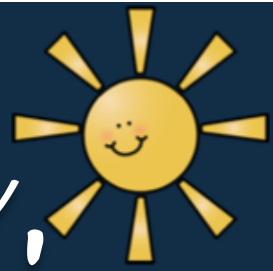


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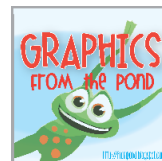
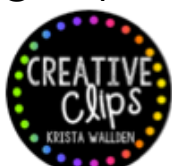


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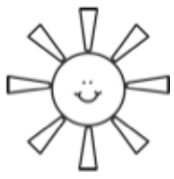
This resource is a unique way to get your students warmed up in the morning.

Each month contains 4-5 weeks of ELA morning work, which will have a theme around the season, national holidays, or events associated with that particular month. The morning work is focused on ELA 4th Grade Common Core Standards. Each day has a thematic structure to cover Language Standards as well as enhance vocabulary and comprehension skills.

- **Meaningful Monday**: Monday is focused on making meaning. Tasks will focus on synonyms, antonyms, vocabulary words, context clues, and making meaning in a short amount of text. Some tasks may require students to make meaning in the text (inference, message, adages, proverbs, etc.) or build vocabulary skills.
- **Text Structure Tuesday**: Tuesdays will have a paragraph that requires students to identify the text structure, signal words, and a question or two related to main idea, author's perspective, or vocabulary.
- **Wordy Wednesday**: Wednesday is all about working with words. Tasks include working with shades of meaning, homophones, or a short writing task using pictures or a word bank.
- **Throwback Thursday**: Thursday is all about grammar usage and conventions.
- **Figurative Friday**: Figurative Friday tasks include working with various types of figurative language including similes, metaphors, idioms, and more!

I created this resource after seeing success with the Math version in my 4th grade classroom that you can find [HERE](#)!

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Good Morning, Sunshine!

Week 1

Name _____

Week of _____

Meaningful Monday

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Write each structural element on the left in the correct section of the chart on the right.

organized by stanzas	stage directions	POETRY	DRAMA	PROSE
verse	story is told by sentences one after the other			
organized by scenes	lines			
rhyme	organized by paragraphs			
cast of characters				

Wordy Wednesday

Guess what day it is?...
Wordy Wednesday!
Time to have some fun with words!

Date: _____

SPRING into SPELLING!

Rewrite the misspelled word on the line.



hard



hardness

What happens when you add the suffix **-ness** to the word **hard**?

- a. It changes from a verb to a noun.
- b. It changes from a noun to a verb.
- c. It changes from an adjective to a verb.
- d. It changes from an adjective to a noun.

Throwback Thursday

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Let's review and throw
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Date: _____

POSSESSION or PLURAL?

Choose the word that best completes each sentence.

1. The _____ we learn from the characters in our book help us figure out the theme.
 - a. lessons
 - b. lesson's
2. My _____ bed takes up half of the room.
 - a. dogs
 - b. dog's

Proofread for Spelling

Circle the misspelled words in the paragraph below. Write the correct spelling of the word on the lines.

Whooping Cranes are the tallest birds in North America. This bird species is on the federal indangered list. Because of hunting and habitat lass, there are only around 600 of these beautiful birds left.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Figurative Friday

Figurative language uses words and expressions to have a greater impact on the reader.

Date: _____

Adages & Proverbs

Choose the best saying for each situation.

1. Milana had a dance recital coming up in May. She was so nervous about it because some of the steps were very challenging. Each day after school, she came home to rehearse. She worked on a new part each day. When the day of her recital came, she knew she would be ready.
 - a. Look before you leap.
 - b. Honesty is the best policy.
 - c. The early bird gets the worm.
 - d. Practice makes perfect.
2. Because his computer wasn't working at home, Kyle needed to use the computer lab at school. Each morning, he got to school before most other students so that he could work on the story he was writing in the classroom. As other students arrived, computers became unavailable. However, this wasn't an issue for Kyle.
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Week 2

Name _____

Week of _____

Meaningful Monday

Date: _____

I know... Life is hard on a Monday, but it's time to awaken your brain! Let's make today a Meaningful Monday!

Although Robin tried to eat healthy green salads with grilled chicken, she had a **preference** for cheeseburgers.

What does the word **preference** mean in the sentence above?

- a. a strong love
- b. an allergy
- c. a greater liking
- d. a strong dislike

Synonyms or Antonyms?

1. attentive, observant _____
2. captivity, liberty _____
3. circular, round _____
4. prepared, disorganized _____
5. represent, depict _____

What happens when you add **-ment** to the word **appoint**?

Part A:

Write the new word. _____

Part B:

What happens when you add **-ment** to the word **appoint**?

- a. the word changes from a noun to a verb
- b. the word changes from a verb to a noun
- c. the word changes from a noun to an adjective
- d. the word changes from an adjective to a noun

Text Structure Tuesday

Date: _____

Yay! You came back to school today! Give yourself a pat on the back simply for being here. 😊

Marie Curie was a chemist and physicist. She is most famous for her work in the field of radioactivity. A **pioneer** in her field, Marie Curie discovered the chemical plutonium in 1898. Later in 1903, she and her husband discovered another element, radium. That same year, they were both awarded the Nobel Prize. She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize. In 1911, Curie received her second Nobel Prize. Because she won a Nobel Prize in both physics and chemistry, she was the only person to win in two science fields.

During World War I, Curie developed the use of portable X-ray machines that could be used on the field. The X-ray machines were inside a vehicle called "radiological cars." These cars were nicknamed "little Curies." She trained 150 women to operate the X-rays. Because of her work and efforts, over one million soldiers were able to receive X-ray exams during the war.

Which type of text structure does the author use to organize the text?

- a. cause and effect
- b. compare and contrast
- c. problem and solution
- d. chronology



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Date: _____

SPRING into SPELLING!



Rewrite the misspelled word on the line below



Resources like coal and oil are **nonrenewable**.

What does the word **nonrenewable** mean?

- a. resources that can be replaced quickly
- b. resources that cannot be replaced quickly
- c. the process of renewing resources
- d. the state of replacing resources

Throwback Thursday

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Date: _____

SENTENCE FLUENCY

Write the word or phrase that creates the best transition between the two sentences.

As a result However

1. Heat from your hand makes water particles in an ice cube move faster. _____, the ice will begin to melt.
2. Physical changes do not form a new substance. _____ when a chemical change takes place, a new substance will form.

Proofread for Spelling

Circle the misspelled words in the paragraph below.
Write the correct spelling of the word on the lines.

Pythons are one of the longist snakes in the world. They can gro to be over twenty feet long. Some peopel keep baby pythons as pets. However, many owners have trouble keeping such a dangerus animal for pets.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Figurative Friday

Figurative language uses words and expressions to have a greater impact on the reader.

Date: _____

There was an Old Man with a Beard

by Edward Lear

There was an Old Man with a beard,
Who said, "It is just as I feared!"
Two Owls and a Hen,
Four Larks and a Wren,
Have all built their nests in my beard!

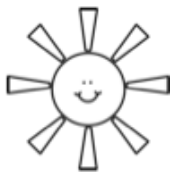
Which of the following describes the structure of the poem? **Select three.**

- The poem has 5 stanzas and 1 line.
- The poem has 5 lines and one stanza.
- The first and second lines rhyme.
- The first, second, and fifth lines rhyme.
- The last two lines rhyme.
- The third and fourth lines rhyme.

What is a **wren**?

- a. a type of beard
- b. a type of bird
- c. a nest
- d. a type of bug

This poem is a **limerick**.



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Week 3

Name _____

Week of _____

Meaningful Monday

Date: _____

I know... Life is hard on a Monday, but it's time to awaken your brain! Let's make today a Meaningful Monday!

In the past, Denise did not really care for dogs. She thought they smelled bad. But since her family adopted a new puppy, she now has a great _____ for the furry animals.

Which word best completes the sentence above?

- a. fondness
- b. effortless
- c. flexible
- d. basic

Olivia began to develop a painful stomach **ailment** after visiting her grandmother. Her grandmother lived on the beach, so they spent a lot of time eating seafood during her visit. Although she loved sushi and raw fish, she wondered if that might have something to do with her upset stomach. Her mother decided to take her to the doctor if she did not begin to feel better.

Synonyms or Antonyms?

1. plead, reply _____
2. ailment, ache _____
3. penniless, rich _____
4. recent, antique _____
5. source, origin _____

What does the word **ailment** mean?

- a. a minor illness
- b. a major epidemic
- c. an upset stomach
- d. a disease related to seafood

Text Structure Tuesday

Date: _____

Yay! You came back to school today! Give yourself a pat on the back simply for being here. ☺

Let's Mix It Up!

Today, you are writing your own limerick. A **limerick** is a humorous poem with a verse of three long and two short lines with the rhyme scheme of AABBA.

Use the poem on the left to create your own limerick on the right.

There was an Old Man with a Beard

by Edward Lear

There was an Old Man with a beard,
 Who said, "It is just as I feared!"
 Two Owls and a Hen,
 Four Larks and a Wren,
 Have all built their nests in my beard!

_____ a

_____ a

_____ b

_____ b

_____ a

Wordy Wednesday

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Wordy Wednesday!
Time to have some fun with words!

Date: _____

SPRING into SPELLING!

Rewrite the misspelled word on the line.



poison → poisonous

What happens when you add the suffix **-ous** to the base word **poison**?

- a. It changes from an adjective to a noun.
- b. It changes from a noun to an adjective.
- c. It changes from a verb to a noun.
- d. It changes from a noun to a verb.

Throwback Thursday

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THREW or THROUGH?

Complete each sentence with the correct word: **threw** or **through**.

1. James _____ the ball across the yard.
2. Particles move easily _____ liquid.
3. Melanie accidentally _____ her homework away.
4. On our way to New York, we traveled _____ the mountains.

Abbreviations

Choose the correct abbreviation in each row.

1. mrs mrs. Mrs. Mrs
2. mr Mr. mir. Mir.
3. fl Fla. FLA. FL
4. in. IN. in In
5. Doc. doc. Dr. dr.

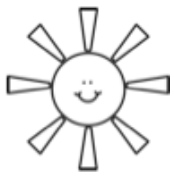
Figurative Friday

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Clarissa and her friend Harmony are in the same Girl Scout troop. Over the next few weeks they worked to sell cookies to fund a trip. On Saturday, they decided to split up the neighborhood and then meet back at Harmony's house for lunch to discuss their progress. Clarissa didn't have much luck. Most people weren't home and very few others actually decided to buy cookies. Feeling discouraged, she walked to meet up with her friend. Harmony was already home when she walked up to her door. Excitedly, she told Clarissa how she had sold 40 boxes of cookies. "Every house bought at least one box! Can you believe it!?" she exclaimed. Even though Clarissa was discouraged by her own luck, she was still happy for her friend. "That's amazing! Next time we should stick together. You have clearly got the Midas touch when it comes to cookie sales!"

What does the author mean by using the allusion "the Midas touch"?

- a. Harmony was greedy and took all of the cookie sales in the neighborhood.
- b. Harmony had success with her cookie sales.
- c. Harmony turned every box of cookies into gold.
- d. Harmony was able to sell every box of cookies she touched.



Good Morning, Sunshine!

Name _____

Week of _____

Meaningful Monday

Date: _____

I know... Life is hard on a Monday, but it's time to awaken your brain! Let's make today a Meaningful Monday!

Alfiya's **ancestors** immigrated from Russia to America during the 1800's. Many people wanted to move to America because it was known as the land of opportunity. At this time, Russia was also plagued by a disease called cholera.

What does the word **ancestor** mean?

- a. family members that are older than you
- b. family members that are old
- c. family members that are siblings
- d. family members who lived long ago

Synonyms or Antonyms?

- 1. brash, cautious _____
- 2. blossom, flourish _____
- 3. shabby, tattered _____
- 4. ancestor, elder _____
- 5. bold, timid _____

Shades of Meaning

bold

(**adjective**) showing an ability to take risks

brash

(**adjective**) reckless or hasty in actions

Choose the best word to complete each sentence below.

- 1. Rosa Parks made a _____ decision when she refused to give up her seat.
- 2. Danielle's _____ personality can sometimes upset her friends.
- 3. State your opinion loud and _____!
- 4. Think about your choices before you make any _____ decisions.

Text Structure Tuesday

Date: _____

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Jane Goodall is an anthropologist most famous for her studies of chimpanzees in the wild. She was born on April 3, 1934 in London, England. As a young girl, she loved animals and dreamed of going to Africa to study some of her favorite animals, such as chimpanzees. In her twenties, she went to visit a friend in Africa. A British archaeologist named Louis Leakey offered her a job studying chimpanzees. She moved to Gombe Stream National Park in Tanzania, Africa. Throughout her time in Africa, she made some important discoveries about the primates. For example, she learned that chimps made and used tools. Until this discovery, people thought only humans made and used tools. Scientists also thought that chimpanzees only ate plants. However, Jane discovered that the chimps hunted in packs for meat. Jane also was able to observe the chimps' personalities. She gave the chimps names and noticed they expressed emotions, such as sadness, anger, and joy. Jane has written several articles and books about her experience with the chimpanzees. Much of her life has been dedicated to protecting chimpanzees and protecting habitats of other animals around the world.

How does the author organize the details in the text above?

- a. by describing the events in the order they occurred
- b. by stating the problems Jane faced
- c. by telling the experiences from Jane's point of view
- d. by explaining what happened and why it happened



Wordy Wednesday

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Time to have some fun with words!

Date: _____

COMPARE AND CONTRAST

Write three sentences to compare and contrast a frog and a turtle. **KEY WORDS** → reptile, amphibian, eggs, shell



ANALOGIES

1. **sculptor** is to **sculpture** as **author** is to _____

- a. illustrator
- b. book
- c. address
- d. publisher

2. **orchard** is to **apples** as **garden** is to _____

- a. oranges
- b. soil
- c. gardener
- d. flowers

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PREPOSITIONS

Choose the correct preposition to complete each sentence.

in outside underneath

1. Some ants dig a tunnel _____ the ground.
2. Carpenter ants build their nests _____ wood.
3. They do not eat the wood, but leave it _____ the entrance in small piles.

COMMAS

Add a comma before the coordinating conjunctions (**and, but, or, nor, for, so**) in each sentence.

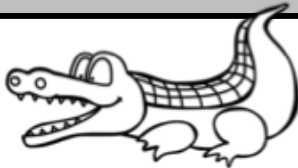
1. Carpenter ants do not carry disease but they do dig inside the wood.
2. Some people think ants are pests so they may take steps to get them out of their home.
3. Do you want a sandwich or would you prefer a taco?

Figurative Friday

Figurative language uses words and expressions to have a greater impact on the reader. **Date:** _____

The Crocodile

by Lewis Carroll



How doth the little crocodile
Improve his shining tail,
And pour the waters of the Nile
On every golden scale!

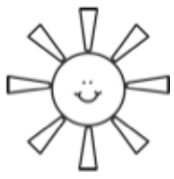
How cheerfully he seems to grin,
How neatly spreads his claws,
And welcomes little fishes in,
With gently smiling jaws!

From what point of view is the poem told?

- a. first person
- b. second person
- c. third person
- d. no point of view

What is the poet describing in the second stanza?

- a. how a crocodile lives in the Nile
- b. what a crocodile likes to eat for dinner
- c. how a crocodile eats neatly
- d. how a crocodile deceives fish



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Week 5

Name _____

Week of _____

Meaningful Monday

Date: _____

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ACADEMIC VOCABULARY

Match the word part to its meaning.

point

facts or examples that support a way of thinking

reason

WHAT the author thinks or believes to be true

evidence

WHY the author thinks the way they do

Synonyms or Antonyms?

1. period, era _____
2. famished, satisfied _____
3. resist, oppose _____
4. commotion, calm _____
5. eventually, never _____

fluke

1. **(noun)** a chance happening; an accidental turn
2. **(noun)** the flat part of a whale's tail

Identify which definition of **fluke** is used.

Jannatte thought it was a **fluke** that she kept hearing the same song on the radio every morning on the way to school.

①

②

The orca's **fluke** move up and down to help propel it through the water.

①

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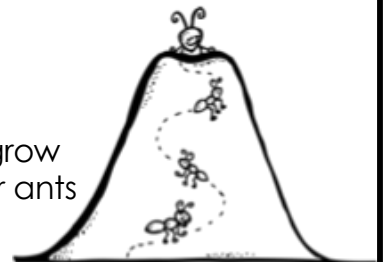
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Did you know there are almost 12,000 kinds of ants? Don't let their tiny size fool you. Ants can lift up to 50 times their body weight. These tiny, but mighty insects are social creatures. They live and work together in colonies. Some ant colonies can have a few ants, while others may have millions! In every colony, there are three types of ants: the queen ant, the drone, and the worker ant. The queen ant begins the ant colony by laying her eggs. The drones are male ants. Worker ants have many jobs, such as foraging for food, building the nest, and taking care of the queen. Soldier ants protect the colony from enemies. They stand at the entrance to the nest and use their antennae to detect the smells of enemies such as lizards or spiders. They will fight the enemy if necessary. No weapons are needed. They will use their sharp jaws, or mandibles, to bite the intruder. Though each ant plays their own role, they work together to ensure the success of the colony.

How does the author organize the details in the text above?

- a. by stating problems ants face and how they solve them
- b. by explaining how each ant plays a role to help their colony live and grow
- c. by comparing the point of view between the queen ant and the other ants
- d. by sharing the events of an ant's daily life in order



Wordy Wednesday

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Time to have some fun with words!

Date: _____

SPRING into SPELLING!

Rewrite the misspelled word on the line.



explain → explanation

What happens when you add the suffix **-tion** to the base word **explain**?

- a. It changes from an adjective to a noun.
- b. It changes from a noun to an adjective.
- c. It changes from a verb to a noun.
- d. It changes from a noun to a verb.

Throwback Thursday

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Use of Punctuation Marks

Match the punctuation mark to its meaning on the right.

comma

used to show exactly what someone says

quotation marks

used to show possession or that a letter is missing

apostrophe

makes the meaning of a sentence clear by grouping words

Proofread for Punctuation

Correct the punctuation errors in the paragraph below. There are 5 mistakes.

Harrys favorite sport was quidditch. The team captain asked him, Do you want to try out for the team. Harry wasnt sure if he would make it. He knew that George Bruno and Beulah would be on the team.

Figurative Friday

Figurative language uses words and expressions to have a greater impact on the reader.

Date: _____

Elelelephony

by Laura Elizabeth Richards

Once there was an elephant,
Who tried to use the telephant—
No! No! I mean an elephone
Who tried to use the telephone –
(Dear me! I am not certain quite
That even now I've got it right.)
Howe'er it was, he got his trunk
Entangled in the telephunk;
The more he tried to get it free,
The louder buzzed the telephee—
(I fear I'd better drop the song
Of elephop and telephong!)



From what point of view is the poem told?

- a. first person
- b. second person
- c. third person
- d. no point of view

Which of the following best describes what is happening in the poem?

- a. An elephant gets tangled in his trunk.
- b. A telephone won't stop ringing.
- c. An elephant gets tangled in a telephone cord.
- d. An elephant sings a song while on the telephone.



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Week 1

Answer Key

Meaningful Monday

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Write each structural element on the left in the correct section of the chart on the right.

POETRY	DRAMA	PROSE
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">organized by stanzas</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 5px;">lines</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 5px;">rhyme</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 5px;">verse</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">organized by scenes</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 5px;">cast of characters</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 5px;">stage directions</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">organized by paragraphs</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 5px;">story is told by sentences one after the other</div>

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SPRING into SPELLING!

Rewrite the misspelled word on the line.



postir

poster



auther

author



gathir

gather

hard



hardness

What happens when you add the suffix **-ness** to the word **hard**?

- It changes from a verb to a noun.
- It changes from a noun to a verb.
- It changes from an adjective to a verb.
- It changes from an adjective to a noun.**

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POSSESSION or PLURAL?

Choose the word that best completes each sentence.

- The _____ we learn from the characters in our book help us figure out the theme.
 - lessons
 - lesson's
- My _____ bed takes up half of the room.
 - dogs
 - dog's

Proofread for Spelling

Circle the misspelled words in the paragraph below. Write the correct spelling of the word on the lines.

Whooping Cranes are the tallest birds in North America. This bird species is on the federal indangered list. Because of hunting and habitat loss, there are only around 600 of these beautiful birds left.

- tallest**
- species**
- endangered**
- loss**

Figurative Friday

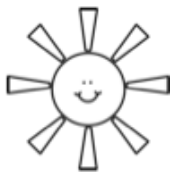
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Adages & Proverbs

Choose the best saying for each situation.

- Milana had a dance recital coming up in May. She was so nervous about it because some of the steps were very challenging. Each day after school, she came home to rehearse. She worked on a new part each day. When the day of her recital came, she knew she would be ready.
 - Look before you leap.
 - Honesty is the best policy.
 - The early bird gets the worm.
 - Practice makes perfect.**
- Because his computer wasn't working at home, Kyle needed to use the computer lab at school. Each morning, he got to school before most other students so that he could work on the story he was writing in the classroom. As other students arrived, computers became unavailable. However, this wasn't an issue for Kyle.
 - Look before you leap.
 - Honesty is the best policy.
 - The early bird gets the worm.**
 - Practice makes perfect.



Answer Key

Meaningful Monday

Date: _____

I know... Life is hard on a Monday, but it's time to awaken your brain! Let's make today a Meaningful Monday!

Although Robin tried to eat healthy green salads with grilled chicken, she had a **preference** for cheeseburgers.

What does the word **preference** mean in the sentence above?

- a. a strong love
- b. an allergy
- c. **a greater liking**
- d. a strong dislike

Synonyms or Antonyms?

- 1. attentive, observant synonyms
- 2. captivity, liberty antonyms
- 3. circular, round synonyms
- 4. prepared, disorganized antonyms
- 5. represent, depict synonyms

What happens when you add **-ment** to the word **appoint**?

Part A:

Write the new word. appointment

Part B:

What happens when you add **-ment** to the word **appoint**?

- a. the word changes from a noun to a verb
- b. **the word changes from a verb to a noun**
- c. the word changes from a noun to an adjective
- d. the word changes from an adjective to a noun

Text Structure Tuesday

Date: _____

Yay! You came back to school today! Give yourself a pat on the back simply for being here. 😊

Marie Curie was a chemist and physicist. She is most famous for her work in the field of radioactivity. A **pioneer** in her field, Marie Curie discovered the chemical plutonium in 1898. Later in 1903, she and her husband discovered another element, radium. That same year, they were both awarded the Nobel Prize. She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize. In 1911, Curie received her second Nobel Prize. Because she won a Nobel Prize in both physics and chemistry, she was the only person to win in two science fields.

During World War I, Curie developed the use of portable X-ray machines that could be used on the field. The X-ray machines were inside a vehicle called "radiological cars." These cars were nicknamed "little Curies." She trained 150 women to operate the X-rays. Because of her work and efforts, over one million soldiers were able to receive X-ray exams during the war.

Which type of text structure does the author use to organize the text?

- a. cause and effect
- b. compare and contrast
- c. problem and solution
- d. **chronology**



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SPRING into SPELLING!



Rewrite the misspelled word on the line below



turtle



surprise



hurdle

Resources like coal and oil are **nonrenewable**.

What does the word **nonrenewable** mean?

- a. resources that can be replaced quickly
- b. resources that cannot be replaced quickly**
- c. the process of renewing resources
- d. the state of replacing resources

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SENTENCE FLUENCY

Write the word or phrase that creates the best transition between the two sentences.

As a result However

1. Heat from your hand makes water particles in an ice cube move faster.
As a result, the ice will begin to melt.
2. Physical changes do not form a new substance. However when a chemical change takes place, a new substance will form.

Proofread for Spelling

Circle the misspelled words in the paragraph below.
Write the correct spelling of the word on the lines.

Pythons are one of the longist snakes in the world. They can gro to be over twenty feet long. Some peopel keep baby pythons as pets. However, many owners have trouble keeping such a dangerus animal for pets.

1. longest
2. grow
3. people
4. dangerous

Figurative Friday

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Date: _____

There was an Old Man with a Beard

by Edward Lear

There was an Old Man with a beard,
Who said, "It is just as I feared!"
Two Owls and a Hen,
Four Larks and a Wren,
Have all built their nests in my beard!

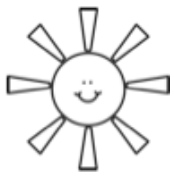
Which of the following describes the structure of the poem? **Select three.**

- The poem has 5 stanzas and 1 line.
- The poem has 5 lines and one stanza.**
- The first and second lines rhyme.
- The first, second, and fifth lines rhyme.**
- The last two lines rhyme.
- The third and fourth lines rhyme.**

What is a **wren**?

- a. a type of beard
- b. a type of bird**
- c. a nest
- d. a type of bug

This poem is a **limerick**.



Good Morning, Sunshine!

Answer Key

Meaningful Monday

Date: _____

I know... Life is hard on a Monday, but it's time to awaken your brain! Let's make today a Meaningful Monday!

In the past, Denise did not really care for dogs. She thought they smelled bad. But since her family adopted a new puppy, she now has a great _____ for the furry animals.

Which word best completes the sentence above?

- a. fondness
- b. effortless
- c. flexible
- d. basic

Olivia began to develop a painful stomach ailment after visiting her grandmother. Her grandmother lived on the beach, so they spent a lot of time eating seafood during her visit. Although she loved sushi and raw fish, she wondered if that might have something to do with her upset stomach. Her mother decided to take her to the doctor if she did not begin to feel better.

Synonyms or Antonyms?

- 1. plead, reply _____ **antonym**
- 2. ailment, ache _____ **synonyms**
- 3. penniless, rich _____ **antonyms**
- 4. recent, antique _____ **antonyms**
- 5. source, origin _____ **synonyms**

What does the word **ailment** mean?

- a. a minor illness
- b. a major epidemic
- c. an upset stomach
- d. a disease related to seafood

Text Structure Tuesday

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Let's Mix It Up!

Today, you are writing your own limerick. A **limerick** is a humorous poem with a verse of three long and two short lines with the rhyme scheme of AABBA.

Use the poem on the left to create your own limerick on the right.

There was an Old Man with a Beard

by Edward Lear

There was an Old Man with a beard,
 Who said, "It is just as I feared!"
 Two Owls and a Hen,
 Four Larks and a Wren,
 Have all built their nests in my beard!

_____ a
 _____ **Answers** _____ a
 _____ **will vary.** _____ b
 _____ _____ b
 _____ _____ a

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SPRING into SPELLING!

Rewrite the misspelled word on the line.



although



through



tough

poison → poisonous

What happens when you add the suffix **-ous** to the base word **poison**?

- a. It changes from an adjective to a noun.
- b. It changes from a noun to an adjective.**
- c. It changes from a verb to a noun.
- d. It changes from a noun to a verb.

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THREW or THROUGH?

Complete each sentence with the correct word: **threw** or **through**.

1. James threw the ball across the yard.
2. Particles move easily through liquid.
3. Melanie accidentally threw her homework away.
4. On our way to New York, we traveled through the mountains.

Abbreviations

Choose the correct abbreviation in each row.

1. mrs mrs. Mrs. Mrs
2. mr Mr. mir. Mir.
3. fl Fla. FLA. FL
4. in. IN. in In
5. Doc. doc. Dr. dr.

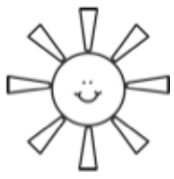
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Clarissa and her friend Harmony are in the same Girl Scout troop. Over the next few weeks they worked to sell cookies to fund a trip. On Saturday, they decided to split up the neighborhood and then meet back at Harmony's house for lunch to discuss their progress. Clarissa didn't have much luck. Most people weren't home and very few others actually decided to buy cookies. Feeling discouraged, she walked to meet up with her friend. Harmony was already home when she walked up to her door. Excitedly, she told Clarissa how she had sold 40 boxes of cookies. "Every house bought at least one box! Can you believe it!?" she exclaimed. Even though Clarissa was discouraged by her own luck, she was still happy for her friend. "That's amazing! Next time we should stick together. You have clearly got the Midas touch when it comes to cookie sales!"

What does the author mean by using the allusion "the Midas touch"?

- a. Harmony was greedy and took all of the cookie sales in the neighborhood.
- b. Harmony had success with her cookie sales.**
- c. Harmony turned every box of cookies into gold.
- d. Harmony was able to sell every box of cookies she touched.



Meaningful Monday

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Alfiya's **ancestors** immigrated from Russia to America during the 1800's. Many people wanted to move to America because it was known as the land of opportunity. At this time, Russia was also plagued by a disease called cholera.

What does the word **ancestor** mean?

- a. family members that are older than you
- b. family members that are old
- c. family members that are siblings
- d. family members who lived long ago**

Synonyms or Antonyms?

- 1. brash, cautious _____ **antonyms**
- 2. blossom, flourish _____ **synonyms**
- 3. shabby, tattered _____ **synonyms**
- 4. ancestor, elder _____ **synonyms**
- 5. bold, timid _____ **antonyms**

Shades of Meaning

bold

(**adjective**) showing an ability to take risks

brash

(**adjective**) reckless or hasty in actions

Choose the best word to complete each sentence below.

- 1. Rosa Parks made a **bold** decision when she refused to give up her seat.
- 2. Danielle's **brash** personality can sometimes upset her friends.
- 3. State your opinion loud and **bold**!
- 4. Think about your choices before you make any **brash** decisions.

Text Structure Tuesday

Date: _____

Yay! You came back to school today! Give yourself a pat on the back simply for being here. 😊

Jane Goodall is an anthropologist most famous for her studies of chimpanzees in the wild. She was born on April 3, 1934 in London, England. As a young girl, she loved animals and dreamed of going to Africa to study some of her favorite animals, such as chimpanzees. In her twenties, she went to visit a friend in Africa. A British archaeologist named Louis Leakey offered her a job studying chimpanzees. She moved to Gombe Stream National Park in Tanzania, Africa. Throughout her time in Africa, she made some important discoveries about the primates. For example, she learned that chimps made and used tools. Until this discovery, people thought only humans made and used tools. Scientists also thought that chimpanzees only ate plants. However, Jane discovered that the chimps hunted in packs for meat. Jane also was able to observe the chimps' personalities. She gave the chimps names and noticed they expressed emotions, such as sadness, anger, and joy. Jane has written several articles and books about her experience with the chimpanzees. Much of her life has been dedicated to protecting chimpanzees and protecting habitats of other animals around the world.

How does the author organize the details in the text above?

- a. by describing the events in the order they occurred**
- b. by stating the problems Jane faced
- c. by telling the experiences from Jane's point of view
- d. by explaining what happened and why it happened



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COMPARE AND CONTRAST

Write three sentences to compare and contrast a frog and a turtle. **KEY WORDS** → reptile, amphibian, eggs, shell

For Example:

- Both frogs and turtles lay eggs.
- While turtles are reptiles, frogs are amphibians.
- Unlike frogs, turtles have a shell for protection.



ANALOGIES

1. **sculptor** is to **sculpture** as **author** is to _____

- a. illustrator
- b. **book**
- c. address
- d. publisher

2. **orchard** is to **apples** as **garden** is to _____

- a. oranges
- b. soil
- c. gardener
- d. **flowers**

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PREPOSITIONS

Choose the correct preposition to complete each sentence.

in outside underneath

- Some ants dig a tunnel underneath the ground.
- Carpenter ants build their nests in wood.
- They do not eat the wood, but leave it outside the entrance in small piles.

COMMAS

Add a comma before the coordinating conjunctions (**and, but, or, nor, for, so**) in each sentence.

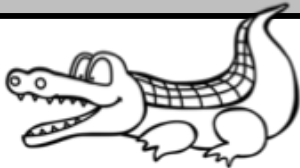
- Carpenter ants do not carry disease, but they do dig inside the wood.
- Some people think ants are pests, so they may take steps to get them out of their home.
- Do you want a sandwich, or would you prefer a taco?

Figurative Friday

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The Crocodile

by Lewis Carroll



How doth the little crocodile
 Improve his shining tail,
 And pour the waters of the Nile
 On every golden scale!

How cheerfully he seems to grin,
 How neatly spreads his claws,
 And welcomes little fishes in,
 With gently smiling jaws!

From what point of view is the poem told?

- a. first person
- b. second person
- c. **third person**
- d. no point of view

What is the poet describing in the second stanza?

- a. how a crocodile lives in the Nile
- b. what a crocodile likes to eat for dinner
- c. how a crocodile eats neatly
- d. **how a crocodile deceives fish**



Answer Key

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ACADEMIC VOCABULARY

Match the word part to its meaning.

point	facts or examples that support a way of thinking
reason	WHAT the author thinks or believes to be true
evidence	WHY the author thinks the way they do

fluke

- (noun)** a chance happening; an accidental turn
- (noun)** the flat part of a whale's tail

Identify which definition of **fluke** is used.

Jannatte thought it was a **fluke** that she kept hearing the same song on the radio every morning on the way to school.



The orca's **fluke** move up and down to help propel it through the water.



Synonyms or Antonyms?

- period, era _____ **synonyms**
- famished, satisfied _____ **antonyms**
- resist, oppose _____ **synonyms**
- commotion, calm _____ **antonyms**
- eventually, never _____ **antonyms**

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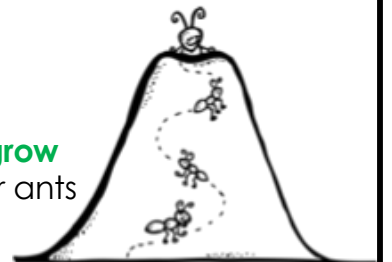
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Yay! You came back to school today! Give yourself a pat on the back simply for being here. ☺

Did you know there are almost 12,000 kinds of ants? Don't let their tiny size fool you. Ants can lift up to 50 times their body weight. These tiny, but mighty insects are social creatures. They live and work together in colonies. Some ant colonies can have a few ants, while others may have millions! In every colony, there are three types of ants: the queen ant, the drone, and the worker ant. The queen ant begins the ant colony by laying her eggs. The drones are male ants. Worker ants have many jobs, such as foraging for food, building the nest, and taking care of the queen. Soldier ants protect the colony from enemies. They stand at the entrance to the nest and use their antennae to detect the smells of enemies such as lizards or spiders. They will fight the enemy if necessary. No weapons are needed. They will use their sharp jaws, or mandibles, to bite the intruder. Though each ant plays their own role, they work together to ensure the success of the colony.

How does the author organize the details in the text above?

- by stating problems ants face and how they solve them
- by explaining how each ant plays a role to help their colony live and grow**
- by comparing the point of view between the queen ant and the other ants
- by sharing the events of an ant's daily life in order



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SPRING into SPELLING!

Rewrite the misspelled word on the line.



source



course



forward

explain → explanation

What happens when you add the suffix **-tion** to the base word **explain**?

- a. It changes from an adjective to a noun.
- b. It changes from a noun to an adjective.
- c. It changes from a verb to a noun.**
- d. It changes from a noun to a verb.

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Use of Punctuation Marks

Match the punctuation mark to its meaning on the right.

comma

used to show exactly
what someone says

**quotation
marks**

used to show possession
or that a letter is missing

apostrophe

makes the meaning
of a sentence clear
by grouping words

Proofread for Punctuation

Correct the punctuation errors in the paragraph below. There are 5 mistakes.

Harry's
Harrys favorite sport was quidditch. The team
captain asked him, "Do.....team?"
team?"
Harry wasn't sure if he would make it.
He knew that George Bruno and Beulah would
be on the team. George, Bruno, and Beulah

Figurative Friday

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Date: _____

Elelelephony

by Laura Elizabeth Richards

Once there was an elephant,
Who tried to use the telephant—
No! No! I mean an elephone
Who tried to use the telephone –
(Dear me! I am not certain quite
That even now I've got it right.)
Howe'er it was, he got his trunk
Entangled in the telephunk;
The more he tried to get it free,
The louder buzzed the telephee—
(I fear I'd better drop the song
Of elephop and telephong!)



From what point of view is the poem told?

- a. first person**
- b. second person
- c. third person
- d. no point of view

Which of the following best describes what is happening in the poem?

- a. An elephant gets tangled in his trunk.
- b. A telephone won't stop ringing.
- c. An elephant gets tangled in a telephone cord.**
- d. An elephant sings a song while on the telephone.