

## Reading

Your child probably reads every day. If they do, that's great. Ask them to tell you about the book. Why is it interesting for them? Which character would they like to be? What would they change from the story if they were the author? If they wrote the next book in the series, how would the stories go? If they do not read every day, they can start now.

## Spelling

Below are words that an upper level student is expected to know by the end of their sixth or eighth year. They are also frequently misspelled.

Pick ten words at your child's level to practice.

Look up the part of speech and meaning of each word using a dictionary.

Make a sentence for each word that shows the meaning.

Write more than one sentence if there is more than one meaning or part of speech.

accept	congenial	exasperate	introvert	resilient
accommodate	cordial	except	jeer	resolute
achieve	council	excitement	judgment	rhythm
acquaintance	counsel	exploit	leisure	ridiculous
admonish	courageous	extrovert	loose	rigor
adversity	courteous	fascinate	lose	robust
affect	cynical	fatigue	malicious	schedule
all together	dejected	feeble	meek	scissors
allusion	descent	fickle	millionaire	sentimental
aloof	desert	fidelity	mischievous	snub
altogether	dessert	flatter	mock	steadfast

amiable	diligent	foreign	nonchalant	strengthen
animated	disdain	fret	noticeable	strenuous
apathetic	disease	government	obstinate	subdued
ascent	dissent	gracious	occasion	submissive
assent	docile	headstrong	occurred	tact
belittle	effect	hypocrite	passive	thorough
benevolent	elicit	hysterical	plight	timid
business	embarrass	illicit	possess	toil
busyness	empathy	illusion	pragmatic	valiant
charismatic	emphatic	immediately	predicament	vivacious
colleague	emulate	indifferent	preferred	weather
committee	endeavor	indignant	privilege	whether
compassionate	endure	industrial	receive	wither
compatible	engaging	infuriate	reprimand	withstand
condescend	environment	initiate	reserved	yacht

## Editing

Rewrite sentences below correctly.

1. I read a interesting artical about kayaking in the magazine See Explorer
2. on saturday grandma avery will going sailing on the ocean
3. did you finished read the chapter called training your dog?
4. black beauty was own by many people but mr skinner was the worse one
5. me and my family wants to see a movie but the teather is closed
6. desserts are dry places that doesn't receive much rains
7. did you here that opposite day is on january 25 2016?
8. on mount rushmore, four us president heads carved in rock
9. the closer city to these monument is keystone south dakota
10. female owls are larger and heavyer than mail owls

In each sentence below, one word, which is in capitals, has had three consecutive letters taken out. These three letters will make one correctly-spelled word without changing the order. Write the three-letter word.

Example: John bought a new COMER. ( PUT ) COMPUTER

1. Jennifer ALS does her work very neatly. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_
2. The lady ARGED the flowers in the vase. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Jason took a MIE to tie his shoe laces. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_
4. The PAING was hung on the wall. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_
5. The porch light was GING in the dark. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Grandma always wears her comfy SPERS in the house. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

In each question below, one letter from the word on the left must be moved into the word on the right to make two new words. The letters must not be re-arranged. Both new words must make sense. Write the two new words in the spaces provided.

Example:	CLIMB	LOSE	→	LIMB	CLOSE
	CHEAT	WARS	→		
	PAINT	BRAN	→		
	FIRST	PAWN	→		
	CLOTH	SORT	→		
	SPORT	LACES	→		
	TRAMP	PIER	→		

## Journal Practice

Directions : Record the quote in your best handwriting. Then, complete the prompt following "Journal".

"Memories of our lives, of our works and our deeds will continue in others."  
-Rosa Parks

Journal - Write about something about you that you would like others to remember about you.

"I love deadlines, I like the whooshing sound they make as they fly by."  
- Douglas Adams

Journal - Why do you think deadlines exist? Do you find them helpful? What are some strategies you use to meet a deadline? What do you do if you do not?

"I can resist everything except temptation."  
- Oscar Wilde

Journal- Do you find this to be true? Why or why not? Are you able to avoid temptation? How so?

"It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them."  
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Journal - Do you feel like you have a friend that you can be silly with? Why or why not? Give examples.

"If we are not meant to have midnight snacks, why is there a light in the fridge?"  
- Bill Murray

Journal- Describe, in detail, a favorite snack. Why do you think this snack might be a favorite for you?

"I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear." - Rosa Parks

Journal - Reflect upon the Quote. Do you agree with this? Why or Why not? Give examples.

"What's another word for Thesaurus?" Steven Wright

Journal- Do you have a favorite word? If so, what is it? Why do you think you like the word? Why do you think a person might have a favorite word?

"Every man has a sane spot somewhere."  
-Robert Louis Stevenson

Journal -Free Write

## Creative Writing Prompts

1. Fact is stranger than fiction - Turn a current event into a creative writing story.
2. You suddenly found yourself able to communicate with the Tigers.
3. Write a sequel to your favorite story.
4. You're on a hike, and come across a GIANT pile of slime, and the slime says "hello".
5. Imagine that you set a world record. What record did you set? How did you do it? What are your next steps?