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Activity Book

This Activity Book contains activity pages that accompany many of the lessons from the Teacher Guide for Unit 2. The activity pages are organized and numbered according to the lesson number and the order in which they are used within the lesson. For example, if there are two activity pages for Lesson 4, the first will be numbered 4.1 and the second 4.2. The activity pages in this book do not include written instructions for students because the instructions would have words that are not decodable. Teachers will explain these activity pages to the students orally, using the instructions in the Teacher Guide. The Activity Book is a student component, which means each student should have an Activity Book.

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1.1

Activity Page

Directions: 1) Read the word aloud. 2) Students write letter 'e' on word. 3) Say, "Alakazam!" 4) All students read the new word.

Add 'e' to make a new word.

slid____

slim____

plan____

grim____

spin____

mad____

pin____

glad____

quit____

Jan____

Sam____

twin____

fat____

sit____

hid____

rip____

fad____

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1.2

Activity Page

Directions: Ask students to reread the story and answer the questions using complete sentences, noting the page on which the answer is found.

Mike's Bedtime

- 1. How old is the little boy in the story?
 - A. six
 - B. seven
 - C. nine

Page _____

- 2. Mike's dad said it's bedtime if . . .
 - A. the sun is down.
 - B. the street lamp is off.
 - C. the drapes are closed.

Page _____

- 3. It was _____ black.
 - A. catch
 - B. watch
 - C. pitch

Page _____

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Page		
What will Mik	e's dad do?	

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1.3

Take-Home

Dear Family Member,

We have started a new Reader called *Bedtime Tales*. It is an ongoing story of a little boy named Mike who doesn't want to go to bed at bedtime. Does this sound familiar to you? Mike is persuaded to go to bed by his dad telling him bedtime stories. We hope your student will enjoy this series of stories, and that you will also take the opportunity to tell some bedtime tales to your student. Telling and reading stories at bedtime are valuable ways to improve your student's vocabulary and future school success.

The spelling words for this week are below. As always, please practice these words with your student each night. Read the words aloud and ask your student to write them down. Alternatively, you could ask your student to copy each word three times.

Root Word	Suffix	Spelling Word
yell	-ed	yelled
yank	-ed	yanked
slump	-ed	slumped
limp	-ed	limped
plop	-ed	plopped
smile	-ed	smiled
shrug	-ed	shrugged
like	-ed	liked
pat	-ed	patted

Tricky Word: you

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1.4

Take-Home

Use the words in the box to make a sentence.

gave drive smile like cake

- 1. Mike _____ Dad a hot dog.
- 2. "Let's go for a ______," said Dad.
- 3. "Would you ______ to go to the zoo?" asked Dad.
- 4. "Yes," said Mike with a _____.
- 5. "I like the ______ best," Dad said.

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2.1

Activity Page

Add 'e' to make a new word.

cub____

slop____

us____

hop____

not____

cut____

cop____

fat____

slid____

pop____

rob____

wok____

mop____

tap____

tub____

ew word.

Directions: 1) Read the word aloud. 2) Student writes letter 'e' on word. 3) Say, "Alakazam!" 4) All students read the

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2.2

Activity Page

Directions: Ask students to read the words and horseshoe-circle the letters that make the /oe/ and /ue/ sounds.

1. tadpole

8. hopeful

2. bathrobe

9. compute

3. trombone

10. confuse

4. remote

11. conclude

5. backbone

12. dispute

6. foxhole

13. rosebush

7. rosebud

Dear Family Member,

Ask your student to read the words aloud to you. Then ask your student to horseshoe-circle the letters that make the /oe/ and /ue/ sounds. Next, ask your student to use the words in the box to complete the sentences.

hope	cute	note	rope
poke	broke	shone	huge

- 1. Can you lift a _____block?
- 2. The sun _____ on the rock.
- 3. I _____ I can get a ride.
- 4. The cup _____ when it dropped.
- 5. Did you _____ him in the side?
- 6. Let's jump _____!
- 7. My _____ pup is tan and black.
- 8. I will write a ______ to mom.

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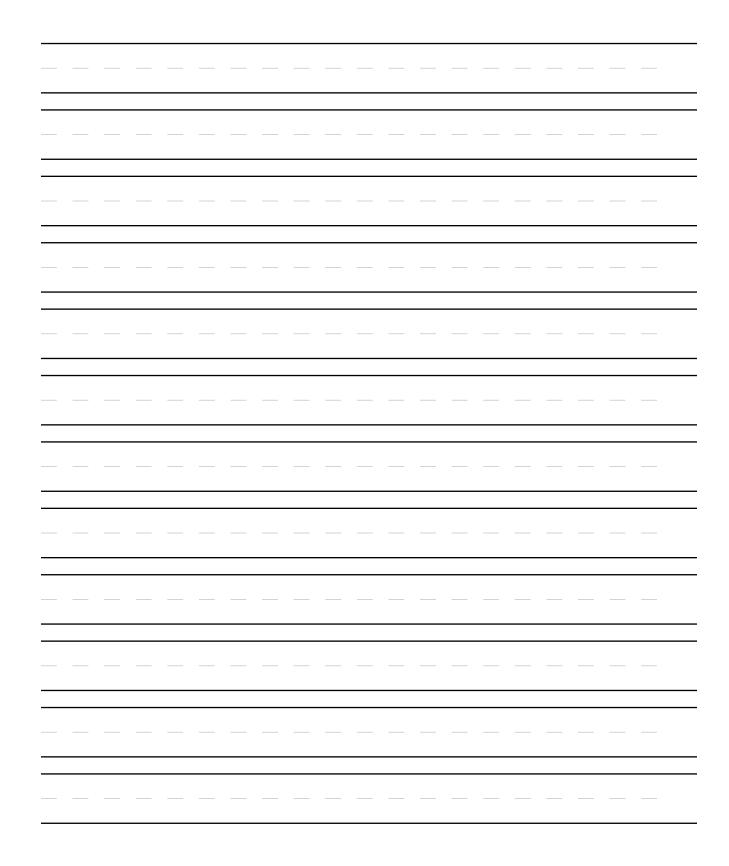
3.1

Activity Page

Directions: Students should write at least four sentences in response to the prompt: By the end of the tale, what did Jane learn?



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Dear Family Member,

Your student read this story in class earlier this week. Please ask your student to read the story aloud to you and then discuss with your student what Jane learned.

The Milk



Mike's dad was getting set to tell a bedtime tale. He said, "The name of this bedtime tale is 'The Milk'."

Once upon a time, a lass named Jane set off from home to sell a bucket of milk.

As she went, she was thinking of the cash she would get from selling the milk.

"I have big plans. I will sell this milk," she said, "and I will use the cash to get a hen. I hope my hen will make lots of eggs."

"Then I will sell those eggs and use the cash to get a cute piglet. I will take care of the piglet and let him munch on pig slop till he gets nice and plump."



"Then I will sell the pig and get a nice dress that I can dance in, and . . ."

But just as she was thinking of the dress, she tripped on a stone and the bucket fell with a crash. The milk splashed on the path. Jane made a face and fumed at the spilt milk.

Moral: Take one step at a time.

"Is that the end?" asked Mike.

"That's it," said his dad.

"What a shame!" said Mike. "She had such big plans!"

Mike's dad nodded. "You can make plans, but planning by itself will not make things happen."

Mike sat thinking a bit. Then he said, "Dad, that bedtime tale was not bad. But it was sad. Next time would you tell a fun tale?"

"Yes," said his dad.

"Next time."



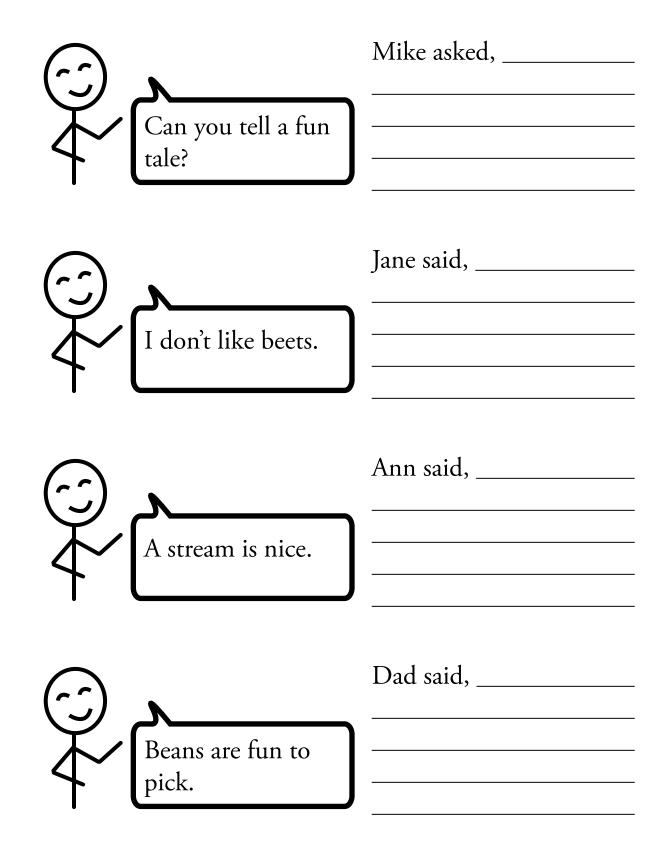
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4.1

Activity Page

Directions: Ask students to write exactly what each person said in a complete sentence on the blank beside each picture.

I like to eat ca	Jane said,andy.
Bedtime is at	Dad said,
The sun is sha	Mike said,
Can't I sit up:	Jane asked,



Directions: Ask students to find the best answer to each question. Students should record the page number where the answer is found:

The Jumping Frog

- Big Jim bragged that his frog had _____. 1.
 - A. spunk.
 - В. speed.
 - three legs. C.

Page ____

- How much cash did Big Jim bet on his frog? 2.
 - He bet one buck. A.
 - He bet five bucks. В.
 - C. He bet ten bucks.

Page ____

- Why did Big Jim run to the stream? 3.
 - A. Big Jim ran to the stream to catch a frog for Pete.
 - Big Jim ran to the stream to set his frog free. В.
 - C. Big Jim ran to the stream to swim.

Page ____

- Who held Big Jim's frog while he ran off to the stream? 4.
 - A. Big Jim's mom held his frog.
 - Big Jim held the frog. В.
 - Pete held Big Jim's frog.

Page ____

•	dn't Mike's d	11111011	the tale.		
Page	<u> </u>				
	o you think	what will	happen	next in th	e story?
		what will	happen	next in th	e story?
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Dear Family Member,

This is the first part of a trickster tale that we are reading in class. Please ask your student to read it aloud to you. After reading the story, have your student draw a picture about the story and write a sentence about the picture on the next page.

The Jumping Frog

"Dad," Mike said, "you said we could have a fun bedtime tale this time. Have you got one that's fun?"

"Yes," said his dad. "I've got one I think you will like. It's a tale my dad used to like to tell. It takes place in the West a long time back in the past. The name of the tale is 'The Jumping Frog'."

Once there was a man named Big Jim who had a frog.

Big Jim held the frog up and made a speech. "This is the best jumping frog in the land!" he said. "This frog has speed. It can jump three feet at once. You think your frog can jump? I'll bet he can't jump like my frog! In fact, I got ten bucks says there's not a frog in the land can jump as fast as this frog. This frog hops like the wind. This frog . . ."

Well, Big Jim would have kept on bragging, but, just then, a man in a black vest got up and spoke.

"My name is Pete. I'm not from here," said the man. "And I do not have a frog.



But if I did, I would take the bet and race your frog."

"Well, shucks," said Big Jim.
"That's not a problem. Here, take
my frog. I'll run down to the
stream and catch you a frog so we
each have a frog to compete in the
race." Big Jim handed his frog to
Pete. Then he ran off to the stream.

Mike's dad was not finished telling the tale, but Mike had drifted off to sleep. He gave Mike a kiss and hoped he would have sweet dreams.



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about the story "The Jumping Frog," and write a sentence about		
Directions: Have your student draw a picture about the picture.		

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5.1

Assessment

Spelling Test

Write yes or no on the lines.

- 1. A stove can drool. _____
- 2. A big lake can be nice. _____
- 3. We stood in line to get shampoo. _____
- 4. A pool is a good place to plant seeds. _____
- 5. Brooms can hop.
- 6. Ice is needed to heat a woodstove. _____
- 7. A sheep can say, "Moo."_____
- 8. A frog likes to be by a stream.
- 9. I can wave my hand to shoo a bug. _____

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Activity Page

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Title:					
Characters		Setting			
Plot	Beginning				
	Middle				
		End			

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6.2

Take-Home

Dear Family Member,

This week during our language arts time, we will begin to explore the writing process with students. Students will learn to plan, draft, and edit their work before creating a final product. We will not "publish" each piece of writing that we create. From time to time, we will select pieces to publish. In the meantime, you will see writing coming home in backpacks. Ask your student to explain the process to you. At home, you can help by suggesting your student write simple notes for you.

The spelling words for this week are below. As always, please practice these words with your student each night. Please note that for these words, the final 'e' is dropped and replaced with –*ing*.

Root Word	Suffix	Spelling Word
smile	-ing	smiling
race	-ing	racing
hope	-ing	hoping
bake	-ing	baking
invite	-ing	inviting
confuse	-ing	confusing
taste	-ing	tasting
compete	-ing	competing
hop	-ing	hopping

Tricky Word: were

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8.1

Activity Page

Editing Checklist

Ask yourself these questions as you edit your draft.

1.	Do I have a title?	
2.	Have I described the setting at the start?	
3.	Have I named and described the characters?	
4.	Do I have a plot with a beginning, middle, and end?	
5.	Do all of my sentences start with uppercase letters?	
6.	Do all of my sentences end with a final mark? (. ? or !)	
7.	Have I spelled all of my words correctly?	
8.	Have I added "sense" words that describe how things look, feel, taste, sound, or smell?	
9.	Have I correctly used pronouns?	

Dear Family Member,

This is the second part of a trickster tale that we are reading in class. In the first part, Big Jim wagers that he has the fastest frog in the West. A stranger named Pete shows up to accept the wager. Below you will find the conclusion of the story. Please ask your student to read it aloud to you.

The Frog Race

"Dad," Mike said when he woke up, "what happened with the jumping frog? I missed the end of the tale. I was sleeping."

"I did not tell it to the end," said his dad. "When you drifted off to sleep, I stopped."

"Oh, tell the ending!" said Mike.

Mike's dad picked up the tale where he had left off.

Big Jim handed his frog to Pete and ran off to the stream.

Pete held Big Jim's frog in his hand. Pete looked at the frog. Then Pete reached into his pocket and got a pile of limes. Yum—Big Jim's frog drooled. The frog ate the whole pile of limes from Pete's hand! Then Pete set the frog down.

While Pete was feeding the frog limes, Big Jim was down at the stream. He tossed off his boots and went frog hunting. At last he nabbed a nice green frog. He ran back and handed the frog to Pete.

"There's your frog!" said Jim. "Just set him down there next to my frog. Then we will let them compete to see which one of them is the fastest!"

Pete set his frog down.

"All set?" said Jim.

"All set," said the man.

Then Jim yelled, "Jump, frogs, jump!"

Pete gave the two frogs a tap to get them jumping. His frog hopped off nice and quick. But Jim's frog just sat there. Once he hitched up his legs like he was fixing to jump. But it was no use. With all those limes in him, he was planted there just as solid as a rock. His tummy was full!



Pete's frog hopped and hopped till it got to the finish line.

"Fine race!" said Pete. He took Jim's ten bucks and slipped the cash in his pocket. Then Pete tipped his hat and set off.

Well, Big Jim was stunned. "What happened to my frog?" he said. "I hope he's not sick."

He bent down and picked up the frog and rubbed his tummy.

"Goodness!" said Jim. "He must have had a big lunch!"

"I think Pete tricked me! He fed my frog too much to eat!" Jim said. Big Jim let out a whoop. His face got red. Jim ran to catch Pete. But it was no use. Pete had run off. Pete had tricked Big Jim!

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8.3

Take-Home

doing enjoying giving writing hoping baking

- 1. Mom asked, "Would you like to join me in **baking** a cake?"
- 2. Jane said, Yes, Mom, I am ______ I can lick the bowl.
- 3. Mom asked, Are you ______ your time with Mike?
- 4. Jane said, I will be _____ him a bit of cake.
- 5. Mom asked, What have you been _____ at school?
- 6. Jane said, We have been reading and ______.

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Activity Page

Directions: Have students write the sentence from the bubble on the line with quoation marks.

Mike	(
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said Mike.

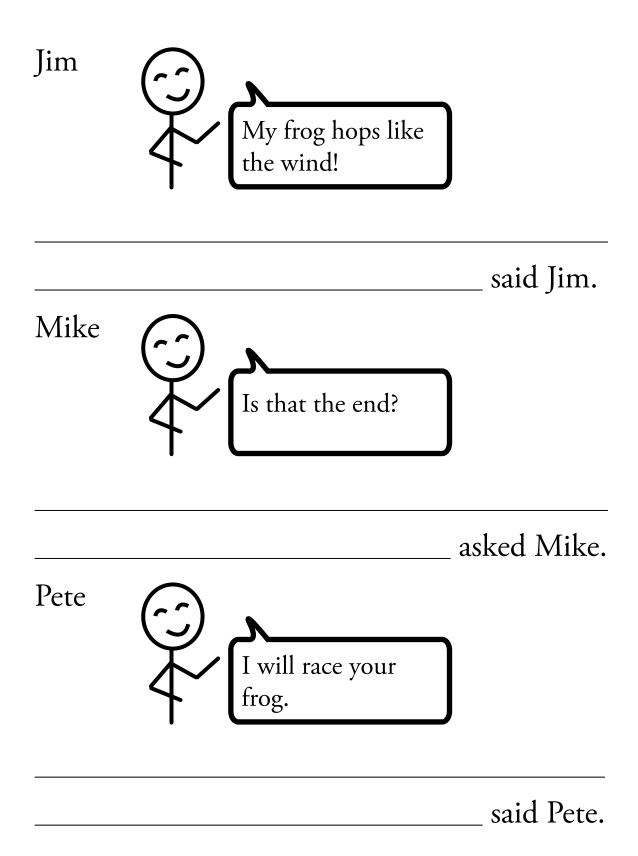


said Jane.

Mike's dad

When the sun is down, it's bedtime.

_ said Mike's dad.



Directions: Have students reread the story and answer the questions. Students should record the page number where the answer is found.

The Hare and the Hedgehog

- 1. Why was the hare proud?
 - A. He was fast.
 - B. He was funny.
 - C. He was nice.

Page _____

- 2. What did the hedgehog ask the hare to do after lunch?
 - A. The hedgehog asked the hare to take a nap.
 - B. The hedgehog asked the hare to race.
 - C. The hedgehog asked the hare to run home.

Page _____

3. Tell the plot of this tale. Write at least three sentences.

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10.1

Assessment

Spelling Test

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10.2

Activity Page

/er/ > 'er' (*her*)

1. Last summer was hot.

2. Who is that person?

3. The water is so cold!

4. The book is under the bed.

5. My mother's name is Ann.

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Activity Page

a		•	C	1
flower	never	river	after	later

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4.
- 5. _____

Directions: Have students reread the story and answer the questions. Students should record the page number

How the Hedgehog Tricked the Hare

- 1. The hedgehog made a _____ to trick the hare.
 - A. plan
 - B. tale
 - C. race

Page _____

- 2. The hedgehog and the hare lined up to race at _____.
 - A. the well
 - B. the fence
 - C. the house

Page _____

- 3. The hare ran past _____.
 - A. the well
 - B. the fence
 - C. the house

Page _____

- 4. The hare ran up to _____.
 - A. the well
 - B. the fence
 - C. the house

Page _____

Page		
Page	the hedgehog smile in the end?	
C		

Directions: In the word box, have students circle the spelling of either 'or' or 'ar' in the words. Next, ask students to write the words in the appropriate sentence.

park car short shower shark

1. We like to go to the ______ to eat a picnic lunch.

2. Kate is not tall. She is ______.

3. We had a rain _____.

4. The ______ is fast and red.

5. A ______ is in the sea.

sports flower fork dark barking

6. I need a ______ to eat my food.

7. The dog will not stop _____!

8. Do you enjoy _____ like soccer?

9. The _____ smells nice.

10. The lamp is on because it is _____ and hard to see.

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11.2

Activity Page

Quotation Marks

1.	our dog likes to bark said Roy
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2. james asked is this game fun

3. troy asked can we go to the park

i nope v	we can go to the park after lunch said Nate
hand tł	ne flower pot to Jane said Mike
nuna ti	te nower por to june sura ivince
deh said	d this is a fast game
uco san	i tilis is a fast gaffic

Take-Home

Dear Family Member,

These are our spelling words for this week. The spelling words on which your student will be tested are the contractions listed in the second column, plus the one Tricky Word. When practicing spelling contractions this week with your student, please also review the two words that form the contraction. For example, one way to practice would be to say two words, (e.g., *it is*), and then ask your student to write the contraction (e.g., *it's*).

Your student is also bringing home a story to read, "How the Hedgehog Tricked the Hare," and an accompanying activity page. We have been discussing in class the characters, setting, and plot for each story. After reading the story, your student should complete the activity page and identify the characters, setting, and plot. You can encourage your student to look back at the story to find the answers. Your student will use this completed activity page to write a book report about the story during the next class, so please make sure your student completes and brings Activity Page 11.5 back to school.

You may want to preview the subheadings Title, Characters, Setting, Plot, Middle, and End.

	Spelling Word
it is	it's
that is	that's
she is	she's
is not	isn't
are not	aren't
was not	wasn't
I will	I'11
you will	you'll
she will	she'll

Tricky Word: their

Take-Home

How the Hedgehog Tricked the Hare

"Where was it I left off?" asked Mike's dad.

"The hedgehog was telling his wife the plan to trick the hare," said Mike.

"Got it!" said his dad.

The hedgehog made a map of his plan. He pointed to the map and outlined his plan to trick the hare.

"The hare and I will race from down by the fence up to the house on the hill," the hedgehog said to his wife. "I need you to stand next to the house. Stand in a spot where the hare can't see you. And be on the lookout, my dear!"

The hedgehog's wife nodded and said, "Your map is clear. I will be there."

The hedgehog went on, "When the hare gets close, you must pop out and shout, 'There you are! What took you so long?' But when you do this, make your voice deep and stern like my voice. The hare can't tell one hedgehog from the next. If you sound like me, he will think you are me. And he will think that he has lost the race!"

"What a clever plan!" said his wife. "It's perfect!"

She puckered up and kissed him on one of his cheeks, where he had no spikes. The hedgehog handed his wife the map.

After his meal, the hedgehog went to the fence. His wife went up to the house on the hill.

The hedgehog and the hare lined up.

"All set?" said the hare.

"All set," said the hedgehog.

"Run!" said the hare.

The hare bounded off. He was a fast and powerful runner. In a flash he ran down the hill, past the well, and up to the house.

When he got to the top of the hill, there was a hedgehog standing next to the house.

It was the hedgehog's wife, but she spoke in a deep, stern voice like a male hedgehog. "There you are!" she said. "What took you so long?"

The hare was stunned. "It can't be!" he said. "How did you get here so fast? I will race you back to the fence!"

And so the hare ran back past the well and up the hill until he got back to the fence.

And what did he see when he got there?

A hedgehog! This time it was the male hedgehog. The hedgehog said, "There you are! What took you so long?"

"No, no, no!" screamed the hare. The hare lost his temper. "It can't be. It can't be. I am faster. I will race you back to the house! You can't beat me!"

So the hare ran back up the hill, past the well, and up to the house.

And what did he see when he got there?

A hedgehog! This time it was the hedgehog's wife. In a deep, stern voice, she said, "There you are! What took you so long?"

The hare ran to the fence and back ten times. But it was the same all ten times. At last he was so tired out that he fell on the ground next to the male hedgehog. He could not stop huffing and puffing. He frowned and said, with a gasp, "I feel weak. You are faster and better than me!"

The hedgehog just smiled.

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11.5

Take-Home

Directions: Have your student complete the activity page after reading "How the Hedgehog Tricked the Hare."

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	Characters	Setting
Plot	Beginning	
	M	iddle
		End

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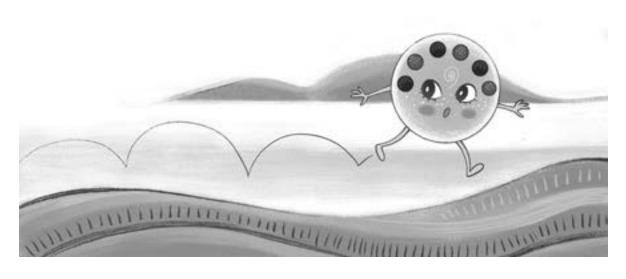
Activity Page

Title
The main characters are
The tale takes place
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In the tale (plot)

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12.2 Ac





How can you tell "The Pancake, Part I" is a made-up tale?														

Dear Family Member,

This is the first part of a trickster tale we are reading in class. Please ask your student to read it aloud to you.

The Pancake, Part I

"Did you enjoy the tale of the hedgehog and the hare?" asked Mike's dad.

"Yes, I liked it," said Mike. "The hedgehog came up with a good trick."

"The tale I'd like to tell you next has a trick in it, too."

"Cool!" said Mike. "Is there a hedgehog in it?"

"Nope," said his dad. "But there is a pancake in it!"

"A pancake?"

"Yep."

"Neat! Tell it!"

"But the sun has not set yet! The street lamp is not on yet!"

"Please! I would like to hear it! Will you tell the pancake tale?"

Once upon a time there was a mom who had six kids. One morning the mom was grilling a pancake for the kids. The kids looked at the pancake. They got out their forks and started licking their lips.

The pancake looked back at the kids. He was scared. He feared the kids would eat him. When the mom was not looking, the pancake jumped out of the pan and ran off.

The pancake ran out of the house.

"Stop, pancake!" shouted the mom from the porch.

"Stop, pancake!" shouted the six kids.

All seven of them chased the pancake as he ran out of the yard.

But the pancake was too fast. He outran them all.

The pancake ran north on a foot path. He zoomed past a barn and two farmers who were plowing the ground.

"Why are you running, pancake?" the farmers asked.

The pancake shouted, "I've outrun a mom and six kids, and I can outrun you too! I'm too fast and too smart for you."

"You think so?" said the farmers. They started running. But the pancake was too fast. He outran the farmers.

Just then Mike's sister Ann came in. She was just three. She had on her gown for bed.

"Dad," she said, "will you tell it to me, too?"

"Yes, I will," said her dad. "You can sit up here with Mike and hear the rest of the tale."

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13.1 Activity Page

Editing Checklist

Ask yourself these questions as you edit your draft.

1.	Do I have a title?	
2.	Have I described the setting at the start?	
3.	Have I named and described the characters?	
4.	Do I have a plot with a beginning, middle, and end?	
5.	Do all of my sentences start with uppercase letters?	
6.	Do all of my sentences end with a final mark? (. ? or !)	
7.	Have I spelled all of my words correctly?	
8.	Have I added "sense" words that describe how things look, feel, taste, sound, or smell?	
9.	Have I correctly used pronouns?	

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Activity Page

The Pancake, Part II

- 1. The pancake first ran past farmers. Then he ran past _____.
 - a fox A.
 - a hen B.
 - C. a pig Page
- 2. The pancake ran past a hen. As the hen chased the pancake, she was _____.
 - A. clucking
 - B. snorting
 - C. yelling Page
- 3. How did the fox trick the pancake?

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t and	The Pancake, Part II
story page numbers, then cut	The pancake ran past a fox. (Page)
correct order using the story	The fox ate the pancake. (Page)
sentences in the correct	The pancake ran by a pig. (Page)
the	The pancake shouted, "I'VE OUTRUN A MOM, SIX KIDS, TWO FARMERS, A PIG, AND A HEN, AND I CAN OUTRUN YOU, TOO! I AM TOO FAST AND SMART FOR YOU!" (Page)
Directions: Have students number paste them on Activity Page 13.4.	The pancake ran by a hen. (Page)

13.4 Activity Page

The Pancake, Part II

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The Pancake, Part II

"Let's see," said Mike's dad. "Where did I stop?"

"The pancake was running," said Mike. "He had just outrun the two farmers."

"OK," said Mike's dad. "Let's start there."

The pancake ran on until, by and by, he ran past a pig.

"Why are you running, pancake?" the pig asked.

The pancake shouted, "I've outrun a mom, six kids, and two farmers, and I can outrun you too! I am too fast and too smart for you."

"You think so?" said the pig. Then it snorted and started running. The pig chased the pancake. But the pancake was too fast.

The pancake ran on until, by and by, he ran past a hen.

"Why are you running, pancake?" the hen asked.

The pancake shouted, "I've outrun a mom, six kids, two farmers, and a pig, and I can outrun you too! I am too fast and too smart for you."

"You think so?" said the hen. Then she set off, clucking as she ran. The hen chased the pancake. But the pancake was too fast.

The pancake went on until, by and by, he ran past a fox.

"Why are you running, pancake?" the fox asked.

The pancake said, "I've outrun a mom, six kids, two farmers, a pig, and a hen, and I can outrun you too! I am too fast and too smart for you!"

The fox did not get up. He just sat there and said, "What was that you said? I could not quite make it out."

The pancake stopped running and yelled, "I've outrun a mom, six kids, two farmers, a pig, and a hen, and I can outrun you too! I am too fast and too smart for you!"

The fox squinted and said, "What was that you said? I still could not quite hear you. Why do you stand so far off? Stand nearer to me so I can hear you."

The pancake ran up near to the fox. Then he shouted at the top of his lungs: "I'VE OUTRUN A MOM, SIX KIDS, TWO FARMERS, A PIG, AND A HEN, AND I CAN OUTRUN YOU TOO! I AM TOO FAST AND TOO SMART FOR YOU!"

"You think so?" said the fox. "I think you made a mistake and got a bit too close." Then he scooped the pancake into his mouth and ate it for dinner.

And that was the end of the pancake. And that is the end of the tale.

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Activity Page

Antonyms

1 inside

bad

2 soft

long

3 add

cold



4 good

rounded



5 short

hard



6 shout

subtract



7 pointed

outside



8 hot

whisper



Directions: Have students write the number of the word in the left column in the blank box with its antonym on the right.

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Editing Checklist

Ask yourself these questions as you edit your draft.

1.	Do I have a title?	
2.	Have I described the setting at the start?	
3.	Have I named and described the characters?	
4.	Do I have a plot with a beginning, middle, and end?	
5.	Do all of my sentences start with uppercase letters?	
6.	Do all of my sentences end with a final mark? (. ? or !)	
7.	Have I spelled all of my words correctly?	
8.	Have I added "sense" words that describe how things look, feel, taste, sound, or smell?	
9.	Have I correctly used pronouns?	

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Spelling Test

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sick visit out hare cave owl

The panther was ________. He could not leave his _______. First the panther said to the ______, "I am sick. Will you ______ me in my cave?" The owl went inside the cave, but he did not step _______. Next, the panther said to the ______, "I am sick. Will you visit me in my cave?" The hare went inside the cave, but he did not step out.

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In the tal	e:
The reaso	ons I like this tale are:
The reaso	ons I like this tale are:
The reaso	ons I like this tale are:
The reaso	ons I like this tale are:
The reaso	ons I like this tale are:

Draw a picture from this tale.						

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Assessment

Mark the words that are said.

1. sitter stern sister stinger

2. rate rake rat ran

3. be bet best

4. booking bout bake book

5. here there theme

6. foil foul feel fool

7. join joint joust joyful

8. pork park pick

9. fin fine five fit

10. Bart farm port part

11. cut cute cube cull

12. hoop hope hop hopping

13. jeep germ jerk jeans

14. employ joy joyful enjoy

15. bet batch beach beet

16. clown cow crown cloud

17. stern seem steam stream

18. tout tart toot foot

Cat and Mouse Keep House

- Mike asked for a bedtime tale that had _____. 1.
 - A. a trick
 - a dog В.
 - a joke C.

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- What did the cat and mouse set up? 2.
 - The cat and mouse set up tricks. A.
 - The cat and mouse set up a mat. В.
 - C. The cat and mouse set up house.

Page

What was in the jar? 3.

In the jar was _____.

- some jam A.
- a pancake В.
- C. a smaller jar

Page

Where did the cat and the mouse hide the jar? 4.

The cat and mouse hid the jar _____.

- A. in a tree
- in a bigger jar В.
- in the house next door C.

Page

Who went to eat the jam first?					
Page					
Why	did the mouse want to eat the jam?				
Page					
	cat tricked the mouse. This made the mouse feel at the cat.				
A.	mad				
B.	sad				
C.	scared				
Page					
Wha	t did the cat do to the mouse?				
A.	The cat sat on the mouse.				
B.	The cat ate the mouse.				
C.	The cat hid the mouse.				
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The Fox and the Cat

Once a fox and a cat were drinking from a river.	11
The fox started bragging.	15
"I am a clever one," said the fox. "There are lots of beasts out there that	31
would like to eat me, but they can't catch me. I have lots of tricks that help	48
me escape from them. I can run. I can swim. I can dig a hole and hide. Why,	66
I must have a hundred clever tricks!"	73
"I have just one trick," said the cat. "But it is a good one."	87
"Just one?" said the fox. "That's all? Well, that is too bad for you!"	101
Just then there was a loud sound. It was the sound of barking dogs. A	116
hunter was leading a pack of hunting dogs by the side of the river.	130
The cat scampered up a tree and hid in the leaves.	141
"This is my plan," said the cat. "What are you going to do?"	154
The fox started thinking which of his tricks he should use. Should he	167
run? Should he swim? Should he dig a hole and hide? He had such a long list	184
of tricks. It was hard to pick just one. But while he was thinking, the hunter	200
and his dogs were getting nearer and nearer. Soon they spotted the fox and	214
then it was too late.	219
The cat said, "It's better to have one trick you can count on than a	234
hundred you can't."	237

Discussion Questions (note student's answers)

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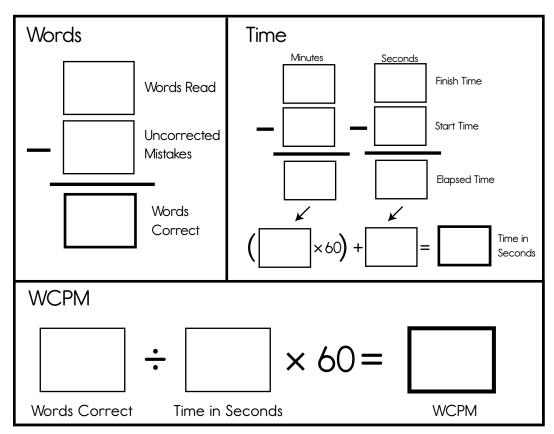
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W.C.P.M. Calculation Activity Page

Story: The Fox and the Cat

Total words in story: 237



Compare the student's W.C.P.M. score to national norms for Fall of Grade 2 (Hasbrouck and Tindal, 2006):

W.C.P.M	National Percentiles for Fall, Grade 2
106	90th
79	75th
51	50th
25	25th
11	10th

Oral Reading Comprehension Score _____/6

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Activity Page

catch spend

boil

green

trick

spoon

cord

foot

bunch

cloud

space

broil

lime

fern

slope

thorn

cute

yard

Directions: Have students read each word and circle the letter or letters for the vowel sound in the word.

finish shortcut

after shampoo

basement downtown

footprint priceless

wishbone morning

bedtime hillside

pavement napping

sleeping mushroom

discount number

Count the sounds in the word. Write the number of sounds in the box. Print the word on the line.

1. cloud

4

cloud

2. grapes



3. twitch



4. foil



5. crow



6.	short	
7.	teeth	
8.	joke	
9.	parking	
10.	choice	
11.	winter	

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PP.3 Activity Page

Which word matches the picture? Write it on the line.

grapes gate

coin corn





grapes

sleep slope

slide dive





Which word matches the picture? Write it on the line.

book cook

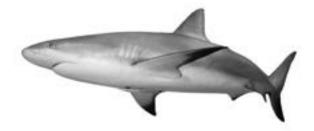
drive dive





short shark

home hill





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Spell the word. Then print it on the line.

	ar	t	i	k	t	artist
3	r	d	С	S	f	artist
D	h	ar	k			
M	d	a	p			
	p	u	X			
	b	ar	k			
	qu	00	n			
	k	ee	m			
	b	00	t			
	d	ou	k			

P	S	p	u	d		
	С	k	00	n		
	kn	e	V	i		
	k	i	f	e		
H	t	ar	d	r		
	f	or	m	er		
	p	1	O	t	e	
	g	W	d	Ь	a	
	g	ar	m	e	n	
	С	r	d	O	d	

Print the word on the line by the picture. Use each word in a sentence.

1. fork





fork

The fork is sharp.

2. slide





3. coin





4. igloo





5. pancakes





6. rooster





PP.6

Activity Page

Print the word from the box on the lines by the picture.

mule cake spoon

kite house tree







kite







coin rope hook cloud fern vase











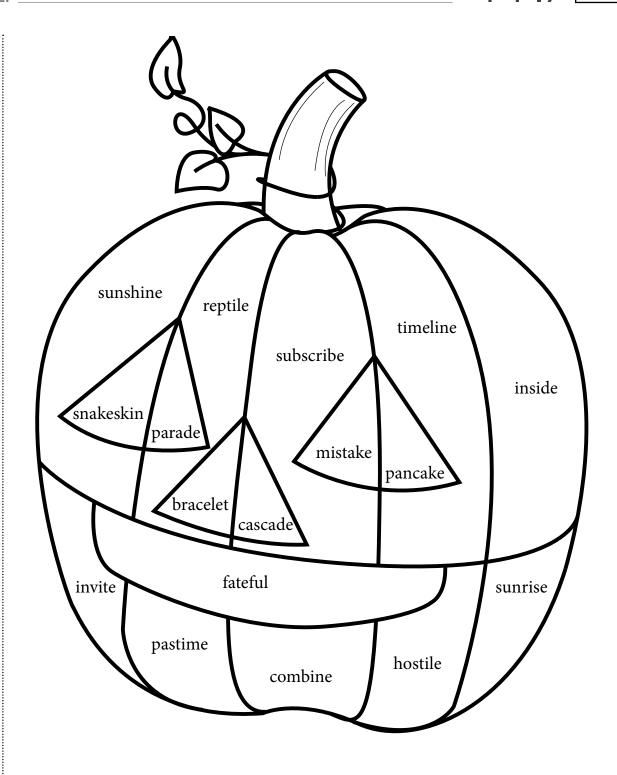


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PP.9

Activity Page

1. fad fade fate <u>fade</u>

2. slope slop sop _____

3. cap cope cape _____

4. joke jock jot _____

5. dime dim dine _____

6. cane can corn _____

7.	fake	fad	fade	
8.	late	lad	lake	
9.	mode	made	mad	
10.	mute	moot	mate	
11.	bit	bite	bike	
12.	hop	hope	hoop	

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dim dine dime kit kite kiss fin find fine







rate rake rat cute cap cut pin pint pine







rode rode

cap cane cape mate mat male

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ten teen tent

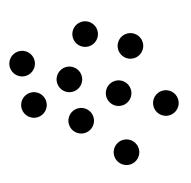
cane cape

pale pane pan DATE:

Print the word from the box on the line by the picture.

lines bike gate

kite nine plate















Print the word from the box on the line by the picture.

dime	cube	grapes
globe	cone	cake













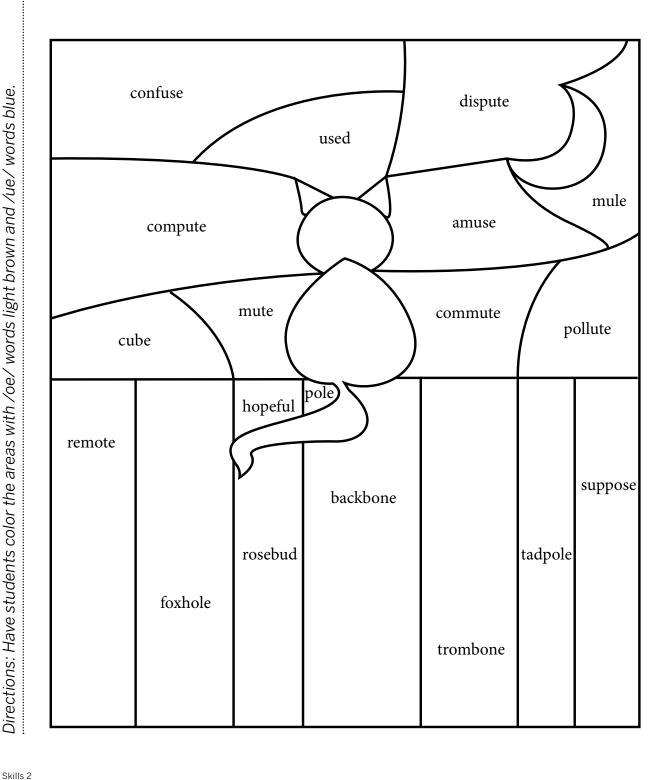
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/oe/ = light brown

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/ue/ = blue

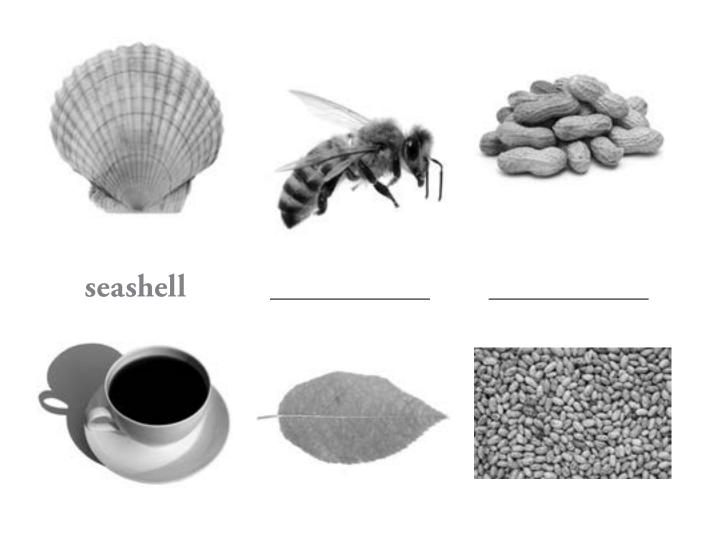


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Print the word from the box on the line by the picture.

bee beans leaf
peanuts teacup seashell



wheat chimpanzee eel
athlete cheese geese







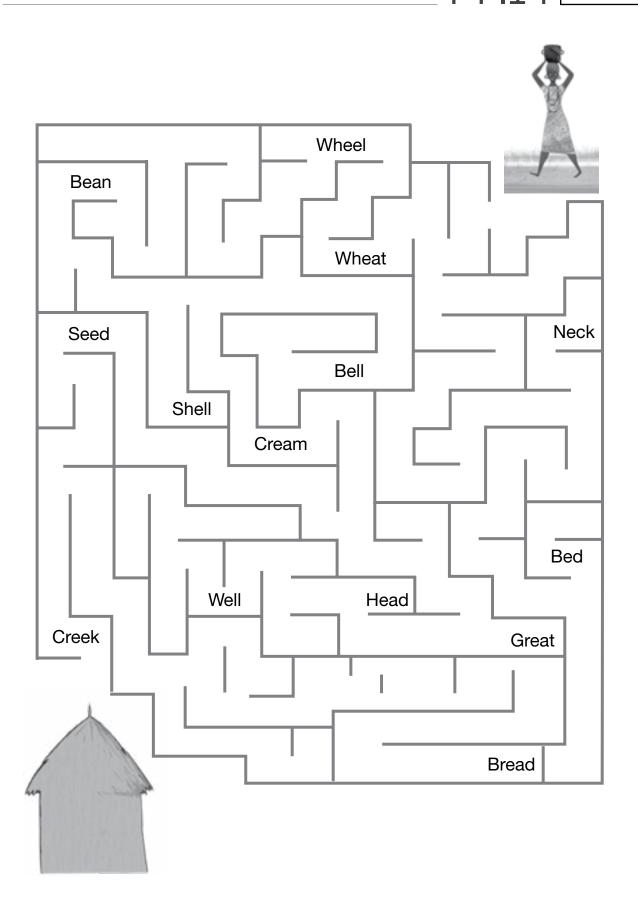






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- 1. I felt (seasick, sleep) riding on the ship.
- 2. Can you (reach, teach) me how to drive?
- 3. My sister made me (steam, scream).
- 4. Could I (Pete, please) have a slice of cake?
- 5. The (leaves, trees) fall off the tree in the fall.
- 6. A (peacock, eagle) is a bird with a tail like a fan.
- 7. The toy will squeak when you (squeeze, leave) it.
- 8. I like a (sweet, steam) treat after school.
- 9. I have (three, tree) sisters.
- 10. "Bless you," he said when I (sneezed, reached).
- 11. I like to read the tale, "Sheep in a (Jeep, Leave)."
- 12. (Steve, Pete) was a bad man in The Frog Race.

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Directions: Have students draw a picture illustrating the text read in the paragraph.

The snake was sitting on a rock in the sun. It had red stripes and black stripes on its skin. The scales on the snake's skin glinted in the sunshine. The snake got nice and hot in the sun. The snake will catch mice for a snack. It is good for a snake to munch on mice. When the snake gets big, the snake will shed its skin. When the sun sets and it is bed time, the snake will be safe hiding in the sand.

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owl now out shout cow mouse howl brown frown trout

Across

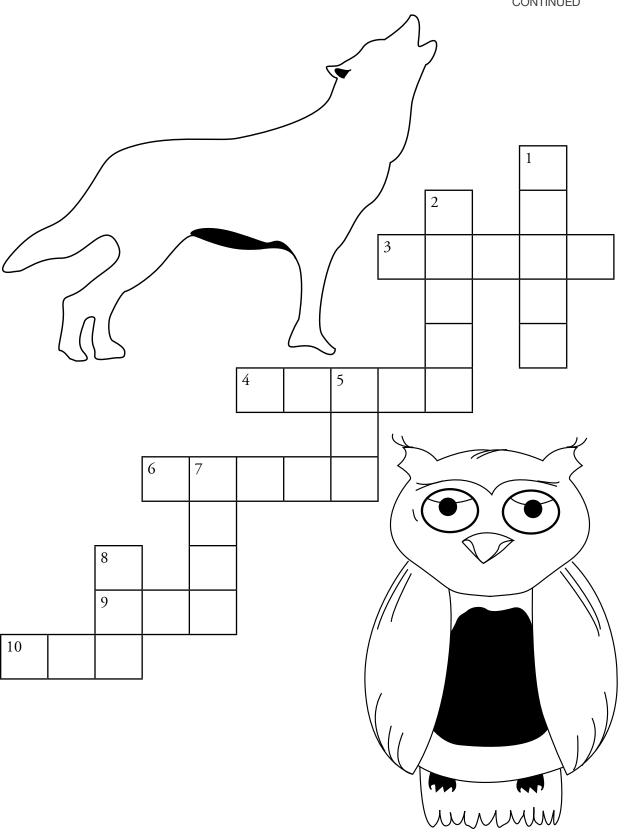
- 3. A fish
- 4. not a smile
- 6. a loud voice
- 9. a bird
- 10. "Go to bed _____," said Mom.

Down

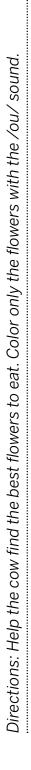
- 1. One _____, two mice
- 2. How now, ____ cow
- 5. not inside but _____ side
- 7. A dog will _____ at the moon.
- 8. "Moo," said the _____.

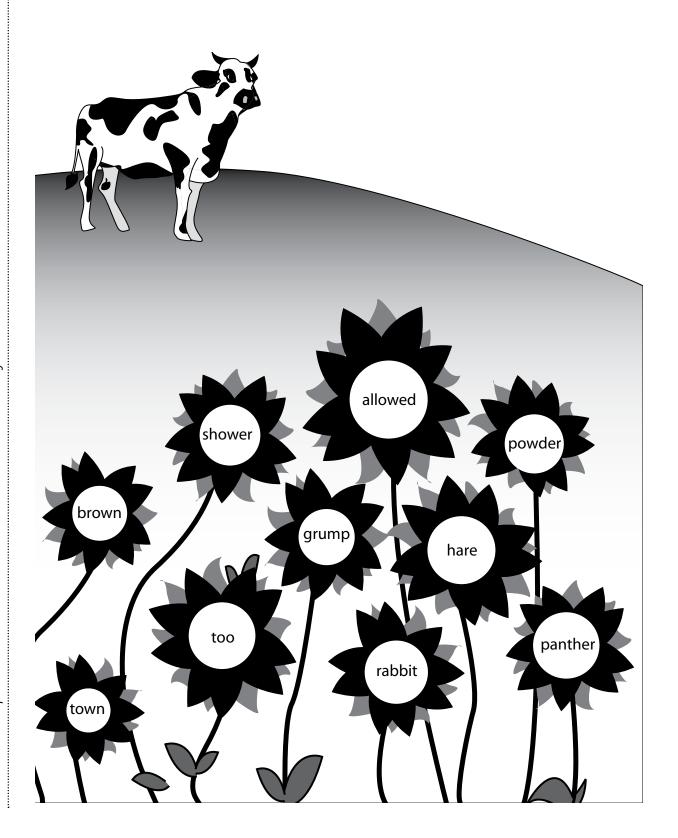






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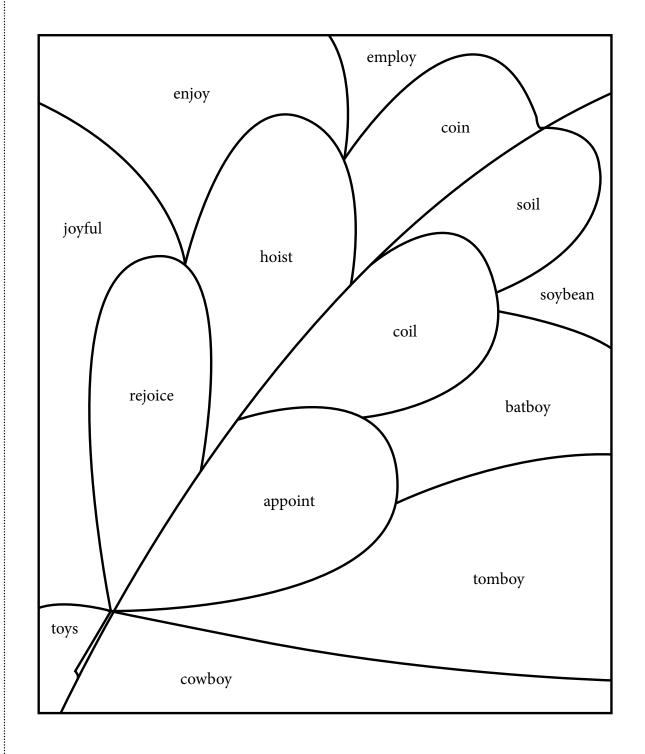
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batboy toybox toys coiled soil boiling coins

- 1. The sun is _____ hot outside.
- 2. Did you see the snake all _____ up?
- 3. The _____ will keep the baseball bats neat.
- 4. We will plant the seeds in the _____.
- 5. Pick up the toys and place them in the _____.
- 6. Could you help me count my _____?
- 7. Are the stuffed _____ on the bed?

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Directions: Direct students to color the words with the /oi/ sound spelled 'oy' blue and the words with the /oi/ sound spelled 'oi' green.



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Directions: Have students choose the correct word that fits best in the sentence. After writing the word in the blank, have him or her circle the 'er' spelling.

after	sister	marker	chapter
herd	fern	perch	number

- 1. Ten is the ______ I like best.
- 2. The ______ of cows ate grass.
- 3. Do you have the red _____?
- 4. The green ______ needs water and sun.
- 5. My big ______, Jan, is tall.
- 6. The bird is sleeping on its ______.
- 7. _____class, I like to take a nap.
- 8. That ______ of the book was long.

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Activity Page

Directions: Have students choose the best word to complete the sentence. After writing the word in the blank, have him or her circle either the 'or' or 'ar' spelling.

- arm shark farmer car torn corn yarn cart thorn
- 1. The red _____ went down the street fast.
- 2. Mark has a cut on his ______.
- 3. Do you like to eat ______ in the summer?
- 4. The _____ had pigs and cows on his land.
- 5. Did he place the food in his shopping _____?
- 6. The _____ on the rose was sharp.
- 7. My mom uses _____ when she knits.
- 8. That is a big _____ in the sea!
- 9. His shirt was ripped and ______.

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north	letter	garlic	morning	better
car	porch	cartoon	ladder	swimmer
short	far	river	form	garden

/er/ as in <i>her</i>	/ar/ as in <i>car</i>	/or/ as in <i>for</i>

Directions: Have students select words from the box and use them to write sentences.

north	letter	garlic	morning	better
car	porch	cartoon	ladder	swimmer
short	far	river	form	garden

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Print the word from the box on the line by the picture.

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artist	barefoot	tadpole
duckling	comics	checkers







duckling







bookcase broomstick dentist

fireplace handshake iceberg













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Directions: Read these words aloud. Ask students to horseshoe-circle the pattern at the top of the column.

a_e	i_e
cupcake	sunshine
pancake	reptile
mistake	sunrise
fateful	timeline
bracelet	inside
cascade	pastime
snakeskin	combine
inflate	subscribe
translate	iceberg

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Print the word on the line by the picture.

1. winter







winter





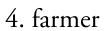
2. river







3. forest









5. ladder







6. collar







Print the word from the box on the line by the picture.

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children	number	winter
kitchen	garden	fingers

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number







writing fireplace

coffee fifteen

pocket

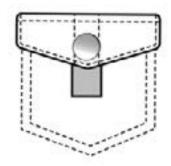
soccer

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7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

12.____

3. _____

4. ____

5.____

7.____

18.____

9. _____

Directions: Have students practice writing the Tricky Words listed in the Teacher Guide.

Print yes or no on the lines.

1. Can a mule cook dinner?

no

2. Can you wave your hand?

3. Are your feet green?

4. Can you swim in a pool?

5. Is a dime less than a nickel?

6. Is a river wet?

7.	Is it dark at noon?	
8.	Is a cake sweet?	
9.	Are there cats on the moon?	
10.	Can a rock swim?	
11.	Is a boiling pot hot?	
12.	Is butter red?	

Print yes or no on the lines.

- 1. Can a pepper be green? <u>yes</u>
- 2. Do pigs moo? ______
- 3. Is ice hot? _____
- 4. Can you use a pen to write?
- 5. Do words have letters?
- 6. Can a fish oink?
- 7. Is nineteen a number?

8.	Is it hot at the South Pole?	
9.	Do fish have feet?	
10.	Is shouting loud?	
11.	Is a panther a fish?	
12.	Do raccoons have fins?	

Check the sentence that is the best fit.

1.

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Roses have thorns.

☐ Roses have horns.

2.



 \square My house has a yard.

My cloud has a yard.

3.



 \Box I can knit mittens.

☐ I can knit kittens.

4.



 \square Dentists fix teeth.

 \square Dentists fix sheep.

5.



 \square This pup is cute.

 \square This duck is cute.

6.



 \square I swim in the pool.

 \square I run on the moon.

7.	Trees are green.
	Bees are green.
8.	He rides a bike.
	He rides a horse.
9.	I have a dime.
9.	I have a lime.
10.	The band is loud.
10.	The fan is loud.
11.	This is a good book.
11.	He is a good cook.
12.	The artist can paint.
12.	The artist can faint.

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Activity Page

Directions: Ask students to use one word from the box in each sentence. He or she will need to add –ed to each word.

drop	ask	shrug	slump	limp
yank	plop	like	pat	yell

- 1. "Zip! Zing!" he _____. "Take that, T. rex!"
- 2. He _____ back the drapes.
- 3. "Ug!" Mike said. He ______ and _____ his chin on his chest.
- 4. "What if I tell you a bedtime tale?" he ______.
- 5. Mike did not think it would help much. He _____.
- 6. "When I was a kid, your gramp would tell me bedtime tales.

 I ______ them."
- 7. Mike's dad sat down on the bed and ______ Mike on the back of the neck.
- 8. Mike _____ to his bed and ____ down on it.

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Activity Page

Directions: Choose the correct word for each sentence and add —ed to the word. Then write the correct word to fill in the blank.

dent	melt	jot	rub	beg
jog	hop	hope	tape	tap

- 1. Someone _____ me on the head.
- 2. The dog ______ for a treat.
- 3. I _____ my hands together.
- 4. The side of the truck was _____ in the wreck.
- 5. My candy _____ when I left it in the sun.
- 6. Mom _____ down a list for shopping.
- 7. He _____ like a rabbit.
- 8. Dad ______ down the street.
- 9. We _____ to get a gift from Gramps.
- 10. She _____ the poster to the wall.

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in the	smile	
sentence o	race	
ank for the sentence on the	bake	

Directions: Ask students to add —ing to each word. Then write the correct word in the blanext page.

race		
bake		
invite		
confuse		
taste		
compete		
hop		

1.	Can we make the	car go faster?		
2.	Are you	all of us to your picnic?		
3.	Dad is	_ cake for my snack.		
4.	I like	the frosting for the cake.		
5.	We were glad and	when we left the park.		
6.	It was	_ to see the twins.		
7.	The frog was	to the pond.		
8.	The frogs were	in the race.		

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Reader and copy exactly the words that the character said on the blanks s should be told that they will need to be able to read the quotes aloud to the character's voice.	
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Reader and copy ts should be told t character's voice.	
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below the character's picture. Students should be told that they will need to be able to read the quotes aloud to the Directions: Ask students to look in the Reader and copy exactly the words that the character said on the blanks class or to a family member using the character's voice. **Activity Page**

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Directions: In "The Jumping Frog," Big Jim has a frog for a pet. Tell students to compare a frog with his or her favorite pet (real or pretend). PP.38

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Big Jim's frog looks like	

My pet	looks	like	
7 1			

Big Jim's frog likes to _	
---------------------------	--

My pet likes to _____

Big Jim's frog likes to eat .	
0,5	

My pet 1	likes t	o eat	
, 1			

Big Jim's frog can	

My pet can	
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Titl	e:	
	Characters	Setting
	Beginning	
Plot	M	iddle
		End

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Title of Book:	
Author:	
Characters:	
What happened?	

How did it end?			

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Directions: In "The Pancake," the mom makes a pancake. Have students write a recipe for making a pancake and draw a picture to go with it.

How to Make a Pancake

You will need:	
	-
	-
	-
	_
	-
First you mix together	
Next,	
1 (eac,	
Last, you cook it for	

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