

## Unit One

### Time Teacher

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### Activities for Partners or Groups

#### Lesson 1

Choose a set of homophones and make riddles or puns.

#### Lesson 2

See who can use the most /oo/ and /yoo/ words in a single sentence.

#### Lesson 3

Write a silly rhyming poem with homophones.

#### Lesson 4

Choose six words that end with *ar* and make a crossword or word search puzzle.

#### Lesson 5

Make up a new set of related words based on a topic such as baseball or music.

## Lesson 1

### Spelling Words and Definitions

hour	unit of time; 60 minutes
our	belonging to us
air	gases we breathe
heir	one who inherits
aisle	a passage between rows of seats
I'll	contraction of <i>I will</i> or <i>I shall</i>
isle	a small island
knead	to press and stretch something to make smooth
need	to want or require something
new	just made or begun
knew	past tense of <i>know</i>
gnu	an African antelope
ring	a circle; a band worn on the finger
wring	to squeeze out moisture by twisting
plum	soft, yellow- or purple-skinned fruit
plumb	to closely examine the nature of something
him	object pronoun form of <i>he</i>
hymn	a song of praise to God
wrapped	covered with paper or material, etc.
rapt	so taken with one thing as to not know what else is going on

## Lesson 2

### Spelling Words and Definitions

clue	a piece of evidence
fuel	a heat or energy source
rude	not polite
argue	to give an opinion; disagree
value	what something is worth
continue	to go on doing something
accuse	to charge someone with wrongdoing
refuse	to say no
tutor	a teacher
student	a person who studies
studio	a workroom or building where an artist works
suit	a set of matching clothes
fruit	the fleshy product of a plant
juice	liquid from fruit, vegetables, or meat
bruise	mark on the skin caused by injury
nuisance	someone or something that annoys
ruin	to spoil or destroy
fluid	flowing liquid or gas
tuition	money paid for school
lieutenant	a military rank

## Lesson 3

### Spelling Words and Definitions

rain	water that falls from clouds
rein	a strap used to control a horse
reign	to rule a country as a king or queen
vain	conceited, proud
vane	pointer showing wind direction
vein	a vessel in the body that carries blood
claws	curved nails on animals' and birds' feet
clause	a meaningful group of words in a sentence
morning	the time of day before noon
mourning	a time of grieving for the dead
heard	past tense of <i>hear</i>
herd	a large group of animals
roll	to turn over and over; a round piece of bread
role	a part in a play
straight	not bent, curved, or crooked
strait	a narrow waterway between land
great	very large; famous
grate	to shred food
crews	teams of people who work together
cruise	a vacation on a ship

## Lesson 4

### Spelling Words and Definitions

liar	a person who doesn't tell the truth
polar	near the North or South Pole
molar	a back tooth
solar	related to the sun
lunar	related to the moon
scholar	a person with great knowledge
beggar	a person who begs
burglar	a thief who breaks into buildings
calendar	a chart that shows the days of the year
regular	usual, normal
popular	enjoyed by many people
similar	alike in some ways
familiar	well-known
particular	individual; special
peculiar	strange
singular	word form used for one thing or person
muscular	having strong muscles
circular	round
rectangular	shaped like a rectangle
nuclear	having to do with the energy created by splitting atoms

## Lesson 5

### Spelling Words and Definitions

strong	powerful
strength	the quality of being strong
long	more than average length or distance
length	the distance from one end to the other
wide	having a certain distance side to side
width	the distance from one side to the other
deep	going down a long way
depth	a measurement of deepness
true	factual, real
truth	the real facts
laugh	to respond to something funny
laughter	the sound of laughing
speak	to talk aloud
speech	a talk given to a group
behave	to act properly
behavior	way of acting
prove	to show something is true
proof	evidence that something is true
proud	pleased with one's self
pride	a sense of one's own worth

## Unit Two

### To the Teacher

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### Activities for Partners or Groups

#### Lesson 7

Write a story, using as many words with /əl/ as possible.

#### Lesson 8

Write riddles and jokes with "people" words.

#### Lesson 9

See who can make the most new words by dropping the suffix *-ness*.

#### Lesson 10

Choose eight *-tion* words and make a crossword puzzle.

#### Lesson 11

Write a speech, using six words with *-dom*, *-hood*, *-ment*, and *-ship*.

## Lesson 7

### Spelling Words and Definitions

bicycle	a two-wheeled vehicle that is pedaled
icicle	a long stem of ice
example	something typical of a larger group
idle	not busy or active
idol	a statue people worship as a god
single	one; not married
principle	a basic truth or law
principal	the head of a school
animal	a living creature that is not a plant
normal	usual, regular
hospital	a place where the sick and injured are treated
numeral	a symbol for a number
several	a few of something
level	flat and smooth
barrel	a large container
model	miniature; a person who poses for an artist or photographer
shovel	a tool for digging
novel	a long work of fiction
travel	to go from one place to another
vowel	one of these letters: <i>a, e, i, o, u</i> , and sometimes <i>y</i>

## Lesson 8

### Spelling Words and Definitions

actor	performer in plays, movies, or television
author	a writer
director	a person who directs plays or movies
doctor	a person who treats sick people
donor	a person who gives money to charity
explorer	a person who travels to new places
gardener	a person who tends plants
hiker	a person who takes long walks
janitor	a person who takes care of buildings
conductor	a person who leads musicians; a person who collects train fares
operator	one who assists with making phone calls
painter	someone who paints
plumber	a person who repairs water systems
professor	a college teacher
radiator	a metal appliance that heats buildings
refrigerator	a cabinet that keeps food cold
runner	a person who runs
sculptor	an artist who creates sculptures
sailor	a person who works on a ship
tailor	a person who makes clothes

## Lesson 9

### Spelling Words and Definitions

cleanliness	the state of being clean
cloudiness	a cloudy condition
clumsiness	awkwardness
darkness	a state of being without light
dizziness	a state of feeling unsteady
drowsiness	a state of being sleepy
fairness	being fair
fitness	a state of being healthy
forgiveness	the act of forgiving
gentleness	the quality of being gentle
goodness	generosity or kindness
happiness	a state of contentment
kindness	being friendly or generous
likeness	a resemblance; similarity
neatness	the quality of being orderly
sadness	the condition of being unhappy
sickness	a disease or illness
softness	the quality of being soft
weakness	the condition of having little strength
wilderness	an area of wild land

## Lesson 10

### Spelling Words and Definitions

action	something done to reach a goal
addition	the adding together of numbers
attraction	a thing or person that draws interest
celebration	a joyous ceremony
collection	a group of collected things
conversation	an informal talk
correction	the act of making something right
decoration	something added to create beauty
direction	the way that something is moving
election	voting process to choose leaders
information	knowledge, facts
instruction	direction on how to do something
invention	a thing that is invented
invitation	the act of inviting
occupation	what someone does for a living
preparation	readiness
protection	the act of keeping safe from harm
selection	the act of choosing something
situation	the circumstances at one time
suggestion	something put forth as an idea

## Lesson 11

### Spelling Words and Definitions

boredom	a bored condition
freedom	the state of being free
kingdom	a country with a king or queen
stardom	fame, celebrity
wisdom	good judgment
adulthood	the state of maturity
childhood	time of being a child
neighborhood	the area around a home
argument	a verbal disagreement
amazement	wonderment
appointment	an arrangement to meet
disappointment	the feeling of being let down
enjoyment	pleasure
excitement	an excited state
government	the people who run a country or state
statement	something said in words
friendship	the condition of being friends
leadership	the ability to lead others
membership	state of belonging to a group
ownership	possession

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### Activities for Partners or Groups

#### Lesson 13

Choose six words with the suffix *-able*, and describe different events or objects.

#### Lesson 14

See who can use the most *-ance/-ence* words in a sentence.

#### Lesson 15

Choose six *-al* word pairs, and use each pair in a different sentence.

#### Lesson 16

Write a poem with several of the *-ous* words.

#### Lesson 17

Choose seven of the words, and make a word search puzzle.

## Lesson 13

### Spelling Words and Definitions

admirable	worthy of high praise
affordable	reasonably priced
changeable	varying
comfortable	relaxed, at ease
dependable	reliable
enjoyable	giving pleasure
likable	popular
livable	fit for living in
lovable	capable of being loved
movable	capable of being moved or carried
readable	easy to read; interesting
reasonable	fair; sensible
remarkable	extraordinary
renewable	capable of being extended, renewed
reusable	can be used again
understandable	easy to understand
unforgettable	memorable, for good or bad
unspeakable	awful
unthinkable	out of the question
washable	can be washed without any damage to material

## Lesson 14

### Spelling Words and Definitions

advance	to move forward
balance	the ability to remain steady
prance	to walk in a lively or proud way
entrance	the way in to a place
allegiance	loyalty to something or someone
allowance	money given on a regular basis
ambulance	a vehicle that carries people to the hospital
appearance	the act of coming into sight
assistance	help or aid
attendance	the act of being present
circumstance	a fact connected to an event
disappearance	a vanishing
disturbance	an interruption of activity
importance	significance
silence	absence of sound
sentence	a group of words that express a complete thought
experience	something that happens to a person
innocence	an uncorrupted state
confidence	trust or faith in something or one's self
intelligence	the ability to learn

## Lesson 15

### Spelling Words and Definitions

alphabet	the letters of a language in their proper order
alphabetical	arranged in the order of the alphabet
critic	a person who finds fault; a person who reviews books, plays, movies, or concerts
critical	finding fault; serious
globe	the world
global	concerning the world as a whole
history	the study of the past
historical	concerning the past
music	a pleasant arrangement of sounds
musical	interested or skilled in music
occasion	a time when something happens
occasional	happening from time to time
office	a room or building where people work
official	approved by an authority
ornament	a decorative object
ornamental	used to decorate
tribe	a group of people sharing customs and laws
tribal	belonging to a tribe
type	a kind or a sort
typical	having traits of a type

## Lesson 16

### Spelling Words and Definitions

courage	bravery
courageous	unafraid
danger	an unsafe situation
dangerous	risky
fame	the state of being well-known
famous	celebrated
fury	rage
furious	extremely angry
glory	great fame; splendor
glorious	having great fame; splendid
humor	a funny aspect of something
humorous	amusing
mystery	a story with a puzzling crime
mysterious	strange; hard to understand
nerve	a fiber sending messages to the brain; daring
nervous	easily upset; tense
outrage	an act of violence
outrageous	very shocking
number	a word or symbol used for counting, adding, and subtracting
numerous	many; made up of a large number

## Lesson 17

### Spelling Words and Definitions

accident	an unexpected event
accidental	not deliberate
accidentally	randomly
reside	to live in one place
resident	a person who lives in a place
residential	concerning a neighborhood
honor	a person's good reputation; to give praise
dishonor	to bring disgrace on one's self
honorable	deserving praise
dishonorable	shameful
honorably	with honor
science	the study of the physical world
scientist	an expert in one branch of science
scientific	having to do with science
unscientific	not according to the laws of science
fortune	destiny; good luck
fortunate	lucky
misfortune	bad luck
unfortunate	unlucky
fortunately	luckily

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### Activities for Partners or Groups

#### Lesson 19

Use the Spanish words to write a story about a visit to Mexico.

#### Lesson 20

Choose six words ending with *-y*, *-ty*, or *-ity*, and scramble the letters for a word puzzle.

#### Lesson 21

See who can use the most words beginning with *ex-* in a single sentence.

#### Lesson 22

Write an ad for a product, using at least four words with *port*, *mob*, or *mot*.

#### Lesson 23

Choose three pairs of often-confused words, and use each pair correctly in a sentence.

## Lesson 19

### Spelling Words and Definitions

taco	a fried tortilla filled with food
chili	a spicy red pepper
mesa	a steep, flat hill
plaza	a public square
salsa	a hot, spicy sauce; a kind of popular dance music
fiesta	a holiday or religious festival
siesta	an afternoon nap
rodeo	a contest for cowboys and cowgirls
patio	a paved area next to a house
pinto	a spotted horse
burro	a small donkey
burrito	a rolled tortilla
mosquito	a small insect that bites
tamale	meat rolled in cornmeal
mustang	a wild horse
canyon	a deep river valley with steep sides
piñata	a container filled with candy that is broken open with sticks at holidays
tortilla	a round, flat bread
llama	a sheeplike animal
armadillo	a burrowing animal

## Lesson 20

### Spelling Words and Definitions

active	busy, energetic
activity	a state of action
cruel	deliberately hurting others
cruelty	hard-heartedness
curious	eager to find out
curiosity	an eagerness to learn
difficult	not easy, hard
difficulty	a problem
dense	crowded, or thick
density	heaviness or lightness of an object for its size
equal	the same as something else
equality	the same rights for everyone
honest	truthful
honesty	truthful behavior
loyal	faithful to country, beliefs, or a leader
loyalty	faithfulness
sincere	honest and truthful
sincerity	the quality of being truthful
special	different or unusual
specialty	something a person is very good at

## Lesson 21

### Spelling Words and Definitions

exact	perfectly correct
exam	a big test
examine	to look carefully at something
excite	to make someone eager
excuse	a reason why something went wrong
exercise	physical activity done to keep fit
exhaust	to make very tired
exist	to live
exit	to leave; the way out
expand	to increase in size
expect	to wait for something to happen
expedition	a long journey for a serious purpose
expensive	costing a lot of money
experiment	a scientific test
expert	a highly skilled or knowledgeable person
explain	to make something clear
explode	to blow up
expose	to uncover something
extra	more than the normal amount
extreme	very great, strong

## Lesson 22

### Spelling Words and Definitions

port	a safe harbor
porter	a train worker who helps passengers
import	to bring into a country
export	to send out of a country
portable	able to be moved or carried easily
portfolio	a briefcase for loose papers
transport	to move people and things from place to place
transportation	a means for moving people
report	a written or spoken account
reporter	one who reports news
motor	a machine providing power
motion	movement
mobile	able to move
automobile	a passenger vehicle with four wheels and an engine
motorcycle	heavy vehicle with two wheels and an engine
motorboat	boat powered by a motor
promote	to move someone higher in rank
promotion	advancement
motorist	someone who travels by car
remote	far away, distant

## Lesson 23

### Spelling Words and Definitions

accept	to take what is offered
except	apart from
affect	to change in some way
effect	the result of an action
farther	at a greater distance than something else
further	to a greater degree
picture	an image of something
pitcher	a container for liquids
recent	happening a short time ago
resent	to feel hurt about something done to one
its	belonging to something
it's	a contraction of <i>it is</i> or <i>it has</i>
finally	last
finely	excellently done; delicately
formally	properly, not casually
formerly	in the past
breath	the air people breathe
breathe	to draw air into the lungs
decent	respectable; kind
descent	movement from a higher to a lower place



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### Activities for Partners or Groups

#### Lesson 25

Write four sentences that each use a singular and plural form of a word ending in *y*.

#### Lesson 26

Choose four pairs of related adjectives and nouns, and make a crossword puzzle.

#### Lesson 27

Use words with *dict* and *spec* to write the beginning of a mystery story.

#### Lesson 28

Write three riddles with sets of homophones.

#### Lesson 29

Use two or more forms of each *sign* word in a sentence.

## Lesson 25

### Spelling Words and Definitions

ability	power to do something
abilities	powers to do something
enemy	someone who hates another
enemies	people who hate one another
victories	a number of wins
victory	a win
liberty	freedom
liberties	freedoms
berry	a small fruit found on bushes or trees
berries	small fruits found on bushes or trees
diary	a book for recording daily events
diaries	books for recording daily events
entry	way into a place; something sent to a competition
entries	ways into a place; things sent to a competition
industry	general term for manufacturing companies, etc.
industries	manufacturing and other businesses
grocery	store selling food
groceries	food and items sold at a grocery
property	anything owned by someone
properties	buildings and land owned by someone

## Lesson 26

### Spelling Words and Definitions

distant	not close in space or time
distance	the space between places
present	to give someone something; a gift
presence	being somewhere at one time
absent	not present
absence	the state of being away
different	not the same
difference	the way things are unlike
brilliant	shining very brightly; very smart
brilliance	state of being brilliant
excellent	superior
excellence	the finest quality
ignorant	not educated; unaware
ignorance	the state of being ignorant
fragrant	having a pleasing smell
fragrance	a pleasing smell
dependent	controlled or helped by someone or something
dependence	the state of relying on another
independent	free from control
independence	freedom

# Vocabulary Cards

## Lesson 27

### Spelling Words and Definitions

dictionary	a book that lists and defines words
dictate	to give orders
dictation	spoken words written by someone else
dictator	a person who completely controls a country
predict	to foretell the future
prediction	the act of predicting
contradict	to deny what another says
contradiction	a statement that contradicts another statement
verdict	a jury's decision about an accused person
specimen	a sample
inspect	to examine carefully
inspector	a person who inspects
inspection	the act of inspecting
respect	to admire someone or take them seriously
suspect	to have doubts
spectator	a person who watches an event
spectacles	eyeglasses
spectacular	remarkable; dramatic
prospect	something that is looked forward to
prospector	a person who explores for gold, silver, etc.

## Lesson 28

### Spelling Words and Definitions

bridle	straps that go around a horse's head
bridal	concerning a bride or wedding
patients	sick people receiving treatment
patience	the quality of putting up with problems without getting upset
tents	portable shelters made of canvas
tense	nervous and worried
scents	pleasant smells
sense	one of the powers people use to learn about their surroundings
assistance	help or aid
assistants	people who help someone else do a job
instance	an example
instants	moments
stationary	not moving
stationery	writing materials
bases	two or more corners of a baseball diamond
basis	the idea behind something
muscles	body parts that produce movement
mussels	a kind of shellfish
currant	a small raisin; a sour berry
current	the movement of water in a river or ocean

## Lesson 29

### Spelling Words and Definitions

sign	a symbol; a public notice
signal	anything that sends a message or warning
signature	the way a person signs his or her name
significant	important
insignificant	not important
significance	importance; meaning
signify	to represent or be a sign
signifying	conveying by words or actions
resign	to quit a job
resigned	accepting something without concern
resigning	giving up a job
design	to draw something to be made
designer	a person who designs
designing	the act of making designs
redesigned	to change the shape and style of something
assign	to give someone a job
assigning	act of giving someone a job
assignment	a specific task one is given
reassign	to change a duty or office
reassigning	changing a duty or assignment

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#### Lesson 31

Use the Italian words to write a restaurant review or a music review.

#### Lesson 32

Use three verb-to-noun pairs in three sentences, one pair per sentence.

#### Lesson 33

Write a short note to a friend, using as many *scribe* words as possible.

#### Lesson 34

Choose eight words with the root *graph*, and create a word search puzzle.

#### Lesson 35

Write a paragraph about your local newspaper with the related words.

## Lesson 31

### Spelling Words and Definitions

kangaroo	Australian animal with short front legs and powerful back legs; female carries young in pouch
pizza	a flat pie topped with tomato sauce and cheese
menu	list of foods served in a restaurant
restaurant	place where people pay to dine
café	a small restaurant
spaghetti	long, thin pasta
moccasin	soft leather shoe without a heel
bouquet	bunch of picked or cut flowers
zucchini	a green squash
broccoli	a green vegetable with stalks
ballet	a style of dance
piano	a large keyboard instrument
violin	a small stringed instrument
beige	pale brown color
antique	very old, valued object
cassette	plastic container for recording tape
crayon	colored wax stick used for drawing
yogurt	food made from milk
raccoon	mammal with rings on its tail and black and white face markings
karate	Japanese form of self-defense

## Lesson 32

### Spelling Words and Definitions

suspend	to attach something so it hangs downward
suspense	an anxious feeling caused by waiting
defend	to protect from harm
defense	means of protection
offend	to hurt someone
offense	the act of offending
pretend	to make believe
pretense	pretending; a false show
refer	to look for information
reference	a mention of something
confer	to meet
conference	a meeting held to discuss ideas
infer	to draw a conclusion from facts
inference	the process of drawing a conclusion from facts
prefer	to like one thing better than another
preference	the act of preferring
perform	to give a show
performance	the public presentation of a play, movie, etc.
insure	to take out insurance
insurance	an agreement with a company to pay a person money in the event of sickness, accident, or death

## Lesson 33

### Spelling Words and Definitions

scribe	a person who copies documents by hand
script	the written text of a performance
scribble	to write or draw carelessly
describe	to create a picture in words
description	an account that describes
descriptive	describing something
describing	creating a picture in words
subscribe	to pay money regularly for a product or service
subscriber	a person who subscribes
subscribing	paying money regularly for a product or service
subscription	prepaid product received regularly
prescribe	to order medicine for a patient
prescribing	ordering medicine
prescription	an order for medicine
scriptwriter	a person who writes movie or television scripts
manuscript	a handwritten document
transcribe	to copy in writing
transcribing	making a written copy of something
transcription	an act of transcribing
transcript	a written or printed copy

## Lesson 34

### Spelling Words and Definitions

autograph	a person's signature
biography	a book about a person's life
biographer	an author who writes about people's lives
biographical	concerning a person's life
autobiography	a book about a person's life, written by him- or herself
autobiographical	related to one's life story
bibliography	a list of writings on a subject
photograph	a picture taken by a camera
photographer	a person who takes photographs
photography	the art of taking photographs
photographic	having to do with photography
telegram	telegraph message
telegraph	a system for sending messages
graphic	vivid; having to do with art and design
homograph	words that have the same spelling but different meanings
diagram	a drawing that explains something
monogram	a design made from someone's initials
program	TV or radio show
grammar	rules of language
grammatical	about grammar

## Lesson 35

### Spelling Words and Definitions

edit	to check writing for errors
editing	checking writing for errors
editor	a person who edits
edition	the form of a book or magazine printed at one time
editorial	a newspaper article of opinion
public	having to do with people
publicly	openly; before people
publicize	to make an event or person well-known
publicity	information about events or people
publicist	a person who does publicity
publication	a book, magazine, or newspaper
publish	to produce a book, newspaper, etc.
publisher	a person or company that publishes
unpublished	not produced as a book, etc.
journal	a diary; a magazine or newspaper
journalist	a person who writes or reports news
journalism	writing in magazines and newspapers
journey	a long trip
column	writing that appears regularly in a paper
columnist	a person who writes a column