



Day 1

3rd grade

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Snow Dance

by Kelly Hashway



Arianna rushed into the living room where her father was turning off the television.

"Well, what did they say?" Arianna asked.

Her father shook his head. "Sorry, Sweetie. Only flurries in the forecast. No accumulation."

Arianna sighed. Winter was her favorite season for one reason alone—snow. She loved the fluffy white stuff. It made the trees and ground sparkle. It meant snowball fights, snowmen, and best of all sledding. She'd even gotten a new sled for Christmas. But what good was a new sled without snow?

She pulled her sled out from under the tree. It still had a big red bow on it. "All I really wanted for Christmas was a new sled. But now that I have it, I can't even use it. This is turning out to be the worst winter ever."

Her father patted her shoulder. "There's still plenty of time for snow, sweetie. Winter's only just begun. Give it time and the snow will come."

"Yeah, but winter break will be over soon, and I haven't gotten to use my sled yet."

"What about all your other Christmas gifts? Why don't you play with them? I bet you'll have so much fun you won't even miss the snow."

Arianna sighed. Her father just didn't understand. She grabbed her sled and moved it to the middle of the living room floor.

"What are you doing?" her father asked.

"A snow dance," Arianna said, marching around the sled. She raised her hands in the air and chanted, "Snow, snow, snow."

Her father laughed but Arianna kept dancing and chanting. She did her snow dance for three straight days before she gave up. She went to bed that night without even checking the weather report.

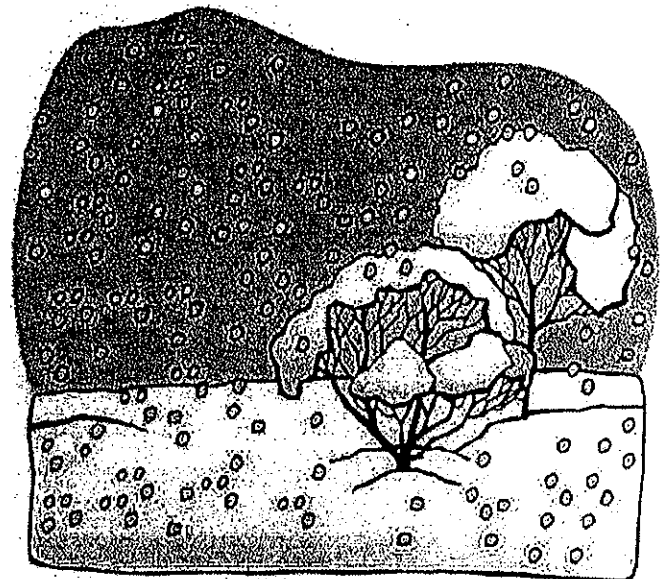
In the morning she woke up to something lying next to her in bed. She opened her eyes and saw her sled.

"Thought you'd want to get an early start," her father said, sipping on his morning coffee.

"It snowed?" Arianna asked, sitting up.

"The weather man reported the storm last night. I tried to tell you, but you had already gone to bed. I guess your snow dance worked."

Arianna laughed. "Or I just had to wait until the snow was ready like you said. But either way, I'm going sledding before breakfast!"



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1. What was the author's purpose for writing this story?
- a. to teach readers how to make it snow outside
 - b. to give information about how people live in snowy climates
 - c. to entertain readers with a story about a girl who wants snow
 - d. to entertain readers with a story about sledding, snowmen, and snowball fights

2. Arianna's father says, "Sorry Sweetie. Only flurries in the forecast. No accumulation." What does the word accumulation mean?

- a. snow that falls during the night
- b. snow that sticks to the ground
- c. snow that is more than six inches deep
- d. snow that is slippery

During which month does this story take place? _____

4. Describe Arianna's snow dance.

5. Read the following sentence from the story and write a definition for the underlined word.

Her father laughed but Arianna kept dancing and chanting.

Challenge: Write a short poem titled, "Snow Dance." Read your poem aloud to a friend or family member and perform your own snow dance.

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At the Circus

Reading a picture graph

The Super Duper Circus has many wonderful performers.
The picture graph below shows the number of performers.

Number of Performers at Super Duper Circus	
clown	
acrobat	
animal trainer	
juggler	
horseback rider	

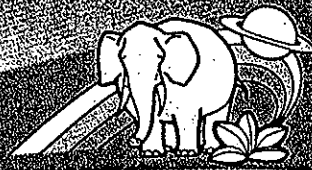


Each stands for 5 performers.

Use the picture graph to answer the questions.

- A.** How many clowns work at the circus? _____
- B.** Are there more jugglers or acrobats? _____
- C.** How many animal trainers are there? _____
- D.** How many more clowns are there than horseback riders? _____
- E.** Which group has the most performers? _____
- F.** Which group has the fewest performers? _____
- G.** What is the total number of performers shown on the graph? _____

Hot Monkeys



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Snow covers the ground. It is very cold. The monkeys in Japan are freezing! How are they going to survive the cold winter months? The monkeys know exactly what to do. They sit in steaming hot water. They sit in and by geothermal pools to keep warm.

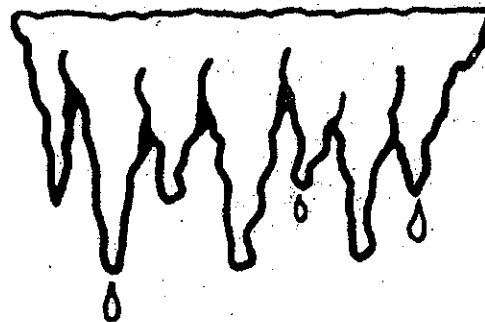
Geothermal energy is a natural source of energy. It is a natural energy that escapes from inside the Earth. The word geothermal comes from two ancient Greek words. Geo means "of the Earth." Therme means heat. Geothermal energy is energy from our planet's heat.



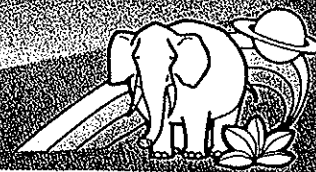
It is hot inside our planet. The Earth is hottest at its inner core, or center. Scientists think the inner core is solid. It is made up of metal. The outer core is on top of the inner core. The outer core contains the same metals as the inner core. The metals are molten. Molten metals are in a melted state. The mantle is next. The mantle surrounds the outer core. The mantle is solid rock. The rock is very hot. The crust is on top of the mantle. We live on the crust. The crust is covered by soil, sand, and water.

Geothermal energy in the form of heat spreads from the center outward. Geothermal energy breaks through the crust in many ways. It can come out in the form of a volcano. It can come out in the form of a geyser. A geyser sends jets of hot water into the air. It can heat dirt. In some places in the Canary Islands, you can burn your fingers just by scraping away some of the soil! It heats pools of water, too.

Some countries have natural underground stores of hot water. Iceland uses its hot water to heat most of its homes and public buildings. The hot water runs through a system of pipes. The pipes direct the water under the streets. Iceland is a freezing cold country. Still, fresh vegetables and fruits grow there. The vegetables and fruits grow in greenhouses. The greenhouses are heated with geothermal energy.



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After reading the story, answer the questions.
Fill in the circle next to the correct answer.

- How do monkeys in Japan survive the cold winter months?
 - They stay close to volcanoes.
 - They scrape away soil to find warm rocks.
 - They warm themselves in geothermal pools.
 - They get in jets of hot water called geysers.
- What answer lists the Earth's layers in the correct order?
 - inner core, mantle, crust, outer core
 - mantle, crust, inner core, outer core
 - inner core, mantle, outer core, crust
 - inner core, outer core, mantle, crust
- This story is mainly about
 - energy.
 - monkeys.
 - Iceland.
 - Earth's core.
- In the story, you are told what the ancient Greek word *geo* means. Use what *geo* means to choose what a geologist would most likely study.
 - vegetables and fruits
 - land and water animals
 - rocks, fossils, and Earth's crust
 - light energy from stars and planets
- Think about how the word **ice** relates to **water**. Which words relate in the same way?

ice : water

 - solid : core
 - core : solid
 - molten : rock
 - rock : molten

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***Do Not Cut Out**

Nouns

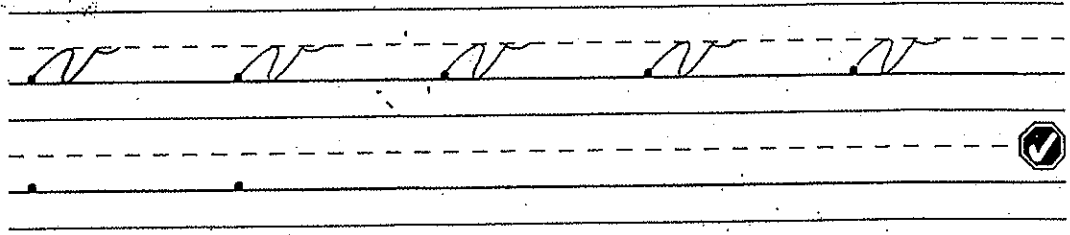
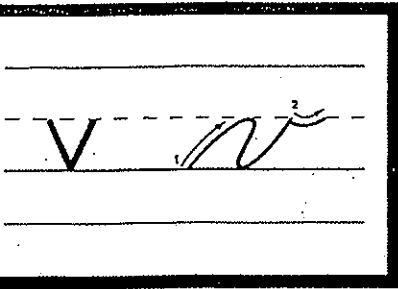
Write the noun tiles at the bottom of the page. Put them into the box under the correct type of noun.

People	Places	Things

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country	woman	city
tree	cloud	book
teacher	store	office
rock	state	policeman
baby	singer	playground

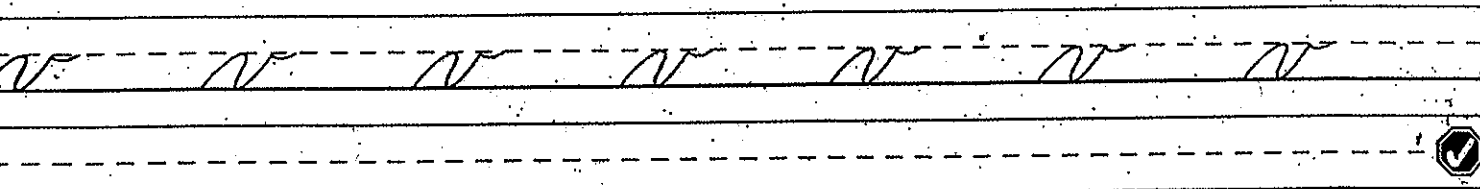
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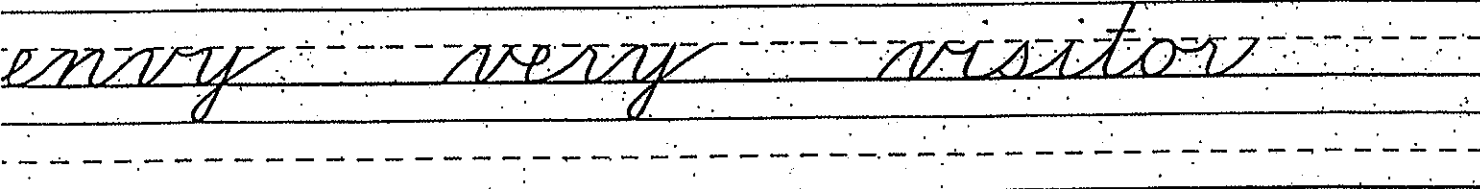
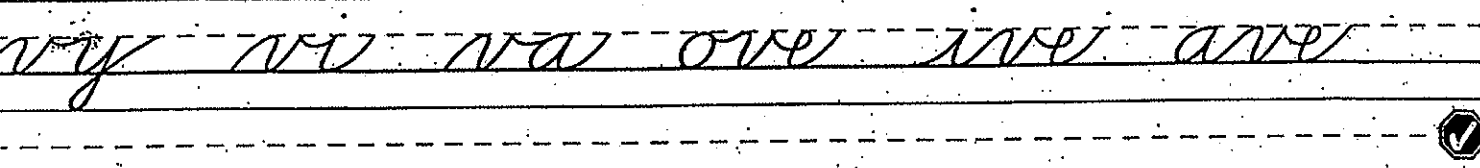
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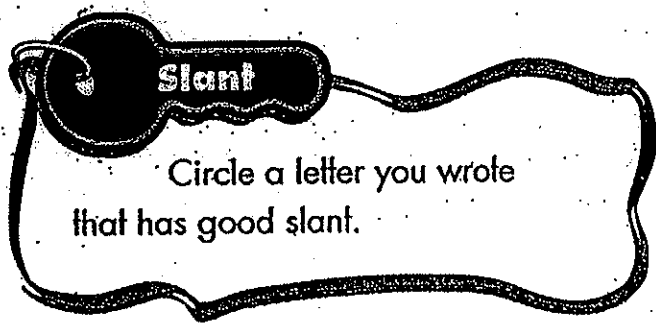
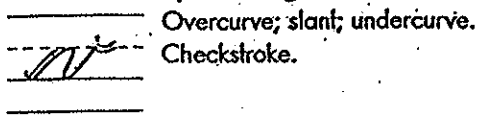
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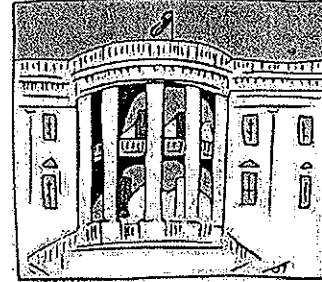


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The White House

The White House has stood as a symbol of the presidency for over 200 years. The White House began construction in 1792 and concluded in 1800. George Washington did not live in the White House, but he did oversee the construction of it. John Adams and his family were the first presidential family to live in the White House.



The White House has 132 rooms. There are 16 bedrooms, 35 bathrooms, and 6 levels. The president's main office has round walls, and is called the Oval Office.

The White House isn't just a home for the president and his family. It also has offices for government workers and a museum for tourists.

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

1. In what year was construction of the White House completed?

2. Who oversaw the construction process?

3. Who was the first president to live in the White House?

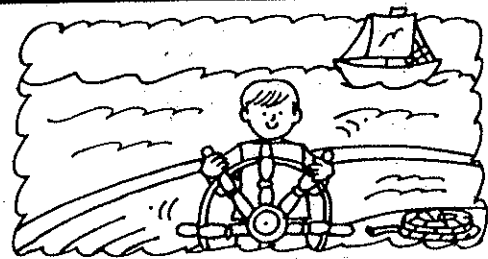
4. Are there more bathrooms or bedrooms in the White House?

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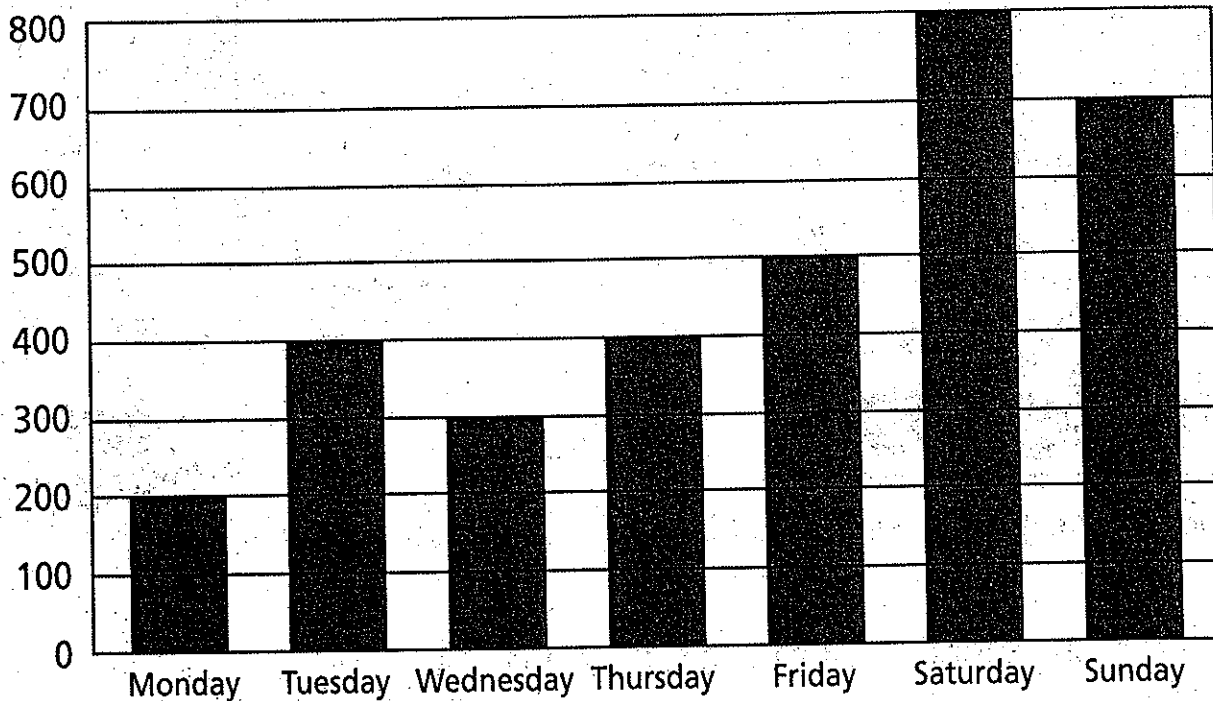
Solving word problems/Bar graph

Museum Visitors

The bar graph below shows how many people visited the Shoreline Maritime Museum last week. Use the graph to answer the questions.



Number of Visitors



- A.** How many people went to the museum on Monday? _____
- B.** How many people went to the museum on Tuesday? _____
- C.** Which two days had the same attendance? _____
- D.** Which two days had the lowest attendance? _____
What was the total number of visitors on those two days? _____
- E.** Look at the two days that had the highest attendance. What was the total number of visitors on those two days? _____
- F.** On which day were there four times as many visitors as on Monday?

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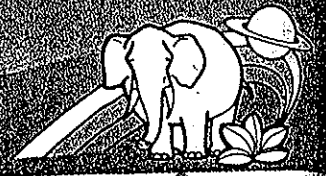
Complete each sentence with the correct punctuation.
Each answers will be one of the following: ! . ?



1. Kyle loves to help his dad cook dinner ____
2. What do you think Kyle and his dad will cook tonight ____
3. "Oh no ____", Jean yelled, "Why didn't you tell me I'm late ____"
4. Would you like to play tennis with me ____
5. Please close the door ____
6. Jeremy won the game and shouted, "Hooray ____"
7. Let's go to the park and have a picnic tomorrow ____
8. Ouch ____ The stove is hot ____
9. Do you have any money left in your pocket ____
10. I stayed up past midnight reading the book ____

All About Air

Story



Day 2

Air is all around us. Air is a mixture of gases. It is made up of tiny particles we cannot see. The particles are atoms. Everything in the world is made up of atoms. The atoms in gases can spread out. They can spread out to take the shape of any space. One of the gases in air is oxygen. We need oxygen to breathe.

Some people think air does not weigh anything. Air is light, but it does weigh something. A roomful of air weighs about as much as a person. We call the weight of all the air in the sky pushing down on Earth air pressure. Air pressure is greatest down by the ocean or other low land. Air pressure is less high in the mountains. This is because there is less air high up.

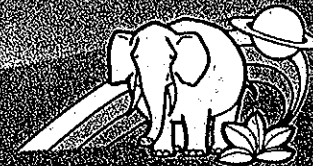
Everest is the tallest mountain in the world. There is very little air on the top of Everest. Climbers use bottled oxygen to help breathe at the top of Everest. A helicopter could not take off on the top of Everest. There is not enough air.



We use a barometer to measure air pressure. The barometer tells us if the air pressure is high or low. We look at a barometer to predict the weather. When the air pressure is high, the weather is often sunny. This is because it is hard for clouds to form. The air is too heavy! When the air pressure is low, it is easy for clouds to form. When the air pressure is low, it often rains.

Air pressure can change the way we cook. Water boils at 212 F° or 100 C° at sea level. Go high up on a mountain. The air pressure is less. It takes less energy to boil the water. Water will boil at a lower temperature! You can still cook your food when the air pressure is less, but you will have to cook it longer. You will have to cook it longer because the water boils at a lower temperature.

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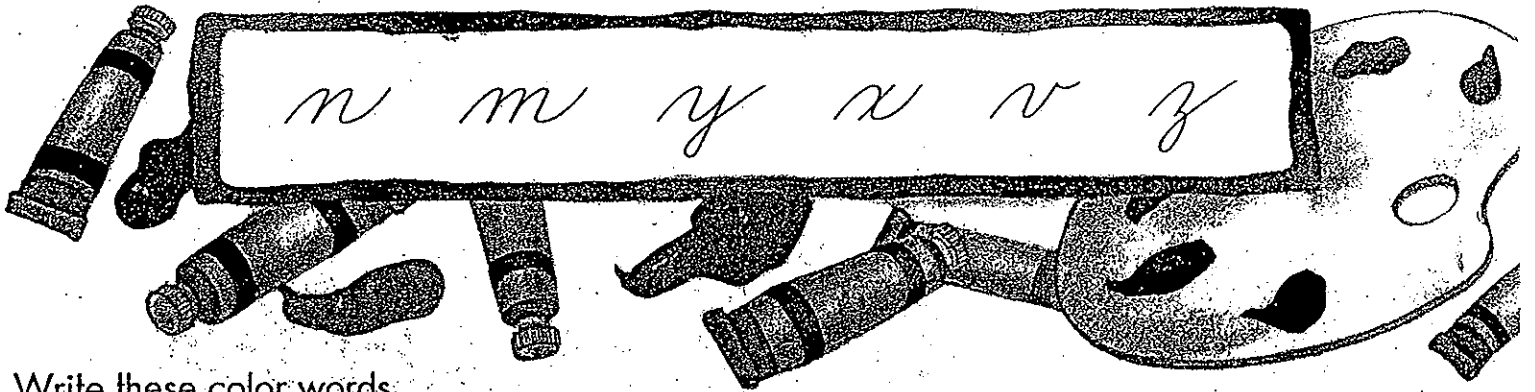
After reading the story, answer the questions.
Fill in the circle next to the correct answer.

1. The tiny particles in air
 - (a) are atoms.
 - (b) can be seen.
 - (c) are only in air.
 - (d) cannot spread out.
2. If a barometer showed that the air pressure was falling and getting low, one might soon see
 - (a) hot weather.
 - (b) cold weather.
 - (c) sunny weather.
 - (d) rainy weather.
3. This story is mainly about
 - (a) atoms and air.
 - (b) oxygen and gases.
 - (c) barometers and rain.
 - (d) air and air pressure.
4. From the story, you can tell that one atom
 - (a) weighs a lot.
 - (b) weighs very little.
 - (c) weighs more than a person.
 - (d) weighs less high on a mountain top.
5. Think about how the word **barometer** relates to **pressure**. Which words relate in the same way?

barometer : pressure

 - (a) day : week
 - (b) rain : cloud
 - (c) clock : time
 - (d) mountain : weigh

Practice



Write these color words.

maroon lime orange

neon green tangerine

violet lavender silver

yellow ivory azure

pink a color mix

Complete this sentence.

My favorite color is _____



Day 3