

Spelling—Week 3

10 minutes every day if possible

This week in spelling, we will be looking at homophones.

Task 1: Work through the Powerpoint to start you off

Then for 10 minutes every day I would like you to pick one activity from this selection and use it to practise the homophones but also your 'tricky words' from the list below:

desert

dessert

steel

steal

aloud

allowed

bridal

bridle

Common exception words: ancient, according, achieve, definitely

<p style="text-align: center;">1. ABC Order</p>  <p>Write all of your spelling words in alphabetical (ABC) order.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2. Word Parts</p> <p>Write your words. Then use a coloured pencil to divide the words into syllables. e.g. <u>jump</u>ing cater<u>pill</u>ar</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3. Other Handed</p> <p>Write each word 5 times, switching the hand you write it with each time. Say the word as you spell it.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4. Vowel Spotlight</p> <p>Write your words using one colour for the vowels and another colour for the consonants. (vowels: a, e, i, o, u)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">5. Use Technology</p> <p>Type out your spelling words on the computer. Try to use at least 4 different fonts.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">6. Pyramid Words</p> <p style="text-align: center;">s sp spe spel spell spelli spellin spelling (or make them boat shaped, star, smiley face, etc.)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7. "Ransom" Words</p> <p>"Write" your words by cutting letters out of a newspaper or magazine and gluing the letters on a piece of paper to spell your words.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">8. Rainbow Words</p> <p>Write your spelling words with coloured pencils. Make each letter a different colour.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">9. Scrambled Words</p> <p>Write your words. Then write them again with the letters mixed up. Can you unscramble them again the next day? e.g. watch - cwhta</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10. Silly Sentences</p> <p>Write 3 or more sentences that use all your spelling words.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">11. Prefixes and Suffixes</p> <p>Underline the prefixes and suffixes in the words you are learning. Make sure you know what they mean. e.g. <u>im</u>portant happi<u>ness</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12. Word Search</p> <p>Create your own word search with your spellings. Show the answers to your puzzle in a different colour.</p> 

Definitions activity

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Tuesday 19th January

60 second read

Set your timer to **60 seconds (1 minute)**. Read as much of this out loud to yourself or to an adult as you can in the time. Count how many words you read in the time and write it at the bottom of the sheet. Repeat the activity and see if you can read more words this time.

If you read the whole passage, record the time it took you to finish.

Then answer the questions on the following page.

Plastic Ban

10 As of the 1st of October, the UK government has
17 banned plastic straws, cotton buds and drink
26 stirrers in England. They will now be replaced by
30 alternatives, such as paper.

39 This is because of growing concern about the harm
41 plastics cause.

49 According to the government, it is estimated we
57 use "4.7 billion plastic straws, 316 million plastic
64 stirrers, and 1.8 billion plastic-stemmed cotton buds
73 in England every year, many of which make their
77 way into the ocean."

86 All this plastic is a real problem for marine
94 wildlife. According to the WWF, thousands of marine
102 animals die every year mistaking plastic for food.

110 The ban has been welcome news for some
115 environmental campaigners. However, many think
121 that more needs to be done.

Attempt 1: _____

Attempt 2: _____

Attempt 3: _____

Quick Questions



1. How many plastic straws are estimated to be used in the UK every year?



2. Find a word in the third paragraph that means a best guess based on evidence.



3. How do you think environmental campaigners might feel about the news?



4. Summarise the key information in 15 words or fewer.

Extension Tasks

Please complete one or both of these tasks if you would like to. They are optional extras for anyone who finishes quickly.

What are single-use plastics?

- **Single-use plastics are plastics that are designed to be used only once.**
- **They are a problem because once used they are thrown away creating plastic pollution.**

Investigate

Choose an object made from plastic in your classroom that could have been made from a different material.

Which material could be used instead?

Draw and label a plan for a new design of this object using the new material. Make sure you consider why this material would be better than plastic and any changes to the design you would need to make.

Write

Discussing the uses and benefits of plastics can be tricky given what we now know about the impact plastic is having on the environment. Discuss with someone else what they think the advantages and disadvantages of plastics are and try writing all the ideas in paragraphs. Use these subheadings to help you arrange your work:

Items that use plastics around your home;

Advantages;

Disadvantages;

Ways we can help reduce our use of plastics.

Daily News

 Environment  UK News

25th February 2020

Greta Thunberg Going to Bristol Climate Strike



Who is Greta Thunberg?

- Greta Thunberg is a 17-year-old climate change activist from Sweden.
- She became famous after she missed school every Friday to protest against climate change outside the Swedish parliament.

Greta Thunberg is coming to the UK again. The climate change **activist** from Sweden is going to the Bristol Youth **Strike 4 Climate on Friday**.

Greta said on social media: "I'm looking forward to joining the school strike in Bristol!"

She will join the protest at College Green, in the city centre. It's thought that she will make a speech.

Planners of the events are gleeful. Milly Sibson, 17, said: "we are all just so excited".

Greta was going to go to a protest in London. The area for the protest was too small so it was moved to Bristol.

So who is Greta Thunberg? In the summer of 2018, she became famous for her protests outside the Swedish parliament. She wanted politicians to do more about climate change.

Climate change is the changing weather and rising temperature of the Earth. NASA says it's "likely to be the result of human activity". NASA says burning **fossil fuels** and releasing **greenhouse gases** are some of the causes.

Greta has started a group called Fridays for Future. School strikes happened in many countries, like Australia, Germany and the UK.

Greta has also travelled the world, even sailing across the Atlantic Ocean to go to a meeting.

Last year, she spoke at the Houses of Parliament. She had such an impact that Greta

Illustration: Greta Thunberg.

was an American magazine's person of the year for 2019.

She has been supported by some famous people. Wildlife presenter David Attenborough said that children were right to feel angry about climate change.

Ex-Prime Minister Theresa May disagreed. She said that children should be in school, where they could "develop into the top scientists."

Glossary

activist Someone who works to bring about a specific change.

strike When people refuse to work to bring about a change.

fossil fuels A natural fuel, such as coal or gas.

greenhouse gases Gases that increase the Earth's temperature.

Questions

1. Find and copy three facts about the protest Greta will be going to.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

2. 'Planners of the events are gleeful.'

Tick the word that is closest in meaning to 'gleeful'.

- excited
- noisy
- troublesome
- unsteady

3. Some people consider Greta Thunberg to be inspirational. Find and copy a piece of evidence that shows this.

4. She said that children should be in school, where they could "develop into the top scientists."

This suggests that...

- climate change is an important issue but children shouldn't miss school.
- by going on the strike, children will become top scientists.
- climate change isn't an important issue.
- the school strikes should happen.

5. Do you think young people should miss school to protest against climate change? Explain your answer.

6. Summarise the story in 20 words or fewer.

Extension Tasks

These tasks are optional extras for anyone who finishes quickly.

Research Great Thunberg further and find out about the work that she has done.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/47467038>

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Greta-Thunberg/632033>

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/mar/15/uk-student-climate-network-manifesto-declare-emergency>

You could then complete one of the following:

1. Write an email to a friend or relative explaining who Great Thunberg is and what she is fighting for. You can give your own thoughts and opinions too.
2. Write your own 'manifesto' - a plea to the Government about what you would like to happen and how you think we could change things in our country.

Answers

1. Find and copy three facts about the protest Greta will be going to.
Accept any three from the following: it's called the Bristol School Strike 4 Climate; Greta may make a speech; it's happening on Friday; it will be in the city centre.
2. 'Planners of the events are gleeful.'
Tick the word that is closest in meaning to 'gleeful'.
 - excited**
 - noisy
 - troublesome
 - unsteady
3. Some people consider Greta Thunberg to be inspirational. Find and copy a piece of evidence that shows this.
School strikes happened in Australia, Germany and the UK.
4. 'She said that children should be in school, where they could "develop into the top scientists."' This suggests that...
 - climate change is an important issue but children shouldn't miss school.**
 - by going on the strike, children will become top scientists.
 - climate change isn't an important issue.
 - the school strikes should happen.
5. Do you think young people should miss school to protest against climate change? Explain your answer.
Accept any answer that refers to the story, e.g. I don't think young people should miss school because they could miss out on important learning.
6. Summarise the story in 20 words or fewer.
Accept any answer which refers to the story in 20 words or fewer, e.g. Greta Thunberg is going to the Bristol Youth Strike 4 Climate on Friday, where she will probably make a speech.