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How to Use This Book

This book is designed to motivate and provide quick and relevant writing prompts/ideas for students in your class who find it difficult to get their writing engines going in the journal or creative writing classes. These are the students who consequently complain, procrastinate, and get distracted more often than those who are always ready to write. When encouraged to begin the writing task, the first communicated reason for not doing anything is most often the familiar, “I can’t think of anything to write.” Well, those days are over!

WHAT TO DO:

1. Print several copies of **1000 Quick Writing Ideas**.
2. Hand them out to reluctant writers or to every student in the class. You may, want to create more permanent copies of these sheets that could then be re-used without making additional copies (*saves paper*).
3. Store the sheets in folders, binders, or duo tangs to prevent physical damage and keep them well organized and accessible (*store all binders in one central area of classroom*). It is not recommended that all 1000 ideas be handed out at once. Try 100 or 200 at a time.
4. Students highlight (*if given a personal copy of sheets*), collect, and make a list of topics of interest that could be used in personal writing, and record the selected topics at the front or back of their journal books.
5. At the beginning of the journal or creating writing period encourage students (or give the option) to dig into, and use some of the 1000 ideas.

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1. If I could become invisible...
2. This is my father's/mother's job.
3. Reasons why people lie.
4. Reasons for going to church.
5. These are the reasons why I don't go to church.
6. The meaning of "freedom".
7. I will tell you a story that is only half true.
8. Why do nations wage wars?
9. There will be peace on earth only when...
- 10. I have something to tell you teacher.**
11. Did you know that...
12. The scariest thing that ever happened to me.
13. I once had a scary dream.
14. The strangest dream I ever had.
15. I believe in God.
16. I don't believe in God because...
17. The meaning of Christmas.
18. Hockey is my life.
19. I get scared when...
- 20. I wish that I could...**
21. I am happy when...
22. I am sad when...
23. The things that get me upset.
24. My favorite subject.
25. My least favorite subject.
26. I just can't seem to get along with anyone
27. The things that bug me.
28. Why is it that...?
29. This is my family.
- 30. When I grow up.**
31. Our most interesting substitute teacher.
32. My most embarrassing moment.
33. I watch too much television
34. The most interesting place that I have ever visited.
35. What I would do if I were rich.
36. My three wishes.
37. What I think about gambling.
38. My best friend.
39. Friendship is...
- 40. Why I think friendships are important.**
41. This is my home.
42. I play a musical instrument.
43. My experience at the hospital.
44. Things that I like about our school.
45. Things that I don't like about our school.
46. This is my favorite sport.
47. I would like to tell you about my class.
48. These are some things that I do very well.
49. The proudest moment of my life.
- 50. The saddest moment of my life.**
51. The happiest moment of my life.
52. My accomplishments.
53. Why I like animals.
54. My favorite movie.
55. My favorite television show.
56. My fondest school memory.
57. The person that I admire.
58. The most interesting person that I have ever met.
59. The biggest mess that I ever got myself into.
- 60. My fondest childhood memory.**
61. This is my hobby.
62. My biggest goal in life.
63. Things are not going well for me right now.
64. My parents.
65. My religion.
66. My first flight.
67. I like..., and these are the reasons why.
68. I very much dislike..., because...
69. My life as a citizen of a new country.
- 70. What I think about vandalism, drugs and smoking.**
71. Ways in which troubled kids can be helped.
72. Reasons why people argue.
73. The best book that I ever read.
74. This book was really bad.
- 75. I often get frustrated.**
76. Dear teacher, I would like to ask you some questions.
77. Dear teacher, there is something that you need to know.
78. When I turn 16.
79. When I become an adult this is what I will be like.
- 80. My future wife.**
81. My future husband.
82. If I could change the world I would do the following.
83. My wish.
84. The present that I would like to receive.
85. Qualities that I look for in a friend.
86. The greatest summer ever.
87. The greatest vacation ever.
88. I like cars.
89. My favorite and least liked foods.
- 90. I have a disability.**
91. When I take a long look in the mirror this is what I see.
92. What I would like to do when I get older.
93. How the problem of hunger can be solved.
94. The problem of crime can be eliminated by...
95. If I could live anywhere in the world it would be...
96. Music is an important part of my life.
97. Why are so many people selfish, greedy and unfriendly?
98. Things that I like doing.
99. The things that really bother me.
- 100. My favorite music group.**

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101. I would like to tell you what is on my mind.
102. I am scared of bugs and other insects.
103. The most important thing in my life.
104. The most important person in my life.
105. The things that I collect.
106. For my next birthday I wish that I could get...
107. My role model.
108. I have attended several schools.
109. I am looking forward to...
- 110. Why is there so much suffering in the world?**
111. Life after death? This is my opinion.
112. This is how ... works.
113. How I spend my leisure time.
114. My favorite time of the year.
115. There is too much violence on television.
116. Watching television can negatively effect your future.
117. If I could buy anything I would purchase the following...
118. If I had a real magic wand.
119. I wish that I could be like...
- 120. Going to school is important.**
121. If I knew that I had only one week to live.
122. The most interesting school trip.
123. The countries that I have visited.
124. My opinion about lying.
125. The problems with today's media.
126. Our polluted earth and what we can do about it.
127. I have a complaint or two.
128. Job description for an ideal profession.
129. How my life would change if I were to live on my own.
- 130. If I could be a leader of our country.**
131. The most amazing thing that ever happened to me.
132. If I were a teacher for a day.
133. If I were a parent for a day.
134. Television is worth watching because...
135. Happiness is...
136. My greatest fear.
137. Life on other planets.
138. Crime does not pay.
139. Being a friend is more than just...
- 140. Life is worth living.**
141. If I were stranded on a deserted island.
142. My first visit to a hospital.
143. How I would survive being lost in the wilderness.
144. The greatest person who ever lived.
145. I often panic when...
146. I can't stand the cold weather!
147. Being rich means...
148. My best features are...
149. My best qualities.
- 150. Being successful means...**
151. I wish people knew the following about me.
152. How to deal with anger.
153. Creative excuse for not getting an assignment done.
154. These are my special friends.
155. I would be a better person if...
156. I could, this is what I would like to change about me.
157. The greatest mistake I ever made.
158. I like watching scary movies.
159. Creating horror movies is wrong.
- 160. If I knew that I could never die...**
161. If I was all-powerful and all-knowing.
162. If I were as small as a fly...
163. If I could travel into the future.
164. If I could travel into the past.
165. If I could be anyone for a day I would be...
166. Animals are often more pleasant than human beings.
167. The "eleventh" commandment.
168. To my greatest love I would give the following gifts.
169. What I like and dislike about living in a city.
- 170. The greatest prank I ever pulled.**
171. The nicest thing I ever did.
172. I love my computer.
173. The greatest movie ever made.
174. Being a pet has its advantages.
175. Life as a teenager.
176. At the end of a rainbow one can find...
177. I believe in ghosts.
178. Pain is...
179. World without... (wheels, electricity, death, money etc.)
- 180. The world's greatest person.**
181. The most famous person I have ever met.
182. I get angry when...
183. I would like to tell you about my brother/sister.
184. My grandparents.
185. The riskiest thing that I ever did.
186. The most unstable period in my life.
187. Love of money is the root of all evil.
188. Why I am scared of dentists and/or other doctors.
189. My favorite clothes.
- 190. Love is...**
191. This is how I think the world will end.
192. Hate is...
193. Commitment is important.
194. This is my life.
195. The first person I ever fell in love with.
196. I enjoy watching storms.
197. My secret desire.
198. I am a very special person.
199. Our world is full of negative influences.
- 200. The most useful skill.**

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201. Me and my big mouth!
202. I enjoy shopping.
203. The dangers of gossip.
204. Being creative means...
205. Treat others the way you would like to be treated.
206. Ways in which our class could be improved.
207. I have several suggestions.
208. All religions are the same.
209. All religions are not the same.
- 210. The things without which I simply couldn't live.**
211. Life would be easier if...
212. If I didn't have to go to school...
213. I feel sorry for...
214. My opinion about exercise.
215. Discipline at our school.
216. The teachers at my school.
217. I wonder if...
218. Please help me.
219. I love my computer.
- 220. I find computers intimidating.**
221. Those were the good old days.
222. It always seems to happen to me.
223. Death is...
224. The mistakes that my parents are making.
225. The best car in the world.
226. I am proud of my country.
227. I am proud of who I am.
228. Some of the things our world could do without.
229. I feel so insecure.
- 230. The difficulties of being a teenager.**
231. Our school could use a change.
232. I always live by the following rules.
233. If I could be a principal for a day.
234. Cooperation is the answer.
235. How I learned to ride my bike.
236. Slowing down and smelling the flowers is important.
237. Being educated means...
238. Things that I just can't seem to do.
239. Wrong role models.
- 240. Problems caused by drinking alcohol.**
241. Drinking and driving are a deadly mix.
242. Avoid "the quick sand" crowd.
243. This person has it all.
244. I often feel lazy.
245. I feel at my very best when...
246. I hope that I never...
247. The accident I witnessed.
248. The ... I witnessed.
249. When I become a parent.
- 250. We should be thankful for...**
251. The things that confuse me.
252. I love my...
253. I once almost...
254. Journal writing is...
255. I enjoy sleeping in.
256. This is how day and night happen.
257. This is how the world began.
258. My favorite desserts.
259. People should make an effort to get along.
- 260. Health is important.**
261. Where did human beings originate?
262. Believe it or not...
263. Believe it or not, I once...
264. I believe in UFOs.
265. Reasons why I don't give it my best in school.
266. School, a positive and negative experience.
267. Some things that I will always regret doing.
268. The final message to my teacher.
269. If I had my own computer.
- 270. I like camping.**
271. My favorite memory.
272. I wish that our school didn't have...
273. A letter to a celebrity.
274. The ideal school.
275. Ten reasons why friends have fights.
276. When I get scared I...
277. I enjoy watching television.
278. My parents are very strict.
279. My favorite song.
- 280. The most meaningful moment of my life.**
281. I couldn't exist without...
282. It's just not fair!
283. The ideal family.
284. The ideal world.
285. I can't wait for Summer.
286. Why is everyone in a rush?
287. My personal "ten commandments".
288. My greatest discovery.
289. I feel very ... today.
- 290. The sounds I hear in our classroom.**
291. My best birthday ever.
292. I don't like my neighborhood.
293. My pet peeves.
294. My neighborhood.
295. I would like to tell you about...
296. My five-year plan.
297. My ten-year plan.
298. The ideal me.
299. If I could be good at anything I would like it to be...
- 300. Thirty years from now...**

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301. I was once in a car accident.
302. The car accident that changed my life.
303. Do I ever love shopping!
304. I can't stand going shopping with ...
305. My chores and responsibilities.
306. This is what I think of exercise.
307. If I were a film director I would make a film about ...
308. These are the things that my friends and I enjoy doing
309. My family and I get to do a lot of traveling.
- 310. The most fascinating place in the world.**
311. I will tell you about my favorite video game.
312. Playing video games may be hazardous to your mind.
313. I am addicted to ...
314. Being a teenager has its advantages and disadvantages.
315. I can't wait to become an adult.
316. How I would solve the problem of poverty.
317. Money isn't everything.
318. The reasons why people get unusual haircuts.
319. I will explain to you why I think people wear earrings.
- 320. The "X" generation.**
321. I can't stand hearing about the subject of politics.
322. Most politicians are crooks.
323. Computers are confusing, complicated and frustrating.
324. Computer technology is absolutely amazing!
325. I love using computers.
326. The computer equipment I have at home.
327. The computer equipment I wish I had.
328. One day the computers will ...
329. Sports, the new gods of our century.
- 330. Our polluted and endangered world.**
331. Evolution or Creation?
332. I love reading books, and this is my favorite book.
333. Women are better at some things than men.
334. The things that men do better than women.
335. Men and women are equal.
336. There are many differences between men and women.
337. I wish that everyone would simply get along.
338. This is my future.
339. My past.
- 340. I believe in miracles.**
341. Killing is wrong.
342. I agree with capital punishment.
343. I disagree with capital punishment.
344. If God does not exist then who makes the rules?
345. I am not very good at ...
346. I am a "night" person.
347. My musical instrument.
348. Where does the universe end?
349. Where is the end of universe and what is on the other side?
- 350. What existed before the universe was created?**
351. How can there be infinity?
352. If there is an end to the universe what is on the other side?
353. Dog is "man's best friend".
354. The reasons why I often get lazy.
355. I am very good at building things.
356. The most interesting person that I ever met.
357. These are my relatives.
358. I am prone to accidents.
359. All the bad things seem to happen to me!
- 360. I will tell you about my nightmares.**
361. I flew in an airplane.
362. The things that I wish I could do.
363. If I could be honest with my teachers I would tell ...
364. I am scared of ...
365. Television, then and now.
366. Movies, then and now.
367. If God really did exist then ...
368. I am always bored and I don't know what to do about it.
369. Life is boring.
- 370. The day I began to wear glasses.**
371. Life and being alive is exciting!
372. I can truly say that I never get bored.
373. I hate exercising.
374. My imagination often gets me into trouble.
375. Gambling is wrong.
376. Where does the freedom of choice end?
377. Honesty is the thread that binds a healthy society.
378. Spiders, insects and creepy, slithering things scare me.
379. May I tell you about my crazy friends?
- 380. Someone should do something about ...**
381. Watching professional wrestling may be hazardous.
382. Some people are clean and well organized by nature.
383. The rules that I live by.
384. The most important rule.
385. Life is a great mystery.
386. I feel confused.
387. Today I feel very happy.
388. Why are there so many religions in this world?
389. Will somebody tell me what is going on?
- 390. The worst smell that my nose ever had to endure.**
391. The habits I would like to get rid of.
392. A very special moment.
393. Accidents will happen!
394. The worst weather I ever experienced.
395. I do not celebrate the following holidays.
396. My favorite expression or saying.
397. Could you please help me?
398. I was born in a wrong century.
399. My childhood.
- 400. final words to this world will likely be ...**

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401. Things that are important in life.
 402. Death is nothing to be scared of.
 403. The challenges I face in life.
 404. Hell is ...
 405. Heaven is a place where ...
 406. I want be a car mechanic.
 407. I am a very moody person.
 408. If my airplane was about to crash ...
 409. The chores I dread doing.
410. What a camping trip!
 411. I often get scared thinking about the future.
 412. Airplanes and flight fascinate me.
 413. The difference between cosmos and space.
 414. Why do vegetarians eat only plants?
 415. My deadliest encounter with the Principal.
 416. The worst storm I ever experienced.
 417. Computers and new technology frustrate me.
 418. The meaning of life.
 419. There is nothing wrong with begging.
420. Homelessness is a frightening idea.
 421. Is anyone listening to my prayers?
 422. Life is not fair.
 423. Life is more than fair.
 424. If I were an animal I would like to be ...
 425. My favorite substitute teacher.
 426. The traffic nightmare.
 427. The day I almost froze to death.
 428. Feminism, the pros and cons.
 429. Today is my birthday.
430. The rap music and its influences on the young.
 431. We had a great party in our class.
 432. My teacher and I just don't get along.
 433. I am a very forgetful person.
 434. Excuses for not doing homework.
 435. The best excuse ever.
 436. I would like to write a story about ...
 437. I often daydream about ...
 438. I wish that I could get out of this class.
 439. Some people have problems with personal hygiene.
440. Those who don't work don't get to eat.
 441. Sunday afternoon drive into the country.
 442. My opinion about Christian music.
 443. My participation in the Science Fair.
 444. Our church youth group.
 445. Major world religions.
 446. The most memorable school project.
 447. Our school dances.
 448. Everyone needs to do their share.
 449. I am troubled.
450. I have a fear of flying.
451. I am afraid of dying.
 452. The coolest teaching assistant we ever had.
 453. The need for salvation, fact or fiction.
 454. The most difficult student in our class.
 455. Our school Principal.
 456. The best school I attended.
 457. My solution to pollution.
 458. The reasons why many creatures are endangered.
 459. I am in a rotten mood today and let me tell you why.
460. What I think of group work and cooperation.
 461. I enjoy gardening.
 462. Today I feel sick.
 463. I don't enjoy wearing glasses.
 464. How and when the universe was created.
 465. This is my opinion about the origin of life on earth.
 466. Gospel music.
 467. Computers in the classroom.
 468. Computers are a double-edged sword.
 469. My parents are divorced.
470. My parents are unique people.
 471. We are a single parent family.
 472. Our school custodian.
 473. My neighbors and their habits.
 474. The first time I witnessed a funeral.
 475. The first dead body I saw.
 476. I don't like going to funerals.
 477. My home town.
 478. I miss my old country
 479. I often find myself thinking negative thoughts.
480. Winning is everything.
 481. How to be successful in life.
 482. True love means.
 483. The most important job in the world.
 484. The most positive person I know.
 485. I am a very giving person.
 486. People often ignore me and put me down.
 487. I love going to our cottage.
 488. How men and women should relate.
 489. My own solution to the vandalism problem.
490. I often feel very lonely.
 491. Carrying a grudge ...
 492. Let's talk about ...
 493. Money, fame, and power.
 494. The issue of honesty.
 495. I wish I had a different family.
 496. My troubles with ...
 497. Having the right attitude is everything.
 498. I feel guilty about ...
 499. Ten reasons for staying in school.
500. I am an optimist.

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501. I don't get the smile stickers any more.
502. What's on my mind today.
503. I seem very irritable lately.
504. My hobby.
505. I am thrilled about flying.
506. My nightmare woke me up.
507. The unique substitute teacher.
508. I wish that I could change my teachers.
509. The first snowfall.
- 510. I am always short of money.**
511. I wish that I had more money for clothes.
512. I once knew a person who ...
513. Wearing appropriate clothing is important.
514. The fussiest person ever.
515. I am getting in a Christmas mood.
516. Our school appears very dirty.
517. I get very nervous before major tests.
518. Our parks are filled with broken glass.
519. Important world issues.
- 520. Why do we have to do homework?**
521. Someone stole something from me.
522. Christmas, a time for ...
523. Both of my parents are very ill.
524. Dinosaurs and the reason for their extinction.
525. She just can't stop talking.
526. Garbage, garbage, garbage... garbage everywhere!
527. My sick relative.
528. I really long for ...
529. My dearest friend.
- 530. My worst enemy.**
531. The day when time stood still.
532. I need to apologize.
533. The benefits of being physically active.
534. I have not behaved responsibly today.
535. I have been disciplined unfairly.
536. I feel sorry for some kids in our class.
537. Going to church is not important.
538. Attending a church is very important.
539. The most thrilling day of my life.
- 540. He is truly an amazing human being!**
541. I can't think of anything to write.
542. The photos of myself always turn out lousy.
543. Sex education in our school.
544. Should we still celebrate Christmas?
545. One day I will travel around the world.
546. Commercialism in Christmas.
547. I like watching nature shows.
548. I miss my ...
549. I saw someone stealing.
- 550. Having faith in God is important.**
551. Spelling, spelling! What's the big deal?
552. My daddy is in the hospital.
553. Having faith in God is not important.
554. My thoughts on abstinence.
555. My handwriting is awful.
556. Life without homework.
557. Learning grammar is dull but important.
558. I am leaving school early today.
559. Why do some go to church only twice a year?
- 560. My momma is in the hospital.**
561. The two biggest issues I am faced with.
562. My family is extremely poor.
563. When I die I will go to ...
564. I was robbed.
565. I am already tired of school.
566. I wish that my neighborhood ...
567. I will tell you about my scars.
568. Getting a tattoo.
569. Prayer in our schools.
- 570. Going to school is a lot of fun this year.**
571. Junk food.
572. The thing that I value the most.
573. Misery and Suffering, my two friends.
574. What can I do about ...
575. Earth Day.
576. Our computer lab.
577. The pros and cons of Special Education.
578. Will our country ever separate?
579. Some talk shows are getting out of hand.
- 580. The baby-sitting nightmare.**
581. I don't know very many people.
582. I left my heart in ...
583. Terrorism in the world.
584. Who needs computers?
585. Why I choose to drink alcohol.
586. Space station, a possibility?
587. I don't enjoy washing the dishes.
588. The Lifeguard that I fell in love with.
589. Are our schools really teaching us what is important?
- 590. I am always the one who is stuck with cleaning.**
591. Halloween, a trick or treat?
592. Organ transplants.
593. The amazing Star Trek series.
594. Shopping can be dangerous to your health!
595. My favorite "quiet time".
596. Photography, the king of hobbies.
597. I cheated on a test.
598. I love plants and gardens.
599. Visiting my friends.
- 500. Are ghosts real?**

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601. In our family ...
602. I want to be a doctor.
603. When I face death ...
604. Space, infinitely amazing space!
605. Interstellar travel, a possibility or not.
606. I have a computer phobia.
607. School bullies.
608. Sibling rivalry and me.
609. My brother and I just don't get along.
- 610. My special brother/sister.**
611. I spent a whole day in isolation.
612. How to improve our class atmosphere.
613. Our school bus driver.
614. Our schools should teach us ...
615. The dreaded visits to the Principal's office.
616. My first visit to the Principal's office.
617. The punishment for cheating in school.
618. My cousin is coming for a visit.
619. I am very disorganized.
- 620. Technology, a friend or a foe?**
621. When I grow up I want to work with hands.
622. My future family.
623. My first school suspension.
624. I would like to learn how to play ...
625. I have never seen an ocean.
626. I enjoy sleeping late on Saturdays.
627. My part-time job.
628. In our school ...
629. The Monopoly game.
- 630. I can't wait to get a driver's license.**
631. Why I choose to smoke.
632. The pranks kids play at our school.
633. Our family's biggest event.
634. We always have a lot of fun in the snow.
635. My brother and I can't seem to stop arguing.
636. The time the power went off.
637. In our family dinner time is the time when ...
638. Our adventures in the snow.
639. My favorite pop.
- 640. I really enjoy science.**
641. Yesterday ...
642. Every weekend ...
643. I often have nothing to say.
644. I just don't learn the way everyone else learns.
645. The most dangerous prank.
646. Not one person cares about me.
647. Our long vacation drive.
648. Let me tell you why I misbehave in class.
649. I feel awkward in a group setting.
- 650. I tend to be a loner.**
651. I am totally against smoking.
652. Everyone has the right to do whatever they wish.
653. My fantasy.
654. The power struggle with my teacher.
655. Nobody knows the troubles I have seen.
656. I just can't sit still all day.
657. I can't wait for Spring.
658. I can't wait for Christmas.
659. I can be trusted.
- 660. I choose to be the way I am.**
661. I didn't choose to be the way I am.
662. This was not my fault.
663. Let's make a deal..
664. My future.
665. My past.
666. Why are people so unfair?
667. My teacher picks on me.
668. I don't know anything about anything.
669. I wish that we went out for dinner more often.
- 670. The people I would like to surround myself with.**
671. I made some inappropriate choices.
672. Why are adults are not treating me well?
673. Someone touched me inappropriately.
674. We never have anything exciting to eat.
675. The people on my street have changed.
676. We are moving soon.
677. I enjoy controlling others.
678. I often get abused.
679. Things that I care about.
- 680. How I relieve stress in my life.**
681. I have had several new teachers for the same class.
682. Selecting clothes to wear each day is such a chore.
683. Lunch, my favorite period.
684. I am the best person for the job.
685. I went to work with my dad.
686. I finally learned how to swim.
687. I feel that I am ugly.
688. My life has improved.
689. I am overdue for a change.
- 690. The fakes and crooks that I know.**
691. I saw a drug dealer today.
692. We have a fantastic team.
693. My dad lets me use his tools.
694. I don't enjoy looking at myself in the mirror.
695. My partner.
696. My bones have been broken in several places.
697. The teachers that wouldn't give up on me.
698. My plans for this year.
699. What I value in life.
- 700. I will tell you why I am always quiet.**

Ideas FOR

1000 Writing

701. What do you think of this idea?
 702. I don't need school in order to be successful.
 703. It is difficult for me to focus on my tasks.
 704. The time that I cried.
 705. I can't remember the last time I cried.
 706. My real dad.
 707. My real mom.
 708. I should have kept my mouth shut.
 709. The bullies that I have to deal with every day.
710. I am struggling and I can't take it any more.
 711. My favorite place.
 712. Teachers are all the same.
 713. Something unusual I did today.
 714. How I wish I went on a vacation.
 715. I am a very hyper person and can't seem to control it.
 716. Next year will be the right time for starting a new life.
 717. What exactly is at the end of cosmos?
 718. We live in a very unique world.
 719. The time I got lost.
720. The twenty most important words.
 721. The good things about our education system.
 722. The negative things about our education system.
 723. The winter of pure delightful fun.
 724. Why do you always give us too much homework?
 725. Should Halloween be celebrated in the public schools?
 726. I believe in spiritual beings.
 727. I am proud of my accomplishments.
 728. I am a very active person.
 729. **I am superstitious.**
730. Dear teacher, I have some advice for you.
 731. I find myself feeling angry and resentful.
 732. My most interesting conversation.
 733. I enjoy drama.
 734. The whole world is a stage.
 735. My secret fantasy.
 736. I enjoy laughing.
 737. Things that make me nervous.
 738. My favorite board game.
 739. **Good news - bad news.**
740. Horoscopes are unscientific.
 741. My first job.
 742. Too many television commercials.
 743. Why bother?
 744. Knowledge is the key to gaining power.
 745. The things I derive pleasure from.
 746. The things I derive pleasure from.
 747. I like and prefer to work by myself.
 748. I need help!
 749. Writing is not my favorite activity.
750. I am so scared!
751. I am a workaholic.
 752. My haunting daily fears.
 753. I would like to experiment with ...
 754. I am a proud and confident person.
 755. I am a very insecure individual who needs help.
 756. I am confused.
 757. Try solving the following riddles.
 758. I will now describe to you my favorite food.
 759. The nightmare at the hospital.
760. I miss my old friends.
 761. I wish that I could be an adult right now.
 762. I feel very sick today.
 763. I am just not interested in sports.
 764. Discipline in our schools.
 765. Our class discipline.
 766. Why am I so different?
 767. When I am afraid ...
 768. But you just don't understand!
 769. The reason I stopped drinking.
770. Taking my medications in school is embarrassing.
 771. My parents just don't understand me.
 772. I enjoy playing my instrument.
 773. I always get interrupted when I talk.
 774. People always call me names.
 775. I have many talents.
 776. I have an idea I would like to share with you.
 777. Our playground is a dangerous place.
 778. I would like the following questions answered please.
 779. What a horrible experience that was.
780. I have my own garden.
 781. Our Science Fair.
 782. Things that are important to me.
 783. I befriended a new student.
 784. I always help my mother prepare meals.
 785. The best way to succeed today is ...
 786. I am worried about my family.
 787. I am starved for some good food.
 788. I am not a technically minded person.
 789. I am often misunderstood by others.
790. I enjoy planting seeds and watching them grow.
 791. If I could invent something it would be ...
 792. I love going to the beach.
 793. Single-parent families.
 794. The day I almost drowned.
 795. My pet is absolutely wild.
 796. My pet is a psycho.
 797. The first thing I would save in a house fire.
 798. There is more to life than sports.
 799. I choose to be an optimist in a pessimistic world.
800. I am a vegetarian.

Ideas FOR

1000 Writing

801. I love my family.
 802. My worst bodily injury.
 803. My dad has a very difficult job.
 804. People shouldn't kill animals for meat.
 805. My single-parent mom is a very hard worker.
 806. I don't have a problem with eating meat.
 807. Our basement is a great place for playing.
 808. My favorite dish.
 809. Let me tell you about what I can do.
810. I am not motivated to do anything.
 811. Housework is for women only.
 812. Housework can be done by men too.
 813. I am tired of writing stories in school.
 814. The dullest person I ever met.
 815. The obstacles I am facing in my life.
 816. If I could be an animal I would be ...
 817. Two working parents and children do not mix.
 818. The day I almost lost my life.
 819. People today are not committed to a moral standard.
820. This is my character sketch.
 821. My inspiration.
 822. I once participated in ...
 823. If I were as small as Tom Thumb.
 824. Why do I talk to myself all the time?
 825. I help my older neighbors with their chores.
 826. People of faith are law abiding citizens.
 827. Believers in God are wasting their time.
 828. Friendship is ...
 829. If I were a giant.
830. Would I risk my life to save a friend?
 831. I am a slow learner.
 832. Reasons why I do well in school.
 833. I often sit around with nothing to do.
 834. We have a new baby in our family.
 835. What is the most important thing in life?
 836. I saw a very good movie.
 837. There is a special event coming up.
 838. The way I celebrate my birthday.
 839. Please help me with ...
840. If I could teach my class something it would be ...
 841. The field trip that went wrong from the word go.
 842. The most interesting science experiment.
 843. Adjusting to my step-mother and her family.
 844. My step-father will never replace my real dad.
 845. I am a very responsible person.
 846. I am not a very responsible person.
 847. Reasons why the Middle East is always in the news.
 848. Our environment is in a serious danger.
 849. I don't believe in divorce.
850. I am terrified of flying.
 851. What I think of racism.
 852. Let me tell you what it's like ...
 853. The nightmare I remember.
 854. There will never be peace on earth.
 855. I am afraid of needles.
 856. I wish that I could help my friend.
 857. The truth about ...
 858. If I could write a book it would be about ...
 859. I love my pet.
860. Should animals be used for research?
 861. Instead of collecting taxes the government should ...
 862. If God doesn't exist then ...
 863. I spend my whole summer ...
 864. I want to become a veterinarian.
 865. My father just lost his job.
 866. I am against/ for clear cutting old forests.
 867. I don't like being in a special education class.
 868. Ideal job description.
 869. The greatest destructive force in the world.
870. The greatest enemy of our nation.
 871. The axis of evil.
 872. If Darwin's Theory of Evolution is correct then ...
 873. Downloading music through the internet.
 874. I feel very depressed.
 875. The worst punishment I ever experienced.
 876. The best way to protect our environment.
 877. All weapons of mass destruction should be destroyed.
 878. Greed – healthy/ unhealthy emotion.
 879. The phobia I have to live with.
880. My parents' divorce has ruined my life.
 881. Adjusting to my new country.
 882. I have already started investing.
 883. How to solve the problem of crime.
 884. I am a very emotional person.
 885. Modern technology and its effects on our society.
 886. I am tired of watching violence on TV.
 887. Capitalism versus communism.
 888. My new chores around the house.
 889. I renounce dishonesty.
890. Fads simply come and go.
 891. Being shy is one of my biggest problems.
 892. I miss my deceased grandfather/ grandmother.
 893. Neither of my parents have a job.
 894. My teachers are not fair to me.
 895. The people I admire.
 896. Advantages of having a computer.
 897. I am afraid of public speaking.
 898. Who am I?
 899. I can't seem to handle very many things.
900. Five questions I would ask God.

Ideas FOR

1000 Writing

901. I don't feel safe in my house.
902. Directions for how to make a ...
903. My three goals in life are ...
904. The first thing that came to my mind.
905. My observations about our class.
906. Reasons for optimism.
907. I really care about ...
908. I know exactly what my career will be.
909. Our world is an amazing place.
- 910. How I would help the disadvantaged.**
911. Extreme nationalism can be a dangerous thing.
912. My thoughts on war.
913. I would like to publish a book one day.
914. Ways our school can be improved.
915. Our class curriculum can be improved.
916. I just love riding my bicycle.
917. I often feel so inadequate and awkward.
918. Ten things I dislike.
919. Music is my life.
- 920. Reasons why celebrating Earth Day is important.**
921. I don't know how to use the computer yet.
922. Next weekend ...
923. Miracle healers, fact or fiction.
924. Something wonderful happened.
925. What my first date will be like.
926. I feel so lonely and insecure without a girlfriend.
927. I feel very lonely without a boyfriend.
928. Everyone seems to have a partner except me.
929. What I think of the major world religions.
- 930. I am a very fortunate person.**
931. Our family has fallen on very hard times.
932. My opinion of fortune tellers.
933. I have a good joke to tell you.
934. If I had the power to run our school.
935. When I have kids.
936. My experience with alcoholics.
937. Computer skills are very important.
938. My first love.
939. I argue a lot.
- 940. My first date.**
941. I take advice only from ...
942. You don't know who your friends are until ...
943. Television, the greatest baby-sitter.
944. The police need our support.
945. I witnessed something very unpleasant.
946. I would like to play an instrument.
947. People that kill others should...
948. Extraterrestrial beings, fact or fiction.
949. The first time I surfed the Internet.
- 950. Watching television takes away from creativity.**
951. Next year ...
952. Let me tell you about last summer.
953. The future of mankind.
954. Little evidence of caring in our world.
955. Why aren't more people friendly and generous?
956. I don't feel safe where we live.
957. I am a very angry person.
958. I enjoy observing severe weather.
959. Crossword puzzles are a great deal of fun.
- 960. My favorite novel.**
961. The number one baseball player.
962. I have read the Bible.
963. I have never read the Bible and have no interest.
964. I would like to be an explorer.
965. School is never fun for me.
966. What I think about "the new millennium".
967. Why I dress and behave differently.
968. I am a very creative person.
969. My talents.
- 970. I don't like taking frequent showers.**
971. Television is a drug.
972. The kinds of movies I like to watch.
973. My first experience with the police.
974. When I get in trouble my punishment at home is ...
975. Cars are simply too expensive.
976. Cars are detrimental to our environment.
977. I find interesting game boards interesting.
978. The most exciting thing that happened in school.
979. My first pair of glasses.
- 980. My first camping experience.**
981. I enjoy hiking the following trails.
982. What is on the other side of the end of the universe?
983. Is it possible for a supernatural God to exist.
984. I am already hooked on smoking and need help.
985. How I began smoking.
986. Computers and technology frustrate me.
987. Computers and I have nothing in common.
988. What's the big hoopla about the Internet all about?
989. Our school computers got the virus.
- 990. I know someone who desperately needs help.**
991. I have to take medications for the rest of my life.
992. Keeping long-term friendships is very difficult.
993. Everyone I know is either an alcoholic or on drugs.
994. I enjoy cooking good food.
995. Anything is possible if you try and don't quit.
996. Juvenile delinquent laws are too soft.
997. Forms, applications and instructions confuse me.
998. I am trying really hard but not getting anywhere.
999. Exercise is the key to long and healthy life.
- 1000. Smoking cigarettes is a gamble.**

More timesaving ideas...

The Writing Helpers





THE WRITING PROCESS

STAGES OF WRITING

BEFORE WRITING

(brainstorm & discuss to generate ideas; select a topic, decide the purpose & audience; organize your ideas)

MAKE A DRAFT

(write a 1st draft, not perfect or final, will contain mistakes, do not worry about small details... just write!)

REVISE

(consider content, focus and organize your ideas and then improve what you wrote, make it clearer, change words & information)

EDIT

("the details" - correct and improve spelling, punctuation, grammar, clarity of text; add or take away information, fix mistakes)

PUBLISH

(write a final draft, presenting to public, determine how your work will be presented, make it look good!)

When Writing

Consider the following questions:

1. Is my **introduction**, relevant, interesting and attention-catching?
2. Have I written using **paragraphs**?
3. Have I written using **sentences of different type**?
4. Have I used appropriate **verb tenses**?
5. Am I writing from a clear **point of view**?
6. Have I kept **on topic** and not wandered?
7. Have I included interesting **comparisons**?
8. Are my ideas expressed in a clear and interesting **language**? Have I avoided the use of **slang** words?
9. Do my **sentences flow**, or are they **too long/short**?
10. Is there any unnecessary **repetition** of words or ideas?
11. Are my thoughts and ideas organized in a **logical sequence**? Can the reader easily follow and understand what I am trying to say?
12. Have I **proofread** my work and corrected any **spelling and punctuation errors**?
13. Have I written an effective and interesting **conclusion**?
14. Is my work **polished** and ready for public presentation?

PROOFREAD IT!





The following checklist will help you **proofread** your written work. When done, ask a classmate, parent, or a teacher to proofread it again.

Author: _____ Work Title: _____

Things to check for:

(Use ✓ , or ?)

Proof-reader
1 # 2

1. The title is correctly spelled and underlined .		
2. Written work is legible and well spaced .		
3. Each sentence is a complete thought .		
4. Spelling errors are underlined (circled) and corrected .		
5. The following were used correctly :  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ commas ◆ periods ◆ quotation marks ◆ apostrophes 		
6. Capitalized names of:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ places and people ▪ first letter in a sentence ▪ months, days, and holidays ▪ important “title” words 		
7. Written ideas are easy to understand .		
8. Text was written using paragraphs .		

Proof-reader #1 _____ Proof-reader #2 _____

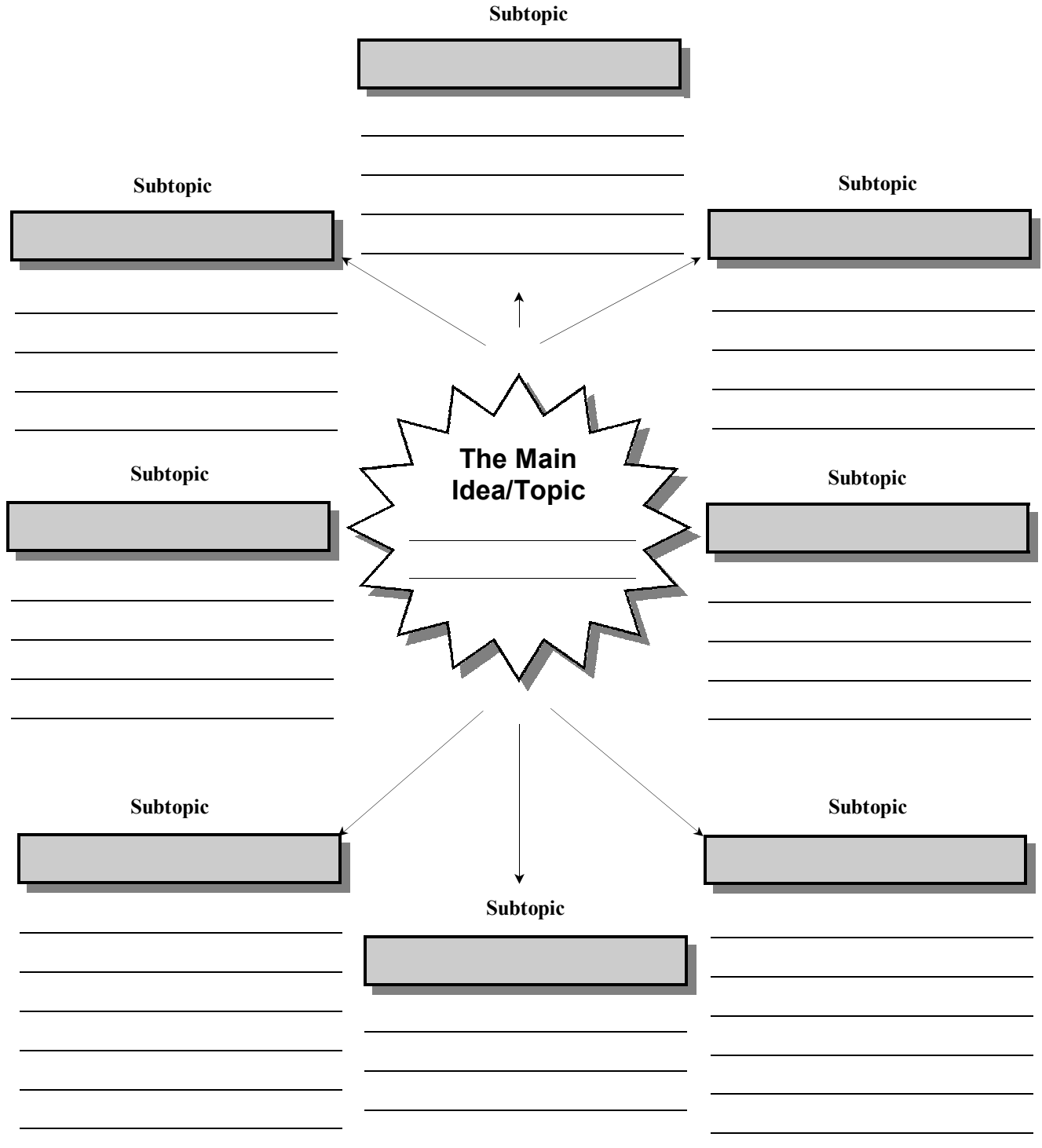
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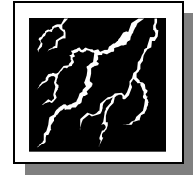
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Plan and organize your writing more effectively by **brainstorming** and generating ideas that have topics and subtopics or major and minor themes.



Name: _____ Class: _____

My Misspelled Words List



Place each **misspelled** word in the **left** column. **Find** the correct spelling.
Place the **correctly spelled** word in the **right** column.

THE WAY I SPELLED IT

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CORRECT SPELLING

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My Misspelled Words

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Name: _____

Class: _____

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Most Often **Mis-spelled** Words

a lot	desert	instead	seems	Tuesday
about	didn't	isn't	separate	twelve
again	die	it's	shoes	two
almost	different	I've	sight	used
always	early	knew	since	very
answer	easy	know	some	wasn't
appear	eight	knowledge	somewhere	wear
because	enough	laid	straight	weather
beautiful	every	length	sure	Wednesday
been	exercise	language	suite	week
beginning	exciting	lie	sure	weight
believe	February	loose	sweat	were
below	flew	lose	sweet	we're
blue	flight	lying	tear	where
break	forty	meant	their	whether
built	four	measure	there	which
business	fourth	minute	therefore	who
busy	friend	necessary	they	who's
buy	government	none	they're	whole
cannot	guess	once	they've	whose
can't	guest	o'clock	though	won't
caught	half	peace	thought	would
check	hear	piece	threw	wouldn't
choose	heard	raise	through	write
clothes	here	receive	throw	writing
coming	hole	right	tired	wrote
cough	hour	route	tonight	you'll
could	I'd	said	too	you're
couldn't	I'll	says	trouble	you've
decide	I'm	science	truly	your

6

SPELLING RULES

**DOUBLE THE FINAL CONSONANT**

- 1.** When adding a suffix beginning with a vowel to any words ending in a single consonant preceded by a vowel - **double the final consonant.** (Example: mop + ing = mopping, begin + ing = beginning)

DROP THE SILENT “e”

- 2.** When adding a suffix beginning with a vowel to a word ending in a **silent “e”** - **drop the silent “e”.** (Example: fame + ous = famous, bite + ing = biting, come + ing = coming)

KEEP THE SILENT “e”

- 3** When adding the suffix, **able, ance, or ous** to a word ending in soft **ce** or **ge** - **keep the silent “e”.**
(Example: courage + ous = courageous, notice + able = noticeable)

Likewise, when adding a suffix beginning with a consonant to a word ending in *silent “e”* - **keep the silent “e”.** (Example: safe + ty = safety, complete + ly = completely)

CHANGE THE “y” TO “i”

- 4.** When adding a suffix to a word ending in a **y** preceded by a consonant - **change the “y” to “i”**
(Example: lazy + ly = lazily, lonely + ness = loneliness)

“i” BEFORE “e” EXCEPT AFTER “c”

- 5.** This rule rhymes! Place “**i** before **e** except after **c**”. Apply this rule to words in which **i** and **e** are pronounced as **ee**. (Example: brief, chief, achieve, believe, receive, receipt, yield, brief, thief)

“E” BEFORE “I”

- 6.** In words where the pronunciation of “**ei**” is a long **a**— **place “e” before “i”.**
(Example: reign, sleigh, weight, neighbor, freight)

Writing Numerals

1	I	One		24	XXIV	Twenty-four
2	II	Two		25	XXV	Twenty-five
3	III	Three		26	XXVI	Twenty-six
4	IV	Four		27	XXVII	Twenty-seven
5	V	Five		28	XXVIII	Twenty-eight
6	VI	Six		29	XXIX	Twenty-nine
7	VII	Seven		30	XXX	Thirty
8	VIII	Eight		40	XL	Forty
9	IX	Nine		50	L	Fifty
10	X	Ten		60	LX	Sixty
11	XI	Eleven		70	LXX	Seventy
12	XII	Twelve		80	LXXX	Eighty
13	XIII	Thirteen		90	XC	Ninety
14	XIV	Fourteen		100	C	One Hundred
15	XV	Fifteen		200	CC	Two Hundred
16	XVI	Sixteen		300	CCC	Three Hundred
17	XVII	Seventeen		400	CD	Four Hundred
18	XVIII	Eighteen		500	D	Five Hundred
19	XIX	Nineteen		600	DC	Six Hundred
20	XX	Twenty		700	DCC	Seven Hundred
21	XXI	Twenty-one		800	DCCC	Eight Hundred
22	XXII	Twenty-two		900	CM	Nine Hundred
23	XXIII	Twenty-three		1000	M	One Thousand

Name: _____

My New Words

One of the best ways of **improving** your **vocabulary** is by looking up the **meanings** of new and unfamiliar words. In the space below, record each **new word** and its most common **dictionary meaning** and **sentence use**.

My New Word	Dictionary Definition	Sentence Use
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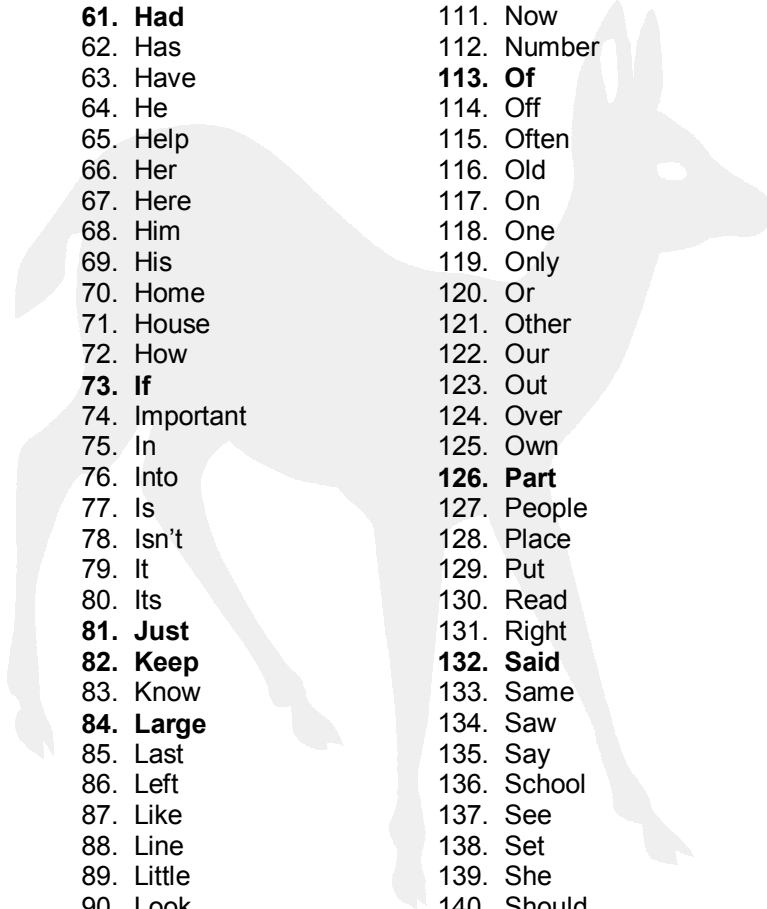
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Most OFTEN USED WORDS

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|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. A | 26. Has | 51. My | 76. These |
| 2. After | 27. Have | 52. No | 77. They |
| 3. All | 28. He | 53. Not | 78. This |
| 4. An | 29. Her | 54. Now | 79. Time |
| 5. And | 30. Him | 55. Of | 80. To |
| 6. Any | 31. His | 56. On | 81. Two |
| 7. Are | 32. How | 57. One | 82. Up |
| 8. As | 33. I | 58. Only | 83. Use |
| 9. At | 34. If | 59. Or | 84. Very |
| 10. Be | 35. In | 60. Other | 85. Was |
| 11. Been | 36. Into | 61. Out | 86. Water |
| 12. But | 37. Is | 62. Over | 87. Way |
| 13. By | 38. It | 63. People | 88. We |
| 14. Called | 39. Its | 64. Said | 89. Were |
| 15. Can | 40. Just | 65. See | 90. What |
| 16. Could | 41. Know | 66. She | 91. When |
| 17. Did | 42. Like | 67. So | 92. Where |
| 18. Do | 43. Little | 68. Some | 93. Which |
| 19. Down | 44. Long | 69. Than | 94. Who |
| 20. Each | 45. Made | 70. That | 95. Will |
| 21. Find | 46. Make | 71. The | 96. With |
| 22. First | 47. Many | 72. Their | 97. Words |
| 23. For | 48. May | 73. Them | 98. Would |
| 24. From | 49. More | 74. Then | 99. Yes |
| 25. Had | 50. Most | 75. There | 100. You |

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Most OFTEN USED WORDS

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1. **A**
 2. After
 3. Again
 4. Air
 5. All
 6. Along
 7. Also
 8. Always
 9. An
 10. And
 11. Another
 12. Any
 13. Are
 14. Around
 15. As
 16. Asked
 17. At
 18. Awake
 19. Await
 20. **Back**
 21. Be
 22. Because
 23. Been
 24. Below
 25. Big
 26. Both
 27. But
 28. Buy
 29. By
 30. **Called**
 31. Came
 32. Can
 33. Children
 34. Come
 35. Could
 36. **Day**
 37. Did
 38. Different
 39. Do
 40. Does
 41. Don't
 42. Door
 43. Down
 44. **Each**
 45. Even
 46. Every
 47. Few
 48. Find
 49. First
 50. **Food**
 51. For
 52. Form
 53. Found
 54. From
 55. **Get**
 56. Give
 57. Go
 58. Going
 59. Good
 60. Great
 61. **Had**
 62. Has
 63. Have
 64. He
 65. Help
 66. Her
 67. Here
 68. Him
 69. His
 70. Home
 71. House
 72. How
 73. **If**
 74. Important
 75. In
 76. Into
 77. Is
 78. Isn't
 79. It
 80. Its
 81. **Just**
 82. **Keep**
 83. Know
 84. **Large**
 85. Last
 86. Left
 87. Like
 88. Line
 89. Little
 90. Look
 91. Love
 92. **Made**
 93. Make
 94. Man
 95. Many
 96. May
 97. Me
 98. Men
 99. Might
 100. More
 101. Most
 102. Much
 103. Must
 104. My
 105. **Name**
 106. Never
 107. New
 108. Next
 109. No
 110. Not
 111. Now
 112. Number
 113. **Of**
 114. Off
 115. Often
 116. Old
 117. On
 118. One
 119. Only
 120. Or
 121. Other
 122. Our
 123. Out
 124. Over
 125. Own
 126. **Part**
 127. People
 128. Place
 129. Put
 130. Read
 131. Right
 132. **Said**
 133. Same
 134. Saw
 135. Say
 136. School
 137. See
 138. Set
 139. She
 140. Should
 141. Show
 142. Small
 143. So
 144. Some
 145. Something
 146. Sound
 147. Still
 148. Such
 149. **Take**
 150. Tell
 151. Than
 152. That
 153. The
 154. Their
 155. Them
 156. Then
 157. There
 158. These
 159. They
 160. Think
 161. T his
 162. Those
 163. Thought
 164. Three
 165. Through
 166. Time
 167. To
 168. Together
 169. Too
 170. Two
 171. **Under**
 172. Until
 173. Up
 174. Us
 175. Use
 176. **Very**
 177. **Want**
 178. Was
 179. Water
 180. Way
 181. We
 182. Well
 183. Went
 184. Were
 185. What
 186. When
 187. Where
 188. Which
 189. While
 190. Who
 191. Why
 192. Will
 193. With
 194. Words
 195. Work
 196. World
 197. Would
 198. Write
 199. **Yes**
 200. You

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Most
OFTEN USED WORDS

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| 1. A | 61. Cut | 121. His | 181. Now | 241. There |
| 2. Able | 62. Day | 122. Home | 182. Of | 242. These |
| 3. Above | 63. Did | 123. House | 183. Off | 243. They |
| 4. Add | 64. Didn't | 124. How | 184. On | 244. Thing |
| 5. After | 65. Different | 125. I'm | 185. One | 245. Think |
| 6. Again | 66. Do | 126. If | 186. Only | 246. This |
| 7. Against | 67. Does | 127. In | 187. Open | 247. Those |
| 8. Ago | 68. Dog | 128. Inside | 188. Or | 248. Though |
| 9. Air | 69. Done | 129. Into | 189. Other | 249. Time |
| 10. All | 70. Don't | 130. Is | 190. Our | 250. To |
| 11. Almost | 71. Door | 131. Isn't | 191. Out | 251. Today |
| 12. Along | 72. Down | 132. Its | 192. Over | 252. Together |
| 13. Also | 73. Draw | 133. It's | 193. Own | 253. Towel |
| 14. Always | 74. Each | 134. I'll | 194. Page | 254. Too |
| 15. An | 75. Early | 135. Just | 195. People | 255. Took |
| 16. And | 76. Earth | 136. Keep | 196. Picture | 256. Top |
| 17. Animal | 77. Eat | 137. Kind | 197. Play | 257. Toward |
| 18. Another | 78. End | 138. Knew | 198. Place | 258. Tree |
| 19. Answer | 79. Enough | 139. Know | 199. Point | 259. True |
| 20. Any | 80. Even | 140. Large | 200. Put | 260. Try |
| 21. Are | 81. Ever | 141. Last | 201. Read | 261. Turn |
| 22. Around | 82. Every | 142. Later | 202. Really | 262. Two |
| 23. As | 83. Family | 143. Learn | 203. Remember | 263. Under |
| 24. Asked | 84. Far | 144. Learned | 204. Right | 264. Until |
| 25. At | 85. Father | 145. Left | 205. Room | 265. Up |
| 26. Away | 86. Feet | 146. Less | 206. Run | 266. Us |
| 27. Back | 87. Few | 147. Let | 207. Said | 267. Use |
| 28. Be | 88. Find | 148. Letter | 208. Same | 268. Usually |
| 29. Because | 89. First | 149. Life | 209. Saw | 269. Very |
| 30. Become | 90. Five | 150. Light | 210. Say | 270. Want |
| 31. Been | 91. Food | 151. Like | 211. School | 271. Was |
| 32. Before | 92. For | 152. Little | 212. See | 272. Water |
| 33. Began | 93. Found | 153. Live | 213. Seen | 273. Way |
| 34. Behind | 94. Four | 154. Lived | 214. Sentence | 274. We |
| 35. Being | 95. From | 155. Look | 215. She | 275. Well |
| 36. Below | 96. Front | 156. Love | 216. Short | 276. Went |
| 37. Better | 97. Gave | 157. Made | 217. Should | 277. Were |
| 38. Between | 98. Get | 158. Make | 218. Side | 278. What |
| 39. Big | 99. Give | 159. Man | 219. Since | 279. When |
| 40. Black | 100. Go | 160. Many | 220. Small | 280. Where |
| 41. Body | 101. Going | 161. May | 221. Snow | 281. Which |
| 42. Book | 102. Good | 162. Me | 222. So | 282. While |
| 43. Both | 103. Got | 163. Men | 223. Some | 283. White |
| 44. Boy | 104. Great | 164. Might | 224. Something | 284. Who |
| 45. Brought | 105. Grow | 165. Money | 225. Soon | 285. Whole |
| 46. But | 106. Had | 166. More | 226. Still | 286. Why |
| 47. Buy | 107. Half | 167. Most | 227. Story | 287. Will |
| 48. By | 108. Hand | 168. Mother | 228. Study | 288. Wind |
| 49. Called | 109. Hard | 169. Move | 229. Such | 289. With |
| 50. Came | 110. Has | 170. Much | 230. Sun | 290. Without |
| 51. Can | 111. Have | 171. Must | 231. Sure | 291. Words |
| 52. Cannot | 112. He | 172. My | 232. Table | 292. Work |
| 53. Car | 113. Head | 173. Name | 233. Take | 293. World |
| 54. Change | 114. Hear | 174. Need | 234. Tell | 294. Would |
| 55. Children | 115. Heard | 175. Never | 235. Than | 295. Write |
| 56. City | 116. Help | 176. New | 236. That | 296. Year |
| 57. Close | 117. Her | 177. Next | 237. The | 297. Yet |
| 58. Cold | 118. Here | 178. No | 238. Their | 298. Yes |
| 59. Come | 119. High | 179. Not | 239. Them | 299. You |
| 60. Could | 120. Him | 180. Nothing | 240. Then | 300. Young |

CONTRACTIONS

Contractions are created by “squeezing” or “shortening” two words into one. When this happens, one or more letters are removed and **replaced by an apostrophe**. Use contractions in informal writing.

Contraction	Derived from	Contraction	Derived from
doesn't	does not	she's	she is; she has
don't	do not	shouldn't	should not
hadn't	had not	that's	that is
hasn't	has not	they'd	they would , they had
haven't	have not	they'll	they will
he'd	he would ; he had	they're	they are
here's	here is	they've	they have
I'll	I will	you'd	you would , you had
I'm	I am	you'll	you will
I've	I have	you're	you are
isn't	is not	you've	you have
it'll	it will	we'd	we would , we had
it's	it is; it has	we've	we have
let's	let us	where's	where is
mustn't	must not	who's	who is
o'clock	Of the clock	wouldn't	would not
she'd	she would , she had	won't	will not

Punctuation ©

QUOTATION MARK “ ”

Quotation marks are most commonly used to enclose speaker’s exact words, and to set apart words that are discussed.

- EXAMPLE:** a) Our teacher then asked, “Would you like to go outside today?” (**direct** quotation)
b) The word “thunderstorm” often brings fear among the very young in our group.

COLON :

A colon introduces a list, a direct quotation, and the end portion of a sentence that is an explanation. It is used after an introductory classification, after the salutation in a formal letter and between numbers in time.

- EXAMPLE:** a) The following items were bought at the pharmacy: pop, newspaper, and a bottle of hair shampoo. b) I learned the following: I was too old and run down to compete. c) He immediately replied by saying: “I am completely innocent.” d) Her actions made me think of one thing: revenge! e) Dear Lucas: e) Being out in the sun made me think of only one thing: water! f) 3:30 PM

APOSTROPHE ’

An apostrophe is used to show ownership (possessives—singular and plural), period of time and a sum of money. It also acts as a place holder for a missing letter. In addition, it is used to construct a contraction.

- EXAMPLE:** a) Laura’s tennis racquet b) today’s proverb d) three dollar’s worth of sunflower seeds
b) anyone’s guess e) don’t, can’t

SEMICOLON ;

A semicolon is used to expand or lengthen an original thought **and** separate clauses in a written sentence.

- EXAMPLE:** a) My latest attempt to cross the ocean failed; it was a total disaster indeed!
b) The excitement was steadily building; I began to run as I kept my eyes on the road.

PERIOD, EXCLAMATION, QUESTION MARK .!?

All correctly written sentences end with either a period, exclamation mark or a question mark. A **period is used** at the end of a normal sentence. It is similarly written at the end of abbreviations, initials and as a decimal point. Use an **exclamation mark** to mark the end of sentences in which the writer is attempting to express strong feelings. A **question mark** is used after a direct question and to indicate doubt about the accuracy of something.

COMMA ,

A comma is used to separate a series of phrases, clauses and words in a sentence; in dates; addresses, to set off interruptions/ expressions and interjections, direct address of one person by another and also in writing of letters.

- EXAMPLE:** a) In his bag we found the racquets, the tape, and a can of tennis balls. b) January 1, 2001.
c) 134 Sunset Drive, New Village, Australia d) I was excited, nevertheless, I tried not to show emotion. e) Laura, come here! f) Dear Paul,

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PREFIXES

Prefix	Meaning	Example	Prefix	Meaning	Example
a	not	aseptic, asymmetrical	mid	half	midway, middle
ab	away from	abnormal, absent	mini	very small	miniskirt
anti	against	antibiotic, antifreeze	mis	wrong	misspell, misunderstand
auto	self, alone	automatic, automobile	mono	one, single	monotheistic, monologue
bene	good	beneficial, benefit	multi	many	multinational
bi	two, double	bicycle, bicentennial	non	not	nonconformist, nonentity
bio	life	biology, biosphere	over	too much	overrun
cent	hundred	century, centurion	pan	all	pan-American
centi	hundredth	centimeter	para	beside, guard	parallel, parachute
circum	around	circumference	penta	five	pentagon
co	with, together	cooperate	per	throughout	perfect, pervade
com	with	compassion, combine	poly	many	polygon
con	with	connect	port	carry	portage
contra	against	contradict	post	after	postpone, postgraduate
deci	tenth	decimeter	pre	before	prepare, predict
deca	ten	decagon	pro	forward, supporting	progress, propel, profess
dia	through	diagonal, diameter	quad	four	quadrilateral
dis	apart	dislocate, dismantle	re	again, back	reconsider
eco	earth	ecology, ecosystem	semi	half, partly	semidetached semiprivate
equi	equal	equilateral, equilibrium	sub	below, under	submarine, submerge
ex	former	ex-wife, ex-president	super	above	superman, supernatural
hemi	half	hemisphere	tele	far	telephone, television
hyper	above, over	hyperactive	trans	across, over	transport, transplant
il/im	not	incorrect, irresistible	tri	three	triangle, tricycle
in/ir	not	incorrect, irresistible	ultra	beyond	ultrasound, ultra light
inter	between, among	interstate, international	un	not, uncertain	uneducated, unbearable
magni	great, large	magnify, magnificent	under	below	underused
mega	great	mega city, megaphone	uni	one	universal, unicycle
micro	small	microscope			

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PREFIXES

ACTIVITY

Use a **dictionary** to find an example of a word that contains the listed prefixes.

Prefix	Meaning	Example	Prefix	Meaning	Example
a	not	_____	mid	half	_____
ab	away from	_____	mini	very small	_____
anti	against	_____	mis	wrong	_____
auto	self, alone	_____	mono	one, single	_____
bene	good	_____	multi	many	_____
bi	two, double	_____	non	not	_____
bio	life	_____	over	too much	_____
cent	hundred	_____	pan	all	_____
centi	hundredth	_____	para	beside, guard	_____
circum	around	_____	penta	five	_____
co	with, together	_____	per	throughout	_____
com	with	_____	poly	many	_____
con	with	_____	port	carry	_____
contra	against	_____	post	after	_____
deci	tenth	_____	pre	before	_____
deca	ten	_____	pro	forward, supporting	_____
dia	through	_____	quad	four	_____
dis	apart	_____	re	again, back	_____
eco	earth	_____	semi	half, partly	_____
equi	equal	_____	sub	below, under	_____
ex	former	_____	super	above	_____
hemi	half	_____	tele	far	_____
hyper	above, over	_____	trans	across, over	_____
il/im	not	_____	tri	three	_____
in/ir	not	_____	ultra	beyond	_____
inter	between, among	_____	un	not, uncertain	_____
magni	great, large	_____	under	below	_____
mega	great	_____	uni	one	_____
micro	small	_____			

Suffixes

- able available believable miserable		- ance observance observance instance	- ant reluctantant protestant silent
- ary infirmary honorary imaginary		- ent judgment dependent confident	- ible digestible flexible sensible
- ence indulgence independence silence		- ery slavery pottery lottery	- ory observatory laboratory sensory
- dom freedom kingdom wisdom		- er lecturer manager teacher	- ian comedian electrician politician
- ment attachment disappointment equipment		- ness politeness happiness loneliness	- or creator adjudicator spectator
- ture fixture mixture signature		- ure brochure denture moisture	- ation aviation transportation reservation
- ion communion complexion opinion		- ition intuition competition repetition	- sion abrasion discussion television
- tion election production education		- ious furious mysterious rebellious	- ous furious joyous nervous
- ise expertise exercise		- ize summarize memorize	- less faithless careless



PARTS OF SPEECH

ADJECTIVE

Word that **modifies**, and **describes** a **noun**.

Example: The **old** woman held in her hand a **red** scarf.

ADVERB

Word that **describes** another **adverb**, **verb** or **adjective**. An **adverb** tells *how*, *why*, *when*, *where* and *in what manner* an action takes place. Many adverbs end in *-ly*. Words such as *very*, *not* and *always* are also adverbs.

Example: (The boy ran **continuously** as his friend **patiently** followed along on his bike. He **always** arrives to class late.)

CONJUNCTION

Word that **joins**, **connects** or **links other words**. Two types of conjunctions should be noted.

Coordinating Conjunction: - **connects** sentence parts equal in rank, single words, clauses and phrases (**and**, **but**, **yet**, **or**, **nor**, **for**, **so**, **both**, **not only**, **either** and **neither** are very common and easily recognizable conjunctions)

Example: (Play now **but** after supper you will need to continue with your studies.)

Subordinating Conjunction: - **joins two clauses**, to make a more complex sentence. The joining word is the one that expresses a relationship between two ideas that are not equal in rank. Some examples are: **after**, **although**, **as if**, **as long as**, **as soon as**, **because**, **before**, **even though**, **if**, **once**, **since**, **until**, **that**, **where**, **when**, **while**, etc.

Example: We played tennis **until** the night lights were turned off.

NOUN

Word that **names a person**, **place** or a **thing**.

Proper Noun: a word that names specific people, places and things and is capitalized.

Example: (**Leah**, **Brampton**, **Monday**, **Christmas**.)

Common Noun: are the words naming general things - *Example:* (**brother**, **car**, **girl**, **bat**, **pencil**, **coin**)

PRONOUN

Word **used in place of a noun** (**I**, **you**, **he**, **she**, **it**, **we** and **they**)

Example: **They** decided to paint **it** as soon as **we** came to help.

PREPOSITION

Word that shows **how** a noun or pronoun **relate** to another word (**into**, **at**, **behind**, **above**, **before**, **near**, **toward**, **under**, and **beside**) They often indicate **position**.

Example: He threw his racquet **at** the fence.

VERB

Word that shows **action** or **state of being**. *Example:* He **ran** into the forest because he **was** scared..

Individual



ASSESSMENT

“ At a Glance “

Class: _____

Student Name	Date	Area of Need



Name: _____

Writing Evaluation

Mark = _____ = % =

Things Evaluated	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Interesting & effective introduction, relates to the main idea											
Wrote using paragraph style											
Command of spelling, punctuation and grammar conventions											
Depth of thought											
Logical sequencing of ideas											
Stays on topic, doesn't wander											
Ability to communicate clearly, on purpose											
Work makes sense											
Effective use of words											
Voice											
Use of the writing process											
Effective and interesting conclusion											
Work submitted for evaluation on time											
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Writing Evaluation

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Writing Evaluation

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WRITING EVALUATION

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Effective and interesting conclusion						
Work submitted for evaluation on time						
AVERAGE:						

TEACHER




WORK EVALUATION

Name: _____

Assignment: _____

Mark:



Areas where you could improve:

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

Teacher: _____ Date: _____


See back for additional information.



Name: _____

Assignment: _____

Mark:



Areas where you could improve:

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b) _____

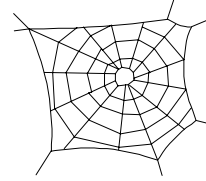
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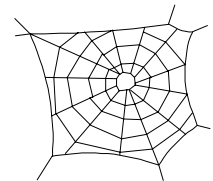
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HOMEWORK NOT DONE

Just a brief note to inform you that _____ has not completed the following homework:

Subject:			
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Homework:			
Teacher:			
Parent Signature: _____		Date: _____	



Homework Not Done !

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