

NTI DAY #6
(weather-closed school day)

PACKET
SIX

(English/Language Arts)

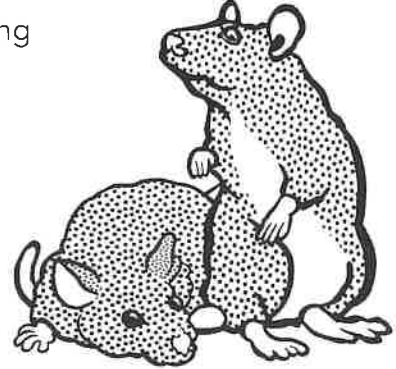
General Directions:

Due to weather, Harrison County Schools are closed. In an effort to utilize this day on the school calendar, your child is assigned and should work on this “packet” of school work today. It will count as a grade for this subject. The work attached is specific to the subject listed above. Please contact your child’s teacher of this subject at 234-7123 in the event you/your student have questions on this packet. Staff and teachers reported to HCMS today and are available should you have questions.

While this is DUE two (2) weeks after our return to school, we **strongly encourage** students to turn it in to their teacher **as soon as it’s complete** (soon after the NTI day) to avoid it being lost, eaten by the family pet, burned to keep warm, etc ☺

Animal Experimentation

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1. What does the word potential mean?

- A. possible
- B. unlikely
- C. extreme
- D. careful

2. What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. Albert the monkey and his journey to space
- B. Animal experimentation and its pros and cons
- C. Unethical behavior of scientists
- D. Scientific and medical breakthroughs in the last century

3. Which of the following is a benefit of animal testing, according to the author?

- A. Animal testing costs less money than other kinds of testing
- B. Animal rights activists hold rallies to protest animal testing
- C. Animals are unwilling participants and cannot disagree to the tests
- D. The testing has led to medical breakthroughs that help people

4. Which of the following sentences would be a good conclusion to the passage?

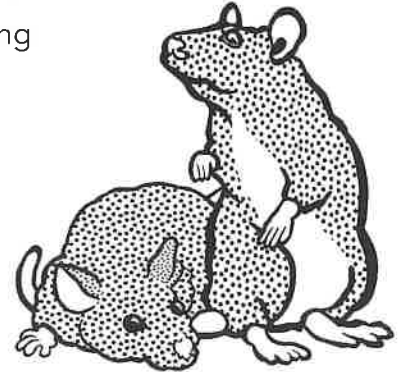
- A. Skincare products are often tested on mice.
- B. Guinea pigs are one of the most commonly used animals in research.
- C. This topic will probably remain controversial for years to come.
- D. Animal experimentation is defined as any animal being used for research purposes.

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Use the RACE strategy to answer the following question, using the checklist as you write.
Do you think scientists should experiment on animals? Explain.

- R
- A
- C
- E

Choosing Correct Homophones

EXERCISE A: Choose the correct word in each pair.

Example: Angie never thinks her clothes look (right/write).

Answer: right

1. First, Angie (died/dyed) her shirt green.
2. Then she wanted to make it (blue/blew).
3. This is the (forth/fourth) new shirt Angie has colored.
4. Angie likes every color (except/accept) orange.
5. Her mother wonders if this is just a passing (phase/faze).

EXERCISE B: Answer each riddle by writing a homophone for each underlined word.

Example: What would you call a tired beet?

Answer: A beat beet

1. What would you call a grizzly bear with no fur?
2. What would you call a rough racecourse?
3. What would you call a group of horrible fowl?
4. What would you call a white pail?
5. What would you call a board of directors with nothing to do?

EXERCISE C: Rewrite each sentence with the correct homophone from the choice in parentheses.

Example: This book is _____ back to the library on Friday. (due/dew)

Answer: This book is due back at the library on Friday.

1. I _____ that story last week. (read/red)
2. The author makes several _____ to mythology. (illusions, allusions)
3. The _____ idea of the story is that faith is rewarded. (mane/main)
4. The hero of the _____ must endure great _____. (tale/tail; pane/pain)
5. He must _____ his friends who have _____ in battle. (berry/bury; died/dyed)
6. The _____ travels for _____ on end. (loan/lone; knight/night; daze/days)
7. He won't _____ until he _____ his homeland again. (paws/pause; sees/seas)
8. When his journey is _____ he returns to his _____. (threw/through; throne/thrown)
9. At last, he brings _____ to the kingdom. (piece/peace)
10. The tower bells _____ with the sound of victory. (peel, peal)

Spelling Commonly Misspelled Words Correctly

EXERCISE A: Rewrite each sentence with the correctly spelled word from the Word Box. Then write five sentences and a Word Box of your own.

Example: We have a democratic form of _____.

Answer: government

Word Box

jewelry forty February
environment library

1. People who care about the Earth are concerned with the _____.
2. Valentine's Day occurs in the month of _____.
3. Return your books to the _____.
4. Ten less than fifty is _____.
5. Pins, rings, bracelets, and necklaces are all _____.

EXERCISE B: Use the clues to figure out each word. Unscramble the letters to spell the words correctly.

Example: Paper showing that you paid (tripece)

Answer: receipt

1. Day after Tuesday (senddawey)
2. Not together (teapears)
3. Needed or required (scenearys)
4. Another word for *doctor* (hyipensia)
5. From another country (fignoer)

EXERCISE C: Rewrite the misspelled words. If the words are already spelled correctly, write *Correct*.

Example: describe

Answer: Correct

1. busness
2. embarass
3. height
4. existence
5. believe
6. anser
7. incidentally
8. labratory
9. pamphlit
10. mischievous

Directions: Select the correct word and complete the sentences below.

1. "I have money _____," said Wally. "I'll pay the _____ dollars if you come _____ the show with me."

to too two



2. The reporter asked me _____ or not I liked the _____ in Florida.

weather whether



3. Dad was excited when he heard there was a _____ on _____ boats. Mom didn't seem as excited.

sail sale

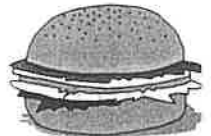


4. If I have _____ this week I'm going to plant _____ in my herb garden.

thyme time

5. Kevin is looking very _____ after eating ten super burgers. Maybe he should sleep with a _____ next to his bed.

pail pale



6. _____ meeting with _____ advisors over _____.

their they're there



7. The wedding will take place on a remote _____. _____ be walking the bride down the _____.

aisle I'll isle

8. I was sick at home with the _____. Just as I was about to light a fire, a bird _____ down the fireplace _____.

flew flu flue



Name: _____

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Directions:

Read all the meanings. Then, write the number of the meaning in the box next to the correct homonym. Use a dictionary for help.

1. market
2. bad
3. golden
4. military rank
5. scatter
6. insect
7. grain of corn
8. worship
9. run away
10. odd
11. bird
12. pay out
13. award
14. opposite of innocence
15. interfere
16. complaining sound
17. drink
18. prey



- a. bizarre
- b. kernel
- c. flea
- d. disperse
- e. whine
- f. bazaar
- g. foul
- h. guilt
- i. pray
- j. medal
- k. wine
- l. disburse
- m. flee
- n. colonel
- o. fowl
- p. guilt
- q. victim
- r. meddle



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Directions:

Write the number of the similes in the correct circle below.

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. As big as a house | 5. Money doesn't grow on trees |
| 2. Under the weather | 6. As sly as a fox |
| 3. Stop on a dime | 7. As quick as a bunny |
| 4. As old as the hills | 8. As free as a bird |



Garth Gantuan was a large man. He was the largest man in Flogenville and though you wouldn't guess by looking at his massive frame, Garth was also a very fast runner. Garth was married to Maben Sue; her daddy was the richest man in Flogenville and as such, Maben Sue never learned you had to work to earn money.

One day Garth arrived home after a hard day's work at the factory in Flogenville to find his dear bride soggy with tears. "What's the matter, my sugar plum?" cooed Garth, wrapping his massive hands around his wife to comfort her.

"I'm not feeling well," she sniffled. There is a contest being held to see who is the best runner in the state. The winner gets a new convertible car. I need that car so I can feel better—you see I need to get out of here." Maben Sue was using an ancient female family device—tears—to get Garth to race and win her the car. She could start them up or make them cease, at will.

"Unconfined, my darling, I didn't know you felt that way. Of course I will win you the car. Whatever it takes to make you happy." Garth truly loved his wife, and Maben Sue didn't give it a thought that Garth might suspect her of being cunning.

The race was set for the following Saturday. When the gun sounded, Garth took off with a blast. Faster and faster he ran until the spectators could see only a speck in the distance. Maben Sue was presented the car. Though no one ever heard from Garth again. Some say he just finally got smart and ran away from Maben Sue.

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Directions:

Read the sentences below and predict what happens next on the spaces provided. Give details and consequences.

1. Omar doesn't notice that his soda can has sprung a leak. He puts the can into his backpack and heads off to school. Omar's English report is in his backpack.

2. Jennifer finishes addressing all 54 of her party invitations. She asks her brother Greg to put stamps on them and get them in the morning mail. Greg isn't listening. He forgets the stamps and mails the letters on his way to school.

3. Manny loves baseball. He never misses a Binghamton Badgers game. Manny has tickets to the Badgers' playoff game on Saturday afternoon. Manny also has a crush on Luisa. Luisa invites Manny to her pool party on Saturday afternoon.

4. Jackson's mother has a rule—no eating in the living room! Jackson's mother is at work, and Jackson decides to have lunch in the living room and watch television. Jackson puts his bowl of spaghetti and meatballs on the couch and gets up to change the TV channel. Jackson's dog Argus comes running into the room and jumps on the couch.

5. Kelly is deathly afraid of spiders. While riding on a crowded elevator, Kelly feels something tickle her wrist. She looks down and sees a huge spider climbing up her arm.

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Directions:

Read the facts below and then use your inference skills to answer the questions.

Wanda is a kind person but she dislikes cats ever since a mad cat chased her up a tree in kindergarten. The fire department had to be called to get Wanda down; it was very frightening, not to mention embarrassing! Wanda loves her aunt Trudy, who happens to live with seven feline companions. Aunt Trudy is going to France for ten days. She usually asks her neighbor Freda to watch the kitties when she is away. However, Freda has a broken leg and won't be able to walk for a month. Aunt Trudy asks Wanda for a special favor.

1. What favor does Aunt Trudy ask? _____
2. Do you think Aunt Trudy regrets having to ask this favor of Wanda? Why? _____

3. Will Wanda watch the cats? Why or why not? _____

4. If Wanda were to watch the kitties, do you think she will take good care of them? Why or why not? _____

Henry needs two more baseball cards—Buster Smith and Dusty Jones—to complete his set of All Star heroes. Henry is obsessed with having the set complete and his mother is becoming concerned. She has forbidden him to buy another card. Henry's mother asks him to make a deposit for her at the bank. She gives Henry \$50 in cash and another \$75 in signed checks. While walking to the bank, Henry runs into Joey, another card collector. Joey shows Henry Buster Smith and Dusty Jones cards and tells him that they are for sale, if Henry has \$50 in cash to pay for them. If not, Joey will offer them to another buyer.

5. What does Henry do? Why? _____

6. What do you think Henry's mother would say if Henry buys the cards with her money? Why? _____

7. Why might Joey think he has a sure sale? _____

8. What would you do if you were Henry? _____

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Grids, labels, charts, and diagrams offer quick ways of organizing and reading information.



Directions: Read the grid below. Then answer the questions.

Pine Knot Elementary School had a magazine subscription drive. See how many subscriptions each classroom sold. The winning class was rewarded with an ice cream party. Every classroom that participated received a new book for their classroom library.



MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS	
Room 2	10 subscriptions
Room 4	17 subscriptions
Room 6	8 subscriptions
Room 8	11 subscriptions
Room 10	32 subscriptions
Room 12	25 subscriptions
Room 14	19 subscriptions
Room 16	15 subscriptions
Room 18	19 subscriptions
Room 20	22 subscriptions
Room 22	28 subscriptions
Pine Knot School	206 subscriptions

- How many subscriptions did Room 12 sell? _____
- Which classroom had the ice cream party? _____
- Which classroom sold the least amount of subscriptions? _____
- Which classrooms sold the same amount of subscriptions? _____
- Which classroom sold the second most subscriptions? _____
- How many classrooms participated in all? _____
- How many subscriptions did Pine Knot Elementary School sell in all? _____
- Which classroom sold 17 subscriptions? _____

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Directions:

Read the food labels below. Then answer the following questions.

One cold and rainy afternoon, Connor's mom made him a warm, delicious lunch. He ate two bowls of tomato soup and five crackers. Below are the labels from the can of tomato soup and the box of crackers. How nourishing was Connor's lunch?

TOMATO SOUP	
NUTRITION FACTS	
Serving Size	1 bowl
Servings per can	2
Calories 80	
Total Fat	0 grams
Cholesterol	0 mg
Sodium	710 mg
Total Carbohydrates	19g
Fiber	1 gram
Protein	2 grams

CRACKERS	
NUTRITION FACTS	
Serving Size	5 crackers
Servings per box	7
Calories 70	
Total Fat	1.5 grams
Cholesterol	0 mg
Sodium	100 mg
Total Carbohydrates	13g
Fiber	less than 1 gram
Protein	2 grams

- How many servings of soup did Connor eat for lunch? _____
- How much sodium is in five crackers? _____
- What was the total amount of fat in the tomato soup? _____
- How do you know that Connor finished the entire can of soup? _____

- How much fiber was in the soup? _____
- How many grams of protein were in the crackers? _____
- How much cholesterol did Connor consume by eating the soup and crackers? _____

- How many calories did Connor have at lunch? _____
- How many carbohydrates were in the can of tomato soup? _____
- What other food group do you think Connor should have added to the meal to make it more complete? _____

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