



4th Grade Reading Skills

That's the Spirit!

Unit 3.1



Spelling Words

1. permit
2. emergency
3. herbs
4. sternly
5. serpent
6. superbly
7. pearl
8. swirl
9. whirlwind
10. birthmark
11. squirming
12. purse
13. curved
14. curbed
15. further
16. hurl
17. turkey
18. turnip
19. purpose
20. blurred



Reading

Weekly Concept: Friendship

Essential Question: How can you make new friends feel welcome?

Genre: Fantasy A fantasy is a made up story that has characters or events that could NOT happen in real life. Many fantasies have talking animals or magical elements.

Skill: Point of View: A narrator's point of view tells how the narrator thinks or feels about the characters or events in the story.

* **First Person** narrator is a character in the story & uses pronouns: I, me, my, we, us...

* **Third Person** narrator is NOT part of the story but tells reader how all the characters feel & think. Uses pronouns he, she, they...

Comprehension Strategy: Visualize as you read, use details to picture what is happening in your mind. It's like making a movie of the story in your mind!

Spelling: r- controlled vowels: *er, ir, & ur*

Grammar: Action Verbs

Writing: Sentence Fluency

Vocabulary Strategy: Context Clues

Vocabulary Words

1. **scrounging:** When someone is **scrounging** for something, he or she is trying to obtain or collect something with difficulty.
2. **acquaintance:** An **acquaintance** is someone you know but who is not a close friend.
3. **cautiously:** To do something **cautiously** means to do it with care.
4. **complementary:** If something is **complementary**, it makes something whole or complete.
5. **jumble:** A **jumble** is a confused mixture or condition.
6. **logical:** Something that is **logical** makes sense and is based on reason.
7. **scornfully:** If you say or do something **scornfully**, you say it or do it in a way that show dislike or that you are making fun.
8. **trustworthy:** To be **trustworthy** means to be reliable.



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Spelling Words

1. wrinkle
2. wriggle
3. wrapper
4. wreckage
5. wrench
6. knead
7. kneel
8. knives
9. knapsack
10. knowledge
11. combs
12. thumbs
13. lambs
14. plumber
15. assignment
16. resign
17. doubtless
18. autumn
19. honesty
20. honorable



Reading

Weekly Concept: Helping the Community

Essential Question: In what ways can you help your community?

Genre: Realistic Fiction is a made up story that includes realistic characters, events and settings. (Fiction story that *COULD* happen in real life)

Comprehension Skill: Point of View

Comprehension Strategy: Visualize

Spelling: Silent Letters

Grammar: Verb Tenses

Writing: Word Choice

Vocabulary Strategy: Context Clues give the meaning of unfamiliar words often in the same sentence separated by a comma and the word *or*.

Vocabulary Words

1. **organizations:** **Organizations** are groups of people who join together for a purpose.
2. **assigned:** When something is **assigned**, it is given out as a task.
3. **generosity:** **Generosity** means a willingness and happiness to share in an unselfish way.
4. **gingerly:** To do something **gingerly** is to do it carefully or with extreme caution.
5. **mature:** To be **mature** is to show the qualities of being an adult.
6. **residents:** The **residents** are the people who live in a particular place.
7. **scattered:** To be **scattered** is to be spread or thrown about.
8. **selective:** When you are **selective** you are very careful with making choices.



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Spelling Words

1. officers
2. difference
3. scene
4. decision
5. circus
6. cement
7. audience
8. introduce
9. certain
10. ounce
11. passage
12. general
13. exchange
14. badge
15. manager
16. orange
17. gingerly
18. arranged
19. languages
20. villagers



Reading

Weekly Concept: Liberty and Justice

Essential Question: How can one person make a difference?

Genre: Biography

- is a story about a real person's life written by another person
- may have text features such as time lines, diagrams, headings...

Comprehension Skill: Author's Point of View (an author's attitude or point of view about the topic he or she writes about)

Comprehension Strategy: Reread

Spelling: Soft *c* and *g*; final *e* syllable

Grammar: Main Verb (what the subject does or is)

Helping Verbs (have, has, had, is, am, are, was, were, & will)

Writing Trait: Ideas

Vocabulary Strategy: Synonyms (words with same or similar meaning) & Antonyms (words with opposite meaning)

Vocabulary Words

1. **boycott:** A **boycott** is a planned joining with others in refusing to buy from or deal with a person, business, or nation.
2. **encouragement:** **Encouragement** is support that inspires hope and confidence.
3. **fulfill:** To **fulfill** means to carry out or finish.
4. **injustice:** An **injustice** is a lack of justice or fairness.
5. **mistreated:** People who are **mistreated** are treated badly by others.
6. **protest:** People **protest** when they object to something.
7. **qualified:** A **qualified** person has the needed abilities to do something.
8. **registered:** Someone who is **registered** has his or her name on a list.



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Unit 3.4



Spelling Words

1. potatoes
2. mints
3. belongings
4. arches
5. dresses
6. parents
7. batteries
8. trophies
9. hobbies
10. engines
11. couches
12. arrows
13. enemies
14. babies
15. ranches
16. patches
17. mistakes
18. supplies
19. mosses
20. armies



Reading

Weekly Concept: Powerful Words

Essential Question: How can words lead to change?

Genre: Biography

- is a story about a real person's life written by another person
- may have text features such as time lines, diagrams, headings...

Comprehension Skill: Author's Point of View (the author's attitude about the topic of his or her writing)

Comprehension Strategy: Reread

Spelling: Plurals

Grammar: Linking Verbs (is, are, was, were, had, seem, become)

Writing Trait: Organization

Vocabulary Strategy: Latin & Greek Suffixes (a suffix is added to the end of a word to change the meaning)

Vocabulary Words

1. **address:** An **address** is a formal speech.
2. **divided:** Something that is **divided** is separated into parts or pieces.
3. **haste:** Something done in **haste** is done with quickness in moving or in acting.
4. **opposed:** If someone is **opposed** to something, he or she is against it.
5. **perish:** To **perish** is to disappear or vanish.
6. **proclamation:** A **proclamation** is an official public announcement of something.
7. **shattered:** When something is **shattered**, it is completely destroyed or ruined.
8. **tension:** **Tension** is mental or emotional strain.



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Unit 3.5



Spelling Words

1. fishbowl
2. heartbroken
3. waterproof
4. snowstorm
5. skateboard
6. bedspread
7. clothesline
8. courtroom
9. campfire
10. grandparent
11. loudspeaker
12. blindfold
13. undergrowth
14. undertake
15. yardstick
16. overhead
17. teammate
18. bookcase
19. eyesight
20. gentleman



Reading

Weekly Concept: Feeding the World

Essential Question: In what ways can advances in science be helpful or harmful?

Genre: Persuasive Article

- States the author's opinion on a topic
- Provides facts and examples to convince readers to agree with the author's opinion
- May include text features such as charts and maps

Comprehension Skill: Author's Point of View (the author's attitude about the topic of his or her writing)

Comprehension Strategy: Reread

Spelling: Compound Words

Grammar: Irregular Verbs (past tense does not end *-d* or *-ed*; ran, drew, ate)

Writing Trait: Voice

Vocabulary Words

1. **agriculture:** **Agriculture** is the science and business for raising crops and farm animals.
2. **advancements:** **Advancements** are improvements that move an idea ahead.
3. **characteristics:** **Characteristics** are qualities that belong to and help identify a person or thing.
4. **concerns:** A **concern** is a worried interest in something.
5. **disagreed:** If you **disagreed**, you had a different opinion.
6. **inherit:** To **inherit** is to receive from one's parent or parents.
7. **prevalent:** When something is **prevalent**, it is commonly accepted, used, or widespread.
8. **resistance:** **Resistance** is the act of fighting against or overcoming something.

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