

Book 3: For Years 6 - 8

Spell It Right!

Spelling extension and activity pages for both class and homework use.

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Teachers' Notes

SPELL IT RIGHT! 3 is a bright, simple set of activities based on the idea that words cluster together around meaning groups or themes. When we talk about a subject, for example weather, it is likely that we will use words that are related to the weather theme. The activity pages in the book contain a range of tasks that vary from page to page, but essentially contain the list and a mixture of the following tasks:

1. THE LIST

All activity pages start with a list of spelling words. The first question suggests that students put list words into a context. They do this by using the words in sentences, by rewriting the list in alphabetical order, or by building new words based on those in the list. In some instances this activity may need explaining, but it makes sure that students examine meanings before getting caught up in learning the word. A template, that can be photocopied onto the back of worksheets to provide guidelines for children, is provided on the last page of this book.

2. WORD WORK

The 'Word Work' section looks at words, their origins and their usage. It often focuses on meanings and research skills.

3. WORD PUZZLES

This section looks at word games and word plays which are fun but challenging. The activities should help to widen vocabularies and to introduce students to some classic word tricks.

4. FIND OUT

These are research activities involving written and oral research methods.

5. YOUR WORK

'Your Work' seeks to challenge the students to examine themselves and the subject involved. The questions are fairly personal and may require some research at times.

GENERAL

The themes in **SPELL IT RIGHT! 3** are general and can be worked in well with many curriculum areas. **SPELL IT RIGHT! 3** seeks to provide high interest and student involvement by teaching spelling skills in a stimulating way. The activities are fun, but have an underlying language core. They are seen as being ideal for both class use or as homework exercises.

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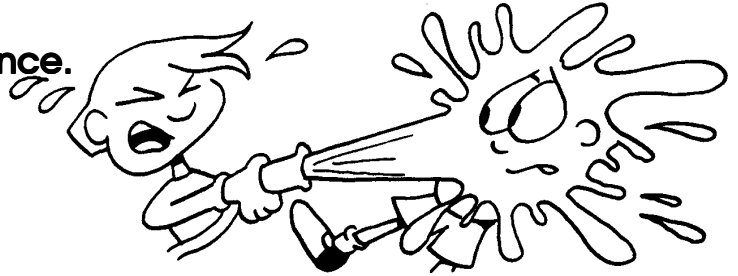
WATERwords

*water wet soaked river rain hose
torrent precipitation inundate flood*

Name

- Write the meanings of the four words on the second line of the list. Put each list word into a sentence.

- WORD WORK**



What do these water words mean?

water clock

watercourse

waterfall

waterlogged

waterproof

watershed

watertight

waterway

- FIND OUT**

What do the following sayings mean? Discuss with a friend.

To be as weak as water

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To water down

To meet your Waterloo

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To be washed up

To be wet

CARwords

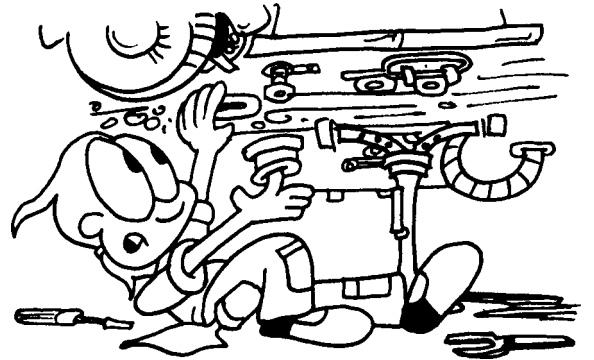
car petrol exhaust automobile wheel
engine tyres motor drive accelerator

Name

- Put each list word into a sentence.
Rewrite the spelling list in alphabetical order.

WORD WORK

The prefix "auto" means "by itself", hence "automatic".



Find the meanings of these "auto" words. Use a dictionary.

automobile

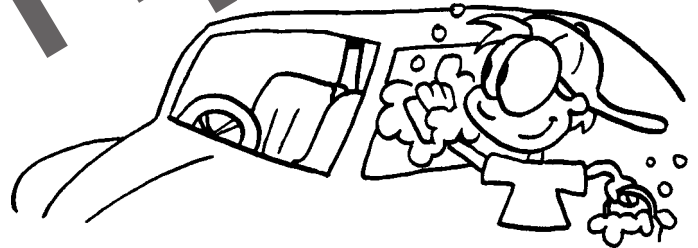
autograph

autobiography

autonomy

automation

YOUR WORK



Name four types of motorised transport you have been in.

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.....

Do a survey. What is the most common way of coming to school for students in your class?

.....

.....

FIND OUT

What is the weekly fuel bill for your family car?

What are some ways your family could save fuel?

.....

SPACEwords

space galaxy solar system rocket
lunar shuttle planet universe star

Name

Put each list word into a sentence.

WORD WORK

'Uni' words

'Uni' at the start of a word usually means "having or consisting of one".

What do these "uni" words mean? Use a dictionary.

uniform

university

union

unite

universal

unicorn

unicycle

unison

WORD PUZZLES: Lipogram

A lipogram is a story, message or poem written without using a chosen letter or letters of the alphabet. Try to write a twenty word shopping list without using one of the vowels. It is usually easy to avoid using a "q", "z" or "x", however "e" is the most difficult

Write a twenty word message without "e"!

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.....

FIND OUT

Who was the first person on the moon?

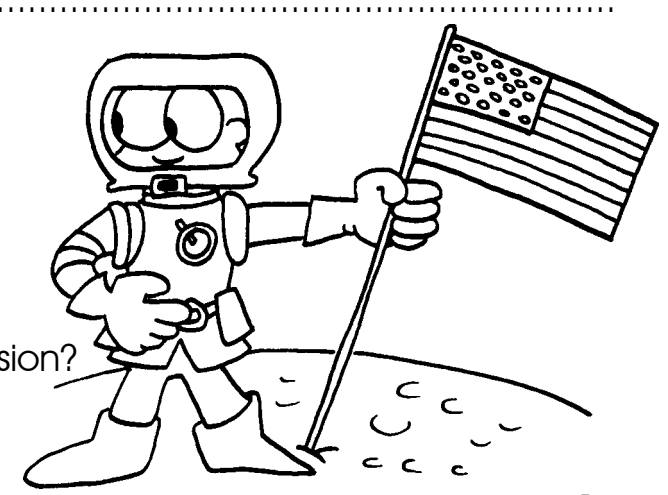
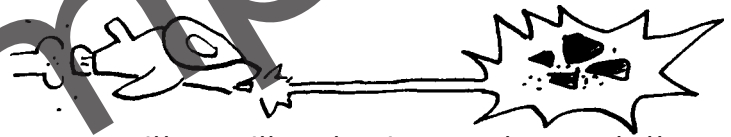
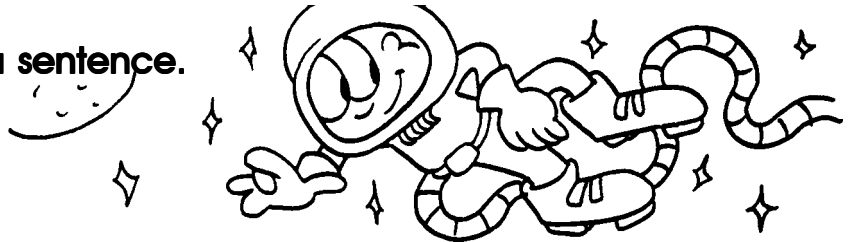
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Who else was on the mission?

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What was the last "manned" space mission?

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COOKING words

food cooking saucepan oven
breakfast banquet simmer boil burn

Name

Put each list word into a sentence.

WORD WORK

"Ban" words. There are many words which start with "ban", like **banquet**.

Use the clues to supply the "ban" words.

ban... a loud sound.

ban... .. the fruit of the largest herb.

ban... .. metal wrist band.

ban... a place where money is kept.

ban... .. Irish female spirit with a loud wail.

ban... .. type of fowl.

Ban... .. African languages.

ban... .. coloured handkerchief tied around head.

ban... .. musical stringed instrument.

ban... .. dismiss from one's presence.



YOUR WORK

What is your favourite food?

What can you cook?

.....

What would you like to cook?

.....

Do you prefer home cooked food, takeaway food or food from a restaurant?

.....

FIND OUT

What is the most favoured fast food in your class?

Write a good rule to follow in the kitchen

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TIME words

time term season era decade age
century generation lifetime recess cycle

Name

Put each list word into a sentence.

WORD WORK

The prefixes "pre", "post", "ante" and "neo" all denote a time or place in time.

FIND OUT ... what each prefix means and list four words which have that prefix. (A dictionary is needed!)



pre
(meaning)

a) b)
c) d)

post
(meaning)

a) b)
c) d)

ante
(meaning)

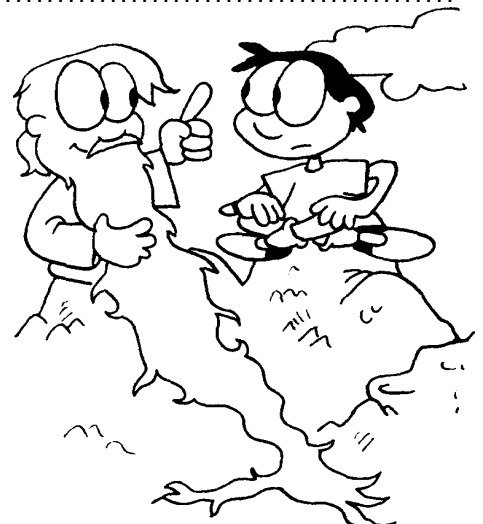
a) b)
c) d)

neo
(meaning)

a) b)
c) d)

To what time period do these words refer?

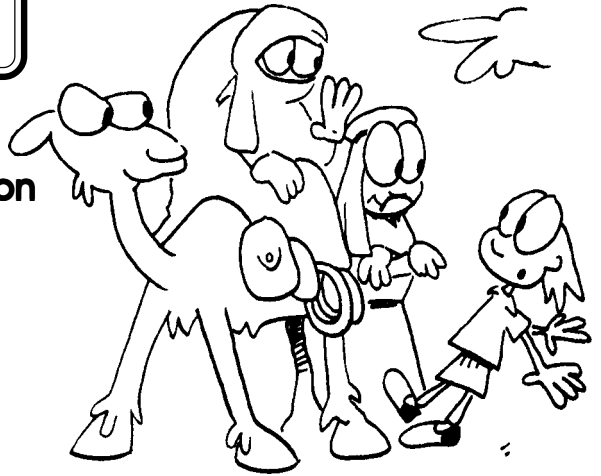
millennium
century
quinquennium
decade
millisecond
biannual



ANIMAL words

beast animal wild pet train tame
feral domesticate feed habitat

Name



- Put each list word into a sentence. Write the meanings of the four words on the second line of the list.

YOUR WORK

How many animals do you see each day?

Make a list of twenty animals in your environment, including birds and insects.

Classify them as:

native animals, feral animals or pet animals.

native

.....

feral

.....

pet

.....

WORD WORK

"Ate" is a common suffix added to form nouns, adjectives and verbs.

What do these "ate" words mean? Use a dictionary to help you.

domesticate

magistrate

donate

duplicate

fascinate

WORD PUZZLES!

You have five minutes to see how many words you can think of which originate from animals. Write them in sentences to show their meanings.

e.g. He was up to something *fishy*.

(Do not use animal names unless they have another meaning.)

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