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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:

Topic sentence: Over the last 20 years Americans have come to rely heavily on computers.

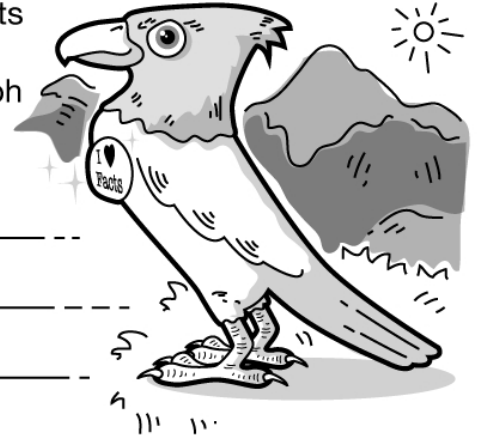
1. List at least three supporting details (examples, facts, and reasons) that support this statement.
2. Now put the topic sentence together with your supporting details and write a paragraph (or you might write an essay if you choose) about our dependence on computers.

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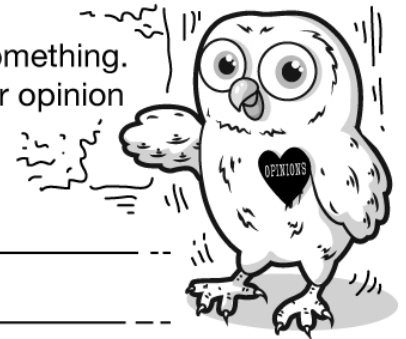
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Do you know the difference between facts and opinions? Facts can be proven. Opinions are how you feel about something. Frank the fact falcon would like you to write a factual paragraph first about something you know well.



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.



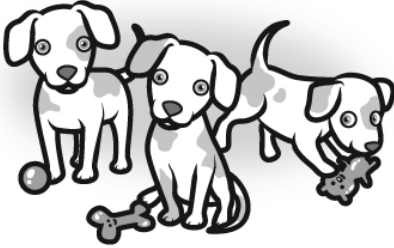
Which kind of paragraph was easier for you to write? Why?



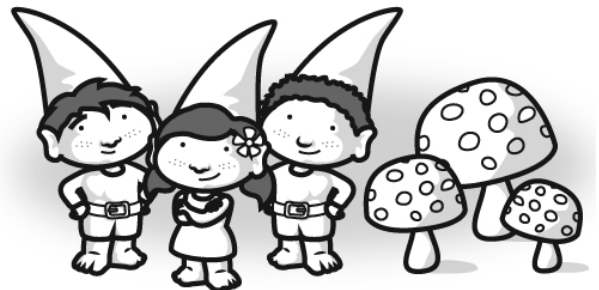
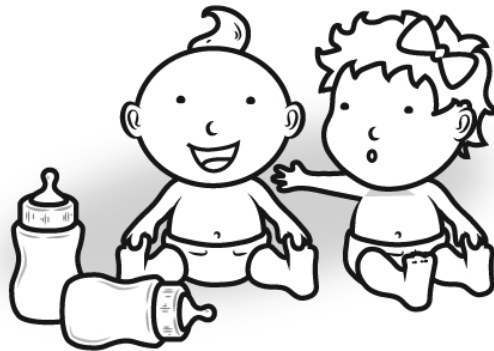
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Plural possessives

Write the plural possessives for the pictures below.
One example is done for you:



puppies' toys



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describing words:	stained	deadly	erratic
	curious	frantic	discerning

who or what?	hunters	cat	poem
	eel	magazine	judges

did what?	ate the dish soap	slept
	whistled	faded was found

where?	through the sea	in the kitchen
	through the seaweed	by the pool

when?	during the contest
	in the last century

Write one sentence. Use some of the ideas from above.

Circle the ideas you used from above. Use at least two of these ideas:

who or what? describing words: when? where?

Jacob saw a sign in the hardware store that read, "Masking tape: \$1.77 per roll or \$10 for a box of 6 rolls". How much will Jacob save if he buys a box of masking tape instead of 6 separate rolls?

When Robert had a cold, he drank 4 glasses of juice each day. Each glass contained 350 milliliters. Jack drank 1 liter of juice each day. How much more juice did Robert drink than Jack?

$$18 \div 2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$4 \times 9 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 35 \\ + 21 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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HOW-TO: STEP-BY-STEP

Have you ever had to explain something simple to someone and then realized it was harder than you thought to be clear? Pick a task you do often: something as simple as making toast or a favorite food! Write a step-by-step set of instructions on how to do that task for someone who has no idea about how to do it.

How to _____

Step # 1

Step # 2

Step # 3

Step # 4

Step # 5

Step # 6

Step # 7

Step # 8

There are many differences between tortilla chips and traditional potato chips. Write a paragraph (or you might write an essay if you choose) comparing and contrasting these snacks.

1. Brainstorm a list of five ways tortilla chips are different from potato chips.
2. Think for a moment. How are these snacks similar? To begin, write a general statement about tortilla chips and potato chips. This general statement will be your topic sentence.
3. Now, support your topic sentence with at least three sentences that provide facts, details, and examples.

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

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

				P	A	T	C	H	E	D	
			R	E	C	O	V	E	R	E	D
D		R	E	C	U	P	E	R	A	T	E
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Write the words found.

RESTORED	REPAIRED
FIXED	PATCHED

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

The costume designer mended the costumes for the play each day. Sometimes she mended them with a needle and thread. Other times she mended them using a sewing machine.

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

What is your favorite way to eat tortilla chips? Tell all about how this example you give is such an enjoyable experience. Include examples from your own experiences.

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[illegible]

[illegible]

Draw a picture of your memory here:

If you had an shopping list of the **WEIRO**



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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...

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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: _____

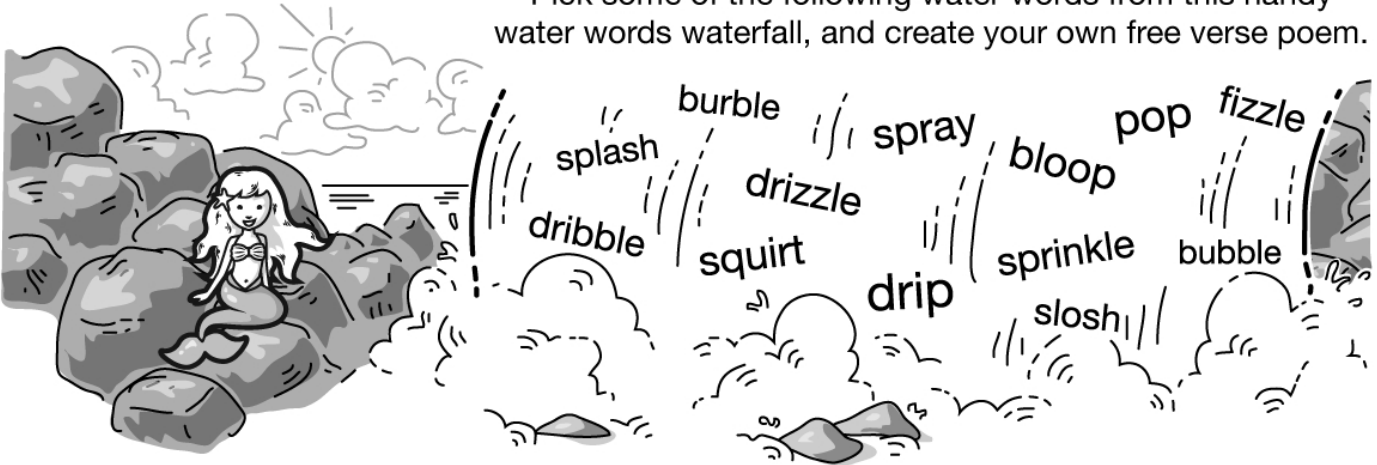
Add a detail to this idea: _____

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

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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.

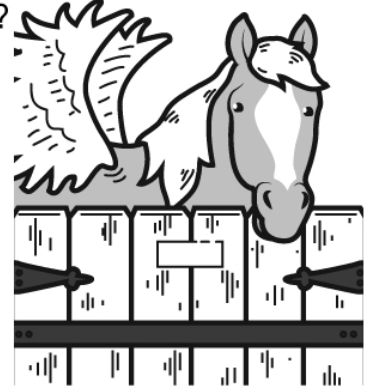


Illustrate your poem here:

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Do you think it makes sense to use all **FIVE** senses in your writing? It makes your writing much more **interesting** and **livelier** for your reader. Write a paragraph about each of the following scenarios using all **FIVE** senses in your description.

You enter the barn before your riding lesson and go to the stall where your favorite lesson horse waits. When you get there, you are amazed. A horse with wings is waiting for you instead of your usual pinto mare! Describe your riding lesson with this rare beast.



You sit down to practice the piano for your lesson, and then something weird happens. When you begin playing, colors begin coming out of the piano and swirling in the air around you. Each note has its own color. Describe what happens when your music teacher comes to give you your lesson.



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Hurry, hurry, hurry! This paragraph is actually a giant run-on sentence. Rewrite it so that it has regular sentences that are easier to understand.

Valentine's Day might make some people nervous because they are desperate to find the perfect gift for the one they love so they rush out to the store and often buy flowers, chocolates, and cards so their loved one will be happy and feel loved on that special day and they also hope they will get a special gift, too.



Draw a picture of a gift you like to give on Valentine's Day:

Why do you like to give this kind of gift?

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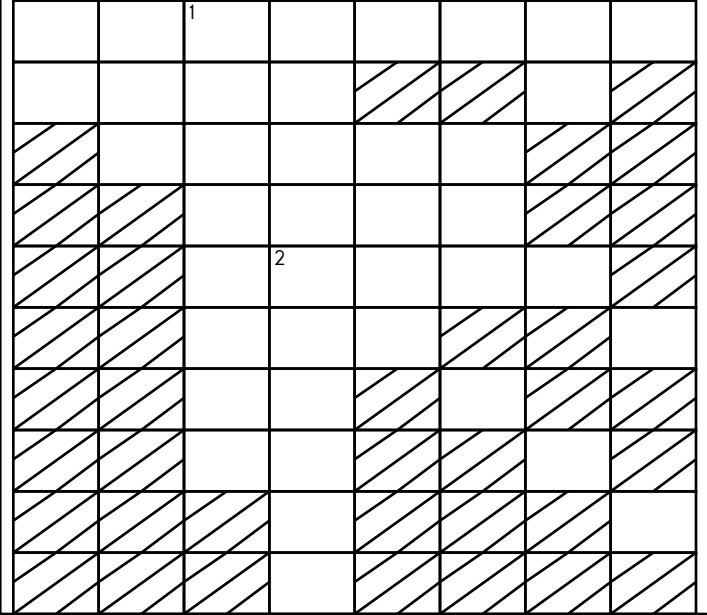
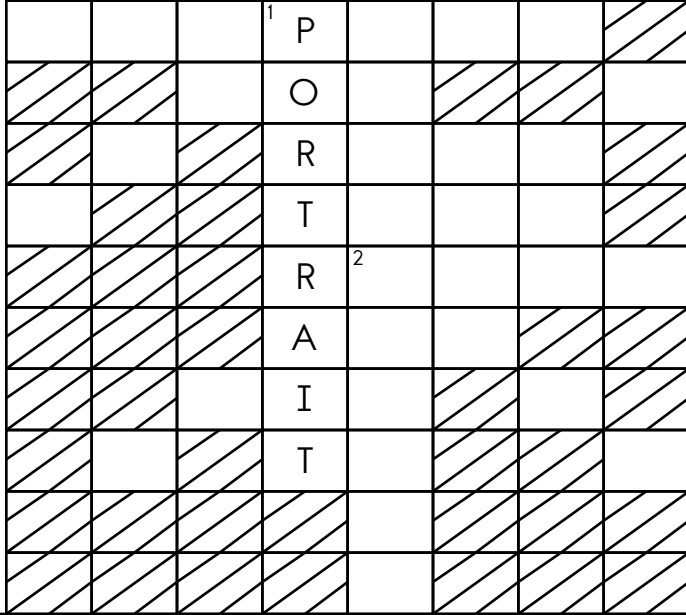
Which way does each word go? Write the word.

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↙ PLUM
↓ PORTRAIT
→ PUSH
← PAST

2. ↓ RAISED
→ RUSH
↘ RAMP
↗ RIOT
↑ ROD
↙ RARE

1. ↘ INSERT
↙ IN
↓ INSOMNIA
→ IMPOSE
← ILL

2. ↗ FEEL
↑ FOR
↘ FIELD
↙ FOUR
→ FOX
↓ FENDER



Split each word into syllables.

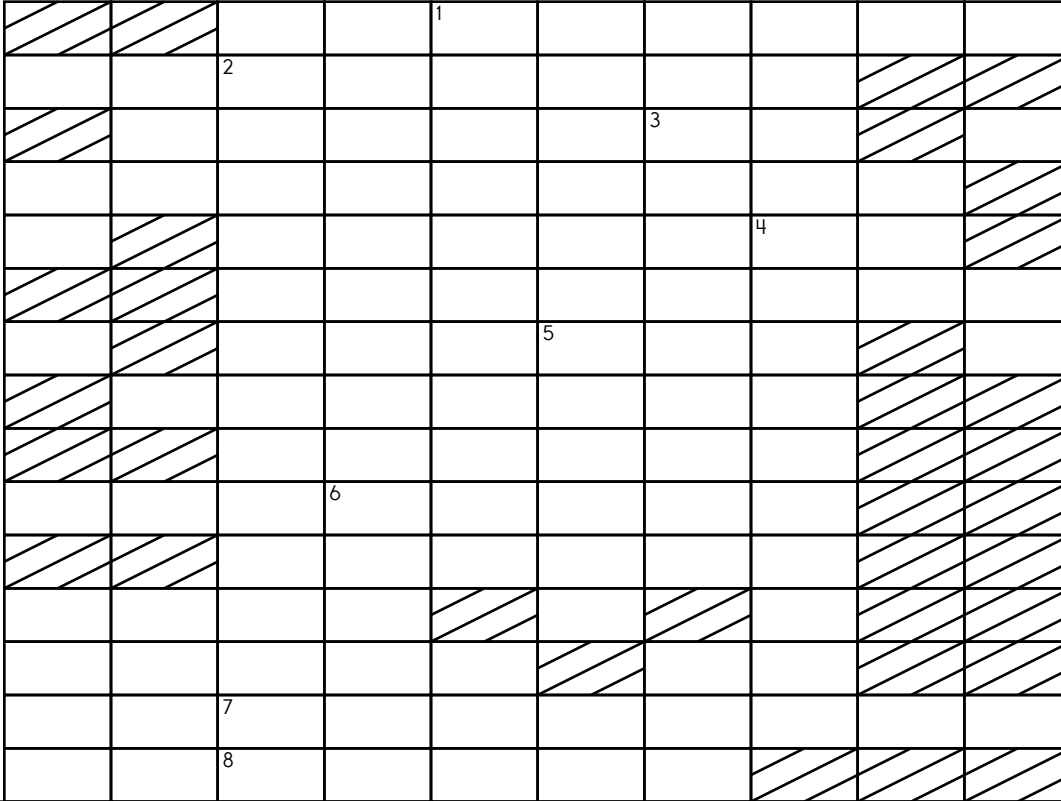
Word	In Syllables	Word	In Syllables
select	se-lect	explore	
appoint		onion	
valiant		closure	
toiled		awkwardly	

Unscramble the letters to spell a word.

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1. DRANK
DO
↓ DETERMINED
DEFEND
DRIVEN
2. HANDFUL
HE
↙ HID
HEW
HEEL
3. IS
IMPAIRING
IT
IN
↑ IF
4. ↘ ICE
ITS
INNOVATION
5. ↓ GUARD
GOLD
6. CONTAINER
COIN
← CARD
CAST
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CURE
7. REGAINED
↙ RIP
ROD
RAN
8. → NOVEL
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NEW
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Circle all of the words.

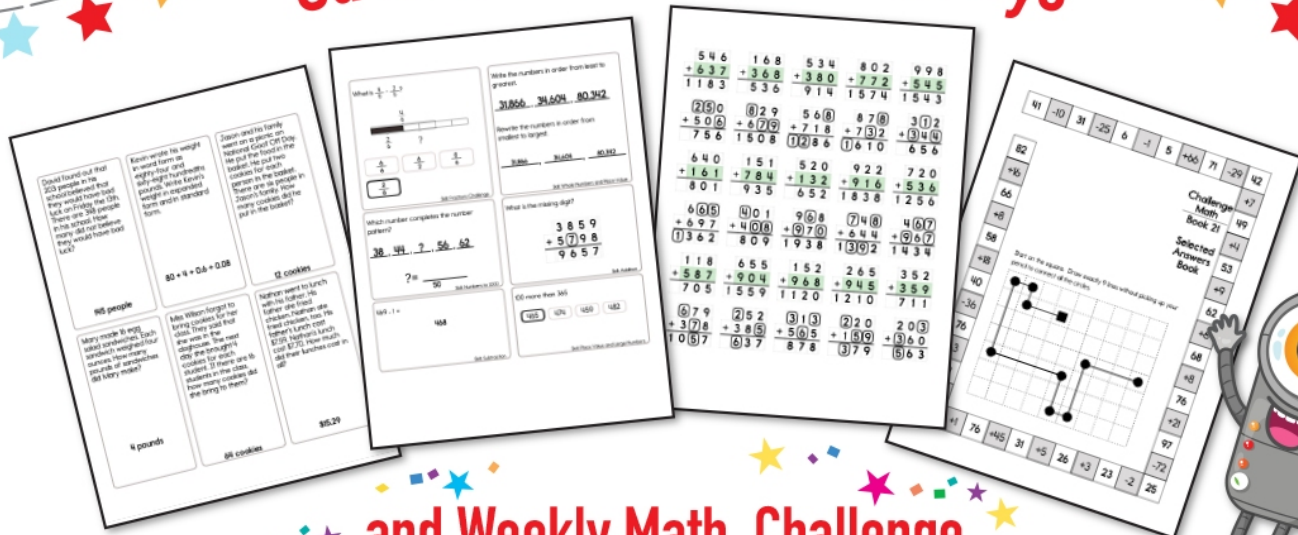
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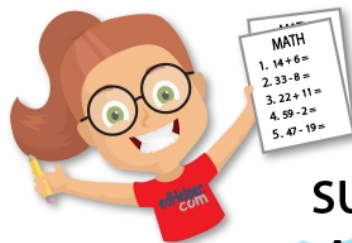
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