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We are proud to continue offering the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Regional Spelling Bee and look forward to providing this wonderful opportunity to all students.

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DEFINITION MATCHING FOR FIRST GRADE

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. _______ kind thoughts: gratitude.
21. _______ a touch of something.
22. _______ the covering of a fruit.
23. _______ an object in the sky that gives off light you can generally only see at night.
24. _______ started an action or activity.
25. _______ arose and came into full development.
26. _______ excellent in character or nature.
27. _______ the period of light between sunrise and sunset.
28. _______ to disturb the peace of: to cause emotional distress.
29. _______ a male who is also a parent.
30. _______ a sweet thick food made from fruit and sugar.
31. _______ cups with handles used for drinking beverages.
32. _______ an event with games, rides, and other attractions.
33. _______ the main meal of the day, eaten in the evening.
34. _______ members of the rodent family that are larger than mice, sometimes live near humans, and are often considered undesirable pests that can carry disease.
35. _______ gave food to.
36. _______ used as a form of address showing respect to a person of greater age or authority.
37. _______ a hollow sound that is deep.
38. _______ to move the hands or something held in the hands in order to communicate.
39. _______ an item of luggage with rigid construction that is generally too big to be carried by one person.
40. _______ feeling ready to rest.
41. _______ holding the maximum amount.
42. _______ extremely big.
43. _______ having certain qualities from the time of birth.
44. _______ given to or characterized by making leaps.
45. _______ a little bit wet.
46. _______ – used to indicate a starting point when expressing how far one place is in relation to another.
47. _______ an intuitive feeling that is strong.
48. _______ being one of two or more individuals that make up a group.
49. _______ a place protected from the sun.
50. _______ 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
better  day  fans  grew  mops  rich
bite  dinner  father  gummy  mug  shade
boom  dome  fed  hit  noon  sir
born  dusk  fine  huge  peanut  skin
cake  each  from  hunch  rats  sleepy
damp  eel  full  jam  ray  sport

wave

dusk  ray  sting  each  from  full

from

hunch  each

hunch
dusk

dome
dusk
gel
gum

fed

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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 BANK

afar    carefully    double    known    nibble    slimy    stuff    would
ahoy    chapter    dream    laptop    piper    smart    suffer    summer
angry   chess      felt      least     princess    space    sprint    talking
awe     child      forever   little    scorch    squeak    stared    watch
beans   cost       freeze    money     sidekick    strands  
bottle  couch      friend    motor     sleek      
bowl    darted     hear      movie     sweat     whine
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
decided
combed
cranky
december
disease
duo
either
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epic
either
entire
followed
gleaming
goofy
hatchling
insisted
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patrol
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presence
project
purple
quicken
razz
rely
remember
repress
rescue
sandwich
shambles
sheen
sighed
sizzle
slither
sudden
swirled
tailight
trophy
vital
worse

WORD BANK
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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.
3. fractured pieces of rock and other materials produced by the deterioration or demolition of a building.
4. to cover loosely with a cloth.
5. a hairstyle where all the hair is pulled back and meant to look like the long hairs on the end of a horse.
6. a hard, protective head covering.
7. a brief acknowledgment or citation.
8. a statement in writing giving the details of an event.
9. an individual piece of a type of sweet good that is made of baked dough.
10. a coming together of people in a group for a specific purpose.
11. a North American country that stretches from the northern border of the United States to the Arctic, from the Atlantic to the Pacific.
12. people who journey from one place to another for knowledge or enjoyment.
13. 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.
14. a flying insect that emits intermittent light.
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DOWN

1. extremely luxurious or exquisite.
2. a bed that typically rocks and is designed for use by a baby.
3. to move in wave-like surges.
4. something that is built over a low spot or obstacle in order to travel over it.
5. the sound of air being expelled from the lungs in the expression of an emotion (such as joy).
6. strips of cloth with messages or signs painted on them.
7. to float over something.
8. a large, shaggy cowlike mammal with short horns and a hump.
9. too many to be tallied: a great number.
10. markedly extravagant, lavish, or effortless: exceptional of its kind.
11. grave in demeanor, personality, or appearance.
12. unable to stay still: jumpy or fidgety.
DEFINITION MATCHING FOR FIFTH GRADE

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

1. ________ whimperto whine softly.
2. ________ bracelet a chain worn around the wrist for ornamentation.
3. ________ inwardly internally: privately to one's self.
4. ________ mobility the ease with which a person or thing can move.
5. ________ eddy a small swirl of air or water moving against the main current.
6. ________ fanged having the long sharp teeth of certain predatory animals, or being shaped like such teeth.
7. ________ bough a tree branch.
8. ________ listlessly in a spiritless, languid manner.
9. ________ cautioned warned about a danger.
10. ________ flurryn an instance of many things happening at once.
11. ________ listen to shineto sparkle.
12. ________ accuse to charge with a wrong.
13. ________ drowsy sleepy.
14. ________ scoff to speak with contempt or ridicule.
15. ________ opposite contrary: utterly different.
16. ________ instrument a device that is used to make music.
17. ________ blissfully in a manner indicating absolute happiness.
18. ________ coarse rough or crude in form or design.
19. ________ activists people who agitate and organize to achieve particular political goals.
20. ________ commute to journey back and forth between locations often or regularly.
21. ________ cocoa a warm drink of chocolate powder and water or milk.
22. ________ nutrients substances that nourish or promote growth or development.
23. ________ scarcely just barely.
24. ________ stretcher a carrying device used to transport the dead, sick, or injured.
25. ________ lairs places where wild animals live.
26. ________ hybrid having a blend of traits from two different traditions or cultures.
27. ________ mustard a strong yellow condiment made of crushed seeds made into a paste.
28. ________ cruel stern, harsh, and without pity or softness.
29. ________ schedule a list of events or activities marked with when each will take place.
30. ________ goblins fairy creatures, generally ugly and threatening.
31. ________ splutter to speak in a hasty or confused fashion.
32. ________ convince to get someone to agree or believe by arguing a point.
33. ________ grateful expressing gratitude: wanting to give thanks.
34. ________ gesture a movement of the body that communicates an idea.
35. ________ formation a group of troops arranged in a particular order.
36. ________ previous occurring earlier or before.
37. ________ imposing commanding attention due to magnificence, stature, size, or scope.
38. ________ complicated not easy to understand.
39. ________ unnoticed not observed or recognized.
40. ________ agreement a plan or course of action that two or more people have decided upon.
41. ________ dappled spotted or speckled.
42. ________ rustle to cause low, distinct sounds by moving.
43. ________ chef a skilled cook who leads a kitchen, its staff, and its operations in a restaurant or other business.
44. ________ crease a line or groove left in a flexible material through folding.
45. ________ whales very large aquatic mammals that look like fish.
46. ________ mislead to guide in an incorrect direction or into a mistaken belief or action: to deceive.
47. ________ subtitles written translations of foreign language dialogue projected at the bottom of the screen of a motion picture.
48. ________ fragment a portion broken off from a whole.
49. ________ retreat to fall back or retire from a position.
50. ________ implore 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  
2. IACASANDIVN  
3. ASGGIH  
4. EOCLD  
5. PSOU  
6. AEPIESNTRD  
7. KNRSELOS  
8. LALULBY  
9. OTRNARF  
10. NNTTASEG  
11. RENPEOSXSI  
12. LOINIV  
13. IRYABN  
14. OSCMENOLI  
15. ATPTEN  
16. NAIICNONTSAT  
17. LERTEB  
18. ITCLAB  
19. EEURNTVD  
20. SDITEEI  
21. TAEF  
22. REPVORB  
23. EIPEHDINLBECAR  
24. MIUOPD  
25. EERTRACD  
26. ZECAT  
27. AALBROORYT  
28. RSSEIITN  
29. ESRNU  
30. OCNERTSAS  
31. ESLOIUCVNV  
32. PSAJER  
33. HERBT  
34. EFEERENDC  
35. RNDETTGEE  
36. SEEDHTHA  
37. ALMENT  
38. LMRETTAES  
39. RATTIS  
40. TTAAENORLCUG  
41. CONGRATULATE  
42. FOUNTAIN  
43. CURTLY  
44. GARISH  
45. GILDED  
46. CONTINGENT  
47. SWERVE  
48. PRESIDENT  
49. DEPTHS  
50. PURPOSE  

WORD BANK

ancestors Aztec Baltic berth binary congratulate contingent convulsive curty deference deities depths detergent dolce expression feta FORTRAN fountain garish gilded gilled gilded incantations indecipherable jasper l在校 laboratory leno lullaby mantle opus Oregon runes Scandinavia semicolon sheathed sinister snorkels strait streamlet swerve tangents sheathed terraced treble ventured proverb

violin
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
rummages
scallion
stealthily
strife
substantial
trough
warden
wrath
CROSSWORD FOR EIGHTH GRADE

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.

40. makes a deliberate facial expression in order to convey a feeling such as contempt.

42. lacking vigor.

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.

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.

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.
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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, au revoir, Benedictine, bitumen, carabinieri, carrión, Carthusian, chalice, chanteuse, cloisters, colonel, copse, courtiers, disgorged, Etruscan, frisson, Ganges, inexorably, knickerbockers, liana, litany, marquee, minivets, necromancer, niagra, oriole, politesse, primavera, proffered, proscenium, redound, sacristy, Salzkammergut, tamarisk, samosas, scabbard, sibilant, soleil, souterrain, subaltern, testosterone, unsullied.
WORD LISTS BY GRADE

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

**SECOND GRADE**
avar ahoy angry awe beans bottle bowl carefully chapter chess child cost couch darted double dream felt forever freeze friend hear known laptop least little money motor movie nibble piper plopped 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 razz rely remember repress 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 glared helmet hideout hover laughter laughter meeting mention Mexico oncoming pastry pinpoint pluck blush ponytail posh rallies record rubble ruins scanner squid strum teeter toga tourists tumbling window wisdom

**FIFTH GRADE**
accuse activists agreement agreement blissfully bough bracelet cautioned chef coarse cocoa commute complicated convince crease cruel dappled drowsy eddy fanged flared flirty formation fragment gesture glisten goblins grateful hybrid imposing imposing instrument inwardly lairs listlessly mislead mobility mustard nutrients opposite priss previous previous previous retreat rustle scarcely schedule scoff splutter splutter stretcher stretcher substitutes unnoticeable whales whales whimper
**SIXTH GRADE**
ancestors
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Baltic
berth
binary
congratulate
contingent
convulsive
defereence
deities
depths
detergent
dolce
expression
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FORTRAN
fountain
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lullaby
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Oregon
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pedestrian
podium
president
proverb
purpose
runes
Scandinavia
semicolon
sheathed
sinister
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strait
streamlet
swerve
tangents
terraced
treble
ventured
violin

**SEVENTH GRADE**
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appalling
appropriate
authority
bankrupt
blight
cladding
constricting
copious
corporate
dismayed
dissuade
divulge
embellishes
engrossed
eviction
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**EIGHTH GRADE**
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adjutant
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carrion
Carthusian
chalet
chalice
chanteuse
chauffeurs
clamorous
cloisters
colonel
condominium
conjure
copse
countenance
courtiers
defector
devout
disconcerting
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STUDY WORDS USED IN SENTENCES

The following is a sample of the study words used in sentences and does not contain all study words.

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.

SECOND GRADE SENTENCES
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.

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.
Moshe had a dream that he was stranded on a desert island.
Shawna’s golden retriever would begin to whine when it got close to dinner time.
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 Christmas is always on December 25th.

The entire class stood up and applauded.

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The sudden rain shower caught us by surprise.

I felt my mother's heart rate quicken.

I combed my hair after my shower.

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

Homer's Odyssey and the Iliad are epic poems.

The nature of the news story was of vital importance.

Yadiel likes to keep his cell phone in his pocket.

The tail had to project out of the wall so I could hang the painting.

Abner's goofy laughter rang out in class.

Mario insisted on being the captain of the team.

I have to remember my friend's birthday.

Keisha and her family love to travel.

Robyn's sore throat made her cranky.

Choosing a career becomes a very important goal in high school.

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.
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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 goblins 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 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 not to 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.
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 pilage.
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 parochial student 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.

When the senator decided to switch party affiliation, she was considered a defector by her former colleagues.
When Ignatius joined the monastery, he was given the brown livery that identified him as a member of his religious order.

A battalion of police was called to the area to prevent the protestors from entering certain streets.
Franz rented a chalet in Switzerland so that his family could experience the local architecture.

Martin Luther was the German founder of the modern day Lutheran Church.

Cindy’s stomach was roiling when she rode the roller coaster, perhaps because she had eaten too much cotton candy.
Irwin became increasingly depressed, so his mother made an appointment for him to visit with a psychiatrist.

Omkaar found it very disconcerting that his little brother was picking his nose in front of his friends.

Saint Louis University was created in the Jesuit tradition.

The comedian Jim Gaffigan uses his family of five children as fodder for his comedy routines.

While watching the Olympics, Ruth was rooting for the American gymnastics team, which was sinuously limber and agile.

If citizens of the world refuse to change their habits, the climate will continue to warm and create an irreversible cycle beyond our control.

Police put up a barricade to prevent cars from traveling in the pedestrian walkway.

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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 proscenium 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.

The rainforest had a lush canopy that included the woody vines of the climbing liana plant.

The tongue-twister, “She sells sea shells down by the seashore” contains numerous sibilant consonant sounds.

Valentine needed to leave the party a little early, so she bid farewell to her friends with a friendly “au revoir.”

After the oil spill, birds began dying after landing on the waters and getting covered with bitumen.

Father Welsch prepared for the service by donning his garments in the sacristy.

Salzkammergut is a resort area in the north of Austria and well-known for having large deposits of salt.

Elsie enjoyed the thriller because it offered her an occasional frisson of seeing the main character in imminent danger.

The western German city of Aachen was also known as the coronation city of German kings.

The baseball team in Baltimore is proud to claim the colorful songbird, the oriole, as its mascot.

The Ganges River is a body of water in northern Indian that empties into the Bay of Bengal.

The politician received a Niagara of criticism when she voted against funding the early childhood bill.

The vulture spotted the dead deer in the forest and swooped down to feast on the carrion.

Rashika was a vegetarian and learned to make delicious triangular-shaped samosas using only spiced vegetables.

Ferdinand drank from a chalice during his wedding reception.

Alexandria was a palm reader and claimed to be a necromancer who could communicate with the dead.

When asked his opinion, Ben proffered creative and novel solutions to the problem.

Bhavini retired as a colonel in the Air Force.

The captain of the team works as a subaltern to the manager.

The Etruscan civilization was an ancient civilization of Italy.

Phillipe enjoyed walking the cloisters of the college during the class reunion.

Filing for bankruptcy was bound to redound on the reputation of the company.

Saint Louis Abbey is a community of Benedictine monks.

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.
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

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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. 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

For the answer to this puzzle, visit www.STLtoday.com/bee
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