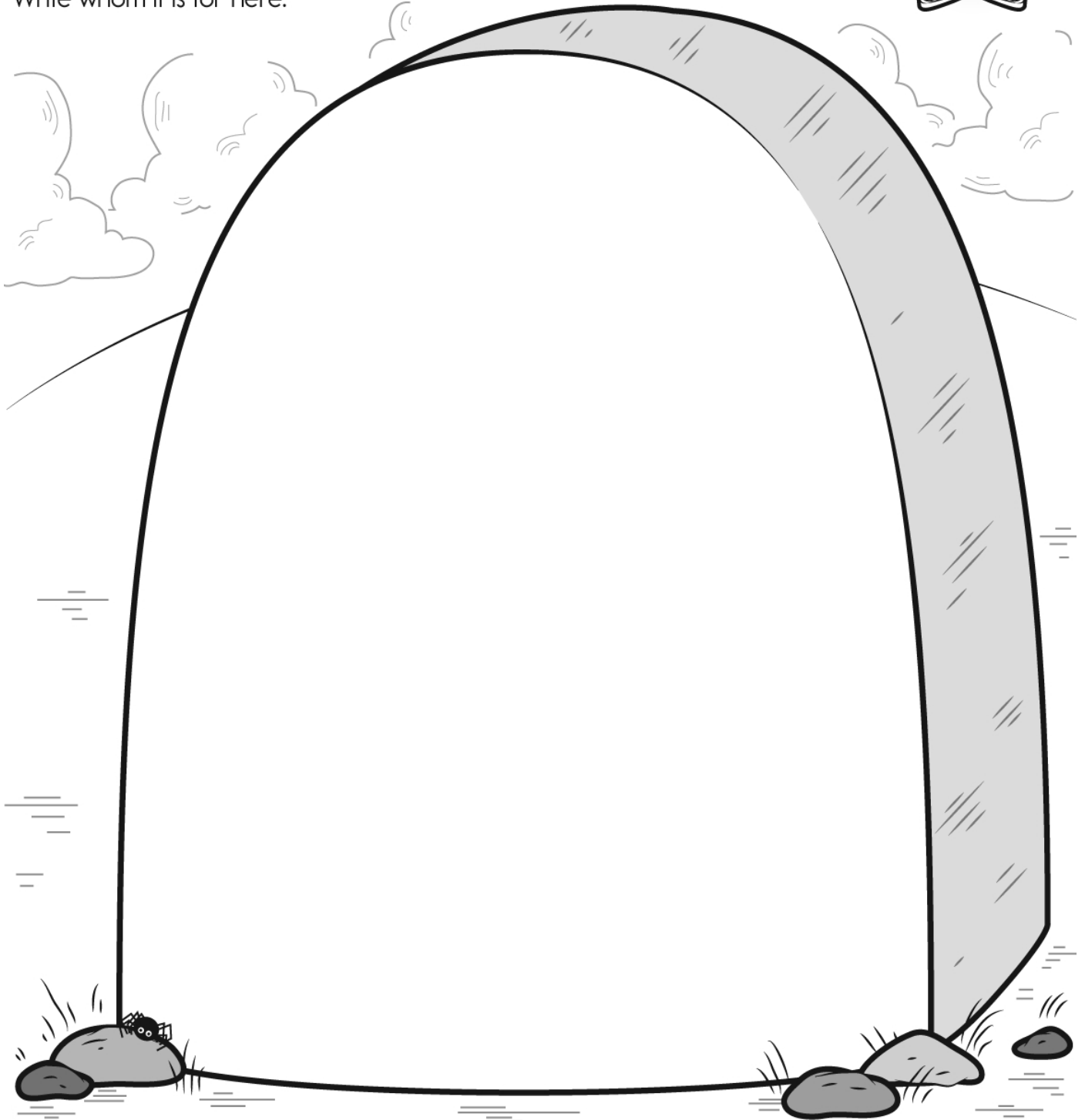


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The word "epitaph" comes from Greek and means "at a tomb." Sometimes epitaphs rhyme. Sometimes they are funny. Other times they are serious. Use your creativity, and write a nice epitaph for either someone real or someone from your vivid imagination on the handy dandy tombstone that happens to be below.



Write whom it is for here:



Watch it wiggle; see it jiggle! Write a paragraph that describes a Jell-O snack. Use words and phrases that provide a rich and detailed description of this snack food. To help you get ready to write, plan your paragraph below.

1. What kind of snack is it?
2. What does it look like? List five details that tell how it looks.
3. Write a simile that tells how it looks.
4. Write a metaphor that tells how it looks.
5. What does it taste like? Write a simile that describes how it tastes.

Now you are ready to write. Help the reader visualize a Jell-O snack.

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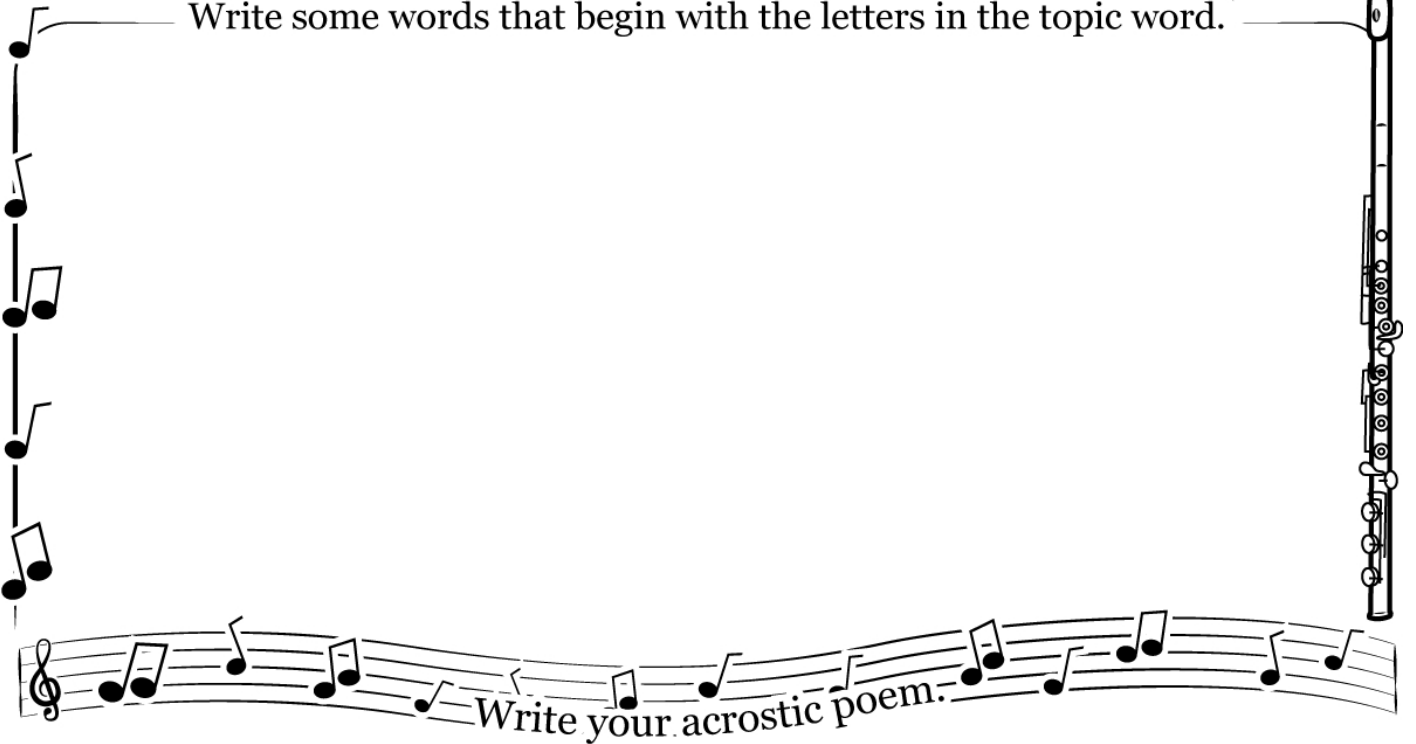
# Write an Acrostic Poem



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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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>describing words:</b>	hypnotic	brave	excited
	guilty	sluggish	colorful

<b>who or what?</b>	senator	panda	warlock
	queen	sloth	beast

<b>did what?</b>	surprised	pounded	prophesied
	accepted his punishment and sat		took notes

<b>where?</b>	in another country	near the water
	in bed	at the party in the life boat

<b>when?</b>	after the audition	yesterday
	last night	at dusk

How many sentences can you write? Use some of the ideas from above.

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$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{1}{2} \\ + \frac{2}{4} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Solve.

$$(4 \times 4) + (36 \div 4)$$

$$7 + 16 \div 4 + 7$$

$$6 \div 2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

What time is 17 hours after  
4:00 p.m.?

\_\_\_\_\_

$$26 \text{ km} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ m}$$



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Think about what being humble means to you. Write a journal entry about your thoughts on being humble. To help you get ready to write, plan your journal entry below.

1. Describe in detail how you feel about being humble.
2. Describe in detail examples that reflect your feelings.
3. Describe in detail any times you may have been humble or you wish you'd been more humble.

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Did you know that you don't always have to use the word **white** in your writing? Try to use different words for an overused word like **white**. 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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      B L O O D L E S S F A I R
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          A L A B A S T E R
            P C P G   M   S P
              A H O H   I P N A
                L A W O   L A O S
                  L L D S   K L W T
                    I K E T   Y E Y Y
      F R O S T Y D Y R L I V O R Y
        F R O S T E D Y Y P E A R L
  
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Write the words found.

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

When you said you didn't feel well, I didn't believe you until I saw your white face. It's almost as white as my grandpa's hair! Perhaps you should lie down.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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.

- Write your persuasive letter. Convince your audience to agree with your position.

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 too • feared • huird • whie • able • ttoo • while • disconnect  
 the • limit

Mrs. Mulroney let out a deep sigh of relief. The wound \_\_\_\_\_ to be  
 \_\_\_\_\_. When she \_\_\_\_\_ her daughter  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and saw the blood on her arm, she'd  
 \_\_\_\_\_ worst. The  
 \_\_\_\_\_ on her arm, \_\_\_\_\_ bleeding, was not a  
 deep \_\_\_\_\_ one \_\_\_\_\_. She would be \_\_\_\_\_ to care for her  
 at home rather than travel \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ room  
 for stitches.

What figure of speech is shown here?  
 The door groaned in a low voice  
 as I pushed it open.

\_\_\_\_\_

If the word is misspelled, cross it out  
 and then write the word correctly on  
 the line. If the word is already spelled  
 correctly, just write the word on the line.

enormous          laquer  
 prominent

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Write a sentence using this phrase correctly.  
 add insult to injury

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Insert commas in the appropriate  
 place(s) in this sentence.  
 My favorite singer the one with  
 the ten Top 40 hits is coming in  
 concert this summer!

Circle the choice that best completes  
 the sentence.  
 Fish have scales, just like dogs  
 have (a great sense of smell/fur).

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## Setting Up an Aquarium

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Are you thinking about getting a pet? If cats make you sneeze and snakes make your skin crawl, maybe you need an aquatic pet. Fish can be fascinating, and they are much easier to take care of than their furry or scaly friends. Taking the plunge into having an aquarium can be rewarding.

One advantage of pet fish is that you can make your aquarium either simple or complicated. Owning a goldfish is like dipping your toe into a meandering stream. Even a small child can do it under a watchful adult eye. Later, you can move your way up to exotic saltwater fish as you gain experience. Having a saltwater tank without learning a lot first would be like running full speed to the edge of a dock and jumping into a cold lake.



There is nothing fishy about setting up a basic aquarium. Twenty to thirty gallon tanks work well. Glass tanks work better than acrylic ones because they cost less and don't scratch easily. If you happen to find a good fish tank deal at a garage sale, be sure it doesn't leak and don't buy a scratched one because lots of slimy, green algae can grow in the scratches.

Happy fish live in water that is just the right temperature. A heater is the best way to make sure that the tank is just right for your pet. The perfect temperature for most freshwater and saltwater tanks is between 76 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit. If your fish get too hot, you might have an aquarium full of bouillabaisse (fish soup) in the morning.

Aquariums also require other equipment. All tanks have to have filters to keep the water clean and to filter out waste. They also help trap dirt, plant leaves, or uneaten fish flakes. An air pump makes bubbles that give your fish oxygen. Hoods can reduce water evaporation and protect your fish from other creatures in your house, like cats. Lights make it easy to watch your fish and can help fresh plants grow.

A layer of gravel on the bottom of the tank helps when you have a filter system, and it also gives live plants a place to put their roots. Dark-colored gravel makes fish look brighter. It's important to rinse the gravel off before you use it. If you buy a used tank and it has gravel in it, you can boil the gravel for ten to fifteen minutes to make it clean. Just warn your mom about what you are doing. Otherwise, she might think that you are going to eat a crunchy, strange snack that could cost you a few teeth.

Fish seem to enjoy good places to hide, so you will need to provide some. Plastic plants are the easiest to take care of and will never die. You can also have fun decorating your tank with treasure chests, mermaids, sunken ships, and *Pirates of the Caribbean* action figures. Even Davy Jones himself could appreciate a well-decorated

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aquarium, and your fish will enjoy these objects, too.

Fish can die from chlorine, so if you use tap water to fill your aquarium, be sure to add dechlorination fluid or tablets to the water. You can get them at your pet store.

Picking out your fish is the best part of having an aquarium. If you are having an aquarium for the first time, select more relaxed fish that are not too picky about their environment. Goldfish are hardy, beautiful, and easy to take care of. Cichlids are another popular species. African cichlids are friendly fish, but they like to have lots of plants and places to hide. Other common pets are tetras, betas, and angelfish. Freshwater fish are easier to care for than saltwater fish.

Having a fish is an excellent introduction to owning a pet. Fish are easier to care for and less expensive to feed than other pets. Having an aquarium can be a great project for the whole family. Watching fish glide calmly through water is a tranquil pastime.

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### Questions

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. What is one advantage of a glass fish tank?
  - A. It doesn't scratch easily.
  - B. There is no advantage in having a glass fish tank.
  - C. It is lighter.
  - D. It comes in different colors.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Saltwater fish are more difficult to care for than freshwater fish.
  - A. false
  - B. true
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Which of these is NOT true about acrylic fish tanks?
  - A. are easier to clean than glass tanks
  - B. usually cost more than glass tanks
  - C. scratch more easily than glass tanks
  - D. may allow more algae to grow in the tank
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Which is the right temperature for most fish tanks?
  - A. 27 degrees Fahrenheit
  - B. 57 degrees Fahrenheit
  - C. 77 degrees Fahrenheit
  - D. 97 degrees Fahrenheit
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Which equipment is NOT important for a fish tank?
  - A. a hood
  - B. a filter
  - C. live plants
  - D. a light

A. angelfish  
B. a tetra  
C. a goldfish  
D. a sturgeon

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## The North Wind and the Sun

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The North Wind was a cold and powerful wind. People cowered and ran for shelter when the North Wind blew. This made the North Wind proud.

The Sun had reason enough to be proud as well. He not only provided heat for the Earth, but he also provided light for the beings that lived there. Without him, all living things would die.

One day the two entities argued with each other. Which one was the most powerful?



"It is I," declared the North Wind. "I am the most powerful."

"Not so," exclaimed the Sun. "No one is as powerful as I am."

"I know how we can prove which one of us is the more powerful entity. We'll have a contest," the North Wind said.

The North Wind and the Sun decided to separate a man from his coat. The one who could accomplish the act in the least amount of time would be the victor.

Looking down on the Earth, the North Wind saw a man trudging down a dirt road. "There's my target," he said. He began to blow. The man's coattails began to flap. The trees' bare branches began to wave.

The North Wind blew harder. His icy breath caused the man to hunch forward as he walked, and he held his coat more tightly about himself. The more the North Wind blasted the man, the more the man held tightly to his coat.

Finally, the North Wind gave up. "It's your turn," he said to the Sun. "Let's see if you can do any better."

The Sun gazed down at the shivering man and sent rays of sunshine to warm him up. Soon the man was no longer hunched forward. As the Sun continued to share his warmth with the man, the man began to perspire. Before long, the man unbuttoned and removed his coat.

The Sun beamed at the North Wind. The North Wind admitted defeat.

Persuasion is better than force.

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The North Wind and the Sun

## Questions

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. What clues tell you the season the story was set in?
- A. The buds on the trees and flowers along the path show that it's spring.
  - B. The hot sun shows that it is summer.
  - C. The colorful leaves and pumpkins show that it's autumn.
  - D. Bare branches and a coat show that it's winter.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. What do you think the word "entities" means in the third paragraph?
- A. things, living or nonliving, that exist in their own right apart from other things
  - B. underground cities
  - C. powerful people
  - D. establishments where competitions take place
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Which happened first?
- A. The man held tight to his coat.
  - B. The North Wind admitted defeat.
  - C. The man began to perspire.
  - D. The man took off his coat.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. What caused the man to remove his coat?
- A. his dislike of the North Wind
  - B. his desire to help the Sun win the bet
  - C. the heat that made him uncomfortable
  - D. the gusts of wind
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Which word best describes the North Wind and the Sun?
- A. fluffy
  - B. bashful
  - C. proud
  - D. genial
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. What is the moral of this story?
- A. that sun and wind will never be friends
  - B. that persuasion works better than force
  - C. that birds of a feather flock together
  - D. that an ill wind blows no good
7. How did the man most likely feel about the Sun?

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8. What did people usually do when the North Wind blew?

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☐ Think about the statement, "Persuasion is better than force." Rewrite it using your own words and explain why you agree or disagree with this statement. Give at least two examples to support your opinion.

☐ Think of another contest between the North Wind and the Sun that the Wind might win. Write a short story about it.

☐ Imagine that you are the man in the fable "The North Wind and the Sun." Write a letter to your family and describe what happened to you while you were traveling.

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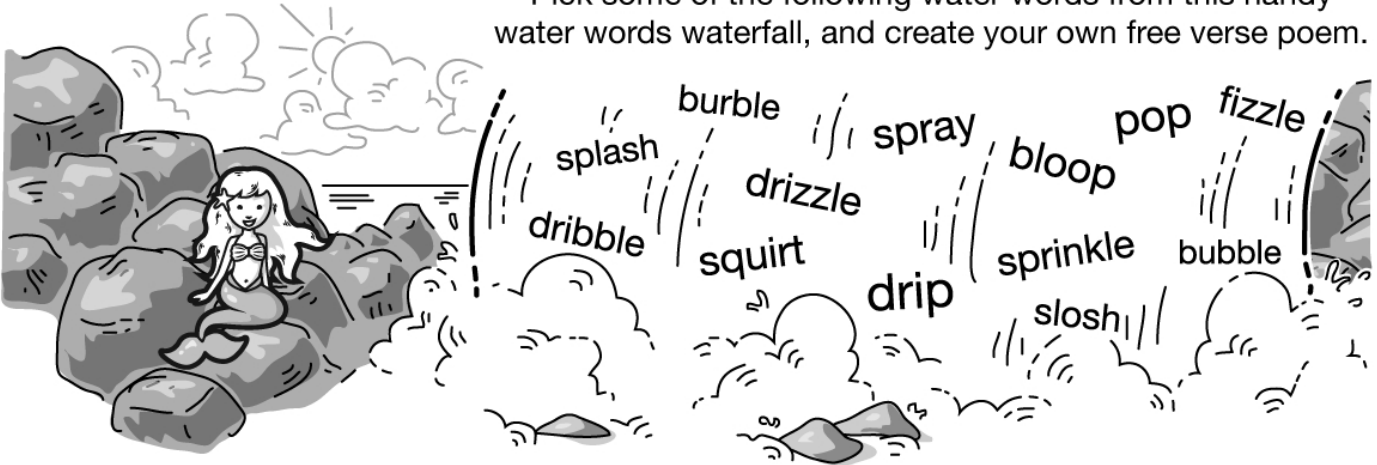
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**Onomatopoeia** is an **enormous** word that means something **simple**. It is when a word describes a sound and actually sounds like it. Water sounds are good examples of this, such as **DRIZZLE** or **splash**. These words lend themselves to free verse poetry, which is poetry that doesn't rhyme or follow any special rules.

Pick some of the following water words from this handy water words waterfall, and create your own free verse poem.




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Illustrate your poem here:

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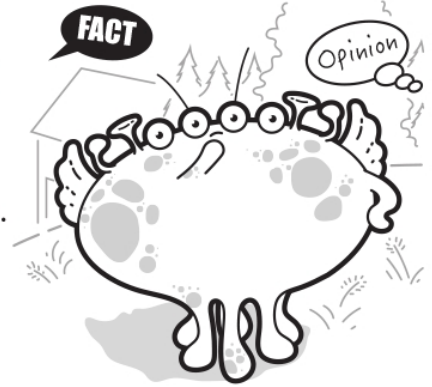
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A friendly alien has decided to stay at your house for a while, but he is very confused about one part of Earth life. He doesn't understand the difference between facts and opinions. On his planet, everyone has the same ideas, so an opinion is a new concept for him. Pick a subject that you know well and that an alien who has never visited Earth might like to learn about. Write one factual paragraph about it. Then write another paragraph about your opinion. Finally, write about how the alien feels about the subject.



Your factual paragraph:

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Your opinion paragraph:

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Draw the alien's spaceship here  
if you need a break from writing!



What did the alien think about the subject  
after reading your facts and opinion?

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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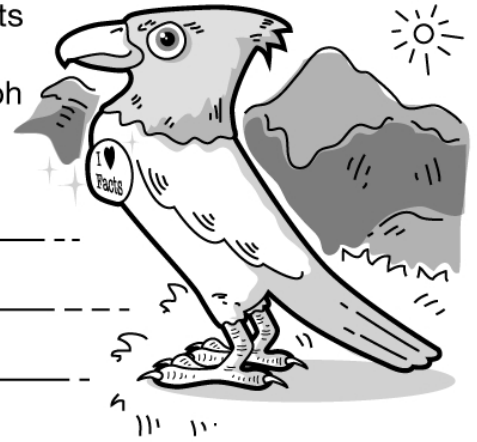
Add a detail to this idea: \_\_\_\_\_

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

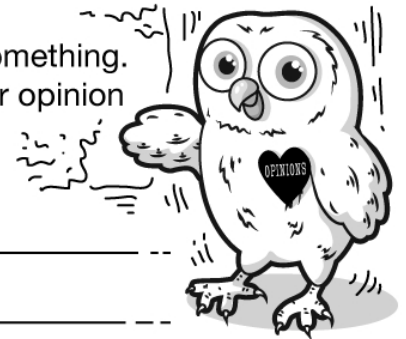
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Do you know the difference between facts and opinions? Facts can be proven. Opinions are how you feel about something. Frank the fact falcon would like you to write a factual paragraph first about something you know well.



Ollie the opinion owl now would like to know your opinion about something. Pick an issue that you care about and write a paragraph about your opinion on that subject.



Which kind of paragraph was easier for you to write? Why?



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A black and white cartoon illustration of a young boy running happily towards the left. He is wearing a t-shirt and shorts. He is holding a very large heart above his head with both hands. There are several smaller hearts and sparkles floating around him, suggesting a joyful or loving atmosphere.

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Write these spelling words in ABC order:

stinky • brisk • puffy • creep • undoubtedly • biased

1. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

Unscramble the letters to spell a word.

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hmsdeas \_\_\_\_\_

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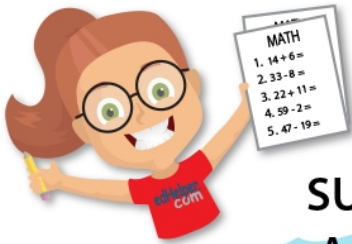
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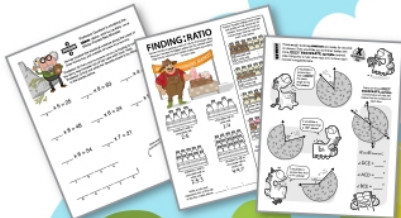
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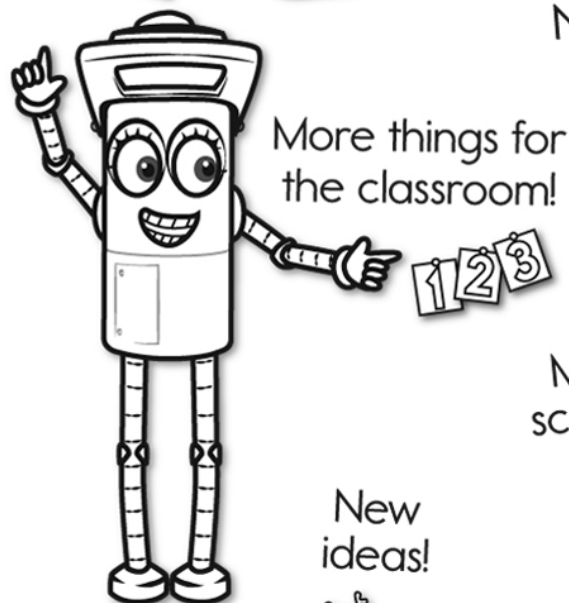
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