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The skinny snake slithered silently under the picnic table.

The ladybug sat on the sunflower.

The alien spaceship flew by the skyscraper.

The interesting letter came from China.

The teacher asked the children to put their lunchboxes in the closet.

The tall ostrich walked around the lazy lion.
Draw a picture of a hippopotamus doing a ballet position if you like:

The hippopotamus practiced her ballet positions near the barre.

The energetic vampire hopped up the stairs.

The mouse crawled along the clothes line and startled everyone.

The chef put spicy pepperoni on the pizza.

Name: $\qquad$
Uncover the Story Number 1
(Pick just one story to uncover!)


What is going on? Write as many ideas as you can fit in the box.
My ideas...

Name: $\qquad$
Uncover the Story Number 2
(Pick just one story to uncover!)


What is going on? Write as many ideas as you can fit in the box.

## My ideas...

Name: $\qquad$
Which story did you decide to uncover? Check one.

$\square$ Uncover the Story Number 1

$\square$ Uncover the Story Number 2

Best idea I had to describe this picture: $\qquad$

Add a detail to this idea: $\qquad$

SECOND best idea I had to describe this picture: $\qquad$
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Add a detail to this idea: $\qquad$

Uncover the main character. Give the main character a name. Is the main character in the picture?

Name: $\qquad$
Goal: Write a letter to the editor

Annual sales of sleep medicine have topped 2 billion dollars. Do you feel sleep medicines are being over-prescribed, or is this just a "sign of the times"? Write a letter to the editor expressing your position. Support your opinion with reasons. To help you get ready to write, plan your letter below.

1. State your opinion in a topic sentence.
2. Brainstorm reasons that people with insomnia might need or should avoid sleep medicines (depending on your position). Do not worry about the length of your list or the quality of your answers.
3. Choose the three most convincing reasons to support your opinion. Write them below as clear sentences. List the reasons in order of importance, placing the most important reasons first.
Write your persuasive letter. Convince your audience to agree with your position.

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Draw a picture of where the big snowball stops and what happens to it.

## Persuasive Writing

You've noticed a pair of sisters down at the local ice rink that are excellent at hockey.
Write down reasons they should try out for the community team.


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Big Frank the bigfoot likes everything to be enormous. In fact, he exaggerates everything! Don't let Frank put his giant foot in his mouth. Help him by circling the hyperboles in these sentences!


The silver spaceship landed in the school yard, and billions of aliens got out.

The unfortunate witch had a football-sized wart.
Draw a picture of that poor witch if you like:

I was so hungry that I felt I could eat a million pizzas after I ran the marathon.

When my fish tank fell over, it was as though
Niagara Falls flooded my room.

The unicorn's horn was so shiny that it looked as though it was covered with tons of gold.

Write your own hyperbole here:
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Draw a picture of your hyperbole here if you like:

Name:
Read the topic. Fill in the boxes with your ideas.


Name:
Now write a paragraph using the ideas you have already written down.

## Topic: My New Kitten

You see a kitten crossing the road in front of your home. You rescue him, but you cannot find the owner. You decide to keep him. How will you take care of the kitten?
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This is the look at one cube that is turned around a few times.


This pattern can be folded into the cube. Fill in the missing boxes.

Jacob is making hot | $\begin{array}{l}\text { chocolate for his friends. } \\ \text { He has mugs that hold } 1\end{array}$ | +20 |
| :--- | ---: | pint each. He is making 3.5 gallons of hot chocolate. How many mugs can he fill?

Do you use A.M. or P.M. to write $9: 00$ in the evening?


| How many 8s are in 72? | Ospelling <br> Ospeling <br> Ospullung <br>  <br>  |
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Name: $\qquad$
Goal: Write an autobiographical narrative
An autobiographical narrative is a true story that actually happened to the author. Write an autobiographical narrative about a day in your life when you tasted a dog biscuit or fed a dog biscuit to your pet. To help you get started, plan your story below.

1. What happened that day?
2. Where and when did it happen?
3. Who else was involved?
4. How did that day make you feel?
5. Why does this day stand out in your memory?

Now you are ready to write your autobiographical narrative.

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Did you know that you don't always have to use the word green in your writing? Try to use different words for an overused word like green. It will make your work more fun for others to read.

Circle words to the RIGHT or DOWN. Every letter is used exactly ONCE.


Now rewrite this without using the word green. Add one or two of your own sentences using some of the words you found in the word search.

Lots of vegetables are green. Cucumbers are green, peppers are green, and celery is green. Green vegetables are green because of chlorophyll.

My favorite two words to use instead of green are:
and

How many words do you think it takes to improve your writing?
Fifty. That's 50! There are about 50 overused words we often use in writing and conversations.
When you find yourself repeating, try something different. It doesn't take much work to sound amazing!
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Read the story. Make a list of adjectives you could use.
Then complete the story using words from your list.


Fill in the blanks with (funny) adjectives. It was the day before Valentine's Day. I was $\overline{a^{\prime} \text { adjective }}$

- walking through the house, minding my own business
when I felt a $\qquad$ , bite on my hand.

I yelled out and turned just in time to see a
adjective
( Love Bug fly away. Turns out there are $\overline{\text { adjective }}$
after effects! Within minutes I felt $\xlongequal[\text { adjective }]{ }$ love for
everyone and everything. Luckily, it quickly wore off! !

Name: $\qquad$


Write your ad here:
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## February FTotniy FiTp Fine

Read the story. Make a list of verbs you could use.
Then complete the story using words from your list.


Fill in the blanks with (funny) verbs.
My job is to $\qquad$ out and get the mail everyday.

On Valentine's Day I
 for joy when I saw our mailbox was stuffed with love letters addressed to me.

I___ them into a big pile and
 into my house.. I breathlessly $\qquad$ them open.

I guess I could've $\qquad$ alot longer though. Sigh.

Turns out they were all from my grandma. Thanks anyway!

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Write About Bouquets


Use the words: flowers, roses, fresh, balloons, and surprise.
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Circle the two best synonyms for each word. Hint: A dictionary might come in handy.

1. or
2. young
3. reaction
4. plunge
5. clamor
6. life
7. react
8. emperor
9. writer
10. sucker

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| mark | typical |


| otherwise | misty |
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| response | paddle |
| push | dive |
| incident | highest |
| sparkle | publish |
| prompt | reply |
| modern | fright |
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| sap | anyone |

## Sudoku Sums of 11

Each row, column, and box must have the numbers 1 through 6. Hint: Look for sudoku sums. The sum of the two boxes inside of the dashed lines is 11 .
Here is an example of a sudoku sum of 11 :


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