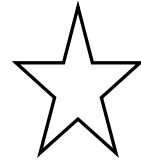


# 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Skills

## Unit 4.1

### Fact or Fiction?



#### Spelling Words

1. endured
2. strumming
3. exploded
4. flipping
5. admitted
6. flipped
7. outwitted
8. flagged
9. strummed
10. realized
11. exploding
12. admitting
13. skipping
14. appreciating
15. flagging
16. discussed
17. demonstrated
18. demonstrating
19. forcing
20. discussing



#### Reading

**Weekly Concept:** Our Government

**Essential Question:** Why do we need government?

**Genre:** Narrative Nonfiction: Is a type of nonfiction that is written as a story. It presents facts and includes text features.

**Skill:** Cause and Effect: The **cause** is why something happened and the **effect** is what happened or the result.

**Comprehension Strategy:** Ask and Answer Questions: Ask questions about things you do not understand and then look for the answers.

**Spelling:** Inflectional Endings: *ed & ing*

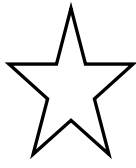
**Grammar:** Pronouns (take the place of one or more nouns; he, she, they, who, whom)  
Antecedents (the word the pronoun takes the place of or refers to)

**Writing:** Organization (strong paragraphs)

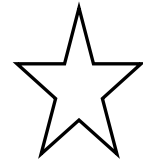
**Vocabulary Strategy:** Latin Roots: dent = tooth; commun = common;  
spect = look

#### Vocabulary Words

1. **democracy:** A **democracy** is a government that is run by the people who live under it.
2. **amendments:** **Amendments** are formal changes made according to official procedures.
3. **commitment:** A **commitment** is a sense of obligation toward something.
4. **compromise:** To **compromise** means to reach agreement by having each side give up part of its demands.
5. **eventually:** **Eventually** means in the end or eventually.
6. **legislation:** **Legislation** means laws that are made or passed.
7. **privilege:** A **privilege** is a special right or benefit held by a certain group of people.
8. **version:** A **version** is an account given in a particular way.



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Unit 4.2  
Fact or Fiction?



Spelling Words

1. funnier
2. handily
3. pennies
4. worried
5. replied
6. varied
7. abilities
8. carries
9. easily
10. silliest
11. jumpier
12. emptier
13. merrier
14. societies
15. cozily
16. sorriest
17. communities
18. lazier
19. happiest
20. dizziest



Reading

**Weekly Concept:** Leadership

**Essential Question:** Why do people run for public office?

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

**Comprehension Skill:** Point of View

- **First Person** narrator is a character in the story & uses pronouns: I, me, we, us...
- **Third Person** narrator is NOT part of the story but tells reader how all the characters feel & think. Uses pronouns such as he, she, they...

**Comprehension Strategy:** Make Predictions As you read, use details to make predictions about what you think will happen later in the story.

**Spelling:** Inflectional Endings: y to i

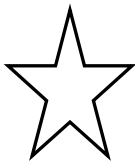
**Grammar:** Types of pronouns: subject, object, and reflexive

**Writing:** Ideas (develop characters)

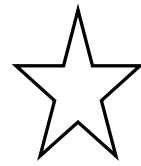
**Vocabulary Strategy:** Idioms expressions that will not make sense if you take the words or phrase literally.

Vocabulary Words

1. **governor:** A **governor** is a person elected to be the head of a state government in the United States.
2. **accompanies:** **Accompanies** means "goes along with something."
3. **campaign:** A **campaign** is a series of actions planned and carried out to bring about a particular result.
4. **intend:** To **intend** is to have a purpose or plan in mind.
5. **opponent:** An **opponent** is a person or group that is against another in a fight, contest, or discussion.
6. **overwhelming:** Something **overwhelming** is overcoming or overpowering completely.
7. **tolerate:** To **tolerate** means to put up with or endure someone or something.
8. **weary:** To be **weary** means to be very tired.

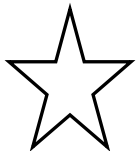


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Unit 4.3  
Fact or Fiction?



Spelling Words

1. **boost**
2. **doodle**
3. **zoom**
4. **smooth**
5. **crew**
6. **shrewd**
7. **parachute**
8. **produce**
9. **tissue**
10. **truthful**
11. **tutor**
12. **bruised**
13. **juicy**
14. **suits**
15. **you'll**
16. **huge**
17. **mute**
18. **communication**
19. **crooked**
20. **should**



Reading

Weekly Concept: Breakthroughs

Essential Question: How do inventions and technology affect your life?

Genre: Historical Fiction

- has realistic characters, events, and settings
- is set in the past and based on real events

Comprehension Skill: Author's Point of View

- **First Person** narrator is a character in the story & uses pronouns: I, me, we, us...
- **Third Person** narrator is NOT part of the story but tells the reader how one, several or all the characters feel & think. Uses pronouns such as he, she, they...

Comprehension Strategy: Make Predictions As you read, use details to make predictions about what you think will happen later in the story.

Spelling: vowel sound spelling patterns

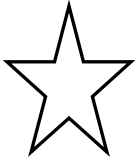
Grammar: Pronoun-Verb Agreement

Writing Trait: Ideas (developing the plot of a story)

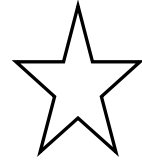
Vocabulary Strategy: **Synonyms** are words with same or similar meanings.

Vocabulary Words

1. **technology**: Technology is the use of science for practical purposes, especially in engineering and industry.
2. **decade**: A decade is a period of ten years.
3. **directing**: **Directing** is the act of giving instructions, ordering, or commanding.
4. **engineering**: **Engineering** is the work that uses scientific knowledge for practical things such as building bridges.
5. **gleaming**: When something is gleaming it is shining or glowing.
6. **scouted**: **Scouted** means to have looked at or explored in order to find out and bring back more information.
7. **squirmed**: To have **squirmed** is to have turned and twisted the body.
8. **tinkering**: **Tinkering** is pattering or keeping busy in an aimless way.

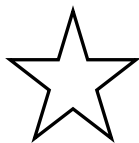


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Unit 4.4  
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**Spelling Words**

1. void
2. hardboiled
3. rejoice
4. annoyance
5. destroy
6. voyage
7. mound
8. trouser
9. encounter
10. announce
11. thousand
12. wound
13. grouch
14. southpaw
15. nowadays
16. downtown
17. cowboy
18. prowl
19. empower
20. howling



**Reading**

**Weekly Concept:** Wonders in the Sky

**Essential Question:** How do you explain what you see in the sky?

**Genre: Expository Text**

- Explains facts and information about a topic
- Includes text features such as heading, diagrams, photographs, captions...

**Comprehension Skill: Cause & Effect** The **cause** is why something happened and the **effect** is what happened or the result. Look for signal words such as: cause, effect, as a result & therefore to help identify cause and effect relationships.

**Comprehension Strategy:** Ask & Answers Questions

**Spelling:** Diphthongs /oi/and /ou/

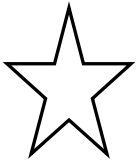
**Grammar:** Possessive Pronouns take the place of a possessive noun: his, her, its, our, their...

**Writing Trait:** Word Choice (figurative language)

**Vocabulary Strategy: Context Clues** are clues in the sentence or paragraph that help you figure out meaning of unfamiliar words.

**Vocabulary Words**

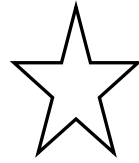
1. **telescope:** A **telescope** makes distant objects seem larger and nearer.
2. **astronomer:** An **astronomer** studies the stars and planets.
3. **crescent:** A **crescent** is a curve that is wider in the middle and tapered at the ends.
4. **phases:** **Phases** are the different stages of the moon.
5. **rotates:** When something **rotates**, it turns around on an axis.
6. **series:** A **series** is a number of similar things coming one after another.
7. **sliver:** A **sliver** is a thin, often pointed piece that has been broken, cut, or torn off.
8. **specific:** Something **specific** is exact or particular.



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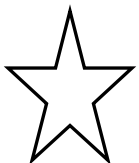
## Unit 4.5

Fact or Fiction?



### Spelling Words

1. daughter
2. dinosaur
3. applauded
4. caught
5. clause
6. audiences
7. because
8. vault
9. sprawling
10. strawberry
11. shawl
12. malt
13. halted
14. alteration
15. stalk
16. squall
17. wallpaper
18. sought
19. thoughtful
20. fought



### Reading

#### Weekly Concept: Achievements

**Essential Question:** How do writers look at success in different ways?

#### Genre: Narrative Poetry

- Tells a story and has characters
- Can be about fictional or real events
- May be written in stanzas

**Comprehension Skill:** Theme is the main message or lesson in a poem or story.

**Literary Elements:** Stanza & Repetition

**Spelling:** variant vowel sound spellings

**Grammar:** Pronouns & Homophones

- Subject pronouns are often used in conjunction with verbs to form contractions:  
she is = she's; he is = he's; we are = we're; I have = I've

- Homophones are words that sound alike but have different spellings and meanings:  
eight/ate; to/too/two; sea/see; won/one; knew/new; know/no; cent/sent/scent...

- Homophones include possessive pronouns and contractions such as:  
your/you're; its/it's; their/there/they're

**Writing Trait:** Word Choice (figurative language)

**Vocabulary Strategy:** Connotation & Denotation

### Vocabulary Words

1. **triumph:** When something is a triumph, it is a great victory or success.
2. **attain:** To **attain** something means to work hard to achieve a goal.
3. **dangling:** **Dangling** means hanging or swinging loosely.
4. **hovering:** A **hovering** object stays in one place in the air.
5. **stanza:** A **stanza** is two or more lines of poetry that together form a unit of the poem.
6. **connotation:** **Connotation** is a feeling or idea associated with a word.
7. **denotation:** **Denotation** is the dictionary's definition of a word.
8. **repetition:** **Repetition** is when a poet repeats words or phrases in a poem.

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