

LEL Language

Work from Home

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Reading

Please have your child read to you every day.

Once your child finishes a book, they can write a book report:

1. Title of the book
2. Author of the book
3. Main characters
4. Settings (when and where)
5. Summary of the story (in a few sentences)
6. Draw pictures about the story
7. Favorite part of the story
8. How you would change the story if you were the author

Journal

Your child can write a daily journal entry about their experiences while working from home, or choose one of these topics:

- If you could build a dream house, what rooms would it have?
- Write a story about going on an adventure with a friend.
- Who has the best job in the world?
- Where do you get your best ideas?
- Have you ever volunteered to help someone? What did you do?
- What is your favorite thing to write?
- Imagine that you are stuck inside a TV. What will you do? What shows would you visit?
- What would you do if you won the lottery?
- Would you rather be an animal or a toy?
- What is the most important thing you've learned in school?

Spelling

1. Pick ten words that your child cannot read or spell from the list below.
2. Practice reading and spelling these words a few times each, or as many times as your child wishes. Put the words in alphabetical order.
3. Practice can be done orally in fun ways: while using a jump rope, skipping, kicking a soccer ball, even while washing hands! Be creative.
4. Make sentences using the words. Create a challenge: How many words can your child use in a sentence? Write a paragraph or a story.
5. Make a bingo game, word scramble, or hide and seek using the words.
6. Once your child can spell and read all the words below, they can practice the frequently misspelled words on the next page.

a	up	ride	had	buy
and	we	saw	has	call
away	where	say	her	cold
big	yellow	she	him	does
blue	you	so	his	don't
can	all	soon	how	fast
come	am	that	just	first
down	are	there	know	five
find	at	they	let	found
for	ate	this	live	gave
funny	be	too	may	goes
go	black	under	of	green
help	brown	want	old	its
here	but	was	once	made
I	came	well	open	many
in	did	went	over	off

is it jump little look make me my not one play red	do eat four get good have he into like must new no	what white who will with yes after again an any ask as	put round some stop take thank them then think walk were when	or pull read right sing sit sleep tell their these those upon
run said see the three to two work would write your about better bring carry clean	now on our out please pretty ran cut done draw drink eight fall far full got	by could every fly from give going grow hold hot hurt if keep kind laugh light	always around because been before best both long much myself never only own pick seven shall	us use very wash which why wish show six small start ten today together try warm

Frequently Misspelled Words

1. Pick ten words to practice from the below list.
2. Copy each word a few times.
3. Look up the words in the dictionary. Write down the part of speech and the meaning of each word.
4. Use each word in a sentence.

absence	changing	easily	imaginary	obedience
accidentally	choose	enemy	island	optimism
accomplish	chose	environment	ideally	origin
accordion	climbed	existence	incredible	peculiar
across	clothes	existent	jealousy	performance
advice	clothing	familiar	knowledge	planning
affect	cloth	February	later	possible
apartment	coming	forty	lightning	quizzes
appearance	counselor	fourth	loose	realize
arctic	deceive	generally	lose	really
argument	describe	genius	magazine	safety
attendance	despair	government	minutes	surprise
balloon	develop	grammar	misspelled	therefore
barbecue	dictionary	happily	mysterious	through
beginning	difference	height	ninety	though
belief	disappoint	hoarse	ninth	unique
believe	disease	hoping		vacuum
biscuit				volume

Reading Comprehension

See if your child can read this story fluently and answer the questions at the end.

The Best Thing In The World

Once upon a time, there were four brothers who lived in a far away land. Their father was an old king. One day he said, "I will not live long now. Today you must start out into the world. In a year, bring back the best thing you have found. The one who can pick the best thing shall be the new king." The first brother said, "I will look in every city or town. I will buy the best thing I can for my father." The next two brothers said, "We will both go on fast ships over the sea. We will find something better." The last brother said, "I am going to ask the people here in our own land to tell me the best thing." The other three brothers began to laugh. "Then you will never be king!" They said.

The last brother started off. When he had gone about six miles, he met a man. "What do you carry in those big bags?" he asked. "The best thing in the world," said the man. "These are full of the good nuts which fall from my five nut trees." "I don't think that would work," said the brother to himself, "I must try again." The brother went on another seven miles. He found a small brown bird. It had been hurt, so he put it in his coat where it could keep warm. As he went on, he saw a little girl crying. He ran to meet her. "Why are you crying?" he asked. "I want to get some water from the well," she said. "We use so much. We drink cold water. We wash the clothes clean with hot water. But I do not know how to pull it up. Please show me." The brother said, "Hold this bird and I will help you. It does not fly around any more because it got its wing cut." "Thank you. What a pretty bird!" she said. "I wish you would give it to me. If you will let me keep it, I will always be very kind to it. I will take care of it myself. I will make it grow well again." "Yes, you may have it," said the brother. So he gave her the bird and went on.

At night, he went to sleep under a round yellow haystack. When it was light again he walked on. Every day he would walk eight or ten miles. He asked the people about the best thing in the world. Some said it was best to sing. Some said it was best to run and jump and play. Some said the green grass was best. Some liked the red and blue

and white flowers best. One man said the best thing was to ride a black horse. He always stopped to help people who needed it. Soon he made many friends. All the people began to like him. They would say, "See there goes the king's son. He would be just the right kind of king for us." Every door was open to him. The people would call him to stop. They would ask him to come and eat with them. After he ate, he would sit down and read to the children. After he read, he showed them how to draw and write. Months went by. He still had no beautiful things to take to his father. Just before the year was done, he went home again.

The time came when the king called his sons together. "What did you bring?" He asked them all. The other brothers had many beautiful things. "And what did you bring?" said the king to the last brother. "This is too funny!" said the other brothers. "He has nothing!" But the king was kind to the last brother. "What did you bring me?" the king asked again. "I bring only the friendship of your people," said the last brother. "That is the best thing!" cried his father. "You shall be the new king."

The End!

Questions

1. Who are the main characters in the story?
2. What is the mission that the king gave his sons?
3. Why do you think the king picked the last brother?
4. What would you bring to the king if you were one of his sons?