Day 6

Day 6: Spelling

See how many words you can spell correctly the first time as they are read to you. Learn from any mistakes you make.

| abbreviation | absolutely |
| absorb       | accessible |
| achievement  | acres      |
| adjustable   | admittance |
| advice       | advise     |
| afghan       | analysis   |
| analyze      | artificial |
| assistance   | association|
| attendance   | authority  |

Day 7

Day 7: Spelling - Unscramble

Unscramble your spelling words.

| EIRAIBVAOTBNN | abbreviation |
| AEULDTSBAJ   | adjustable   |
| OABRBS       | absorb       |
| SOOTASICNA   | association  |
| BCSLICEESA   | accessible   |
| CEAANDENTT   | attendance   |
| TAVNIEHECEM  | achievement  |
| TNTMACDEA    | admittance   |
| ALLBOUYSET   | absolutely   |
| RSCAE        | acres        |
| YZANELAA     | analyze      |
| HAFGNA       | afghan       |
| SASNLAYAI    | analysis     |
| HAIURTOTY    | authority    |
| CLILARATIF   | artificial   |
| DVESAI       | advise       |
| NCSSIAAESST  | assistance   |
| VCDEIA       | advice       |

Day 8

Day 8: Spelling

Fill in the blanks with the correct spelling word. Be sure to spell it correctly!

The park included three __acres__ of luscious grass.
The seatbelt was __adjustable__ to fit her small waist.
I would __advise__ against speaking disrespectfully.
The __afghan__ kept her warm when the heat went out.
What’s your __analysis__ of this situation?
This __artificial__ sweetener has an aftertaste.
Are you __absolutely__ certain you turned off the stove?
What has been your greatest __achievement__ this year?
The sign said, “No __admittance__.”
Can you offer your __assistance__ to that lady?
What’s the postal __abbreviation__ for Massachusetts?
Do you submit to those in __authority__?
Her __attendance__ at the meetings was sporadic at best.
The sponge will __absorb__ the entire spill.
What’s your __advice__ on this topic?
The playground was __accessible__ to all kids.
When I __analyze__ the budget, I see a deficit.
I have a class __association__ with my co-worker.

Day 9

Day 9: Spelling - Hangman

Play hangman! See if you can guess out your spelling words in ten guesses or less. Cross out letters you’ve guessed to help yourself keep track. The words are in the lesson Checklist.

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### Day 10

**Day 10: Spelling**

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### Day 11

**Day 11: Spelling**

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### Day 12

**Day 12: Spelling - Unscramble**

Unscramble your spelling words.

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### Day 13

**Day 13: Spelling**

Fill in the blanks with the correct spelling word. Be sure to spell it correctly!

Iris picked a lovely **bouquet** of wildflowers.

**Congratulations** are in order for the winners.

The state **capital** building is located downtown.

The infection in my throat was caused by **bacteria**.

Do you put **cinnamon** on your applesauce?

The presidential **campaign** was successful.

I rode my **bicycle** to work yesterday.

The **bizarre** comment left me scratching my head.

What's all the **commotion** outside?

The bushes form a natural **boundary** for the property.

Do you like cream cheese on your **bagel**?

The **boulevard** winds its way by the beautiful park.

The crowd threw **confetti** as the newlyweds ran past.

The **capital** of California is Sacramento.

Chase likes to put honey on his morning **biscuit**.

Sara put her jewelry box on top of the **bureau**.

It seems a mouse was the cookie thief **culprit**.

The **competition** was fierce at the spelling bee.
Day 14: Spelling - Hangman

Pay hangman! See if you can figure out your spelling words in ten guesses or less. Cross out letters you’ve guessed to help yourself keep track. The words are in the lesson Guide.

- ABCDFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
  - bureau
- ABCDFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
  - culprit
- ABCDFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
  - campaign
- ABCDFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
  - bicycle
- ABCDFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
  - confetti
- ABCDFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
  - biscuit

Day 15: Spelling

See how many words you can spell correctly the first time as they are read to you. Learn from any mistakes you make.

- bacteria
- bagel
- bicycle
- biscuit
- bizarre
- boulevard
- boundary
- bouquet
- bureau
- campaign
- capital
- capitol
- cinnamon
- commotion
- competition
- confetti
- congratulations
- culprit

Day 16: Spelling

See how many words you can spell correctly the first time as they are read to you. Learn from any mistakes you make.

- deceive
- delayed
- democracy
- deodorant
- description
- diameter
- dismissal
- distinguished
- embarrass
- emphasize
- encircle
- engineer
- evident
- exhibit
- extinct
- extinguish
- extraordinary
- extremely

Day 17: Spelling - Unscramble

Unscramble your spelling words.

- TDEDOONRA
- deodorant
- IENTEDV
- evident
- EIHSMEAPZ
- emphasize
- ASSISDML
- dismissal
- EEICDEY
- deceive
- MRSERBAAS
- embarrass
- YMITEELX
- extremely
- YDDLEAE
- delayed
- XIETIHB
- exhibit
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- encircle
- ENARXOAXRRTI
- extraordinary
- EIAMTDRE
- diameter
- OREACCDYDM
- democracy
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- extinguish
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- extinct
- ERGEIEN
- engineer
- SIGUEIDTNHSI
- distinguished
- ERINCDOIPTS
- description
Day 18: Spelling

Fill in the blanks with the correct spelling word. Be sure to spell it correctly!

- The art **_exhibit_** at the museum was a great field trip.
- The incoming snow led to the meeting's **_dismissal_**.
- Our **_distinguished_** guest was the mayor.
- Not to **_embarrass_** you, but there’s lettuce in your teeth.
- The item's **_description_** said it was brand new.
- The project **_engineer_** said the build was on schedule.
- The firemen worked hard to **_extinguish_** the flame.
- The **_diameter_** of the hoop was smaller than the ball.
- The species was nearly **_extinct_**, but made a comeback.
- I wasn’t trying to **_deceive_**, it was just a surprise.
- The ants began to **_encircle_** the crumbs.
- The race is **_delayed_** due to rain.
- Is **_democracy_** a good system of government?
- It is **_evident_** to me that God exists.
- You don’t need to yell to **_emphasize_** your point.
- The fireworks display was **_extraordinary_**!
- This **_deodorant_** has way too strong of a scent for me.
- She is **_extremely_** tired after her long weekend.

Day 19: Spelling - Hangman

Play hangman! See if you can figure out your spelling words in ten guesses or less. Cross out letters you’ve guessed to help yourself keep track. The words are in the Lesson Guide.

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
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**_exhibit_**

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
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**_delayed_**

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
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**_encircle_**

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
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**_extinct_**

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
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**_evident_**

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
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Day 20: Spelling

See how many words you can spell correctly the first time as they are read to you. Learn from any mistakes you make.

- **_deceive_**
- **_delayed_**
- **_democracy_**
- **_deodorant_**
- **_description_**
- **_diameter_**
- **_dismissal_**
- **_distinguished_**
- **_embarrass_**
- **_emphasize_**
- **_encircle_**
- **_engineer_**
- **_evident_**
- **_exhibit_**
- **_extinct_**
- **_extinguish_**
- **_extraordinary_**
- **_extremely_**

Day 21: Spelling

Fill in this crossword using the spelling words listed at the bottom. These are words from the spelling lists on days 6, 11, and 16.

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- absorbs
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- advice
- biscuit
- diameter
- advise
- bureau
- encircle
- analyze
- commotion
- evident
- artificial
- confetti
- exhibit
- authority
- congratulations
- exhibit
Day 22

Day 22: Proofreading

Spelling corrections are bold, punctuation marks are circled, and capitalization errors are underlined.

Marie Curie, or Madame Curie as she is known today, was a scientist in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Born in Poland, she moved to France to continue her scientific studies and ended up marrying a physics professor. The pair worked together for the advancement of science, particularly physics.

Marie Curie shattered glass ceilings all over the place. She co-earned a Nobel Prize in 1903, making her the first woman ever to earn one. She went on to earn another one as well. After her husband's death, she took his place as professor of physics. She was the first woman to hold the position.

Madame Curie is most known for her work with radium. Although exposure to the element eventually killed her, her research led to advancements in x-ray machines, which improve lives daily, almost a century after her death.

Day 23

Day 23: Proofreading

Spelling corrections are bold, punctuation marks are circled, and capitalization errors are underlined.

At the end of World War II, Germany, as well as its former capital of Berlin, was divided between the Allies and Russia. In the post-war period, many people emigrated from the Russian side of East Germany to help rebuild the Allied West Germany. The economy of East Germany suffered greatly from the lack of labor. In order to keep people from emigrating, as well as to protect their communist society from Western influence, East Germany built a guarded brick wall in 1961 and topped it with barbed wire.

The wall was an immediate publicity catastrophe for East Germany and communism as a whole. The wall itself, along with the very public punishments of those who tried to cross, showcased the tyranny of communism. Under U.S. pressure, the wall came down on Nov 1989 and within three years, all but three communist nations had collapsed.

Day 24

Day 24: Proofreading

Spelling corrections are bold, punctuation marks are circled, and capitalization errors are underlined.

Jesse Owens was the grandson of a slave. Born in September of 1913 in Alabama, Jesse was the youngest of ten children. Along with 1.5 million other African Americans who were part of the “Great Migration,” his family left the segregated South when he was nine years old and moved to Ohio in search of better opportunities. It was in Ohio that Jesse became a track and field star.

He was only in high school when he gained national attention for tying the world record in the 100 yard dash. At a college track meet, it took him less than an hour to break three world records and tie a fourth. Then at the 1936 Olympics, Jesse Owens achieved a feat no Olympian had ever achieved up to that point when he earned four gold medals. Jesse’s performance undermined Adolph Hitler’s ridiculous claims about racial superiority.

Day 27

Day 27: Proofreading

Spelling corrections are bold, punctuation marks are circled.

Philip Sousa was born in Washington, D.C., the third of ten children. When he was thirteen, his father enlisted him in the Marine Corps to keep him from joining a circus band. He started as an apprentice with the Marine Band, and then he moved on to a theatrical orchestra where he learned to conduct. He then returned to the Marine Band as a conductor, going on to lead “The President’s Band” under five presidents.

Sousa went on to be a composer of marches, earning him the nickname “the American March King.” His most famous marches include the following: the U.S. National March called “The Stars and Stripes Forever” and “Semper Fidelis,” the official march of the U.S. Marine Corps. He eventually conducted his own band, named the Sousa Band, which featured a new instrument that most every marching band today uses—the opty named sousaphone.
# Day 29

**Day 29: Proofreading • Grammar**

Spelling corrections are bold, punctuation marks are circled, and capitalization errors are underlined.

Clive Staples Lewis is a well-known British author, most famous for his *Chronicles of Narnia* series of books. **Though** his Christian faith is evident throughout many of his writings, C.S. Lewis actually left Christianity for atheism during his university years. However, after years of intellectual wrestling, Lewis returned to Christianity and became a great defender of the faith.

Identify the part of speech of the underlined word by writing it on the line.

| That **jump** was the highest of the meet. | **noun** |
| I’ll let **myself** out. | **pronoun** |
| I’d love to **fly** among the stars. | **preposition** |
| The **shining** sun blinded the driver. | **adjective** |
| That fruit salad **looks** delicious! | **verb** |
| We’re **very** late for the meeting! | **adverb** |

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# Day 30

**Day 30: Proofreading**

Spelling corrections are bold, punctuation marks are circled, and capitalization errors are underlined.

Leonardo da Vinci **might** be one of the most underrated people in history. You probably know he was an artist, particularly a painter and **sculptor**. But he excelled in many other areas as well. He was a scientist who specialized in **anatomy**, **geology**, and **botany**. He was also a **writer**, a mathematician, an architect, an engineer, a cartographer, and an impressive inventor.

Da Vinci’s inventions were **amazingly** ahead of his **time**. He invented the predecessor to the modern-day tank centuries before cars were invented. He even invented a fully animated robot while living in the 1400s! But his most famous invention stemmed from his favorite area of study—aviation. His famous flying machine probably **had** his Renaissance neighbors thinking he was as batty as the winged night creatures he studied to design it.

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# Day 32

**Day 32: Proofreading**

Spelling corrections are bold, punctuation marks are circled, and capitalization errors are underlined.

Mary Elizabeth Bowser was a **slave** during the **1800s**. As a young woman, she was freed by her owner and sent to a Quaker school where she learned to read and **write**. Once the **Civil War** began, her kind, former owner asked if she would help the union by spying on the **Confederacy**.

To do this, Mary had to pretend to be dim-witted and uneducated. She also had to go back to being treated like a slave, a life she had largely gotten **away** from. She was hired by Jefferson Davis, the president of the **Confederacy**. Using her position within his home, she would eavesdrop on conversations and relay the information to a fellow spy who posed as a baker making regular bread deliveries. More than 100 years later, Mary was inducted into the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Corps Hall of Fame for her efforts.

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# Day 33

**Day 33: Proofreading**

Spelling corrections are bold, punctuation marks are circled, and capitalization errors are underlined.

James Weldon Johnson was an **African American** born in the late **1800s** to a society focused on segregating his people. However, he knew very few boundaries in his life. He was able to get a college education, and he went on to be a grammar school principal. In 1897, he became the first African American to pass the bar exam in Florida.

A few years later, James and his brother together **wrote** the song “Lift Every Voice and Sing” which eventually became the official anthem of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (or the NAACP). President Roosevelt appointed Johnson to diplomatic positions in Nicaragua and Venezuela.

In a society that largely saw African Americans as **subhuman**, James Johnson defied the odds and lived an **extraordinary** life.
### Day 35: Proofreading • Grammar

Spelling corrections are bold, and punctuation marks are circled.

The discovery of gold in California in 1848 changed the scope of many people's lives. Thousands migrated west, dreaming of the wealth that waited beyond the horizon. Unfortunately, many dreamers lost everything. The cost of the supplies and the journey west squelched many dreams before they really got started. Many even lost their lives chasing the riches.

Answer the following questions by selecting your choice from the answers given.

Which of the following sentences is an interrogative sentence?
- a. I'm not sure what you're asking.
- b. Please clarify your question.
- c. Are you hungry?
- d. I guess it's time for lunch.

What is the complete subject of this sentence? Mary's teacher praised her efforts.
- a. Mary's teacher
- b. Mary
- c. praised
- d. praised her efforts

What is the complete predicate of the same sentence?
- a. Mary's teacher
- b. Mary
- c. praised
- d. praised her efforts

Choose the simple subject and simple predicate of the same sentence.
- a. Mary/efforts
- b. teacher/praised
- c. her/efforts

### Day 43: Parts of Speech

Which part of speech is each of the listed words? Write your choice on the line beside each word.

- quickly _adverb_  curly _adjective_
- running _verb_  them _pronoun_
- thick _adjective_  very _adverb_
- horse _noun_  was _verb_
- among _preposition_  inch _noun_
- us _pronoun_  long _adjective_
- basket _noun_  often _adverb_
- it _pronoun_  green _adjective_
- is _verb_  beside _preposition_
- myself _pronoun_  El Paso _noun_
- tomorrow _adverb_  lovely _adjective_
- under _preposition_  prance _verb_

### Day 44: Parts of Speech

Write the part of speech for the underlined word in each sentence.

- The hockey puck flipped over the goal line. _adjective_
- Will you join me on a morning _run? _noun_
- That taco salad looks delicious. _verb_
- Have you ever had raw sushi? _adverb_
- The cat is _beneath_ the coffee table. _preposition_
- Why don't you grab a _quick_ snack? _adjective_
- The dishes won't be washing themselves. _pronoun_
- I can't _wait_ for summer vacation. _verb_
- Look out the window at that rainbow! _preposition_
- The big _drink_ spilled all over the van. _noun_
- This store is in such a _remote_ place. _adjective_
- You need a _haircut_. _noun_
- We should leave soon to get there on time. _adverb_

### Day 46: Possessives • Plurals

Choose the correct form of the possessive for each sentence.

- The _______ toys were scattered all over the house.
  - children's
  - children's' (incorrect)
  - children's'

- _______ glasses fell, Louis couldn't find them.
  - Louis's
  - Louis's' (incorrect)
  - Louis's'

- All of the _______ voices rose in harmony.
  - peoples'
  - people's (incorrect)
  - people's'

- The dog kept chasing _______ tail.
  - its
  - it's (incorrect)

- The one _______ hair is longer than the hair of the other two _______.
  - girl's/girl's'
  - girls' (incorrect)
  - girls'/'

Fill in the plurals of the words below.

- bus _______ buses
- mosquito _______ mosquitoes
- roof _______ roofs
- deer _______ deer
- shelf _______ shelves
- cheek _______ cheeks
- batch _______ batches
- mix _______ mixes
Day 47

Day 47: Proofreading

Spelling corrections are bold, punctuation marks are circled, and capitalization errors are underlined.

Hedy Lamarr was an incredibly popular actress in the 1930s and 1940s. She had roles opposite such popular stars as Clark Gable and Jimmy Stewart. Hedy was known as “The Most Beautiful Woman in Film” by her contemporaries.

However, Hedy Lamarr was also incredibly intelligent. In 1942, along with her composer friend George Antheil, Hedy patented what she called the “Secret Communication System.” It was originally concocted to solve an issue in World War II where the Nazis were decoding messages and blocking signals from radio-controlled missiles. It involved changing radio frequencies so that enemies couldn’t detect the messages in the first place. The later invention of the transistor catapulted Hedy’s invention into practical space, and it is still used today in both military applications as well as cell phone technologies.

Day 48

Day 48: Writing – Summary • Proofreading

Write a summary of the story of Little Red Riding Hood.

(answers will vary)

Fix the errors you find in the following paragraph. There are five mistakes.

Annie Oakley was forced to learn how to trap and shoot as early as age eight in order to support her family due to the death of her father. She became a fantastic shot while supporting her family and she went on to join Buffalo Bill’s Wild West show. Annie became a world-renowned rifle sharpshooter, one of the best of all time. It is believed that she taught more than 15,000 women to shoot a gun.

Day 49

Day 49: Proofreading

Spelling corrections are bold, punctuation marks are circled, and capitalization errors are underlined.

In the 1950s, the space race was highly particularly between the United States and the Soviet Union. Each nation wanted to be the first one to do a certain thing in space. Some of the firsts were the first launch into space, first animal in space, first human in space, first human to orbit the earth, and others. When the Soviet Union started to get the lead in the race, the United States, in desperation, opened a project with one goal. They wanted to make the moon.

The precision was important. The whole point of nuking the moon was making it visible to people. They planned to aim for the edge of the visible side of the moon. That way the cloud from the explosion would be illuminated by the sun and visible far and wide. Ultimately the project was abandoned due to concerns about contaminating space or the bomb detonating early and endangering the inhabitants of the earth.

Day 51

Day 51: Crossword

Fill in the puzzle with the words below from The Call of the Wild.

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Day 52

**Day 52: Parts of Speech**

Mark the part of speech for each word in the following sentence from *The Call of the Wild*: He took Buck by the scruff of the neck, and though the dog growled threateningly, dragged him to one side and replaced Sol-Ieks.

- pronoun
- verb
- proper noun
- preposition
- the
- article
- noun
- preposition
- article
- neck,
- and
- though
- the
- noun
- conjunction
- conjunction
- article
- dog
- growled
- threateningly,
- dragged
- noun
- verb
- adverb
- verb
- him
- to
- one
- side
- pronoun
- preposition
- adjective
- noun
- and
- replaced
- Sol-Ieks,
- conjunction
- verb
- proper noun

Use this sentence to answer the following questions: The general tone of the team picked up immediately.

What’s the simple subject of the sentence? **tone**

What’s the complete subject? **the general tone of the team**

What’s the predicate? **picked up immediately**

Day 53

**Day 53: Spelling**

Find the words from *The Call of the Wild* in the word search below.

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Day 54

**Day 54: Grammar**

Answer the questions about the sentence from *The Call of the Wild* below.

Thirty days from the time it left Dawson, the Salt Water Mail, with Buck and his mates at the fore, arrived in Skaguay.

What is the subject of the sentence? **the Salt Water Mail**

What is one prepositional phrase in the sentence? **from the time,**

at the fore, with Buck and his mates, at Skaguay

Remember that *gerunds* are ing words that function as nouns. Write three sentences using gerunds.

(answers will vary)

Day 56

**Day 56: Idiom Hangman**

Play idiom hangman with someone! See if you can figure out these idioms in ten guesses or less. You might start with vowels or letters that are more common. Play with a sibling, parent, or friend to let you know if you’re guessing correctly.

- **A penny for your thoughts**
- **Barking up the wrong tree**
- **Let sleeping dogs lie**
- **Once in a blue moon**
- **Don’t give up your day job**
- **It takes two to tango**
Day 57: Word Search

Find the words from Call of the Wild in the word search below.

Day 58: Gerunds

In each group of three, fill in the circle beside the sentence that contains the gerund. Underline it.

- The rising smoke clouded the horizon.
- Much adventure can be found while reading books.
- Smiling at them, she made her way into the room.
- Blowing bubbles in the yard is Ella's favorite activity.
- Clara soaked in the tub to soothe her writhing muscles.
- The tinkling ice made music in the glass.
- Garrett was blinded by all of the flashing cameras.
- The speeding racecars were a blur.
- Raising children can be exhausting.
- The twirling baton fell to the ground.
- Killing the bug made Andrew feel powerful.
- Her growling stomach told her it was lunch time.
- Eating ice cream in the car can be messy.
- Her hacking cough kept her up all night.
- Natalie was enthralled by the flapping of the butterfly's wings.
- Matthew was made dizzy by the spinning fan.
- The leaping ballerinas were fun to watch.
- Caleb was excited about baking the cookies.
- Giggling babies are the cutest.
- The bouncing ball rolled down the hill.
- Singing is Wyatt's favorite hobby.

Day 66: Spelling - Crossword

Fill the words into the crossword puzzle using the letter clues and lengths of the words to help you.

Day 67: Punctuation and Capitalization

Answer the following grammar questions.

An interrogative sentence ends with a ___?

Is this sentence properly written? "Kate," said Mom, "please calm down.

a. yes b. no (see corrections)

Apostrophes are used to show ____

a. possession b. missing letters c. both

Circle the punctuation marks used incorrectly in this sentence. A lot of families have more than four children; for example, the Smiths, Johnsons, and Charlies. (These are not possessive nouns.)

An imperative sentence would never end in a ___?

Which of these sentences uses an apostrophe correctly?

a. The three girls' showed up late to class.
   b. My dog's names are Dusty and Snickers.
   c. Alabama's capital is Montgomery.
   d. The church's services let out early.

When you have a quotation inside of a quotation, you should use ____

a. double quotes around single quotes b. italics c. commas

When you have a list of three or more items, you should use ____

a. colons b. conjunctions c. commas

Which of these is not a proper use of a hyphen?

a. great-grandfather b. thirteen c. thirty-three
Day 68:

**Participle Phrases**

In the following sentences, underline the participle phrases and circle what they are modifying.

- **Getting home on time**, he voiced inside.
- **Finishing the last lap**, he raised his arms in victory.
- **Painting the dog**, it circled his bed and flipped down.
- **Glancing out the window**, he noticed the rainbow.
- **Shooting the puck hard**, Matthews scored a goal.
- **Solving the flag**, the choir sang the national anthem.
- **Gathering his things**, he packed for home.
- **Turning on the sirens**, the police officer chased the speeder.

In the following sentences, underline the gerund or the participle. On the line, write G if the underlined word is a gerund or P if it’s a participle.

- Arriving early is important to me. **G**
- Whistling while he worked, Daniel got the job done. **P**
- Showing his badge, the man was allowed to enter. **P**
- Singing is Sarah’s favorite activity. **G**
- Eliana prefers dancing. **G**
- Noticing the deer in the road, Mom hit the brakes. **P**
- Tripping on his own two feet was Jake’s specialty. **G**
- Standing tall, Jessica prepared to give her speech. **P**

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Day 71:

**Nouns**

Answer the following grammar questions.

The subject is who or what the sentence is about. **(a) yes (b) no**

Most nouns ending -y preceded by a vowel use -ies to make them plural. **(a) yes (b) no**

The preposition tells what happens in the sentence. **(a) yes (b) no (predicate)**

Which noun is the subject of this sentence? Most children from Toronto love playing hockey. **a. children b. Toronto c. love d. hockey**

What is the predicate of this sentence? Most children from Toronto love playing hockey. **a. children b. Toronto c. love d. hockey**

Find the nouns in this sentence and tell whether they are singular or plural. The girl’s dresses were hanging in a row. **a. singular, plural b. singular, plural c. plural, plural**

Find the nouns in this sentence and tell whether they are singular or plural. The men’s bands were groomed with clippers. **a. singular, plural b. plural, plural c. plural, plural**

Which of these is punctuated correctly?

- The children's game took all afternoon, amusing them thoroughly. **(a)**
- The crowd's cheers erupted at the quick, powerful pitch. **(b)**

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Day 76:

**Spelling**

Find the words from The Spy in the word search below.

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- sublime
- eloquence
- portentous
- ardently
- petulance
- contemptuous
- unerring
- capricious
- soliloquing

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Day 77:

**Proofreading**

Spelling corrections are bold, punctuation marks are circled, and capitalization errors are underlined.

Famines can be caused by a lack of food or by a lack of access to food. There are many different causes of famines. Extreme weather, plant diseases, and animals can all cause a lack of food. Even governments can cut off access to food, resulting in famine.

Throughout history, weather has impacted our food supply. During horrible freezes or severe droughts, food prices in the United States and other civilized nations can skyrocket to compensate for the lack of crops. But in other areas of the world, weather causes true famine. Sometimes plants get diseases that cause them to die, creating the same lack of crops that weather can create. Animals and bugs can eat and destroy crops as well.

The most surprising cause of famine is tyrannical leaders who keep food from their own people. Today, many systems are in place to prevent governments from harming their own people in this way.
Day 78

Spelling corrections are bold, punctuation marks are circled, and capitalization errors are underlined.

Manfred Albrecht Freiherr von Richthofen was a fighter pilot for Germany during World War I. He became one of the most famous fighter pilots of all time throughout the course of the war. Painting his aircraft red led him to be called by the nicknames "Red Baron." The Red Baron was likely the deadliest fighter pilot in the entire war. He was officially credited with eighty air combat victories before his death. At one point during combat, a hit to the head caused him temporary blindness. He recovered well enough to successfully make a rough landing of his plane. Eventually, however, his reputation made him a very sought-after target. Everyone wanted credit for bringing down the Red Baron, and it is still unclear who ultimately put an end to his combat career.

Day 79

Fix the errors you find in the following paragraphs. There are ten mistakes.

The city of Jerusalem is a fascinating place. Its historical background makes it a huge tourist location, drawing people from all parts of the world. But its biggest lure comes from its religious roots. In Hebrew, Jerushalayim means "foundation of peace." This name might be considered ironic. Since the city of Jerusalem is considered by three of the world’s largest religions to be their religious center, it has been the reason for many wars over the centuries.

Christianity, Judaism, and Islam all consider Jerusalem to be important to their religion. Over the years, Jerusalem has seen the rise and fall of the kingdom of Israel, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Crusades, and many other so-called "holy wars." In fact, Israelis and Palestinians continue to fight over the rights to occupy Jerusalem today.

Day 86

Fill in the blanks with your spelling words. You can have someone read them to you from the answer key.

I would ______ advise ______ against speaking disrespectfully.
What has been your greatest ______ achievement ______ this year?
The sign said, "No ______ admittance ______ ."
Can you offer your ______ assistance ______ to that lady?
What’s the postal ______ abbreviation ______ for Massachusetts?
Do you submit to those in ______ authority ______ ?
The sponge will ______ absorb ______ the entire spill.
What’s your ______ advice ______ on this topic?
When I ______ analyze ______ the budget, I see a deficit.
I have a close ______ association ______ with my co-worker.
The state ______ capitol ______ building is located downtown.
The infection in my throat was caused by ______ bacteria ______ .
Do you put ______ cinnamon ______ on your applesauce?
The presidential ______ campaign ______ was successful.
I rode my ______ bicycle ______ ______ to work yesterday.
What’s all the ______ commotion ______ outside?
I don’t think your pitty party is ______ benefiting ______ anyone.
The ______ boulevard ______ winds its way by the beautiful park.

Day 87

Of the bolded words, circle the one that matches the part of speech to the side of the sentence.

The ______ swarming gnats ______ bothered my eyes. ______ Adjective
I guess I’ll wash the dishes ______ myself ______ . ______ Pronoun
Let’s go to the library ______ tomorrow ______ . ______ Adverb
The frog went for ______ a ______ swim ______ in the pond. ______ Noun
That dog ______ looks ______ hungry. ______ Verb
My stomach ______ growled ______ loudly ______ during the meeting. ______ Preposition
The ______ sweetly-scented ______ lotion ______ smelled ______ like candy. ______ Adverb
Today ______ was ______ a very long day. ______ Verb
The top ______ of the window ______ was ______ covered ______ in dust. ______ Preposition
The ______ giggly ______ girls ______ stayed up ______ way ______ too late. ______ Adjective
His ______ love ______ was ______ boundless ______ . ______ Noun
Is that your lost ______ book ______ ? ______ Pronoun
Day 89

Day 89: Concrete and Abstract Nouns

For each noun, circle whether it is concrete or abstract:

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Day 90

Day 90: Plurals

For each noun, write the correct plural on the line.

- yourself yourselves cherry cherries
- stimulus stimuli ellipsis ellipses
- deer deer mouse mice
- cactus cacti man men
- crutch crutches toy toys
- box boxes moose moose
- child children shelf shelves
- hero heroes pencil pencils
- tray trays potato potatoes
- latch latches baby babies
- sheep sheep calf calves
- bluff bluffs index indices

Day 92

Day 92: Proofreading

Spelling corrections are bold, punctuation marks are circled, and capitalization errors are underlined.

Abigail Adams was the wife of the first vice president and second president of the United States, John Adams. Though societal constraints of the day didn’t allow Abigail to have any formal education, she was self-educated and incredibly intelligent.

Abigail was a close confidant and advisor for her husband, John. Many considered her to be one of the founders of the country because of the level of influence she had in his affairs. Historical letters written between the husband and wife show many intellectual discussions and are evidence of just how much John trusted his wife.

Abigail Adams believed in the importance of education and she home educated her five children. Her oldest son, John Quincy Adams, went on to become president.

Day 93

Day 93: Proofreading

Rewrite the following paragraphs correctly. Be sure to proofread for errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and usage.

Benjamin Franklin was a scientist inventor and writer. His most famous experiments dealt with electricity and he discovered many of it’s governing laws. His work with electricity led him to invent the lightning rod.

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Franklin is considered one of America’s Founding Fathers. He lived in England for many years as a representative of the colonists who had gone to America. Though he never saw military action during the Revolutionary War, he did sign both the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution.
Day 94: Pronouns • Editing Checklist

Choose the correct pronoun to fill in the blank. If you need help, try to determine if the needed pronoun should be a subject or an object pronoun.

It was __________ who folded all of that laundry.
  me  myself  I

My dad asked my brother and __________ to do our chores.
  me  myself  I

Meg and __________ spent the entire day playing cards.
  me  myself  I

My mom was not happy with __________ inviting several friends over without asking.
  me  myself  I

Between you and __________, that dinner could have been a lot better.
  me  myself  I

She and Melanie __________ spent all night on the phone together.
  She and Melanie  Melanie and her  friendship is important to me.

Jennifer’s mom __________ Me and Jennifer’s  Myself and Jennifer’s

Are you upset with __________ choosing the movie?
  me  myself  I

When it comes to haircuts, I like yours better than __________.
  mine  mines  mine’s

Day 95: Pronouns • Rubric

Choose the correct pronoun to fill in the blank. If you need help, try to determine if the needed pronoun should be a subject or an object pronoun.

Are those glasses on the table __________ or mine?
  yours  your’s  yours’

Grandma requested that you call __________ and Aunt Carrie.
  she  her

It was __________, that boy with the striped shirt, who threw the ball.
  he  him

__________ wore heavy jackets on the ski trip.
  She and I  She and me  Her and me

It could have been __________ who left the flowers on the porch.
  he  him

__________ share a locker.
  She and Becky  Becky and her  Becky and me

Dad sat between __________ and Ashley so they wouldn’t talk.
  she  her

Ben realized that neither __________ nor Peter was ready for the exam.
  he  him

Be sure to return to Mrs. Lovejoy what is __________.
  hers  her’s  hers’

Day 96: Grammar Review

Answer the following questions by filling in the bubble beside your choice.

Which of these is a compound sentence?
  I’m really hungry, so I should stop for lunch.
  I’m not sure where I left my shoes.
  Do you know what Jessica’s phone number is, or not?

Which of these is a complex sentence?
  Mrs. Johnson took us to the library, and then she went to the store.
  When I grow up, I’m going to be a computer programmer.
  We saw players, coaches, staff, and fans at the game.

Which of these is an independent clause?
  If you have enough time
  When I read books.
  I don’t want to get up.

Which of these is correct?
  “Come here,” I said!
  “Come here!” I said.
  “Come here,” I said.

Her hair cascaded over her shoulders like a waterfall is an example of...
  alliteration
  simile
  metaphor

Weather and whether are...
  synonyms
  antonyms
  homophones

Love is war is an example of...
  alliteration
  simile
  metaphor

Almost and nearly are...
  synonyms
  antonyms
  homophones

Day 97: Pronouns • Writing Organization

Choose the correct pronoun to fill in the blank.

It was __________ who cleaned up the kitchen.
  we  us

__________ whispering drew angry glances during the show.
  Us  Our

That bag belongs to __________ two.
  we  us

The teacher told __________ kids that we were really smart.
  we  us

The car with the red flaking paint is __________.
  ours  ours’  our’s

We got all of the groceries in __________.
  ourselves  ourself  ourself’s

Match the topic with the best organization for it by writing the corresponding letter on the line.

A. research report  B. description
C. persuasive argument  D. instructions

How to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich

Word picture of a sunset at the lake

Need for lower college tuition

Facts about internal combustion engines
Day 98

Day 98: Pronouns • Writing Voice

Choose the correct pronoun to fill in the blank.

The girls’ kindness and _______ constant smiling warmed the hearts of the group leader.

______ will be going to the diner if you’d like to join us.

They and _______

Your seat is between _______.

Sammy and they _______ and Sammy _______.

_______ and the other boys all loved to play basketball.

Their _______

It was _______ who shoveled the snow off the deck.

their _______

When your brothers taunt you it’s best to ignore _______ and their teasing.

their _______

Match the sentence to the type of writing by filling in the corresponding letter on the line.

A. business report  B. compare and contrast  C. book review  D. personal narrative

Vegetables are better for your health than fruit. _______

Charlotte’s Web is a charming book about a spider. _______

The flat tire was just the beginning of my crazy day. _______

The Senate recently passed a controversial bill. _______

Day 99

Day 99: Pronouns • Word Choice

Choose the correct pronoun to fill in the blank.

My friend is so calm; I wish I was as calm as _______.

her _______

Jacob is a happy baby, and _______ giggling brightens a room.

him _______

CJ is good at soccer, but I hope to be better than _______.

he _______

Enjoyed our time at the fair.

Brandon and me _______

The director commended _______ kids on our production.

us _______

I saw Alicia with that book, so I think it’s _______.

her’s _______

They all saved up enough money _______.

themselves _______

Choose the more vivid word to complete the sentence.

The (tasty, mouth-watering) meal left us satisfied.

The (tasty, mouth-watering) meal left us satisfied.

My (hunger, hungry) hot dog needed a drink of water.

James was (mad, angry) at the referee’s call.

Day 100

Day 100: Pronouns • Writing Organization

Tell whether the following sentences have pronoun reference errors.

Sophia said Alona raced her to the mailbox and she won.

It’s not clear if “she” refers to Sophia or Alona.

Yes _______

No _______

It says in the newspaper that there is a big parade this weekend.

“it” doesn’t refer to anything, “The newspaper says this...” would be a better choice.

Christy said that she needed to take a nap.

Yes _______

No _______

The girls used their crayons to make a big picture.

“their” refers to the girls.

Yes _______

No _______

Choose six sentences from a recent writing assignment. Number the sentences, and fill in each column for each sentence. If you don’t see a lot of variation in your writing, make some changes to make your writing more interesting.

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Day 103

Day 103: Plurals

Answer the questions about plurals by filling in the circle beside your choice.

The plural of “scenario” is...

scenario  scenarios  scenarios

The plural of “theory” is...

theories  theories  theory

The plural of “thief” is...

thieves  thief  thieves

The plural of “child” is...

children  children  children

The plural of “root” is...

roots  roots  roots

The plural of “curriculum” is...

curricula  curriculums  curricula

Spell the plural form of the word on the line beside it.

parenthesis  parentheses  berry  berries

mosquito  mosquitoes  fox  foxes

zero  zeroes  ox  oxen

stimulus  stimuli  goose  geese
### Day 104

**Day 104: Plurals and Possessives**

Fill in the circle beside the answer that best fits the blank.

This _______ meeting was a long one.
- mornings
- morning’s
- mornings’

The top _______ brackets were failing.
- shelf’s
- shelves
- shelves’

The large assortment of _______ made my mouth water.
- donut’s
- donuts
- donuts’

Our _______ belt was squeaking loudly.
- van’s
- van’s
- vans’

The three _______ lockers were all in a row.
- boy’s
- boy’s
- boys’

I can hear that _______ cries from here.
- baby’s
- babies
- baby’s’

The _______ purse was hanging off her shoulder.
- woman’s
- women’s
- women’s’

I don’t have all of my _______ in a row.
- duck’s
- ducks
- ducks’

The _______ lids were bulging.
- box’s
- boxes
- box’s’

We rode our _______ to the mall.
- bike’s
- bikes
- bike’s’

### Day 105

**Day 105: Possessives**

Fill in the circle beside the answer that best fits the blank.

This _______ keyboard has sticky keys.
- computer’s
- computers
- computer’s’

The _______ restroom had a long line.
- women’s
- womens
- women’s’

Those _______ reports took the entire day.
- student’s
- students
- student’s’

The _______ message was deceiving.
- commercial’s
- commercials
- commercial’s’

The three _______ ringers all went off at once.
- phone’s
- phones
- phone’s’

Those _______ stems are all missing.
- cherry’s
- cherries
- cherry’s’

Are you wearing _______ jeans?
- men’s
- mens
- men’s’

The _______ tails were all bushy.
- fox’s
- foxes
- fox’s’

That _______ cheese is oozing.
- sandwich’s
- sandwiches
- sandwich’s’

The _______ engine startled the entire neighborhood.
- motorcycle’s
- motorcyclists
- motorcycle’s’

### Day 106

**Day 106: Spelling**

Study the word list in the Lesson Guide and then see how many words you can spell correctly when they are read to you. Learn from any mistakes you make.

- admittance
- analysis
- artificial
- attendance
- biscuit
- bizarre
- boulevard
- bouquet
- bureau
- campaign
- cinnamon
- commotion
- confetti
- culprit
- deceive
- democracy
- embarrass
- engineer

### Day 107

**Day 107: Apostrophes**

Fill in the circle beside the statement that applies to the underlined word.

The Smith’s invited the entire neighborhood to their pool party.
- The word is correct.
- No apostrophe is necessary.

I wish you wouldn’t eat your cookies on the couch.
- The word is correct.
- No apostrophe is necessary.

The children’s game was noisy.
- The word is correct.
- The word should be children’s.

Our two cities are meeting for the championship.
- The word is correct.
- The word should be city’s.

That blue house on the corner is our’s.
- The word is correct.
- No apostrophe is necessary.

That red house next to it is theirs’.
- The word is correct.
- No apostrophe is necessary.

Jesse’s notebook was left in our van.
- The word is correct.
- No apostrophe is necessary.

The player’s jerseys had a patch in support of cancer research.
- The word is correct.
- The word should be players’.

Our friends’ leg is in a cast.
- The word is correct.
- The word should be friend’s.

The tablet’s screen has a crack in it.
- The word is correct.
- No apostrophe is necessary.
Day 108:

**Lose vs. Loose**

Choose which word best fits the blank. Learn from any mistakes.

1. I don’t want to _____ my glasses, but I need to take them off.
   - lose
   - loose

2. Gather up your _____ change, and see if it’s enough for a treat.
   - lose
   - loose

3. The chain on my bike is _____.
   - lose
   - loose

4. Even if we _____ the game, we still get a second place trophy.
   - lose
   - loose

5. If we leave now, we’ll _____ our place in line.
   - lose
   - loose

6. My little brother has his first _____ tooth.
   - lose
   - loose

7. I don’t have any more baby teeth to _____.
   - lose
   - loose

8. Don’t win the battle, only to _____ the war.
   - lose
   - loose

9. I always stretch to get _____ before a run.
   - lose
   - loose

10. That _____ lug nut needs to be tightened on the hubcap.
    - lose
    - loose

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Day 109:

**Who vs. Whom**

Choose which word best fits the blank. Learn from any mistakes.

1. The waitress _____ you requested is off tonight.
   - who
   - whom

2. He is the man _____ met last week.
   - who
   - whom

3. _____ brought me this beautiful bouquet?
   - Who
   - Whom

4. _____ are you taking to the park with you?
   - Who
   - Whom

5. I haven’t yet decided _____ should get the main part.
   - who
   - whom

6. She is the lady _____ we were looking for.
   - who
   - whom

7. Wait until I tell you _____ I saw at the grocery store!
   - who
   - whom

8. _____ should I say is asking?
   - Who
   - Whom

9. _____ should we ask to dinner?
   - Who
   - Whom

10. I need a helper on _____ I can depend.
    - who
    - whom

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Day 110:

**Spellcheck**

This paragraph contains five misspelled words. Can you figure out what they are and spell them correctly on the lines?

The United States House of Representatives is the lower chamber of the U.S. Congress. The Senate is the upper chamber. Together they make up the **legislachur** of the United States. The House of Representatives has a fixed number of 435 members, voted into office every 10 years. Each state gets a number of representatives in proportion to its population. The least populated states get only one representative, while the more **populsus** states currently have over fifty. Representatives are spread around the state, speaking for different congressional districts that might have different needs or desires. The House votes on bills that have the **potencul** to eventually become laws. The House of Representatives plays an important role in the checks and balances of the United States government.

**legislature**

**two**

**populsus**

**speaking**

**potential**
Day 114: Plurals and Possessives

Fill in the circle beside the answer that best fits the blank.

The _______ weave hurt my eyes.

○ carpets
○ corpat's
○ corpat's

The two _______ ontlers were locked together.

○ deers
○ deer's
○ deers'

The _______ decision was to build the park.

○ peoples
○ people's
○ peoples'

The area _______ are closed.

○ schools
○ school's
○ schools'

The four _______ hands all showed different times.

○ clocks
○ clock's
○ clock's

The _______ angles made it difficult to paint.

○ ceilings
○ ceiling's
○ ceilings'

All four _______ rolled down the hill faster than we could run.

○ balls
○ ball's
○ balls'

The _______ drawings showcased her talent.

○ girls
○ girl's
○ girls'

The two _______ loces didn’t match.

○ shoes
○ shoe's
○ shoes'

The _______ wouldn’t work because the _______ were dead.

○ flashlights/batteries
○ flashlight's/batteries
○ flashlights'/batteries'

Day 116: Possessives

Choose the correct form of the possesive for each sentence.

_________ car was a bright shade of red.

○ Cindy's
○ Cindys'
○ Cindies'

_________ car was a darker shade.

○ Chris' shink's
○ Chris's shanks

The _______ department is downstairs.

○ mens
○ men's
○ men

The two _______ fins cut through the water towards us.

○ sharks
○ shanks
○ shanks

The book landed on _______ spine.

○ its
○ it's

The seven _______ windows were left open in the rain.

○ bus's
○ buses
○ bus's

Your shearsers shaved a lot of _______ wool.

○ sheep's
○ sheep

My _______ names are Whisper and Mitten.

○ cats
○ cat's
○ cat's

The _______ feathers ruffled as it landed.

○ geese's
○ geese

That _______ antenna is broken.

○ radio's
○ radio

Day 121: Spelling

See how many words you can spell correctly the first time as you read to you. Learn from any mistakes you make.

______ fabricate
______ fascinating
______ flagrant
______ foreign
______ forfeit
______ frequently
______ genuine
______ gossipping
______ grammar
______ grievance
______ guarantee
______ harass
______ havoc
______ heroic
______ horrify
______ hospital
______ humid
______ hygiene

Day 122: Spelling - Unscramble

Unscramble your spelling words.

AABTFFECR   fabricate
THILOSA     hospital
CVNEGERIA   grievance
NGRJEOF    foreign
ORIYHFR    horrify
UIMDH     humid
RNUGETAAE  guarantee
RFNALTG    flagrant
CHVAO    havoc
INATINFCSA  fascinating
SOPEGNSGI   gossiping
NEYHEGI    hygiene
JOICREH    heroic
IFEORTF    forfeit
INEUGNE    genuine
SSAARHR     harass
AMGARRM    grammar
FULYEGNTR   frequently
### Day 123

**Day 123: Spelling**

- Fill in the blanks with the correct spelling word. Be sure to spell it correctly!
- There is no **guarantee** that you will win.
- Did you just **harass** that officer?
- It would **horrify** Mother to know what you said.
- Don’t **fabricate** a story to stay out of trouble.
- The history museum is **fascinating** to me.
- Are we going to finish our game or do you __ _forfeit_ __?
- It is so **humid** outside this summer.
- The rain is wreaking **havoc** on my hair.
- Grandpa is being released from the **hospital** today.
- Snow is a **foreign** concept to warmer climates.
- The **flagrant** foul cost the team the game.
- It snows **frequently** in many northern states.
- Her **heroic** act saved the puppy from being trapped.
- The neighbor filled a **grievance** about the loud party.
- The girls were caught **gossiping** about their teacher.
- The boy’s kindness was **genuine**.
- Always check spelling and **grammar** in your papers.
- Her **hygiene** habits were pristine.

### Day 124

**Day 124: Spelling - Hangman**

- Play hangman! See if you can figure out your spelling words in ten guesses or less. Cross out letters you’ve guessed to help yourself keep track. The words are in the Lesson Guide.

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ABCDFGHJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
forfeit
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ABCDFGHJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
heroic
```

```
ABCDFGHJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
harass
```

```
ABCDFGHJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
horify
```

```
ABCDFGHJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
humid
```

```
ABCDFGHJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
grammar
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### Day 125

**Day 125: Spelling**

- See how many words you can spell correctly now as they are read to you. Learn from any mistakes you make.

- **fabricate**
- **fascinating**
- **flagrant**
- **foreign**
- **forfeit**
- **frequently**
- **genuine**
- **gossiping**
- **grammar**
- **grievance**
- **guarantee**
- **harass**
- **havoc**
- **heroic**
- **horrify**
- **hospital**
- **humid**
- **hygiene**

### Day 126

**Day 126: Spelling**

- See how many words you can spell correctly the first time as they are read to you. Learn from any mistakes you make.

- **identical**
- **idle**
- **idol**
- **immediately**
- **immobilize**
- **impossibility**
- **inconvenient**
- **incredible**
- **infamous**
- **innocence**
- **instructor**
- **intelligent**
- **irate**
- **irresistible**
- **judgment**
- **juvenile**
- **kettle**
- **knitting**
Day 127: Spelling - Unscramble

Unscramble your spelling words.

ITINTIKGN  knitting
UACNDETI  identical
NSIFMOA  infamous
EYTALIIMMDE  immediately
NTLEIETNGI  intelligent
NIBREDCEII  incredible
ELETTK  kettle
DOLI  idol
CIONENNCIE  innocence
NELVEIJU  juvenile
ILOMIEZMBI  immobilize
TSIRERBSLII  irresistible
DNGTJUEM  judgment
TPLYSOMSIBII  impossibility
CTNUISORTI  instructor
NNCNEOVTIEN  inconvenient
IEART  irate
LDIE  idle

Day 128: Spelling

Fill in the blanks with the correct spelling word. Be sure to spell it correctly!

My dance __________ taught us ballet.
Your mother is ______ knitting ______ a beautiful blanket.
The ______ of the robber was caught red-handed.
Idle ______ hands lead to trouble.
My sister was ______ when I read her diary.
The tea ______ is whistling on the stove.
These cookies are absolutely ______.
Declaring his ______, the man walked away.
Stop blowing bubbles in your milk. It’s so ______.
What an ______ sunset.
This detour is very ______.
Many people treat money as an ______.
We had to ______ his leg after he landed on it.
Do you know any ______ twins?
I need you to come here ______.
Use your best ______ when choosing.
The boy is so ______ he taught the teacher.
Finishing schoolwork can seem like an ______.

Day 129: Spelling - Hangman

Play hangman! See if you can figure out your spelling words in ten guesses or less. Cross out letters you’ve guessed to help yourself keep track. The words are in the Lesson Guide.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

judgment
kettle
idle
infamous
irate
juvenile

Day 130: Spelling

See how many words you can spell correctly the first time as they are read to you. Learn from any mistakes you make.

identical  idle
idol  immediately
immobilize  impossibility
inconvenient  incredible
infamous  innocence
instructor  intelligent
irate  irresistible
judgment  juvenile
kettle
knitting
Day 131

Day 131: Infinitives

Find and underline all of the infinitives in the following story.

We want to go to the park this afternoon. It’s going to be a nice, sunny day. The temperature is hovering right around 70 degrees, a perfect day to swing in the breeze.

We’re planning to take a picnic with us. My sister is going to eat a sandwich, but my brother prefers to have fruit salad. I think the fruit salad is just going to attract ants and bees, so I’ll be sure to use bug spray before we head out to the park.

My favorite thing to do at the park is kick the ball around with my siblings. Hopefully this time my brother doesn’t accidentally hit my sister in the face with the ball. No one needs to hear her shriek like that again! But I need to remind my brother to take some allergy medicine before we leave. Otherwise, he’s going to sneeze for the rest of the day!

Day 132

Day 132: Spelling

Find the words from The Tale of Sam in the word search below.

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Day 133

Day 133: Spelling

Fill in the blanks with your spelling words. You can have someone read them to you from the answer key.

The park included three acres of luscious grass.
The seatbelt was adjustable to fit her small waist.
The afghan kept her warm when the heat went out.
What’s your analysis of this situation?
This artificial sweetener has an aftertaste.
Are you absolutely certain you turned off the stove?
What has been your greatest achievement this year?
Iris picked a lovely bouquet of wildflowers.
Congratulations are in order for the winners.
The crowd threw confetti as the newlyweds ran past.
The capital of California is Sacramento.
Chase likes to put honey on his morning biscuit.
Sara put her jewelry box on top of the bureau.
It seems a mouse was the cookie thief.
The competition was fierce at the spelling bee.
Not to embarrass you, but there’s lettuce in your teeth.
The item’s description said it was brand new.
The project engineer said the build was on schedule.

Day 134

Day 134: Gerunds and Infinitives

Does the sentence need a gerund or an infinitive? Write the proper form of the word in parentheses on the line in the sentence, and then tell whether it is a gerund (g) or infinitive (i) on the line at the end.

Are you free to work this weekend?  
(work)  
i
I expect you to clean up that spill.  
(clean)  
i
I don’t mind reading to you while you clean.  
(read)  
g
Can you tell me how to get to the library?  
(get)  
i
I can’t picture Todd dancing to the music.  
danced  
g
The girls are jumping on the trampoline.  
jump  
g
Do you plan to go to the park?  
(go)  
i
Consider researching Lincoln for your paper.  
research  
g
Are you running the marathon this weekend?  
(run)  
g
We chose to walk the 5K.  
(walk)  
i
Day 137

Day 137: Dangling modifiers

Each of the sentences below contains a dangling modifier. Rewrite each sentence so that the participle phrase modifies the noun it should.

(Answers will vary, suggestions given)

Covered in delicious, sugary syrup, mother served the towering pile of pancakes.

**Mother served the towering pile of pancakes that were covered in delicious, sugary syrup.**

Soaked to the bone, everything Haylee touched became wet as well.

**Since Haylee was soaked to the bone, everything she touched became wet as well.**

Running all day and night, we called a handyman to fix the heater.

**We called a handyman to fix the heater that was running all day and night.**

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Day 138

Day 138: Dangling modifiers

Choose the sentence of each group that is formatted correctly by filling in the circle next to your choice.

- Straining to see the stage, the seats were too far back for my nearsighted sister.
  - The seats were too far back for my nearsighted sister, who was straining to see the stage.
- The seats, too far back for my nearsighted sister, were straining to see the stage.
  - Sweetly smiling, the bouquet was received by my mother.
- The bouquet was received by my mother, sweetly smiling.
  - Sweetly smiling, my mother received the bouquet.
- Kicking the ball, my brother broke the kitchen window.
  - Kicking the ball, the kitchen window was broken by my brother.
- Breaking the kitchen window, the ball was kicked by my brother.
  - Sitting down to dinner, the wonderful aroma made us all drool.
- The wonderful aroma, sitting down to dinner, made us all drool.
  - We all drooled at the wonderful aroma as we sat down to dinner.

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Day 139

Day 139: Dangling modifiers

Underline each sentence in the following story that has a dangling or misplaced modifier.

Last weekend, my family went on a camping trip. Arriving at our destination early, the campsite wasn’t ready yet. Deciding to go for a walk, we hiked around the campground to get the lay of the land. We figured it’d be nice to know what to expect from our weekend. Spotting a creek, my camera wouldn’t focus well enough to get a picture of the meandering water. Swallowing my disappointment, my dad called me over to check out the pool. Noticing the slide, I parked up a little. I love a good pool slide.

At long last, we got the text that our campsite was ready. Setting up our tent, the dog started barking. Following his gaze, the park ranger was seen coming up to our site. Informing us of an issue with the site we were on, the ranger offered a free upgrade to a fully loaded camper. Needless to say, we had a fabulous weekend roughing it in the woods!

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Day 141

Day 141: Spellcheck

This paragraph contains five misspelled words. Can you figure out what they are and spell them correctly on the lines?

When the original American colonists decided to revolt against British rule, there were many who were convinced the endeavor was destined for failure. Of course, without the benefit of hindsight, that feels like a fair assessment. After all, the colonists had an enormous undertaking to accomplish. They were attempting to adopt an entirely original form of government. They needed to adhere to a whole new assortments of laws and legislations. While modern American leaders might aggravate the world from time to time, the fledgling band of revolutionaries that started the United States achieved an incredible feat.

- accomplish
- adopt
- adhere
- assortment
- aggravate
Day 142: Reading Comprehension

Based on this excerpt, Tom must be...
- The prince
- The pauper
- Neither

According to the third paragraph, Tom’s dreams made his reality...
- sweeter
- like a dream
- even more horrible
- intense

We get the idea in this excerpt that Tom is...
- a poor beggar child
- happy with his childhood
- lonely
- a good student

Read this line from the first paragraph: he tramped despondently up and down the region — in which of these words does the suffix -ly mean the same as it does in the word despondently?
- curly
- melancholy
- giggly
- fly

Tom was kept awake by...
- fighting
- hunger
- pain
- all of these

Day 143: Reading Comprehension

Based on the excerpt from Mark Twain’s The Prince and the Pauper on day 142 and then answer the questions:

Tom’s father and grandmother were...
- uncaring
- happy that Tom was found
- beggars
- moved by his tired, wet condition

Based on the context, “dreadful pork pies and other deadly inventions” was describing food Tom believed to be...
- poisoned
- disgusting
- delicious
- too expensive

A good description of the weather in the excerpt would be...
- cheerful
- glum
- nervous
- indifferent

The word execute at the end of the first paragraph means...
- kill
- carry out
- write down
- hang

According to the third paragraph, a good synonym for Tom’s surroundings would be...
- disgusting
- pleasant
- congenial
- boring

Day 144: Reading Comprehension

Reread the excerpt from Mark Twain’s The Prince and the Pauper on day 142 and then answer the questions:

That Tom “fell asleep in the company of jewelled and gilded princelings” means that he...
- really was rich and just pretended to be poor
- was sleeping somewhere other than his home
- was dreaming
- was a prince

Which of these words from the story uses a suffix to change an adjective into a noun?
- wretchedness
- murky
- delicious
- princelings

According to the excerpt, Tom’s dream of being a prince was...
- the first one he’d had
- unusual
- a normal occurrence
- we don’t have information about it

Judging from the context, a good synonym for the word “obscenities” would be...
- annoyance
- ignorant
- intelligence
- respect

Why was Tom in tears at the end of the excerpt?
- He was poor.
- He wished to be a prince.
- His dream had made his reality seem that much worse.
- all of the above

Day 145: Reading Comprehension

The first sentence of the excerpt, “This was very uncomfortable, and I was half afraid,” is a _______ sentence.
- simple
- compound
- complex

Which of these words from the excerpt has a prefix that means “not”?
- entered
- arranged
- unknown
- materials

Which of these words from the excerpt has a suffix that means “most”?
- dependent
- dressing
- confusingly
- strangest

Which word describes the room in which the narrator finds himself in this scene?
- comfortable
- chaotic
- tidy
- dark

The woman in the scene appears to be...
- rich
- dirty
- mute
- young
Day 146: Reading Comprehension
Language Arts 7

Reread the excerpt from Charles Dickens' Great Expectations on day 145 and then answer the questions.

Based on the description given, it would seem the woman in this scene was a...
- bride
- fashion designer
- beggar
- we don't know

What does the narrator imply was his biggest clue that the prominent lady in the room was "a fine lady's dressing-table"?
- the gilded looking-glass
- that it was a draped table
- the fine lady sitting at it
- the bright jewels

Which of these best portrays how the woman is likely feeling, given the described scene?
- happy
- energized
- organized
- sad

The narrator describes himself as...
- uncomfortable
- confident
- timid
- young

The narrator describes the woman as...
- put together
- boisterous
- strange
- messy

Day 147: Reading Comprehension
Language Arts 7

All of the sentences in this excerpt are which type of sentence?
- declarative
- interrogative
- exclamatory
- imperative

Why did the woman only have one shoe on?
- she hadn't put the other on yet (or had taken it off already)
- she couldn't find the other shoe
- she only had one leg
- we don't know

Reread this line from the first paragraph: This was very uncomfortable, and I was half afraid. In which of these words does the suffix -able mean the same as it does in the word uncomfortable?
- able
- cable
- doable
- liable

A majority of this excerpt is which part of a story?
- character development
- a description of setting
- plot
- climax

What explanation of the scene would make sense given the information we have?
- there was an earthquake
- the woman's fiancé left her at the altar
- the narrator was a robber
- the electricity was out

Day 148: Reading Comprehension
Language Arts 7

The likely setting for this story, based on this passage, is...
- an orphanage
- a hospital
- a police station
- a library

What is the problem the boys are facing in this excerpt?
- they're overworked
- they're tired
- they're hungry
- they don't like the master

Which of these words from the excerpt has a suffix that means "fulled"?
- generally
- voracious
- companions
- reckless

Day 149: Reading Comprehension
Language Arts 7

Reread the excerpt from Charles Dickens' Oliver Twist on day 148 and then answer these questions.

Reread this partial sentence from the excerpt: He rose from the table, and advancing to the master, basin and spoon in hand, said, somewhat alarmed at his own temerity: “Please, sir, I want some more.” Based on the context, a good synonym for temerity would be...
- timidity
- boldness
- stupidity
- friendliness

Does it seem that the assistants had ever heard an orphan ask for seconds?
- yes
- no

In this excerpt, what is grief?
- food
- work
- exhaustion
- anger

Which of these words from the excerpt is a compound word?
- hunger
- pinioned
- desperate
- somewhat

True or false: Oliver came empty-handed for seconds.
- true
- false
Day 150

Day 150: Reading Comprehension

Reread the excerpt from Charles Dickens’ Oliver Twist on day 148 and then answer these questions.

Which of these words from the excerpt has a suffix that means “characterized by”?  
- stupidness  
- paralyzed  
- healthy  
- reckless

The excerpt explicitly states that the master was...
- mean  
- fat  
- angry  
- hungry

What conflict is the main catalyst for the climax of this excerpt?
- the boys are hungry  
- the master is mean

Read this sentence from the first paragraph: Boys have generally excellent appetites, in which of these words does the suffix -ent mean the same as it does in the word excellent?
- accent  
- percent  
- agent  
- absorbent

Did Oliver get his seconds?
- yes  
- no

Day 151

Day 151: Spellcheck

This paragraph contains five misspelled words. Can you figure out what they are and spell them correctly on the lines?

Many scientists believe the world to be millions, if not billions, of years old. Various scientific publications repeatedly state this as fact. However, there are a growing number of scientists who now believe the earth to be much younger than previously thought. Several dating methods have been proven to be inaccurate. Sometimes in science, the best we can do is speculate. Our speculations coincided with available data, but no one can guarantee that their way is right. Although some parts of our physical universe can be proven, many continue to be a mystery.

- repeatedly  
- speculate
- coincide  
- guarantee
- although

Day 153

Day 153: Sentence Structure • Characters

As a reminder, a simple sentence is simple — just one subject and predicate combination. This is an example of a simple sentence:

A compound sentence takes two simple sentences and compounds them, squashes them together using something like “and”, “or”, “but” — in the middle to connect them. This is an example of a compound sentence, and I have made it with two simple sentences, joined together into one:

A complex sentence takes a simple sentence and adds another subject and predicate in a way that they don’t form another sentence on their own. This is an example of a complex sentence because I have added a second subject and verb in a way that can’t stand on its own.

Identify these sentence types (from ch. 3 of The King Will Make a Way). The answers are simple, compound, or complex.

- He crouched and examined mushrooms, pine cones, rocks and beetles.

- simple

- Gabe kept up the maneuvers until the guard was safely settled back in his guard box, comfortably seated on his stool.

- compound

- The toad hopped off just beyond him, and the natural impulse of a ten-year-old boy to try and catch it overpowered him.

- complex

- He looked up and his heart melted.

- compound

- Unthinking, he flung himself at the King’s feet.

- simple

- Even though the hill was just a few stone throws away from the inn, he felt like a pioneer — adventurous and alone.

- complex

Day 156

Day 156: Setting • Sentence Types

As a reminder, there are four types of sentences: declarative, interrogative, exclamatory, and imperative.

Declarative sentences make statements. Today is my birthday.

Interrogative sentences ask questions. Is today your birthday?

Exclamatory sentences exclaim. Today is my birthday!

Imperative sentences command. Today’s your birthday, so celebrate!

Identify the sentence types of the sentences from chapter 5 of The King Will Make a Way.

- He sat up straighter.

- declarative

- When is it coming?

- interrogative

- Relax.

- imperative

- What are you saying?

- interrogative

- Father was worried.

- declarative

- Yes, sir!

- exclamatory

- Get inside and stay there!

- imperative/exclamatory

- This is going to be a bad storm!

- exclamatory

- Tabitha shrieked.

- declarative

- Remember the old village song?

- interrogative
Day 163

Day 163: Dialogue

Properly punctuate the dialogue at the top of the page. Then use the lines at the bottom of the page to copy the interesting quote by your historical person.

"Come here," he said.
She got up and crossed the room. "What is it?"
"A geode!"
She asked again. "And that is exactly what?"
He brought out a hammer. "Watch and see."

Day 164

Day 164: Uncommon Punctuation

Add the missing punctuation to this sentence. Be sure to include any uncommon punctuation (semicolon, colon, dash).

I had too much on my mind so I got out of bed to make myself a list of what I needed to do. I called mom.
Jenny and the plumber bake the cookies and take pictures of the kids and update the blog just so I could get some sleep.

Write a sentence or a paragraph that uses a semicolon, a colon, and a dash.

Day 166

Day 166: Anthropomorphism

Anthropomorphism is a literary device where something non-human becomes human-like in form or behavior. Read this sentence from chapter 13 of The King Will Make a Way:

Despair circled Gabie like a vulture, taunting, laughing. "He's dead. He's dead. They're all dead. Lifeless bodies left for the birds. You might as well join them. Valpina will be after you next."

What nonliving thing is taking on human attributes? despair
What human qualities did it have? taunting, laughing, speaking

Now you try it. Look at the pen or pencil in your hand. Make it come alive. What is it thinking as you are holding it, writing with it? What would it say when you are chewing on it, tapping it? Give it a personality and write a little story with the pen or pencil as the main character. Give his point of view on the world.

Day 167

Day 167: Lie vs. Lay

In the present tense, lie is what you do to yourself, and lay is what you do to something else. Fill in these blanks with lie or lay.

I _______ on my bed to rest.
A chicken _______ an egg.

In the past tense, lie becomes lay, and lay becomes laid. Fill in these blanks with lie, lay, or laid.

I want to _______ down for a nap.
Last week I _______ out the pattern for the dress.

I need to _______ the schedule for everyone to see.

He _______ there for hours yesterday.

See if you can figure out the correct word for each blank.
My cat is _______ in the light.
Laying laying

She often _______ there.
Lie lies lays

I _______ my toothbrush on the sink.
Lay laid

The US _______ to the north of Mexico.
Lies lays