since Helene only spoke English, she was unable to read the runes of the ancient Scandinavian alphabet.
Colleen's ancestors came from Ireland, so her family celebrated St. Patrick's Day in grand style.
Paul was running a high fever through the night which resulted in convulsive spasms in the morning.
The opaque jasper quartz necklace was carved by the artisan and then presented to the queen.
When traveling from Nice to Venice, we traveled on a Couchette train, which had a sleeping berth for six passengers.
Fernando was not happy to be turning 40, so in deference to his wishes, we did not throw a party for his birthday.
Remy had been working in the garden all morning, so he used extra detergent in the washing machine to clean his work clothes.
The knight was careful to keep his sword sheathed so as to not harm himself as he rode his trusty steed.
In the Eastern Orthodox and Catholic Churches, the mantle is a monastic garment worn by clergy during processions and church services.
As the hikers walked away from the waterfall, they noticed that the water slowed to a tiny streamlet.

As Leah and Josh navigated their sailboat through the narrow strait, they were overcome by the vast ocean that they saw ahead of them.
The entire family was waiting at the finish line to congratulate Javier as he completed his first marathon.
Tossing a coin in a fountain is supposed to bring good health.
Mrs. Simmons responded curtly to the students after the tenth request to repeat the directions.
Although Nelson was very rich, he owned only one garish mansion in New York.
In honor of the visit by the queen, velvet and satin banners on gilded batons lined the route of the motorcade.
General Chavanel, with the assistance of a French contingent, succeeded in fortifying the Scottish city of Leith.
While driving the dark road at night, Paulette had to swerve to avoid hitting a deer that had darted into the path of her car.
Juan was elected president of the student council.
The scuba diver was able to observe many different varieties of sea life as she descended to the depths of the ocean.
Fur traders and missionaries helped set the stage for massive migration of settlers to Oregon beginning in the 1840s.
The purpose of the field trip to the Missouri Botanical Garden was to learn more about making terrariums.

**SEVENTH GRADE SENTENCES**
Seth was cladding his uniform before the match.
Justin added scallion to the soup to heighten the flavor.
Deangelo saw a fox stealthily approaching the chicken coop.
My dad had to ask the game warden to get a hunting license.
The farmer was happy with the copious harvest.
Gemma watched the horses hurdle down the racetrack.
My uncle had to go to the hospital when his wound began to fester.
My mother thinks the smell of flowers in spring is intoxicating.
Carena's outlandish behavior elicited criticism.
The porcupine bristled when it was threatened.
As Alice arrived, the train was lurching to a stop at the station.
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The first plan was ineffective, so the coach made a new plan for the next play. In western movies, the horses often drink from a long water trough.

The parchment was so old that it crumbled when touched. Heavy rains can leach fertilizer into streams and rivers. In mythology, mortals often feared the wrath of powerful gods.

Hadley was successful at climbing the corporate ladder. Hank Hill sells propane and propane accessories. His best friend tried his best to dissuade Gage from skipping class.

The flowers burst forth in profusion in spring. Joffrey’s lack of empathy was appalling. Kimora refused to divulge her income.

Meditation helps to relieve stress and anxiety. Sieria just opened a McDonald’s franchise. Ned’s pretentious behavior made him unpopular among his friends.

New Zealand canoes are known for the carving that embellishes them. Congress creates a budget and has to appropriate funds for each item on it.

Malaki always rummages through his closet to find his favorite shirt. The new shoes were constricting my toes. Since some of the key players could not participate in the game, the loss was inevitable.

I was so engrossed with my homework that I missed my favorite TV show. When the political strife ended, the two parties were able to reach an agreement on the legislative bill.

The tickets were going fast and it looked like the people hindmost in line were not going to get in. An eviction notice was served by the landlord because the tenant was three months late in paying rent.

The nail was too big and looked ugly protruding from the wall. Sports like football and ice hockey pose a substantial risk of injury.

Dad thought the business idea was a bunch of hooey and refused to invest in such nonsense. The coach blames the negative attitudes that several members of the team have been displaying on the field for the blight on their winning record.

The hurricane left behind a mess of tree branches and palm fronds to clean up. The captain demanded full authority over the team. The garage we take our car to has a great team of mechanics.

The man who once made a fortune in business lost it all and is now bankrupt. Our home insurance policy is up for renewal next month.

Lola’s mother was dismayed when she saw the report card. Both good and bad genes can be transmitted from parent to offspring.

After Viking raids, the warriors would often loot and pillage. When Doug’s cat passed away, tears of anguish filled his eyes.

The doctor increased the dosage of the drug in small increments over several weeks.

**Eighth Grade Sentences**

**Odin** was the supreme god in Norse mythology, the god of war, poetry, knowledge and wisdom. As a parishioner at her local church, she was expected to contribute to the weekly collection.

Caleb made many life decisions based on the advice of many astrologers and the reading of tarot cards. Mary Catherine was a devout Catholic and was committed to saying the rosary every day.

The shrike wiped its beak on the thorns after he had devoured the prey. Pierre was excited to attend the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, a seaport in southwest British Columbia.

The soundtrack of the movie was used to conjure many emotions from the audience. Audrey was able to use this mnemonic device to remember the difference between various mineral deposits: a stalagmite “might” reach the ceiling.

During wartime, many soldiers were arrested due to the traitorous acts against their country. The elderly couple moved to a condominium in their neighborhood to downsize and free themselves of outdoor maintenance.

In the Amazon Rainforest, a thick jungle creates an impenetrable wall of green. When the teachers and students disagreed on the homework policy, the school board was asked to intercede.
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Trinity and her friends were offbeat, eccentric and sometimes irreverent.

When the children went into the attic of the vacant house, they thought that they saw the apparition of the neighbor who had lived there long ago.

The dosages necessary to cure the infection were administered according to the weight of the patient.

The new superintendent was hired to improve the educational quality of the schools in the district.

Priscilla was diagnosed with asthma and was prescribed medicine that would aid in her inhalation and exhalation.

When they disagreed about the care of their elderly mother, hard feelings resulted in two years of discord between the siblings.

When the Steelers scored a touchdown the fans became clamorous in their excitement.

When their mother served brussel sprouts for dinner, the children tasted them and then registered their opinions with grimaces.

Kory and Malik met with their grandmother’s lawyer to learn that they had each received thousands of dollars in inheritance.

The peacock displayed his colorful plumage for the children who were visiting the zoo.

During the pandemic, scientist would universally propound universal mask-wearing to prevent the spread of germs.

The millionaire hired two full-time chauffeurs to drive him to all of his appointments.

Consuelo was disconsolate over the loss of her beloved grandpa.

The young men began to grow facial hair—a clear indication of testosterone at work.

The gender of the minivets was clearly distinguishable: the males were red and black and the females were yellow and gray.

The prosenium arch is the frame extending around the front of the stage in a theatre.

Jeremiah deflected criticism and charmed his opponents with politesse and humor.

The chanteuse had difficulty singing in the smoke-filled and noisy nightclub.

When Aashita lived in Paris, she was delighted to rent an apartment in the popular tenth arrondissement.

The Italian carabinieri was in charge of protecting the tourists from thieves and scammers.

Although trees of any height were rare in this neighborhood, the colorful and dainty tamarisk grew in great abundance.

Many archaeologists study arcane languages of the past.

The soleil brass sculpture was the centerpiece in the museum.

A small copse shaded the back of the house and it was very welcome in summer.

The archaeologists discovered a tomb with a sword still in its jeweled scabbard.

The courtiers were dismissed by the king at the end of the ball.

After the diagnosis of cancer, the doctor tried to assuage the patient.

Clarissa eventually became the adjutant to the commander of the tactical force.

The wildfires in California advanced inexorably closer to the homes, despite the valiant efforts of the firefighters.

The break in the dam caused the lake to be disgorged rapidly.

The next stop in our cruise of the Mediterranean was the port city of Algiers.

Lucy’s favorite Italian dish is pasta primavera.

It was fun to explore the souterrain passages of the Meramec Caverns.

Knickerbockers were in vogue nearly two centuries ago.

The politician spouted an endless litany of fear in order to get votes.

The chairman came out of the investigations unsullied, even though the company had significant losses the past year.

The focus of Carthusian life is contemplation and meditation.

The court delivered its arret after a long deliberation.

Viola is set to give the marquee address at the upcoming technology conference.
CROSSWORD

DOWN
1. of a size and design that makes operation and use on one’s lap convenient
2. one who organizes, manages, and assumes the risks of a business or enterprise
4. a game in which players use a long-handled stick with a mesh pouch to catch and throw the ball
5. a residence hall providing rooms for individuals or for groups usually without private baths
12. the quality of being excellent
13. a girl or woman who has attended or has graduated from a particular university
14. the grounds / buildings of a university
16. a usually rounded natural elevation of land lower than a mountain
20. a large heavily built social cat that has a tawny body with a tufted tail and a shaggy blackish or dark brown mane in the male
22. a profession for which one trains
26. any of an order of chiefly nocturnal birds of prey with a large head and eyes
28. a new idea, method, or device
30. designation as champion
34. a burial ground
35. physical exercises designed to develop strength and coordination
37. a large usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports events
39. firm adherence to a code of especially moral or artistic values

ACROSS
3. second-oldest university west of the Mississippi, located in St. Charles
6. a gift by will especially of money or other personal property
7. the chief dignitary of a collegiate or cathedral chapter
8. a usually academic meeting at which specialists deliver addresses on a topic and answer questions
9. the ability to create
10. one who attends a school
11. an official chosen to preside over a meeting or assembly
15. the science of mind and behavior
17. a game played with a bat and ball between two teams of nine players
18. a river 2466 miles (3968 kilometers) long in the western U.S.
19. a body of water usually smaller than a lake
21. to move one’s body rhythmically usually to music
23. a devoting or setting aside for a particular purpose
24. a greenhouse for growing or displaying plants
25. a unified body of individuals
27. an institution of higher learning providing facilities for teaching and research
29. allowing and accommodating people who have historically been excluded
31. a student at a college or university who has not received a first and especially a bachelor’s degree
32. a person who works in a health field in an auxiliary capacity to a physician
33. a number of persons associated together in work or activity
36. a set of written sheets of skin or paper or tablets of wood or ivory
38. the inclusion of different types of people in a group or organization
40. a grant-in-aid to a student

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