

PRETEST

Part One: Spelling

Read each word. If a word is spelled wrong, mark the misspelled word. If all the words are spelled correctly, mark the space "No mistake."

- 1. (A) reluctant
(B) couldv'e
(C) snicker
(D) No mistake
- 2. (A) wrist
(B) jumble
(C) provison
(D) No mistake
- 3. (A) merky
(B) scholar
(C) commotion
(D) No mistake

- 4. (A) lecture
(B) poodle
(C) irreggular
(D) No mistake
- 5. (A) comet
(B) responce
(C) dreary
(D) No mistake
- 6. (A) grieve
(B) there'd
(C) leese
(D) No mistake

Part Two: Language

Read each sentence. Decide which part, if any, needs a capital letter. If no capital letter is needed, fill in the circle under the word "None."

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| 7. My friends and i
(A) | saw the movie
(B) | Stone Fox yesterday.
(C) | None
(D) |
| 8. shadwell, Virginia
(A) | is the birthplace
(B) | of Thomas Jefferson.
(C) | None
(D) |
| 9. Philadelphia is
(A) | known as the
(B) | "City of brotherly Love."
(C) | None
(D) |
| 10. when are you
(A) | planning to go
(B) | shopping at the mall?
(C) | None
(D) |

Read each sentence. Decide which punctuation mark, if any, is needed. If no punctuation mark is needed, fill in the circle next to the word "None."

11. July is one of the warmest months in our state

- (A) .
- (B) !
- (C) ?
- (D) None

12. Go away

- (A) .
- (B) ?
- (C) !
- (D) None

13. Will you be visiting your grandmother in Hibbing, Minnesota

- (A) .
- (B) ?
- (C) !
- (D) None

14. I left my backpack on the bus

- (A) !
- (B) .
- (C) ?
- (D) None

Read each sentence. Decide if one part of the sentence does not use the correct capitalization or punctuation or if there is "No mistake." Then mark the letter of the answer you have chosen.

15. (A) My brother Aaron

- (B) just moved to
- (C) Phoenix Arizona
- (D) No mistake

16. (A) Judy Blume

- (B) was born on
- (C) february 12, 1938
- (D) No mistake

17. (A) I went to the

- (B) library and checked out
- (C) *What's the Big Idea Ben?*
- (D) No mistake

18. (A) My mother's parents

- (B) and brother all live in
- (C) eugene, Oregon.
- (D) No mistake

Read the passage. Then look at the underlined part of each numbered line.
 Find the answer choice that shows the correct capitalization and punctuation
 for that part. If the underlined part is correct, fill in the circle next to "Correct as is."

(19) Rivers are important habitats for wildlife. Many animals depend on Rivers to survive.
 (20) Fish, frogs and birds depend on rivers for food. Rivers are also important for humans.
 (21) For thousands of years rivers have provided a source of food and transportation to people around the world.

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| 19. Ⓐ rivers, to
Ⓑ rivers to
Ⓒ Rivers to,
Ⓓ Correct as is | 20. Ⓐ frogs and, birds
Ⓑ frogs, and birds
Ⓒ frogs and birds,
Ⓓ Correct as is | 21. Ⓐ years. Rivers
Ⓑ years, Rivers
Ⓒ years, rivers
Ⓓ Correct as is |
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Find the word that can take the place of the underlined word or words.

22. That boy lives on my street.
 Ⓐ She
 Ⓑ His
 Ⓒ Him
 Ⓓ He
23. Mr. and Mrs. Bagri will arrive at noon.
 Ⓐ Them
 Ⓑ They
 Ⓒ We
 Ⓓ Their
24. My mother's office is downtown.
 Ⓐ Her
 Ⓑ She
 Ⓒ Hers
 Ⓓ His
25. I asked Marina and Jose to join me.
 Ⓐ their
 Ⓑ they
 Ⓒ them
 Ⓓ theirs
26. That bicycle belongs to Malcolm.
 Ⓐ he
 Ⓑ him
 Ⓒ his
 Ⓓ her

Find the sentence that is written completely and correctly.

27. Ⓐ My friend from Michigan.
 Ⓑ She moved to Taiwan.
 Ⓒ Sent me a postcard.
 Ⓓ Will write back soon
28. Ⓐ The blimp in the sky.
 Ⓑ Had blue and red flashing lights.
 Ⓒ A message was printed on its side.
 Ⓓ Saying "welcome to Los Angeles."
29. Ⓐ The word *shampoo* is Hindu.
 Ⓑ Meaning "to knead," like bread.
 Ⓒ Many words used today.
 Ⓓ Come from other languages.
30. Ⓐ Riding the bus to school.
 Ⓑ The large yellow monster.
 Ⓒ Many stops along the route.
 Ⓓ I take the bus to school each day.
31. Ⓐ The cat scooted out the door.
 Ⓑ Left open by my brother.
 Ⓒ Looking for the cat all afternoon.
 Ⓓ Finally found high up in a tree.

Find the word or words that correctly complete each sentence.

32. Anna and Michel _____ their suitcases.

- (A) unpacks
- (B) are unpacking
- (C) is unpacking
- (D) will unpacking

33. Today was the _____ day of the year.

- (A) more warm
- (B) warmest
- (C) most warm
- (D) most warmest

34. I am the _____ student in my class.

- (A) most old
- (B) most oldest
- (C) more old
- (D) oldest

35. Don't _____ to call me later.

- (A) forget
- (B) forgot
- (C) forgotten
- (D) forgetting

36. The ending of the movie was so sad that we all _____.

- (A) weeped
- (B) weeping
- (C) wept
- (D) weeps

37. Next Saturday _____ my last day at work.

- (A) had been
- (B) was
- (C) has been
- (D) will be

Find the underlined part of each sentence that is the simple subject.

38. Dominic will run for class president.

- (A)
- (B)
- (C)
- (D)

39. Many of today's cars are from Europe.

- (A)
- (B)
- (C)
- (D)

40. Where are you going tonight after dinner?

- (A)
- (B)
- (C)
- (D)

Find the underlined part of each sentence that is the simple predicate, or the action part.

41. The audience cheered for the fine actors.

- (A)
- (B)
- (C)
- (D)

42. Every student helped with the project.

- (A)
- (B)
- (C)
- (D)

43. I try to read at least one book each week.

- (A)
- (B)
- (C)
- (D)

Choose the sentence that best combines the underlined sentences into one.

44. The truck is in the driveway.
The truck has a flat tire.
- Ⓐ Having a flat tire, the truck is in the driveway.
 - Ⓑ The truck is in the driveway, and the truck has a flat tire.
 - Ⓒ The truck in the driveway has a flat tire.
 - Ⓓ In the driveway is the truck that has a flat tire.
45. The bird is in the tree.
The bird is a hawk.
The bird is large.
- Ⓐ The large bird in the tree is a hawk.
 - Ⓑ In the tree is a large bird and it is a hawk.
 - Ⓒ The bird is in the tree and it is a large and it is a hawk.
 - Ⓓ The hawk is the large bird and the hawk is in the tree.

Find the topic sentence that best fits the paragraph.

46. _____ . They each voted for a different person. My mother voted for Eleanor Parks. My father thought Etta Leone would make a better choice.
- Ⓐ Class elections were held today.
 - Ⓑ My parents voted for mayor today.
 - Ⓒ My parents never agree on who to vote for.
 - Ⓓ Eleanor Parks and Etta Leone are running for mayor.
47. _____ . We can now recycle aluminum and plastic. We were always able to recycle glass, tin, and newspapers.
- Ⓐ Our town recycles.
 - Ⓑ Our family has always recycled.
 - Ⓒ Many people in our town recycle.
 - Ⓓ Our town added to the list of items that we can recycle.

Read the paragraph. Choose the sentence that doesn't belong.

48. (1) Pluto is the farthest planet from the sun. (2) Mercury is the closest planet to the sun. (3) Pluto was discovered in 1930 by Clyde Tombaugh, an astronomer. (4) Some scientists now believe that Pluto is not really part of our solar system.

- Ⓐ Sentence 1 Ⓒ Sentence 3
Ⓑ Sentence 2 Ⓓ Sentence 4

Choose the answer choice that best develops the topic sentence.

49. Planning a garden can be very rewarding.

- Ⓐ I have a vegetable garden on my patio. I keep tomatoes in pots all through the summer.
Ⓑ Be sure you water you plants when they are dry. Pick off, or prune, dead steams and flowers from the plants.
Ⓒ First, you must learn about the kind of soil your garden has and how much sun your garden receives. Then you can choose which kinds of flowers to plant.
Ⓓ There are lots of books that describe the many kinds of plants that grow in the wild. The next time you're outdoors on a hike, see how many woodland plants you can identify.

Choose the sentence that best completes the paragraph.

50. My computer has an electronic encyclopedia installed. I often use the encyclopedia for school projects.
_____. Sometimes it's nice to get away from the computer and do things the old fashioned way.

- Ⓐ The Internet is another good resource for school projects.
Ⓑ I occasionally also use the twenty-volume set of encyclopedias in my mother's study.
Ⓒ The only place to find research data is in an electronic encyclopedia.
Ⓓ The electronic encyclopedia includes articles as well as charts, graphs, and photographs.

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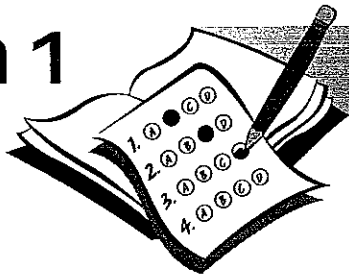
Part Three: Narrative Writing

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51. Suppose a friend or family member has given you a gift for a special occasion. On a separate piece of paper, write a thank-you letter to this person. Include details about the gift and why you will enjoy the gift. Remember to include the five parts of a letter: the heading, the salutation, the body, the closing, and the signature.

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Lesson 1



Part One

Testing Tip Check your work after you finish. Do not change an answer unless there is a good reason. Usually your first choice is the correct choice.

Vocabulary

Choose the word that has the same meaning, or almost the same meaning, as the underlined word.

1. He is a shrewd business partner.
Ⓐ simple Ⓒ careless
Ⓑ clever Ⓓ selfish
2. They will reduce the price.
Ⓐ increase Ⓒ decrease
Ⓑ grow Ⓓ extend
3. The event occurred yesterday.
Ⓐ trouble Ⓒ incident
Ⓑ reaction Ⓓ contract
4. My jeans are filthy from yard work.
Ⓐ torn Ⓒ faded
Ⓑ soiled Ⓓ casual
5. I've never seen such a murky day.
Ⓐ clear Ⓒ gloomy
Ⓑ pure Ⓓ fresh
6. Her meaning is obvious.
Ⓐ original Ⓒ unsure
Ⓑ eerie Ⓓ apparent
7. Something is wrong with the engine.
Ⓐ model Ⓒ motor
Ⓑ radiator Ⓓ iron

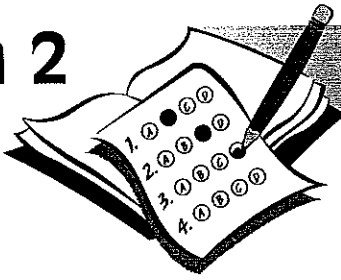
Choose the word that means the opposite of the underlined word.

8. Her students are seldom absent.
Ⓐ late Ⓒ delayed
Ⓑ ill Ⓓ present
 9. That was a dreary tale.
Ⓐ gloomy Ⓒ strange
Ⓑ joyous Ⓓ brief
 10. We have specific goals in mind.
Ⓐ monstrous Ⓒ general
Ⓑ definite Ⓓ special
 11. The workers will occupy this building.
Ⓐ abandon Ⓒ fill
Ⓑ inhabit Ⓓ use
 12. All of the items were inexpensive.
Ⓐ cheap Ⓒ interesting
Ⓑ reasonable Ⓓ costly
 13. No one wants to be a reckless driver.
Ⓐ cautious Ⓒ familiar
Ⓑ careless Ⓓ thoughtless
 14. Tired children are often cranky.
Ⓐ cross Ⓒ happy
Ⓑ unhappy Ⓓ uncomfortable
- For Number 15, think about the meaning given for the original word. Then find the modern word that probably comes from the original word. These two meanings are related in some way.
15. Which of these words probably comes from the Latin word *diurnus*, meaning "of a day"?
Ⓐ joyous Ⓒ junior
Ⓑ journal Ⓓ jungle

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Lesson 2



Part One

Vocabulary

Choose the word or group of words that means the same, or about the same, as the underlined word.

1. Ascend means
(A) "return." (B) "lower."
(C) "climb up." (D) "fall down."
 2. To conclude is to
(A) start. (B) finish.
(C) begin. (D) launch.
 3. A burden is most like a
(A) boulder. (B) packet.
(C) responsibility. (D) container.
 4. One with an ability has a
(A) weakness. (B) need.
(C) struggle. (D) talent.
 5. To slump is to
(A) squat. (B) fall.
(C) bend down. (D) cling to.
 6. Watchful means
(A) "watery." (B) "alert."
(C) "tired." (D) "wandering."
- Choose the word that best completes the sentence.
7. Many apple trees grow in the _____.
(A) notion (B) organ
(C) orchard (D) orphan
 8. My _____ with the doctor is at 10:00 A.M.
(A) relay (B) bristle
(C) fumble (D) appointment

9. The bulldozer unearthed a huge _____.
(A) bachelor (B) boulder
(C) border (D) bolder
10. Both freezing and canning are methods used to _____ food.
(A) preserve (B) deserve
(C) reserve (D) serve
11. Please _____ the cards before you deal.
(A) scuffle (B) shudder
(C) shuffle (D) shutter
12. The author has written a new _____.
(A) marvel (B) novel
(C) naval (D) morsel

Read the sentence in the box. Then choose the answer in which the underlined word is used in the same way.

13. The walls bear the weight of the roof.

In which sentence does the word bear mean the same thing as in the sentence above?

- (A) I can't bear to listen anymore.
- (B) You bear a resemblance to your father.
- (C) These shelves can bear the load.
- (D) The tree will bear fruit in the spring.

14. It was difficult to grasp her meaning.

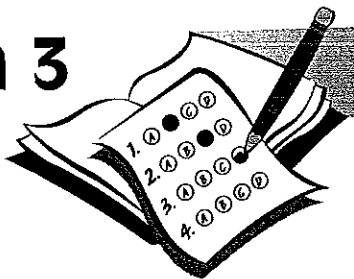
In which sentence does the word grasp mean the same thing as in the sentence above?

- (A) The puppy squirmed from my grasp.
- (B) The village fell under the grasp of the enemy.
- (C) He will soon grasp the subject.
- (D) The high branch is beyond my grasp.

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Lesson 3



Part One

Vocabulary

Read the two sentences. Then choose the word that best completes both sentences.

- The chicks will _____ soon.
The sailors closed the _____.
(A) spill (C) hatch
(B) crawl (D) gate
- Ms. Reed will _____ the tour.
Read the travel _____ about Mexico.
(A) guide (C) ruler
(B) guess (D) atlas
- We mixed a _____ of sugar and water.
This problem must have a _____.
(A) combination (C) solution
(B) result (D) challenge
- The police officer will _____ the traffic.
This is the most _____ route.
(A) detail (C) halt
(B) direct (D) complete
- Mr. Ricks did try to _____ with him.
I have a good _____ for being late.
(A) speak (C) excuse
(B) explain (D) reason
- Mr. Raines will not _____ our request.
The parade is to _____ a local hero.
(A) celebrate (C) honor
(B) grant (D) appreciate

Testing Tip Read each item carefully. Replace the underlined word with each answer choice. Then choose the best answer.

Choose the answer that tells what the underlined word in the sentence means.

- The accident happened in a fraction of a second.
Fraction means
(A) "region." (C) "beginning."
(B) "present." (D) "portion."

- The wooden posts are beginning to decay.
Decay means

(A) "support." (C) "erode."
(B) "rot." (D) "flourish."

- She has shown her friendship through her devotion.

Devotion means

(A) "attitude." (C) "loyalty."
(B) "deceit." (D) "difficulty."

- I gave a quick glance across the room.

Glance means

(A) "motion." (C) "look."
(B) "answer." (D) "remark."

- The placid waters were perfect for sailing.

Placid means

(A) "calm." (C) "churning."
(B) "deep." (D) "stormy."

- The explorers continued the perilous adventure.

Perilous means

(A) "adventurous." (C) "dangerous."
(B) "exciting." (D) "foolish."

Choose the word or phrase that gives the best meaning for the underlined prefix or suffix.

- nonfat (C) nonsense

(A) some (C) never
(B) like (D) not

- speedily (C) sloppily

(A) made of (C) in what way
(B) unlike (D) most like

- rewire (C) renew

(A) often (C) before
(B) once (D) again

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LESSON 1

Part One: Spelling

Testing Tip

Read each answer choice before marking your answer.

Read each group of sentences. Mark the sentence that has an underlined word that is spelled wrong. If there are no underlined words that are spelled wrong, mark the space "No mistake."

1. (A) The flowers will flourish in the sun.
(B) The populatian is growing.
(C) Be on your best behavior.
(D) No mistake
2. (A) The journey was perilous.
(B) He is an authority on the subject.
(C) The materials are inferier.
(D) No mistake
3. (A) They live in a quante village.
(B) Did you congratulate the winners?
(C) No one will persuade me.
(D) No mistake
4. (A) He had a short bout with pneumonia.
(B) Each kernel of corn popped.
(C) I regrett my earlier decision.
(D) No mistake
5. (A) The lion hunted its quary.
(B) The table is coarse to the touch.
(C) Paul's actions were heroic.
(D) No mistake
6. (A) Ana has a lot of ambition.
(B) Clean water is a necessity.
(C) Who gave you permission to enter?
(D) No mistake
7. (A) Conditions at the camp were primitive.
(B) The antena is broken.
(C) Does anyone occupy the home?
(D) No mistake
8. (A) I am filled with gratitude.
(B) Molten lava shot out from the volcano.
(C) Drench the plants with water.
(D) No mistake
9. (A) The diamond is genuine.
(B) Rain may interfear with your plans.
(C) The machinery has all been checked.
(D) No mistake
10. (A) Mizery enjoys company.
(B) My dance recital is on Saturday.
(C) She went via ambulance to the hospital.
(D) No mistake

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Part Two: Language

Read each sentence. Decide which part, if any, needs a capital letter.
If no capital letter is needed, fill in the circle under the word "None."

11. Ali will have (A) a birthday party (B) on december 3. (C) None (D)
12. Have you read (A) the book (B) *Dear Mr. Henshaw?* (C) None (D)
13. The White House (A) is on Pennsylvania avenue (B) in Washington, D.C. (C) None (D)
14. grandparents' Day (A) is celebrated (B) in September. (C) None (D)
15. I hope to (A) see you soon. (B)

Your friend,

Rita (C) None (D)

Testing Tip

Read each sentence carefully.
Remember what the directions
are asking you to do.

Find the sentence that is written completely
and correctly.

16. Ⓐ My Father, sister and I all save postcards.
Ⓑ My father has postcards from Portugal
Egypt, and Australia.
Ⓒ My brother has postcards from Maine,
Alaska, and Wyoming.
Ⓓ I have postcards from Canada, Japan, and
China.
17. Ⓐ I don't think we are going in the right
direction.
Ⓑ You can't be serious.
Ⓒ Why are we heading south instead of north?
Ⓓ That's a good question.
18. Ⓐ I read the book *The Camp on Crystal Lake*.
Ⓑ My brother likes to read westerns, but I
prefer science fiction.
Ⓒ The book *Northern Nights* takes place in
Helena, Montana.
Ⓓ "I read that book," my brother said.
19. Ⓐ Work on the White House began on
October 13, 1792.
Ⓑ George Washington's first day as president
was April 30, 1789.
Ⓒ The Statue of Liberty turned 100 years old
on October 28, 1986.
Ⓓ Delaware became the first state on
December 7, 1787.
20. Ⓐ "Are we going out tonight?" I asked my
mother?
Ⓑ Yes, we are going to a restaurant," she said.
Ⓒ "Do I have to wear nice clothes?" I asked.
Ⓓ "That would be a good idea," she replied.

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Part Three: Narrative Writing

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21. Think about the shows you watch during the week on television.
What kind of shows do you enjoy most? What kind of shows do you
avoid? Watch a television show that you would normally not watch.
On a separate piece of paper, write a review of that television show.
Focus your review on a particular aspect of the show: the plot, the actors,
the acting, or the writing. Back up your opinions and reactions with
information from the show.

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LESSON 2

Part One: Spelling

Find the word that is spelled correctly and best completes each sentence.

- We had a very _____ visit.
Ⓐ enjoyable
Ⓑ enjoyable
Ⓒ enjoinable
Ⓓ enjoyabil
- Did you _____ your arm when you fell?
Ⓐ breuze
Ⓑ broose
Ⓒ bruise
Ⓓ brews
- We attended a _____ about community recycling.
Ⓐ lechure
Ⓑ lecture
Ⓒ lecturer
Ⓓ lecher
- She would never try to _____ you.
Ⓐ deceive
Ⓑ deseive
Ⓒ deseeve
Ⓓ deceave
- We are raising money for the _____ department.
Ⓐ athletick
Ⓑ athaletic
Ⓒ athletic
Ⓓ athletuck
- Have you begun planning your _____ picnic?
Ⓐ annyual
Ⓑ anual
Ⓒ anyule
Ⓓ annual
- I have never seen such beautiful _____.
Ⓐ scenery
Ⓑ scenary
Ⓒ senery
Ⓓ sceniry
- Please _____ from talking during the performance.
Ⓐ refrane
Ⓑ refraine
Ⓒ refrayne
Ⓓ refrain
- We hung the swing from the _____ of the tree.
Ⓐ bow
Ⓑ bough
Ⓒ bouhe
Ⓓ boughe
- We discussed the many _____ of the project.
Ⓐ fases
Ⓑ fazes
Ⓒ phasis
Ⓓ phases

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Part Two: Language

Testing Tip

Read each answer choice twice before choosing an answer.

Read each sentence. Decide which part, if any, needs a comma. If no comma is needed, fill in the circle under the word "None."

11. St. Augustine Florida | is the oldest city | in the United States. None
(A) (B) (C) (D)
12. Thomas Edison showed | the first movie | on April 14 1894. None
(A) (B) (C) (D)
13. Mars Mercury, and | Pluto are planets | smaller than Earth. None
(A) (B) (C) (D)
14. I want to go to | the shopping mall but they | want to play football. None
(A) (B) (C) (D)
15. Arturo shouted, "Can | you hear me | over there?" None
(A) (B) (C) (D)

Testing Tip

Read the directions carefully. If you read too fast, you might miss some important information.

Read each sentence. Find the underlined part of the sentence that is the simple subject.

16. The red and black car belongs to Nina.

- (A) (B) (C) (D)

17. My younger sister will be in third grade next year.

- (A) (B) (C) (D)

18. Ming works after school at a grocery store.

- (A) (B) (C) (D)

19. The coastal storm will be here soon.

- (A) (B) (C) (D)

20. The largest whale of all is the blue whale.

- (A) (B) (C) (D)

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Part Three: Descriptive Writing

21. Think about what your daily life is like. What activities do you do? What is a typical day like for you? Now think about what life would be like if you were born one hundred years ago. On a separate piece of paper, describe what a typical day might be like for a person your age one hundred years ago. Use words that will help readers create vivid pictures of your descriptions in their mind.

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March is National Umbrella Month. Use this prompt to start a story that celebrates this useful invention. "On Rudy's eighth birthday his parents gave him an umbrella. It was big and bright and yellow and magic. Yes, magic! When Rudy opened the umbrella....." (finish the prompt.

March 1 is National Pig Day. In honor of this wacky holiday, write a story about a heroic pig. Maybe the pig saves some skiers trapped in an avalanche. Or maybe this hero pig catches some criminals.

What if you had the following : a hammer and nails, blue paint, some square pieces of wood, some panes of glass, six wheels, a kite, a flashlight, a bicycle horn, and a fan. What could you build? Dream up a cool invention. Then write down instructions so that someone else can make one, too.