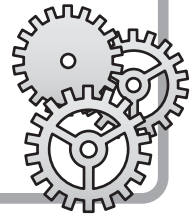
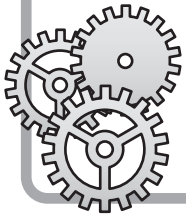


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HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

Inside you will find an assortment of problems designed to reinforce the vocabulary and spelling topics and skills that you teach. Each activity page features five mind-building vocabulary and spelling problems plus a more difficult bonus builder problem to boost students' critical-thinking skills.

Use the activity pages in this book in a variety of ways to supplement your vocabulary and



For independent practice, duplicate the activity pages for students to use as morning work, problems of the day, free-time activities, or daily homework practice.



For partner or small-group practice, duplicate a desired activity page and give each pair or group a copy. Have students discuss possible answers for the problems.



For whole-group practice, make transparencies of the activity pages.



For a learning center activity, duplicate, laminate, and cut apart the activity pages. Group the resulting cards by topic and place specific skill cards at a center. Or, for a mixed review, place a variety of skill cards at a center.

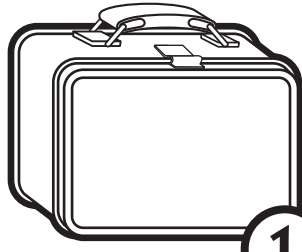


For assessing students' understanding of vocabulary and spelling concepts, make individual student copies and have each student explain in writing his thought process for answering each problem.

CONTEXT CLUES

Explain the meaning of the boldfaced word in the sentence below. Then write a sentence that answers the question.

Why was Monica so **reticent** during lunch today?



1

CONTEXT CLUES

What word rhymes with *thaw* and makes a phrase that begins with *last*?

2

CONTEXT CLUES

Which word below best completes the sentence?

My sister is a very _____ writer. She finished ten beautiful poems in just two days.

- A. sluggish
- B. perplexed
- C. fluent



3

CONTEXT CLUES

Rearrange the letters in the boldfaced word in the sentence below to spell another word that completes the sentence.

I need to clean the **study** because it is very _____.

4

CONTEXT CLUES

Find the mistakes in the sentence below.

Their are fore errers in this passage. Read carefully to see if you can find all of them.

5

BONUS BUILDER #1

Where does each number belong?

A newspaper sold _____ more newspapers this year than in _____. About _____ percent of the paper's _____ new readers like the front page best. Only _____ percent prefer the comics.

54 1990 600 16 1,200

CONTEXT CLUES

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Todd's grandmother phoned to say she is bringing him a special gift. The phone connection was poor, so he couldn't hear what the gift is. Todd thinks it is one of the items below. Which one makes the most sense?

- A. concussion
- B. confection
- C. coronation

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CONTEXT CLUES

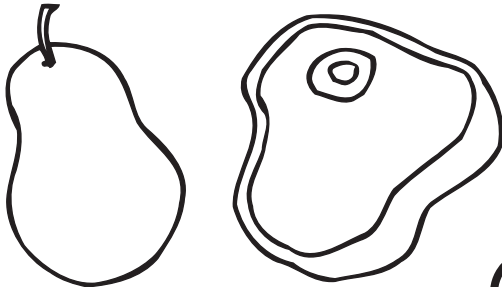
List three words that could complete the sentence below in a sensible way.

Judy tried very hard to get the _____ open, but it would not budge.

7

CONTEXT CLUES

Pear is to fruit as beef is to _____.



8

CONTEXT CLUES

Rewrite the sentence below as a simple, well-known proverb.

During the feline's absence, the multiple rodents will engage in folly.

9

CONTEXT CLUES

Change one letter in the boldfaced word below to make the sentence make sense.

The talented artist painted a colorful **moral** on the wall.



10

BONUS BUILDER #2

Rearrange the same six letters to make three different words that complete the sentence below.

The _____-colored _____, together with the red rose _____, make the dinner table look beautiful.

CONTEXT CLUES

CONTEXT CLUES

List three color words that are commonly grouped together and that each rhyme with one of the following words: *fed, fright, flew.*

11

CONTEXT CLUES

Which word below would *not* make sense in this sentence?

The law _____ that a person obtain a driver's license before driving a car.

- A. requires
- B. compensates
- C. insists
- D. demands

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CONTEXT CLUES

Use the same five letters to make two different words that can complete the sentence below.

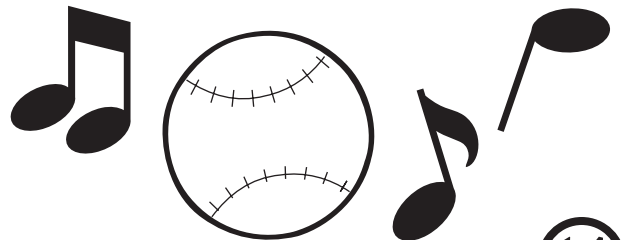
It's too _____ to put on the second _____ of paint.



13

CONTEXT CLUES

What baseball word also applies to music?



14

CONTEXT CLUES

What is the meaning of the boldfaced word in the sentence below? Write a sentence that answers the question.

Who tried to **usurp** the president's authority?

15

BONUS BUILDER #3

Write the word that matches each definition below. Then identify the three-letter animal word contained in each answer.

- A. to trap something with the hands
- B. tomato sauce for french fries
- C. a short sleep
- D. a book that lists a company's products
- E. a great and sudden disaster

CONTEXT CLUES

CONTEXT CLUES

Rewrite the sentence below as a simple, well-known proverb.

Make fodder during the time that the star around which the earth orbits radiates light.

16

CONTEXT CLUES

Use the same four letters to make two different words that complete the sentence below.

I _____ dropped an entire ice-cream _____.

17

CONTEXT CLUES

What word rhymes with *walk* and combines with *board* to make a compound word that names something found in a classroom?

? + ? = ?

18

CONTEXT CLUES

Change one letter in the boldfaced word below to make the sentence make sense.

A pebble became **dodged** in my shoe, and I couldn't pull it out.



19

CONTEXT CLUES

What one word fits in all three blanks of the sentence below? Give two different answers.

Betsy _____ and _____ and _____, but still she could not reach her brother.

20

BONUS BUILDER #4

Rearrange the boldfaced words so that the paragraph makes sense.

On **dogcatcher** day, a 20-year-old **position** student and a 60-year-old **college** were both running for the **doctor** of county **election**. **Win** wondered why these candidates wanted the **everyone** and which person would **job**.

CONTEXT CLUES

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Choose the word that best completes the sentence below.

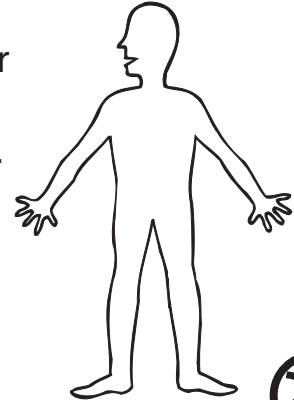
Because I didn't _____ my friend's warning, I stepped on the ice patch and fell flat on my back.

- A. heed B. beckon C. impede

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CONTEXT CLUES

List at least seven three-letter words that name parts of the body.



22

CONTEXT CLUES

In a letter, Steve learns that his uncle is bringing him a gift when he visits. But the uncle's handwriting is so bad, Steve can't tell what the gift is. It could be one of the items below. Which one makes the most sense?

- A. scabies B. sardines C. sweets

23

CONTEXT CLUES

Square is to *shape* as *red* is to _____.

24

CONTEXT CLUES

Rearrange the letters of one word in the sentence below to make a word that best completes the sentence.

Grandpa's apples have the best taste in the whole _____.



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BONUS BUILDER #5

Divide the letters of the boldfaced word below to form new words that complete the sentence.

Because there was _____ in the operating room, the **notable** surgeon was _____ to perform surgery.

CONTEXT CLUES