Yolanda the yak has one job in Grammarland. She goes around and puts either "your" or "you're" in sentences. Today Yolanda is tired, so please help her by circling the right choice in the following sentences.

The moose said to the goose, "If you think your/you're life is hard, try living in the forest."

You're/Your going to get into that spaceship and blast to the moon, so zip up your spacesuit!

I am sure your/you're going to clean up your messy room, so here's a vacuum and a broom.

Your/you're backpack is one of the most important things you can have for school.

The alien's cousins visited your/you're relatives on Venus and had fun.

If your/you're free, we can have an ice cream cone after lunch.

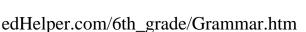
The dentist said to the werewolf, "I'm so pleased because your/you're teeth have no cavities."

The dentist said to the vampire, "Your/You're not brushing your fangs enough."

The witch created a potion that will turn your/you're skin green if you drink it before noon.



Extra puzzle: If the sentence has a rhyme in it, Yolanda gets a special hay donut sprinkled with sesame seeds. How many hay donuts does she get? _____





Draw a picture of a wild spacesuit you could wear to the moon:



Goal: Explain a procedure

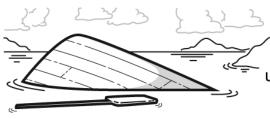
Blustery spring days are perfect for flying kites. Write an essay in which you explain the procedure for flying a kite.

To help you get ready to write, list the steps.

Write your essay so that the reader has a clear understanding of how to successfully fly a kite.

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Complete the Story

Your boat overturns, and when you open your eyes underwater, you find that you can breathe. You swim deeper, and suddenly you see something that will change your life...

Draw a picture of your story here:

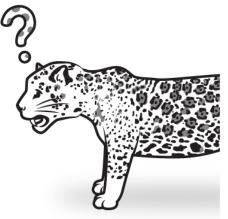


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Jess the jargon jaguar is stumped. Jargon is words that are used in a certain field, like medicine or law. For example, the word "tissue" as medical jargon means muscle or something similar in the body. Read the following sentences, and then pick the correct definition of the word (jargon) in bold to make Jess purrrrr. (He's just a big kitty!)



The doctor checked the patient's liver, and he found that the **organ** was working well.

A. A large musical instrument B. A body part

The nurse had to look hard for a **vein** for the blood test.

A. Carries blood towards the heart B. A way of thinking

Certain kinds of cells make up muscle **tissue**.

A. Something to blow your nose B. Similar cells that form together to carry out a function

The lawyer read the **brief** about the difficult case.

A. Something not long B. A legal document

Write your own sentence using one of the words in bold from the sentences above:

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Goal: State a clear position about a topic

A volunteer gives time and expertise without expecting anything in return. A Gallup poll in 2000 found that 44% of Americans volunteer with some type of formal organization. Do you think there will be more or less volunteers in the next ten years? Write a persuasive essay. Support your opinion with reasons.

1. Why are volunteers necessary for our nation?

2. What would life be like without volunteers?

3. What are some organizations that rely on volunteers?

4. Are more or less people volunteering these days? Give specific examples to support your reason.

5. Write a topic sentence that expresses your opinion about whether there will be more or less volunteers in the next ten years.

Convince the reader to agree with your opinion.

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

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

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Write the words found.		DFOREWA	ARNED
FOREWARNED	ALERTED		

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

The dentist warned me to stop eating so much candy. I didn't want cavities, and I didn't want to be warned again!

My favorite two words to use instead of **warned** 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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Goal: Write to an audience

The traditions of Songkran have a long history and are still observed in the Thai homeland of Sipsong Panna in southwestern China, in Laos, and in northern Burma. Songkran, or the Thai New Year, is actually the celebration of the passing of the sun from Taurus into Aries. It is a solar event that marks the beginning of a new astrological year, and this is very important in Thailand. Songkran day is always April 13. Write a letter to someone in Thailand in which you compare and contrast the similarities and differences between Thai New Year and the New Year celebrations we have in the United States.

1. Do some research to find out about Thai New Year. What does it celebrate? When is it celebrated? Who takes part in the celebration? Where is it celebrated?

2. Find out some information regarding the New Year celebration that takes place in the United States. What does it celebrate? When is it celebrated? Who takes part in the celebration? Where is it celebrated?

3. What are the similarities of these two celebrations?

4. What are the differences?

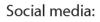
Keep in mind your audience as you are writing your letter.

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One fine day, an alien knocks on your door and asks to stay with you. This poor alien doesn't know anything about life on Earth. He asks you to explain the following common items. Use your logical brain and write a description of each item for an alien or anyone who has no idea what the item is. This might be harder than you think!

A toaster:



A cell phone:

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Name: _____ The Mystery of the Eye Pad

Ms. Chat was an incurable chatterbox. Every juicy, personal event that happened at Sacajawea High School managed to pass through her lips, whether it was a student's misdemeanor or a teacher's tax problems. Her curly gray hair spiraled out from her head in all directions like antennae tuned to gossip channels in the school. Ms. Chat couldn't stop chatting!



"Did you hear about Mr. Shop's eye injury? He might need to get an eye pad," Ms. Chat whispered to her fellow gossiper and office cohort, Ms. Bizzy.

"Did something happen to his eye in his metal shop class?" asked Ms. Bizzy.

"I don't know what happened, but I plan to find out," said Ms. Chat.

"With his earring and wild salt-and-pepper hair, he will look like a pirate if he has an eye patch," giggled the other woman. "It is terrible to think about that! I really hope he is not having a serious vision problem. How did you hear about this situation?"

"I heard him mentioning getting an eye pad to another teacher yesterday as he turned in his class attendance sheets. Maybe he just went to the eye doctor, and an eye patch was suggested to help his vision," said Ms. Chat.

The two talkative office birds chirped for twenty more minutes about the poor teacher who was possibly about to turn into a pirate look-alike. They even joked about hiring a "private eye" to help them figure out the mystery of the eye pad, or eye patch, or whatever vision aid the metal shop teacher would soon be wearing.

During the course of their chatter, students and teachers passed through the office and heard bits and pieces of information about the unfortunate shop teacher. A storm of silly stories was soon gathering over the school. By the end of the day, according to the rumor mill, the poor man was about to go blind and was going to have to retire soon.

One of his students, a slender, delicate creature named Stacy Twigg, had heard the rumors and was very concerned about her favorite teacher. She shyly approached him after class with an inquiry.

"Mr. Shop, I heard that you are having eye problems. Are you okay? Everyone is talking about how you will be wearing an eye patch and may be going blind. Is that true? Can you tell me what is wrong?" asked the concerned girl.

"So that is what everyone is saying? How interesting," said Mr. Shop. "My vision is fine."

"Oh, that's good," said Stacy. "I wonder why everyone is thinking you have eye problems."

"Actually, I think I know. It might have to do with a new toy I bought yesterday. I admit that I have been bragging about it, and some people might not know what it is. I have a feeling this new device had something to do with the rumors going around about me," said the teacher with a twinkle in his very healthy eyes.

Mr. Shop brought out his brand new iPad tablet computer to show Stacy, and they both had a hearty laugh.

The Mystery of the Eye Pad

Questions

- 1. The phrase "her curly gray hair spiraled out from her head in all directions like antennae" is an example of which literary device?
 - A. alliteration
 - B. simile
 - C. metaphor
 - D. none of the above
- _____ 2. Mr. Shop taught history.
 - A. true
 - B. false
- _____ 3. What is the setting of this story?
 - A. a library
 - B. a high school
 - C. an electronics shop
 - D. a grocery store
 - 4. With whom did Ms. Chat often gossip in the school office?
 - 5. The term "iPad tablet computer" contains a homonym for which of the following?
 - A. eye pad
 - B. eye patch
 - C. my pad
 - D. none of the above
 - 6. What is one word that was used to describe Stacy Twigg in this story?
 - A. intellectual
 - B. loud
 - C. delicate
 - D. athletic

- 7. Whom did the secretaries joke about hiring to help them figure out the mystery of the eye patch?
 - A. a private eye
 - B. a barber
 - C. a veterinarian
 - D. a chef

8. What is one feature that, according to the office ladies, might make Mr. Shop resemble a pirate?

- A. his leather jacket
- B. his blue jeans
- C. his blue eyes
- D. his earring

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How many of these can you write about? Think! Write! Check all the ones you answered.

Do you think gossiping with your friends is a harmless habit? Why or why not?

Have you ever had a rumor go around about you that was not true? If so, what did you do about the situation? If not, describe what you would do if you found yourself in that situation.

Name: _____ The Case of the Woman with the Red Scarf

Courageous Sergeant Crimebuster sat in his blue sedan at the side of the street with his dependable sidekick, Deputy Detail. They were hot on the trail of the worse traitors in United States history. The traitors were smuggling important secrets to the Russian secret police, and the sergeant knew that an important envelope would trade hands today.

"How will we know who to watch for?" asked the balding, bespeckled deputy. He tried hard, but his mind was not as swift as the sergeant's. Both men wore tan trench coats and sipped black coffee from Styrofoam cups. The deputy had powdered sugar on his chin from his recent encounter with a cinnamon bun. It attacked with a sloppy array of crumbs and icing, but the deputy triumphed in the end. After all, he had to keep up his strength.



"I know that the person passing the envelope is a woman. She will be wearing a red scarf. She looks like a movie star," said the sergeant. He had studied this case well.

The deputy nodded. He reached for a glazed donut. After all, he had to fortify himself for a possible chase.

"When we catch her, we will have broken a tangled web of international deception. They have been passing national security secrets for five years. Unfortunately, her accomplice is a slippery character. For one reason or another, we have never caught him," said Sergeant Crimebuster.

Rain poured down in cold sheets. The pair waited and watched. They knew that the woman would appear in a window booth in the coffee shop across the street. They had heard that her accomplice would meet her there. She would give him the secret envelope. Even though several striking women sat in booths by the windows wearing scarves at their necks as was the fashion of the day, not one wore red.

"The funny thing about this case is that this woman does not know who she is meeting. It is as much a mystery to her as it is to us. Apparently, the accomplice will be looking for her bright red scarf alone to identify our lady.

"The accomplice received his instructions in a note. We photographed it with a telescoping camera lens just before it self-destructed. The funny thing is that the accomplice had no way to contact his superiors. Even if he had a problem with the note's instructions, he had no alternative. He just had to wait for the next contact," explained the sergeant.

"It is amazing we have gotten this far!" exclaimed the deputy.

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The minutes trickled by slowly. Rain slid down the windshield. Then, the deputy grabbed the sergeant's arm. There she was! A beautiful woman with sleek black hair sat at the diner booth. Around her neck was the bright red scarf. She ordered coffee and a pastry. After all, she had to fortify herself for this meeting.

The sergeant and his deputy sat up in the car and knocked over their plate of donuts. It didn't matter, though, because they were close to solving their crime. All they had to do was wait. When someone slid into the booth next to the woman, they would pounce like cats after a catnip mouse and arrest both of them. They had to wait for just the right moment.

An hour passed. The raven-haired beauty looked around nervously. She stood up, tucked the envelope under her arm, and went to the cashier. Obviously, the accomplice had encountered a problem. She had to get out of there!

The sergeant and his deputy moved quickly and made their arrest. The beautiful lady surrendered her secrets. All but one: she could not reveal the identity of her accomplice because she did not know him.

In a shadowed booth in the diner, the accomplice watched in horror. There were too many women in scarves! It had made him hesitate, and now all was lost. He had been unable to tell his superiors about one fatal flaw in their plan. He could not recognize the woman with the dazzling red scarf who had the secret envelope. A waitress came by with his credit card receipt.

"Please sign on the red line," said the waitress.

"Please point out which line is red," said the man. He flushed with embarrassment. "You see, I am color blind."

The Case of the Woman with the Red Scarf

Questions

- 1. Which word is a synonym for the word "accomplice" in paragraph 5?
 - A. superior
 - B. subordinate
 - C. collaborator
 - D. supervisor
 - 2. Place the following events in the order that they occurred in the story:
 - A. The lady with the red scarf appears in the diner.
 - B. The lady with the red scarf is arrested.
 - C. Deputy Detail eats a donut.
 - D. The reader discovers that the accomplice is color blind.

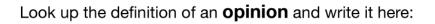
- 3. What did all characters in the story appear to share?
 - A. a sweet tooth
 - B. being color blind
 - C. a love of fashion
 - D. being sad about the weather
- 4. How did the woman in the red scarf transport her secrets?
 - A. on a laptop
 - B. in an envelope
 - C. in a briefcase
 - D. on a DVD
- 5. The sun was shining into the window of the diner.
 - A. true
 - B. false
- 6. Which character in the story wore glasses?
 - A. the sergeant
 - B. the waitress
 - C. the deputy
 - D. the accomplice
 - ____ 7. How did the accomplice feel about being color blind?
 - A. He felt embarrassed by it.
 - B. He was proud of it.
 - C. He didn't care.
 - D. The story did not say how he felt about it.
- 8. What was the fatal flaw in the superiors' plan?
 - A. The accomplice had no way to communicate his problem to his superiors in time.
 - B. The diner was a favorite donut spot for the entire FBI.
 - C. The accomplice had no fashion sense and could not identify a scarf.
 - D. The note self-destructed so the accomplice could not check his instructions.

2 + -9 =	21 + -26 =	10 ÷ -2 =
Which number has exactly 10 ones?	12 x 9 =	Which of the following is the greatest possible 2-digit number with all different digits?

Name:
How many of these can you write about? Think! Write! Check all the ones you answered.
Describe what you think it might be like to be color blind. Have you ever known anyone who was color blind?
Do you think you would enjoy doing detective work? Why, or why not?

Do you know the difference between **FACTS** and **Opinions**?

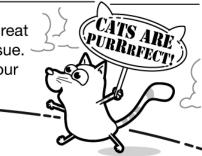
Writers need to be careful how they use both in their work. In fact, look up the definition of a **fact** and write it here:





Pick an issue or a topic that you care about a great deal. Write one factual paragraph about the issue. Then write a second paragraph that explains your opinion about the issue.

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FACTUAL Paragraph:

Opinion Paragraph:

Which paragraph did you enjoy writing more? Why?

Change can be hard, but sometimes you can imagine changes in your life without actually going through them. Answer the following questions thoughtfully about how circumstances might change in your life.

Some people think fame and fortune are their most important goals in life. Would you want to be famous? If your answer is yes, describe what you would like to be famous for. If your answer is no, explain why you would not want to be famous.

Other people think that becoming rich is the best thing that could ever happen to them. Would you want to be extremely rich? Why or why not? If your answer is yes, explain how you would use your riches. If your answer is no, explain why being rich isn't important to you.

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...

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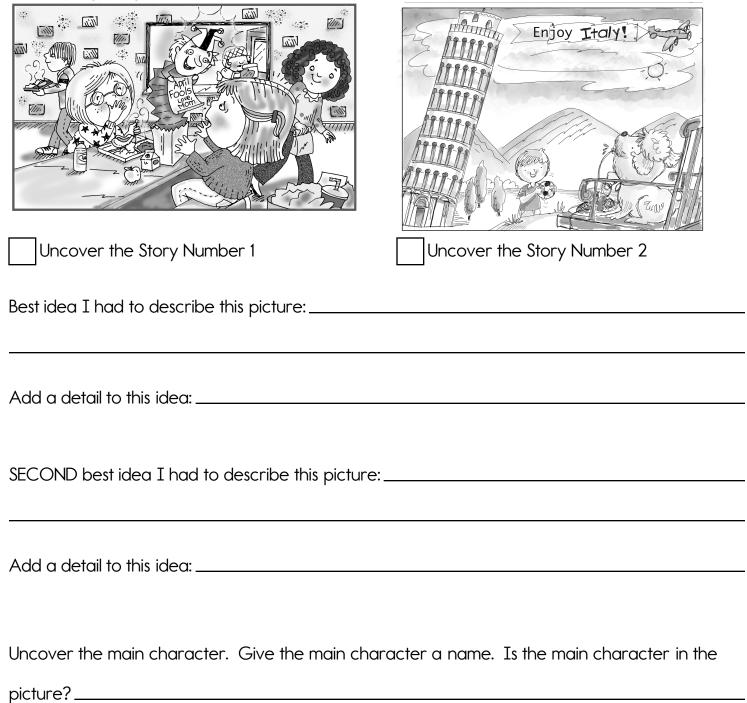
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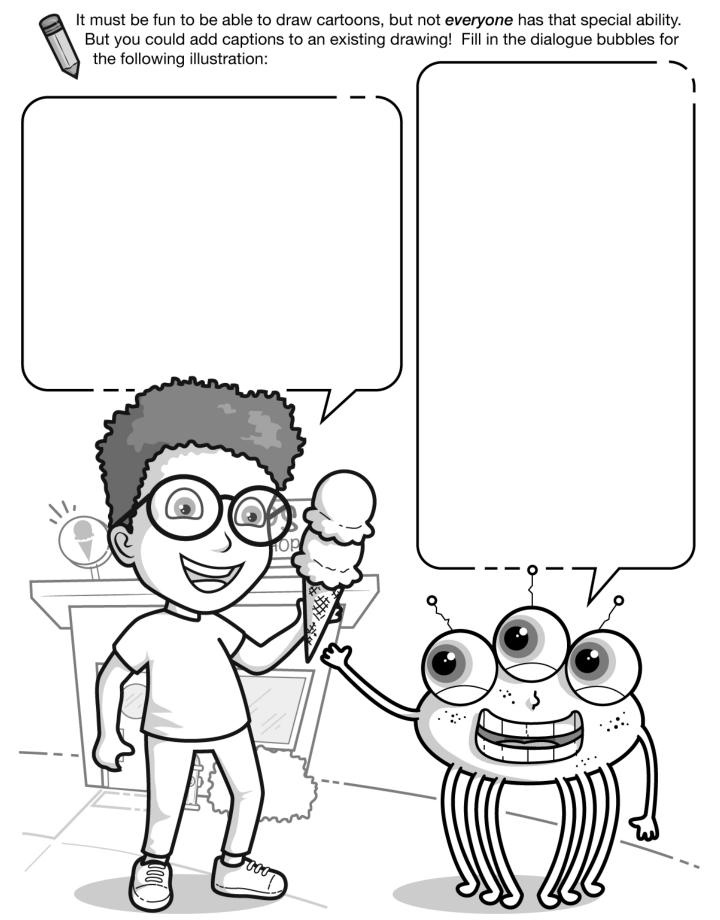
What is going on? Write as many ideas as you can fit in the box.

My ideas...

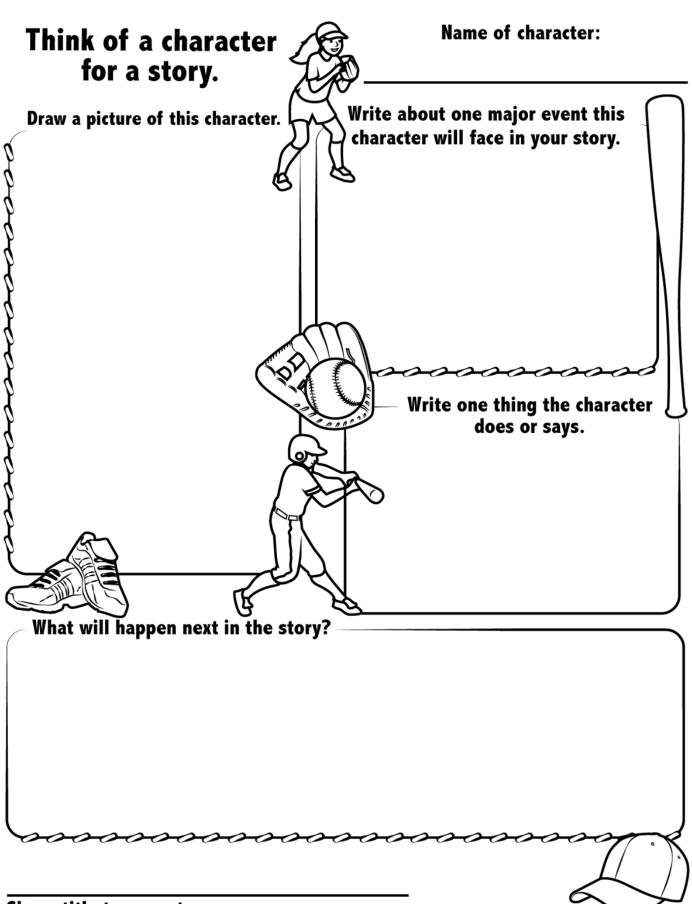
Which story did you decide to uncover? Check one.



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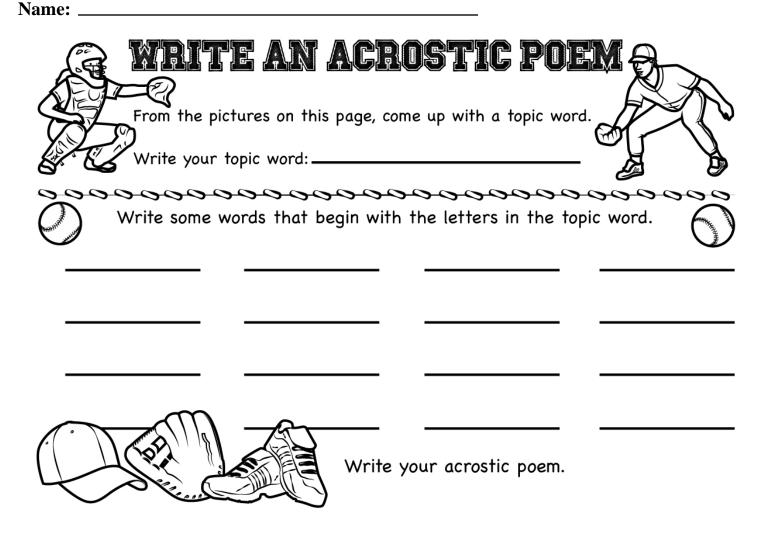


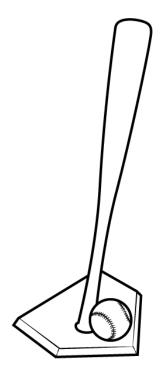




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The vowels are missing in the word search.





