Unit One

to the Teacher

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Partner or Group Activities

Lesson 1

Choose a set of homophones, and make a riddle or pun.

Lesson 2

Pick three words. Ask a partner to write a sentence that contains these words in the order you say them.

Lesson 3

See who can find the most small words inside the listed words.

Lesson 4

Choose four words that rhyme. Write a silly poem with them.

Lesson 5

Write clues for three words. See if a partner can guess the words from your clues.

Lesson 1 Spelling Words and Definitions

Spelling Words and Definitions	
main	most important
mane	the long, thick hair on the neck of a horse
sail	a cloth sheet that catches air and makes a boat move
sale	the exchange of something
weak	not strong
week	seven days
heal	to cure someone
heel	the back part of your foot
right	the opposite of left
write	to draw letters, words, or numbers
side	an outer part of something that is not the front or back
sighed	breathed out deeply to show sadness or relief
road	a smooth path people and vehicles travel
rode	traveled on an animal or in a vehicle
rowed	used oars to move

a boat through

water

Lesson 2 Spelling Words and Definitions	
find	to discover something
kind	helpful; sensitive to another person's needs
mind	the part of you that thinks, feels, and understands
wind	to wrap something around something else
blind	unable to see
grind	to crush something into powder
behind	in back of
mild	not too harsh
wild	not tame
child	a young boy or girl; a son or daughter
children	young boys and girls; sons and daughters
die	to stop living
lie	to place yourself in a flat position; to say something you know isn't true
pie	a filled pastry that is baked in the oven
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to join two pieces

of string with a

knot or a bow

tie

Unit Two

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Partner or Group Activities

Lesson 7

See who can use the most words in a single sentence.

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Write a question that can be answered by one of the words. Ask a partner to guess the answer.

Lesson 9

Draw pictures to illustrate four words. Ask a partner to match each picture with a word.

Lesson 10

Find a pair of homophones, and use them both in a single sentence.

Lesson 11

Choose six words, and make a crossword puzzle.

Lesson 7Spelling Words and Definitions

a motor vehicle car with four wheels far a great distance; distant: not near the body part that arm starts at your shoulder and ends with your hand farm to grow crops and raise animals a shape with five star or more points to begin something start smart clever a portion of the part whole a planned party get-together for fun hard not soft; difficult heart the organ in your chest that pumps blood through

blood through
your body
dark without light

mark a small scratch

park an area of land that
is used by people

for rest and fun

yard an area of ground next to a house

Lesson 8Spelling Words and Definitions

bear wild animal with thick fur a juicy, sweet fruit pear with a smooth skin to be dressed in wear something tear a drop of clear, salty liquid that comes from your eyes a body part used ear for hearing dear much loved fear the feeling you have when you are afraid close to near clear easy to see through hear to sense sounds through your ears heard sensed sounds through your ears learn to gain knowledge or a skill earth the planet on which we live to get money for earn working early at or near the beginning

Unit Three

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Partner or Group Activities

Lesson 13

Write a funny story, using as many words as you can.

Lesson 14

Write clues for three words. See if a partner can guess the words from your clues.

Lesson 15

Pick three words. Ask a partner to write a sentence with these words in the order you say them.

Lesson 16

See who can find the most small words inside the listed words.

Lesson 17

Write a story about a baseball game or other sports event, using as many words as you can.

Lesson 13

Spelling Words and Definitions

jacket a short coat

jar a container with a
wide opening
jeans pants made from

pants made from denim cloth

jelly a spread made from boiled fruit and sugar

jet an aircraft powered by jet engines

job the work someone does for a living

joke a short story with a

funny ending

judge a person who listens to cases in

court

jump to push off with your legs and

move into the air

just fair

gentle not rough; kind

general to do with everybody or everything

giant very large; a large and powerful

person from fairy tales

tale

giraffe an animal with a very long neck and

long legs

gym a big room used for sports

Lesson 14Spelling Words and Definitions

game an activity with rules played by one or more people

gate an entrance in a

fence

gave handed something

to another person

garden a place where

plants are grown

garbage trash

garage a building where

cars are parked

geese birds with long

necks and webbed

feet

giggle to laugh in a silly

or nervous way

gum the pink area

around your teeth

guard to protect or watch

over something

guess to give an answer

without being sure

it is right

guest a visitor

guide to show someone

around a place

guy a man or a boy

Unit Four

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Partner or Group Activities

Lesson 19

Pick three words. Ask a partner to write a sentence with the words in the order you say them.

Lesson 20

Write clues for four words. Ask a partner to write the word that goes with each clue.

Lesson 21

Choose six words, and make a crossword puzzle.

Lesson 22

Draw pictures to illustrate four words. Ask a partner to match each picture with the correct word.

Lesson 23

Choose four rhyming words, and write a silly poem with them.

Lesson 19

Spelling Words and Definitions

oil a thick, greasy liquid boil to heat a liquid

until it bubbles
soil dirt or earth where

plants grow spoil to ruin something

join to fasten two things together

point to aim your index finger at something

poison a substance that can harm or kill if swallowed

noise a loud sound, usually unpleasant

choice the thing that has been selected

voice the power to speak

and sing
a male child

joy a feeling of great

boy

happiness

toy an object that children play with

enjoy to have fun doing something

royal belonging to a king or queen or a member of his or

her family

Lesson 20Spelling Words and Definitions

bird an animal with wings, feathers, and a beak

girl a female child

first something that comes before anything else

circle a flat perfectly round shape

circus a show in which

clowns perform

hurt to be in pain

turn to change direction

nurse a person who looks after people who are sick

turtle a reptile that has a hard shell for

hard shell for protection

purple the color made by mixing red and

blue.

word a group of letters

that has meaning

work a job or task

worm a small animal that lives in the soil

world the earth

were a form of to be

Unit Five

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Partner or Group Activities

Lesson 25

See who can find the most small words inside the listed words.

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See who can find the most words that have homophones.

Lesson 27

Write a question for which one of the words is the answer. Ask a partner to guess the answer.

Lesson 28

Make a word search with four words. Ask a partner to find the words.

Lesson 29

List class birthdays by month, date, and year.

Lesson 25Spelling Words and Definitions

black the color of the night sky

blame to say something is another person's fault

cloud a smoky-looking group of water droplets suspended in the sky

club a group of people who meet regularly to share a common interest

flower the colored part of a plant that makes seeds or fruit

flight the act of flying or moving through

the air

flash a burst of light glass a clear material

used for windows

gloves hand coverings worn for warmth

plain simple; not fancy

plan to work out in advance how you will do something

plant a green living

organism
slide to move smoothly

over a surface

slow not fast

splash to throw a liquid

Lesson 26Spelling Words and Definitions

breeze a gentle wind

brain the organ inside
your head that
controls your body
and thinking

crab an ocean creature

that has a hard shell, eight legs, and two claws

cross to go from one

side to the other

drift to move with the

water

drive to control a vehicle

frighten to scare someone

friend someone you know and like

front the part of

something that comes first or faces

forward

grand large and

wonderful

ground the solid surface of

the earth

print to put words or

pictures on a page

program a television or

radio show

trap to trick or catch

trash garbage

Unit Six

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Partner or Group Activities

Lesson 31

Choose six words, and make a crossword puzzle.

esson 32

Write three sentences with contractions. Have a partner write the words that each contraction stands for.

Lesson 33

Pick three words. Ask a partner to write a sentence with the words in the order you say them.

Lesson 34

See who can use the most vocabulary words to write a story.

Lesson 35

Choose two forms of the same verb. Write a sentence for each form.

Lesson 31

Spelling Words and Definitions

afternoon the time of the day

between noon and

evening

airport a place where

planes take off and

land

almost very nearly

backyard an open area

behind a house

barefoot without shoes and

socks

birthday the day that

someone was born

downstairs down the stairs

or to a lower

floor

grasshopper an insect that

eats plants and leaps with its

long back legs

homework work assigned

at school to be done at home

popcorn a snack made by

heating corn

kernels

railroad a track of double

rails for a train

sidewalk a paved path

beside a street

sunshine light from the sun

tiptoe to walk quietly on

your toes

upstairs up the stairs

Lesson 32

Spelling Words and Definitions

can't a short form of

cannot

didn't a short form of did

not

don't a short form of do

not

won't a short form of

will not

here's a short form of

here is

there's a short form of

there is

it's a short form of it

is or it has

what's a short form of

what is or what

has

I'll a short form of I

will or I shall

we'll a short form of we

will or we shall

I'm a short form of I

am

you're a short form of

you are

they're a short form of

they are

I've a short form of I

have

you've a short form of

you have