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Sometimes good news and bad news go together! That is how a “fortunately, unfortunately” story works. Finish the following story...



A time traveler named Zach landed in a prehistoric forest.

UNFORTUNATELY, a dinosaur was in front of him.

FORTUNATELY, the dinosaur had tiny eyes and couldn't see well.

UNFORTUNATELY, the dinosaur had a keen sense of smell.

FORTUNATELY \_\_\_\_\_

UNFORTUNATELY \_\_\_\_\_

FORTUNATELY \_\_\_\_\_



Draw an illustration for your story here:

UNFORTUNATELY \_\_\_\_\_

FORTUNATELY \_\_\_\_\_

Imagine a female character to be featured in a story you will write about sports. Describe a character you think might do well in the sport you choose to write about. To help you know your character, answer the following questions.

- Now that you know your character, write a character description. Use some of the details above, or include any others you choose.

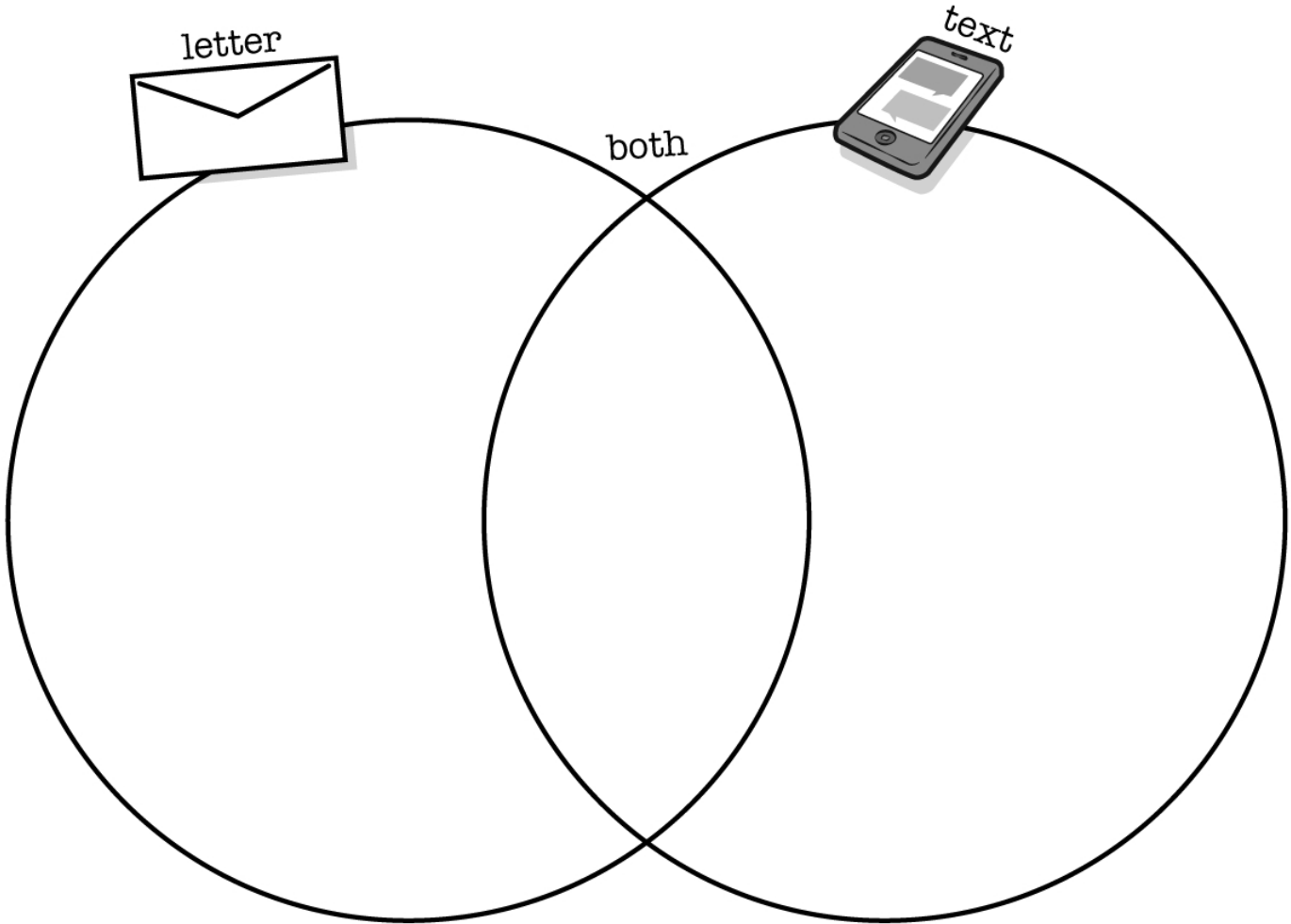
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Long ago, people mainly wrote letters to communicate. Now we also use texts, emails, and social media. Which do you like better? Use the Venn diagram to compare letters and texts. Think about the similarities and differences in these forms of communication.



If you had to tell someone something very important but could only use either a letter or a text, which would you prefer, and why?

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Draw your very own emoji to express an emotion here:



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# Similes

Samantha the magic blue fairy loves humorous similes; you know, those comparisons that use the words "like" or "as." Draw a magical line (Use a colored magic marker!) between the two columns to finish the similes.



The monster climbed the mountain

as a rotten tomato.

The troll's breath was as bad

like an Olympic champion.

The rough warlock looked like

as a shy toddler.

The nerdy alligator was as awkward

a teenager who just rolled out of bed.

## Circle the similes in the following sentences:

The baker made a cupcake that was as sweet as a bowl of honey.

The pirate had eyes like a hawk as he searched for treasures.

The siblings fought like cats and dogs about who got to try the new toy first.

The toast tasted as dry as a bone until it was slathered with butter.

The alien turned out to be as scared as a rabbit when it came out of the spaceship.


 Draw a picture of your simile here if you like: 


Write your own simile here:

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 license • cold • supervise

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Jacques-Yves Cousteau was a famous oceanographer who published many books and films regarding the sea. Do you think we should spend more money exploring the ocean or outer space? Write a letter to a congressman expressing your opinion on how money should be spent. Support your opinion with reasons. To help you get ready to write, consider both sides of the issue.

- Write your letter. Convince your congressman to spend money on something you feel is worthwhile.

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

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

I N T R O V E R T E D  
 U N A S S E R T I V E  
 S S C O Y  
 K H B A S H F U L H  
 I E T U  
 T E I M M  
 T P M B E  
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 S S M O U S Y D E K  
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Write the words found.

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

It's difficult to be a new student in school because you want to shy away from people and places you don't know.  
 It's a good idea to introduce yourself to shy, new kids to make them feel welcome.

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\_\_\_\_\_

My favorite two words to use instead of **shy** 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!

Since this is Presidents Day, it seems a suitable day for writing a letter to the editor to express your opinion on what you think the president should be concerned with. Do you think more attention should be spent on national security, space exploration, global warming issues, bird flu pandemic issues? These are but a few of the issues that you might consider important. Back in 1962, America was lagging behind Russia in the "space race." Because Americans didn't want to seem second-rate when compared with their Cold War adversary, the push was on to make advancements in the space race. As we enter into a new era with its own set of distinguishing problems, what do you want the government to spend its energies on? Write a letter to the editor expressing your opinion about this.

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February is the month to express love, but sometimes we love **UNUSUAL** things. You might love your favorite *pen*, your *pet hedgehog*, a *yummy and gooey dessert*, or the feeling of **mud squishing** between your toes. Pick something **STRANGE** and write a love letter to it. Include why you love the thing and what you enjoy most doing with it. You can even tell a funny story about it if you like.



Love Letter to My \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_



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Sincerely,

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Which story did you decide to uncover? Check one.



☐ Uncover the Story Number 1



☐ Uncover the Story Number 2

Best idea I had to describe this picture: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Add a detail to this idea: \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND best idea I had to describe this picture: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Add a detail to this idea: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Proverbs** have **DEEPER** meanings; *simple* words hide the message.  
Read the **proverb**, and write what you think it means.



A penny saved is a penny earned:

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Don't count your chickens before they hatch:

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Now it's your turn! Write your own proverb here:

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Draw a picture of your proverb:

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**MONSTERS** love mud, and they often leave muddy footprints everywhere they go. This is distressing to their friends, the **VAMPIRES**, who are very tidy and can't stand dirt. One goal of writing is **persuasion**. Use your fantastic writing skills to write an essay to the **MONSTER** community about their dirty feet. Your goal is to **persuade** them to enjoy clean tootsies and improve public relations for the **MONSTER/VAMPIRE** community.



Design and draw monster shoes that might help solve the muddy feet situation. Make the shoes comfy and enticing so every monster wants to wear them!

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# Write an Acrostic Poem



From the pictures on this page, come up with a topic word.

Write your topic word: \_\_\_\_\_



Write some words that begin with the letters in the topic word.



Write your acrostic poem.



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Words can be to the RIGHT, DOWN, LEFT, or UP. Every letter is used ONCE.

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 R N N S R E G C N L P A I U O O I O R  
 E I O T E H N E O E R P N B R W G B E  
 C S R I M E I N R I O E G M E N O T M  
 A H A V B R T I E G V R I I G N A T O  
 S E N A U O E C D H E P E T G N U R S  
 T D T L S F E R O N G I R E R U P T T

Write the words found.

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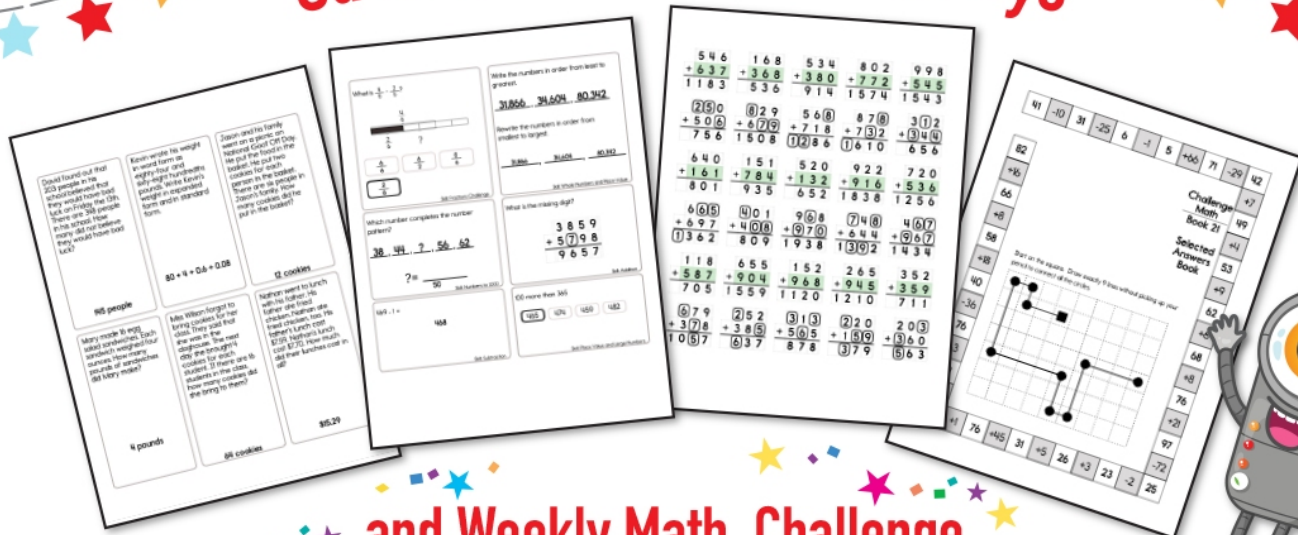
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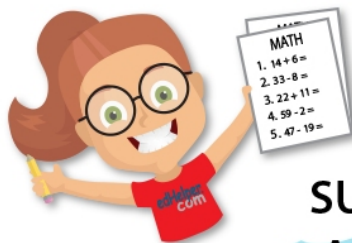
Amanda has two favorite numbers. If you add her favorite numbers, you get 23. If you multiply her favorite numbers, you get 120. What are her mystery numbers? _____	$10 \times 5 =$	$\begin{array}{r} 489 \\ + 423 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 49 \\ + 38 \\ \hline \end{array}$

word root **cor** can mean **heart** **courageous, concord**

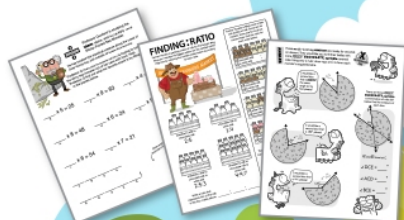
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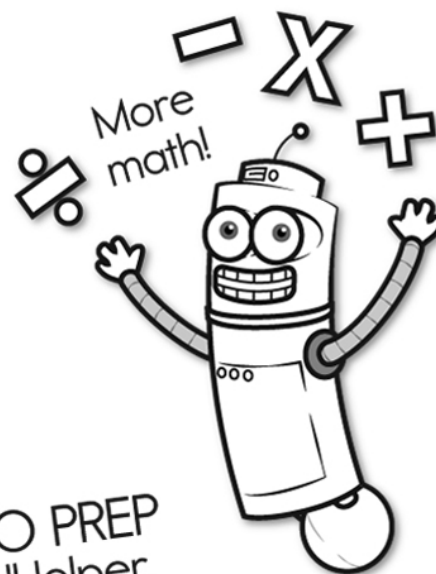
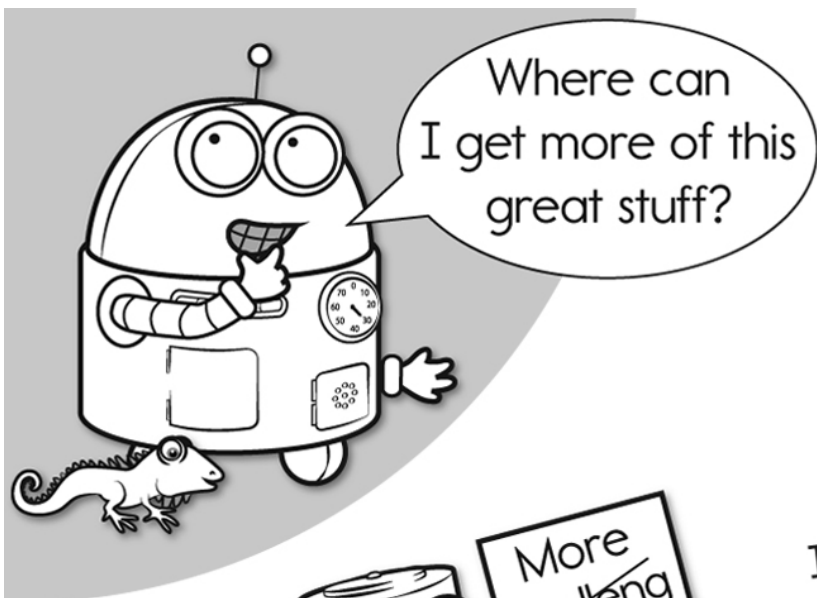


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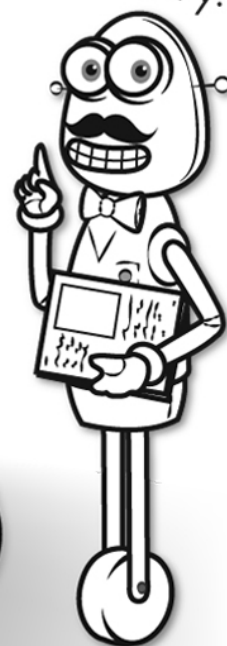


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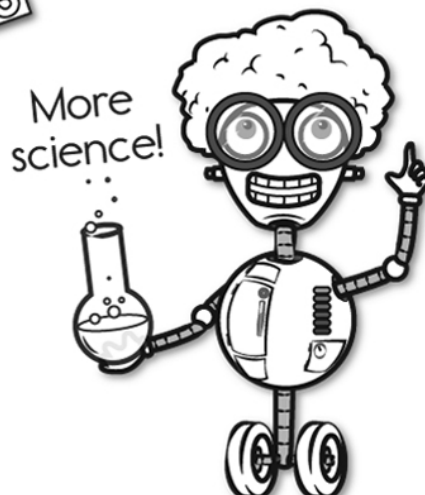
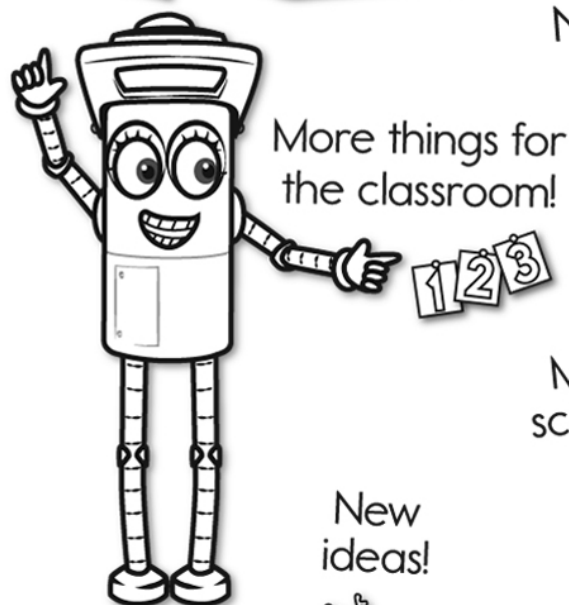
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