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ELA Grade 4 Homework

In an effort to help students stay organized, I will be sending home weekly packets so that students will have all of their learning materials in one place. Students should complete the attached homework pages for each day of the week. The homework packet **must** come back and forth between school and home every day in your child's take-home English folder. Please do not work ahead in the packet. I will collect the completed packets at the end of every week. If a packet is lost, another may be printed from the classroom page under "assignments."

Students will be quizzed over the words at the bottom of the page at the end of the week.

Day	Nightly Homework (due the next class period)	Minutes of Reading (average of 30 minutes/day)	Title/Author
Weekend Homework: 04/10-12	4 A, B, C: Read through chapter 26 of <i>The Secret Garden</i> <i>p. 1-2</i>		
Monday 04/13	4 C: Finish <i>The Secret Garden</i> <i>p. 3 due Thursday.</i>		
Tuesday 04/14	4 B, C: Finish <i>The Secret Garden</i> <i>p. 3 due Thursday</i>		
Wednesday 04/15	4 A, B, C: <i>p. 3 due Thursday</i>		
Thursday 04/16	4 A, B, C: <i>p. 4</i>		

1. Identify and explain at least three example of figurative language in *The Secret Garden*.

Example 1:

Example 2:

Example 3:

Spelling Words Greek word parts

autograph	megaphone	paragraph	saxophone
barometer	microchip	perimeter	symphony
biography	microphone	periscope	telegraph
diameter	microscope	phonics	telephone
headphones	microwave	photograph	telescope

Literary Terms

personification, alliteration, metaphor, simile, hyperbole, imagery, onomatopoeia, first person, third person

Compare and contrast your impression of Mary and Colin from earlier in the book to later in the novel. Explain why each character has changed.

Character	Attitude earlier in the book	Attitude towards the end of the book	Why has his/her attitude changed?
Mary			
Colin			

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Latin Roots

Spelling Words

dictionary	abrupt	predict	import	locally
verdict	locate	portable	transport	bankrupt
dictate	location	erupt	passport	export
contradict	rupture	interrupt	disrupt	dislocate

Words in Context Write a list word to complete each sentence.

1. Please turn off your cell phone so it doesn't _____ the movie. 1. _____
2. Scientists say the volcano will _____ any day now. 2. _____
3. The explosion was caused by a _____ in the gas line. 3. _____
4. His _____ departure surprised everyone. 4. _____
5. It is not polite to _____ when someone is speaking. 5. _____
6. The company lost all its customers and went _____. 6. _____
7. We _____ tractors to Thailand. 7. _____
8. We _____ toys from China. 8. _____
9. The girls bought a _____ stove for their camping trip. 9. _____
10. The jumbo jet will _____ us across the ocean. 10. _____
11. You must have a _____ to visit a foreign country. 11. _____
12. Jason might _____ his shoulder if he lifts the heavy crate. 12. _____
13. Fresh fruits and vegetables were sold _____. 13. _____
14. The manager hopes moving to a new _____ will improve business. 14. _____
15. Were you able to _____ your missing shoe? 15. _____

Definitions Write the list word that matches each definition.

16. a book that tells how to say words 16. _____
17. to make a statement of disagreement 17. _____
18. a jury's statement of guilt or innocence 18. _____
19. to speak words aloud for someone to write down 19. _____
20. to say what will happen in the future 20. _____

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Home Activity Your child wrote words with Latin roots. Use the list words in sentences and have your child spell the words.

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Latin Roots

Proofread a Sign The sign at the airport terminal has some errors. Circle six misspelled words and write them correctly on the lines. Find the sentence with a punctuation error and write it correctly.

Transworld Transport

Departing Passengers:

Up on arrival please have your pass port and ticket ready.

Airline rules ditate that all heavy luggage must be checked.

Keep carry-on and portible luggage with you at all times.

Locat your gate immediately.

Stay in the proper location until your flight is called

Do not desrupt other passengers with loud cell phone conversations or loud music.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
- _____

Spelling Words

- dictionary
- abrupt
- predict
- import
- locally
- verdict
- locate
- portable
- transport
- bankrupt
- dictate
- location
- erupt
- passport
- export
- contradict
- rupture
- interrupt
- disrupt
- dislocate

Frequently Misspelled Words

- didn't
- upon

Proofread Words Circle the word that is spelled correctly. Write it.

8. The jury's ____ was not guilty.
verdik verdict
9. The new evidence seemed to ____ the accepted theory.
contradict contridict
10. Businesses that do not keep up with the times are likely to go ____.
bankrup bankrupt
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____



Home Activity Your child identified misspelled list words. Have your child dictate list words as you spell them. Make some mistakes and have your child correct your misspellings.

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Grade 4 Figurative Language

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Examples of Figurative Language



Simile

A simile uses the words “like” or “as” to compare one object or idea with another to suggest they are alike.

Example: busy as a bee

Metaphors

The metaphor states a fact or draws a verbal picture by the use of comparison. A metaphor makes a direct comparison - it says you are something.

Example: You are what you eat.

Personification

A figure of speech in which human characteristics are given to an animal or an object.

Example: My teddy bear gave me a hug.

Review for you

Alliteration

The repetition of the same initial letter, sound, or group of sounds in a series of words. Alliteration includes tongue twisters.

Example: She sells seashells by the seashore.

Onomatopoeia

The use of a word to describe or imitate a natural sound or the sound made by an object or an action.

Example: snap, crackle, pop

Hyperbole

An exaggeration that is so dramatic that no one would believe the statement is true. Tall tales are hyperboles.

Example: He was so hungry, he ate that whole cornfield for lunch, stalks and all.

Idioms

An expression whose meaning is not predictable from the usual meanings of the actual words.

Example: I have a frog in my throat.