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D-5 Fresh, Fun Ideas for Teaching Language Arts! (Gr. 2-3)

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Statement, statement, gives you information

Ends with a period for punctuation

Question, question, asks for information

Ends with a question mark for punctuation

Command, command, it tells you what to do

Commands often end with a period, too

Shows strong feeling, that's an exclamation

Gets an exclamation point for punctuation

We saw toys from long ago

We are going to the art museum

They could spin very fast

Do you like this picture

The scraps are different colors

Wow, this picture is outstanding

Quilters sew and cut pieces

Look at the bright colors

Quilters can work together

Shall we paint a mural

Quilts tell stories

That's such a great idea

This quilt has animal designs

What do you want me to do

I saw your picture

Help me think of an idea

Oh, it looks great

I like to draw people

Will you show me how to do it

How well can you draw plants

Rub over the paper with colors

We will do a good job together

What do I do next

I just can't wait to get started

Buy several colors of paint

Hand it to me, please

I will buy the brushes

Do you have the blue paint

Where shall we paint our mural

Wow, your painting is beautiful

Listen to this idea

Do you really think so

Can we paint it over there

Choose a character to draw

We should ask if it is okay to paint

Can we do more

Hooray, we can do it

What happens when you eat

Tell me about the president

What a great cartoon you drew

Boy, he is the greatest

Study to learn about them

What was he most famous for

Aren't they very old murals

Look at this comic strip

Wow, that's really old

What do you want me to see

Staple your pages together

Rules for Using Capital Letters

RULE #1: Capitalize the first word in every sentence.

RULE #2: Capitalize proper nouns.

- Names of people
- Names of particular buildings, things, and events
- Schools and stores
- Street addresses
- Cities, states, countries, and continents
- Months of the year
- Days of the week
- Holidays
- Religions
- Nationalities
- Languages
- Organizations and clubs
- Historical events and documents
- Businesses and their products



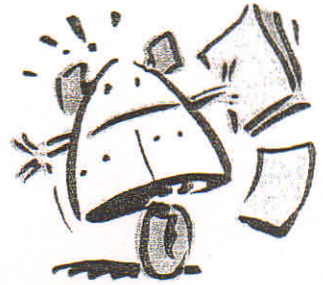
RULE #3: Capitalize titles or their abbreviations when used with a person's name. (Mr., Dr., Mrs., Jr., and so forth)

RULE #4: Capitalize the first word of a direct quotation.

RULE #5: Capitalize the first, last, and most important words in the titles of books, stories, songs, poems, newspapers, movies, and television shows.

RULE #6: Capitalize the first word in the greeting and closing of a letter.

Commas! Commas! Commas!



RULE #1: A comma is needed after the first sentence (and before the conjunction) in a compound sentence.

EXAMPLE: Would you like to go shopping, or would you prefer to watch a movie?
I went to the party, and I had a lot of fun.

RULE #2: A comma is used between the city and state in an address.

EXAMPLE: Maria Stein, Ohio

RULE #3: A comma is used between the day and year in a date. When in a sentence, a comma is used between the day and year, the weekday and month, and after the year if the sentence continues.

EXAMPLE: September 22, 2004

RULE #4: A comma is used with three or more items in a series.

EXAMPLE: I enjoy camping, reading, and swimming.

RULE #5: Words such as yes, no, oh, and well are called introductory words when they begin a sentence. Use a comma after introductory words.

EXAMPLE: Yes, I would love to go to the party.

RULE #6: Use a comma after the greeting and closing in a letter.

EXAMPLE: Dear Susie,
Yours truly,

RULE #7: Use a comma after a statement or command in direct quotations to separate what's being said from who's saying it.

EXAMPLE: "Pick that up," said Mom.
Sam asked, "How old are you?"

Other Punctuation Marks to Know...



RULE #1: Quotation marks are used to punctuate titles of songs, articles in newspapers or magazines, short stories, poems, and chapters.

RULE #2: Underline titles of books, newspapers, magazines, CD albums, movies, tv programs, and plays.

RULE #3: Quotation marks are needed in dialogue. Dialogue is when people are talking to each other.

EXAMPLE: Tanya exclaimed, "This is so exciting!"

RULE #4: Apostrophes are used in contractions.

EXAMPLE: can't, don't, she'd, I'll

RULE #5: When a noun is singular, add an apostrophe and a "s" to show possession.

EXAMPLE: Johnny's bookbag, the dog's bone,
the chair's legs

RULE #6: When a plural noun ends in "s", add an apostrophe to show possession.

EXAMPLE: the cats' bowls, the tractors' engines,
the churches' steeples

RULE #7: When a plural noun does not end in "s", add an apostrophe and a "s".

EXAMPLE: the geese's honks, the men's ties,
the mice's tails

NAME _____ AGENT # _____

CAPITAL LETTER REVIEW

My name is Luke, and the name of my school is Marion Local Elementary School.

The date for Easter changes each year, but the Fourth of July is always the same.

Our doctor's name is Dr. Schwieterman.

"I wrote a letter to the President of the United States," said Jim.

"Where the Red Fern Grows is my favorite book," stated Amy.

Her teacher's name is Mrs. Donovan, and she speaks French and German.

I recently saw the movie Alvin and the Chipmunks at the Celina Cinema.

She lives at 3229 Kenneth Drive, St. Henry, Ohio, but goes to Marion Elementary.

The United States Constitution is a very famous document.

Today fables are written down.

Adults read them to children.

“Little Red Riding Hood” is an old fable.

Children still like to read it.

An artist reads the children’s story.

Then the artist imagines the characters in the book.

Pictures can be in black and white.

They may be in color.

Some writers draw their own pictures.

It takes a long time to draw pictures for a book.

Some real-life stories are happy.

Some are sad.

I tell my friends about books.

They share books with me.

Science fiction is one kind of genre.

It is not the only kind.

Some science fiction stories are about outer space.

Others take place on Earth.

One famous story is about the sea.

It is set at the bottom of the ocean.

A science fiction story may be about computers.

It may be about spaceships.

Spelling activities...

Give it back to me

Sign language

Body spelling

Make and break

Spelling race sheet

Fraction spelling sheet

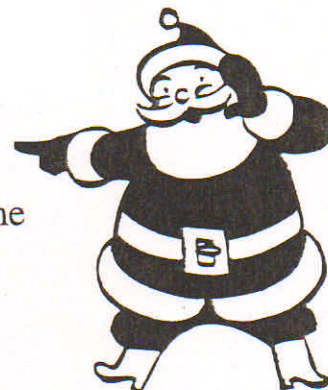
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Rainbow spelling

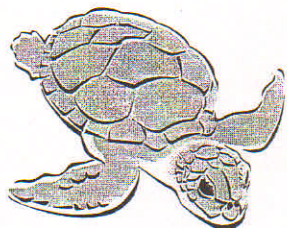
Chant and check

HELP!

Imagine you are Santa, and you need your elves to work overtime this year. Write a letter to them persuading them why you need them to work overtime and what their reward will be.

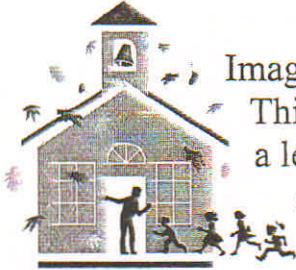


Most of us have worn a costume at one time or another. Think about the best costume you ever wore. Write a paragraph describing what the costume was like. Remember to have a **KNOCK OUT** topic sentence and a summary statement. If you need to, you can make a wheel of a piece of scrap paper to help you.



Choose an animal that you care about. Pretend that it is endangered. Write a paragraph persuading others why this animal should be saved. Remember to have a **KNOCK OUT** topic sentence and a summary statement. If you need to, you can make a wheel of a piece of scrap paper to help you.

Pretend you are a Valentine card at Wal-Mart waiting on the shelf to be bought. Write a story about your life. You can use personification in your writing by allowing the card to talk and think when people pick it up to read.

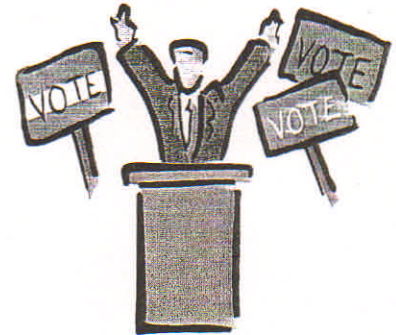


Imagine that your school just got a lot of money for improvements. Think about one big thing your school could do with the money. Write a letter to the school board persuading them what you think they should do with the money. Remember to write in letter form.

VOTE FOR ME!

Write to persuade the class to vote for you as class president.

- ❖ Be sure to list all of your great character traits.
- ❖ Also, write about all the wonderful things you will do as class president.



What do you like about your town? What do you think needs changed? Write a letter to your mayor to state your opinions? (Remember to have a heading, greeting, body, closing, and signature.)



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