

Vocabulary Bell Ringers and Warm Ups

Three free activities for 4th-5th Grade
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Each of the clues below identifies a word with an X, a Y, or a Z in its spelling. The position of the X, Y, and Z and a few other letters have been added to help jump-start your thinking! Fill in the remaining blanks to reveal the mystery word.

1. repair f ___ X
2. the opposite of work ___ ___ ___ Y
3. *Ah-choo!* s ___ ___ ___ Z ___
4. immediately following, as the person ___ in line n ___ X ___
5. the day before today Y _____ Y ___ Y
6. comfortable, soft, and warm ___ ___ Z Y
7. a car that carries passengers for a fee t ___ X ___
8. 365 days Y ___ ___ ___
9. an animal famous for its stripes Z _____
10. In stories, this dog-like animal is portrayed as sly and crafty. ___ ___ X
11. the seventh month ___ ___ ___ Y
12. one of the undead Z _____



Homophone Sidekicks

A homophone is different from most other words because it has a sound-alike companion with a different spelling and its own meaning. Use the clues to identify the following dozen homophone sidekicks. Each one must be spelled correctly and be written in the correct blank.

1. your father's sister _____
 _____ an insect

2. seven plus one _____
 _____ devoured

3. a rabbit _____
 _____ grows on the head

4. after sundown _____
 _____ medieval warrior dressed in armor

5. catch sight of _____
 _____ the ocean

6. exchange for money _____
 _____ a small room in a prison



7. manufactured _____
 _____ a paid housekeeper

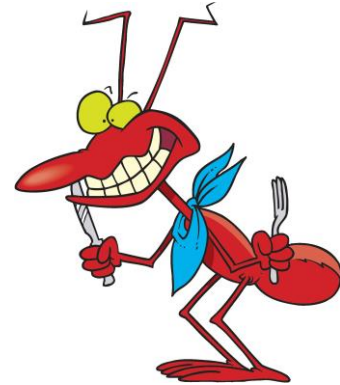
8. not fancy _____
 _____ a flying machine

9. a fruit _____
 _____ two of a kind

10. what people wear _____
 _____ the opposite of *open*

11. past tense of *hear* _____
 _____ a large group of cattle

12. precious _____
 _____ an animal with antlers



Compound Connections

bed	down	in	sea	water
	up	some		sky
hand	over	man	bath	out

Ten of the words in the box above can transform the individual lists below into groups of four compound words with a **common first word**. Three of the boxed words can form a few compounds, but they cannot connect to a **whole** group, which makes them total duds!

Write the correct connectors in the large blanks after the numbers.

1. _____
 ___ smart
 ___ law
 ___ look
 ___ side

2. _____
 ___ stairs
 ___ town
 ___ fall
 ___ size

3. _____
 ___ body
 ___ where
 ___ thing
 ___ how



4. _____
 ___ hole
 ___ kind
 ___ power
 ___ hunt

5. _____
 ___ horse
 ___ weed
 ___ shell
 ___ shore

6. _____
 ___ tub
 ___ robe
 ___ room
 ___ mat

7. _____
 ___ keep
 ___ turned
 ___ stream
 ___ date

8. _____
 ___ diver
 ___ light
 ___ scraper
 ___ jack

9. _____
 ___ time
 ___ bug
 ___ room
 ___ spread

10. _____
 ___ bag
 ___ cuff
 ___ made
 ___ out

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Answer Keys

X Y Z

1. fix
2. play
3. sneeze
4. next
5. yesterday
6. cozy
7. taxi
8. year
9. zebra
10. fox
11. July
12. zombie

Homophone Sidekicks

1. ant
aunt
2. eight
ate
3. hare
hair
4. night
knight
5. see
sea
6. sell
cell
7. made
maid
8. plain
plane
9. pear
pair
10. clothes
close
11. heard
herd
12. dear
deer

Compound Connections

1. out
2. down
3. some
4. man
5. sea
6. bath
7. up
8. sky
9. bed
10. hand

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