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An Educational Revolution

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LESSONS BASED ON THE STANDARD SPELLING LIST.

TASK-BASED LEARNING THROUGH SORTING WORDCARDS:

Reading, Incidental Spelling,

Basic Soundgroups, Rhythm Patterns.

RANDOM WORD-FAMILIES IN RHYME AND RHYTHM.

Memory Training.

SPELLING WORDS IN STORY FORM.

Word Building.

Attention Seekers: irregular words.

SPELLING RHYMES.

Bulk learning through association.

THE 3Rs
THE PProfessional Way

FOUNDATION LITERACY

It is as solid and reliable as the reinforced concrete floor of a skyscraper; use it to build on.

Public Education demands such a system so that students can move freely from school to school with minimum upheaval.

Use it as a public Servant; there is plenty of room for personal contributions.

It's like a cakemix; the ingredients and recipe in one; you might like to add something extra.

It's like a warm pizza; all you have to do is serve.

It's like instant coffee; no need to grind or percolate.

It's like a take-away hamburger; all you have to do is eat.

Use it the same way a religious person would use the Bible; spread the Word with conviction; don't tamper with the text.

Like the Koran, it's free from advertisements and contains no gimmicky pictures; thank Allah for that. Support the students in their attempts to become literate.

To do that, you must be able to make the role as teacher invisible; you can only teach when the teacher is not. You can only see when the observer is not. (Krishnamurti).

Self-esteem is created by the teacher and discovered by the student.

If the teacher follows the suggested guidelines, the student will automatically sense that there is a purpose to life; this feeling is an inherent part of work well done which can only occur when it is not prematurely collected and artificially marked.

Handing out merit certificates or stamps is authoritarian and stems from an inability to genuinely praise.

The teacher must make sure that the student doesn't just respond to an external stimulus alone, but that the stimulus is reflected in an inner process. (Steiner).

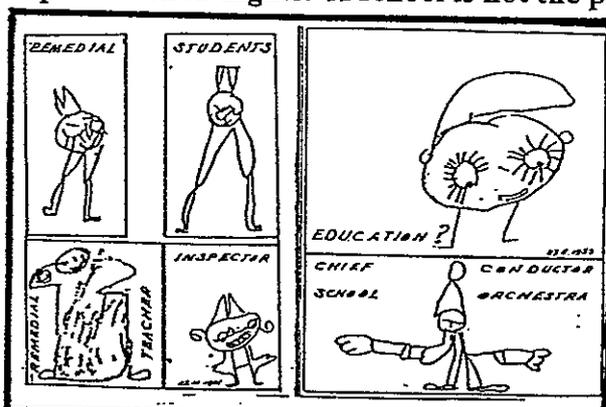
"We find that corporate experiences of culturally significant language have always been powerful modes of learning. In initiation ceremonies, in church services and festivals, and in playground games and rhymes passed down from generation to generation, we find models for intensely meaningful and satisfying corporate learning.

If we are to avail ourselves of such vital learning energy, the most important insight we must carry over into the school from these models is that cultural learnings are non-competitive—they are entered into to be like other people—to be significantly human—and they have nothing to do with excelling for the purposes of personal power.

Truly corporate activities are concerned with ego-sharing and not with ego-uppance.

If we can achieve this corporate spirit, there is no reason why a large class cannot learn together". Don Holdaway (The Foundations of Literacy).

That means no presentation nights. A school is not the place to hand out Oscars.



TOTAL ENGLISH

NO puzzles, NO games, NO gimmicks, NO silly cartoons, NO treasure hunts, NO punctuation exercises, NO T.V. guide exercises, NO trivial pursuit, NO inserting missing words, NO projects involving parents and the useless, time-wasting copying of any material, including syllabification, in front of the T.V. while having dinner on the floor.

This project mania has replaced face to face teaching and learning; it is the most deceiving, but cunning method of **THE MANUFACTURERS OF NEED** to sell books and computers. Hence, no more research by stumbling beginners groping in the dark. Besides, the **UNIQUE LESSONS** in this book are sensationally linguistic and linguistically sensational.

NEW DISCOVERIES CANNOT BE FOUND IN OLD BOOKS, especially the ones labelled modern, creative, or learning together towards 2000, because they are now obsolete. **MOREOVER, THEY ARE CRAMMED WITH SUBLIMINAL ADVERTISING.** When teachers start teaching again, there won't be any need to spend lots of money on "HOW TO STUDY" courses.

A HIGHLY NEEDED CONCEPT IN STUDYING ENGLISH: THE AUTO-PILOT METHOD. It is based on the "SUCCESS MECHANISM" PRINCIPLE;

IT IS POSITIVE; IT IS GOAL-STRIVING. (Maxwell Maltz: Psychocybernetics).

The best way to demonstrate it is to ask you to **VISUALISE** (one of the very important aspects of professional memory training) an **AUTO-PILOT.**

IMAGINE it has been set to put a ship on a course of 120 degrees.

In very rough weather, one would almost become panic-stricken as a result of the constant rattle of the instrument literally racing to, say 100, 140, 105, 135, 110, etc., to finally, albeit for a very short while, come back to 120 in order to keep the ship on course as close as practically possible.

The officer in charge does not mark the intermediate performances nor does he write reports to the instrument makers to tell them that they should put more effort into designing their product.

THE CARDINAL MESSAGE IN TEACHING STUDENTS: NEVER, JUDGE HOW WRONG:
(W. Timothy Gallwey: The Inner Game of Tennis)

In schools, that would herald the end of **ALL ARBITRARY MARKING.**
PRECISION TEACHING only accepts a non-arbitrary one hundred percent.

IF YOU DO SOMETHING, DO IT WELL. THE REWARD: FEELING GOOD.

At present, through the authoritarian issue of stupid stamps, students **ARE DENIED THE EXPERIENCE OF THAT FEELING.** You don't pay a mechanic who only opens the bonnet, but fails to repair your faulty carburettor.

The target of one hundred percent can, of course, only be achieved if there are no questions or artificially contrived tests with artificially contrived marks.

Stiles was a classical scholar and gave Tebbutt a sound education in Latin, Greek, algebra, Euclid and the use of the globes. Tebbutt wrote that he greatly appreciated his study of Greek and Latin and that 'no Englishman can really enjoy his own language without some knowledge of those ancient tongues'. By the age of sixteen he had translated into English Caesar's *Commentarii de Bello Gallico*, Sallust's *Bellum Catilinarium*, a large portion of Ovid's *Metamorphoses* and Virgil's *Aeneid*. He had also made considerable progress in the translation of the *Greek New Testament* and Xenophon's *Anabasis*, while his knowledge of French and German was to prove very useful in his subsequent astronomical studies.



FORGET ABOUT

Einstein urged us to keep questioning because, at first, people form habits, and then the habits form the people who then stop wanting to know what they don't know, especially since they are encouraged to blurt out their opinions rather than exercise wisdom. Consequently, the reading field is fraught with erroneous assumptions and detrimental procedures.

1. **FORGET ABOUT NAGGING:** It's like throwing a bucket of water on a happy bonfire. It will die with a hiss.

2. **FORGET ABOUT "SOUNDING OUT":** Reading is first and foremost a visual and a mental activity. Eyes and brain operate with the speed of light (300 000 km/sec.); a thousand times faster than sound. "Sounding out" stops fluency and creates stunted-as well as frustrated readers.

3. **FORGET ABOUT STATING THAT EACH CHILD LEARNS IN A DIFFERENT WAY:** He is only equipped with five senses. It is only the reaction to learning that is different. The conditions under which a child chooses to learn has nothing to do with the way knowledge is absorbed. If he only wants to read in the swimming pool, he has a self-inflicted problem.

Sometimes, a reluctant learner can be motivated initially by letting him read what he has dictated to the teacher or tutor who then acts as a scribe. When he is confronted with his own words, the 'click' occurs. Although it is a harmless way to start him off, his repetitive and restricted choice of words won't get him very far.

Assuming that the statement is correct, why is it then that, in schools, all children must do the same thing the same, often clumsy, way?

4. **FORGET ABOUT BRIBING THE STUDENT WITH BOOKS ABOUT MOTOR BIKES OR CARS.**

5. **FORGET ABOUT LABELLING A CHILD UNIQUE:** It has nothing to do with learning to read. There are 1.2 billion unique Chinese. In our modern society, he is more likely to become a unique number.

6. **FORGET ABOUT PUTTING SO-CALLED SLOW READERS IN ONE GROUP:** All they hear is incompetence and I.Q.50 material. It is the complete opposite of modelling. You learn to play good soccer by watching professionals at work and by practising what you have seen.

7. **FORGET ABOUT COLOURED GLASSES AND DYSLEXIA.**

8. **FORGET ABOUT CONFUSING LEARNING AND FUN:** You go to school to hopefully learn something. You go to Australia's Wonderland or a circus to have fun. Fun lessons shroud incompetence.

9. **FORGET ABOUT SPECIAL METHODS:** Since they are based on the FAILURE MECHANISM PRINCIPLE, they are NEGATIVE.

At a very early age, language is learnt by imitation: you start to speak Dutch when you hear Dutch, Greek when you hear Greek, English when you hear English, slang when you hear slang, swearwords when you frequently hear them, TV. language when you switch on the TV, commercial jargon and intonation when you turn on commercial stations. There is absolutely no reason why that process should be abandoned simply by going to school. On the contrary, imitation has to be continued and channelled into more sophisticated and more socially accepted language and increased vocabulary.
There is no shortage of good material.

10. **FORGET ABOUT PRONOUNCING THE INDEFINITE ARTICLE AS "A":**

In Holland, every student of English will read: "The bug dugahole in the rug", because that's how he would say it.

NOT IN AUSTRALIA. Why should you not read what you would normally say? Nobody has ever questioned it, so nobody has answered the question.

How on earth can you read fluently like this?" The bug dug A hole in the rug to give another bug A hug.

If children are handicapped in this way, it is practically impossible to remedy it. This colonial remnant is used by politicians and public speakers too lean on in order to search for words: A, eh,

This insane impediment goes hand in hand with omitting the slur in: the only, the other, the Indian, the eleventh hour, the upper, etc.

11. FORGET ABOUT CREATIVE WRITING AND PUTTING SPELLINGWORDS INTO

SENTENCES: These atrocities are merely based on gut feelings and a restricted "playground" vocabulary of about 300 words: "And she goes and he goes and I like and I don't like....." Before you can write anything decent, you have to first sharpen the senses and build up experiences. Young students are like a new waterpump; it needs to be primed first. There's no point in putting children in a dark room and asking them what they see. It is extremely stupid to combine creativity with developing language skills, learning to read and learning to write.

How on earth can anyone become literate by doing this?

TV got a speshl ^{Special} CD
down the road **OBJECTIVE:**
and i ~~call~~ ^{call} it a rain forest **WORKING FOR STARS**
SPELLING AWARENESS!
FOR GET ABOUT! BARK WALK!
FALSE
ENCOURAGEMENT
This is like a Yr 2 journal, Amy!
Well done! ²³⁸
EXAGGERATED PRAISE: THE RESULT OF INCOMPETENCE.
Shana ^{brought} brought in three
diop ^{di}hosquus
egs that ~~hatch~~ hatch ~~in~~ in
^{water} water
wurtrud ^{and} and is ^{hit} hit on
misis **BULLS**
dest

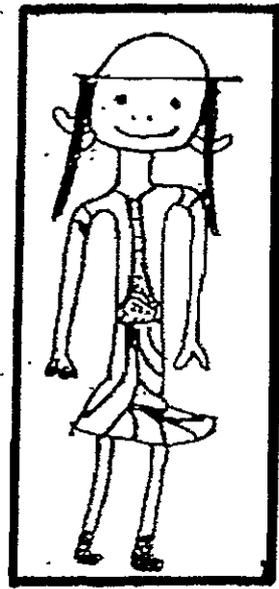
CODE NAMES

The **wordfamilies** in **phonic approach** come under **15 code names**

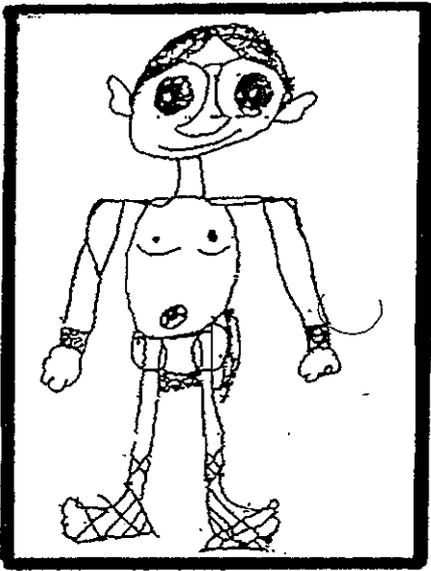
each of which contains one particular **vowel phoneme**.

To facilitate memorising the order of the codenames, they have been subdivided into **6 groups**, thus forming the nicknames of the **vowel children**

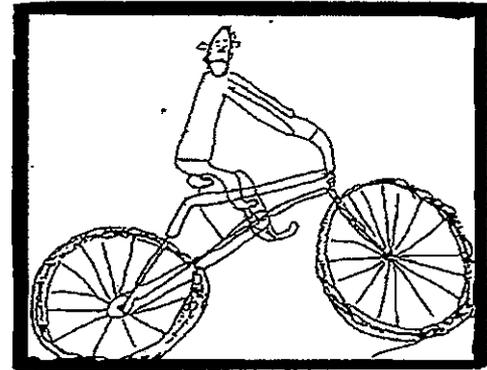
1. SUN TAN TOM



2. SKINNY PENNY



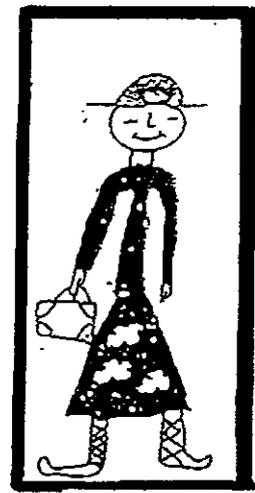
3. PALE PETER



4. TINY TONY

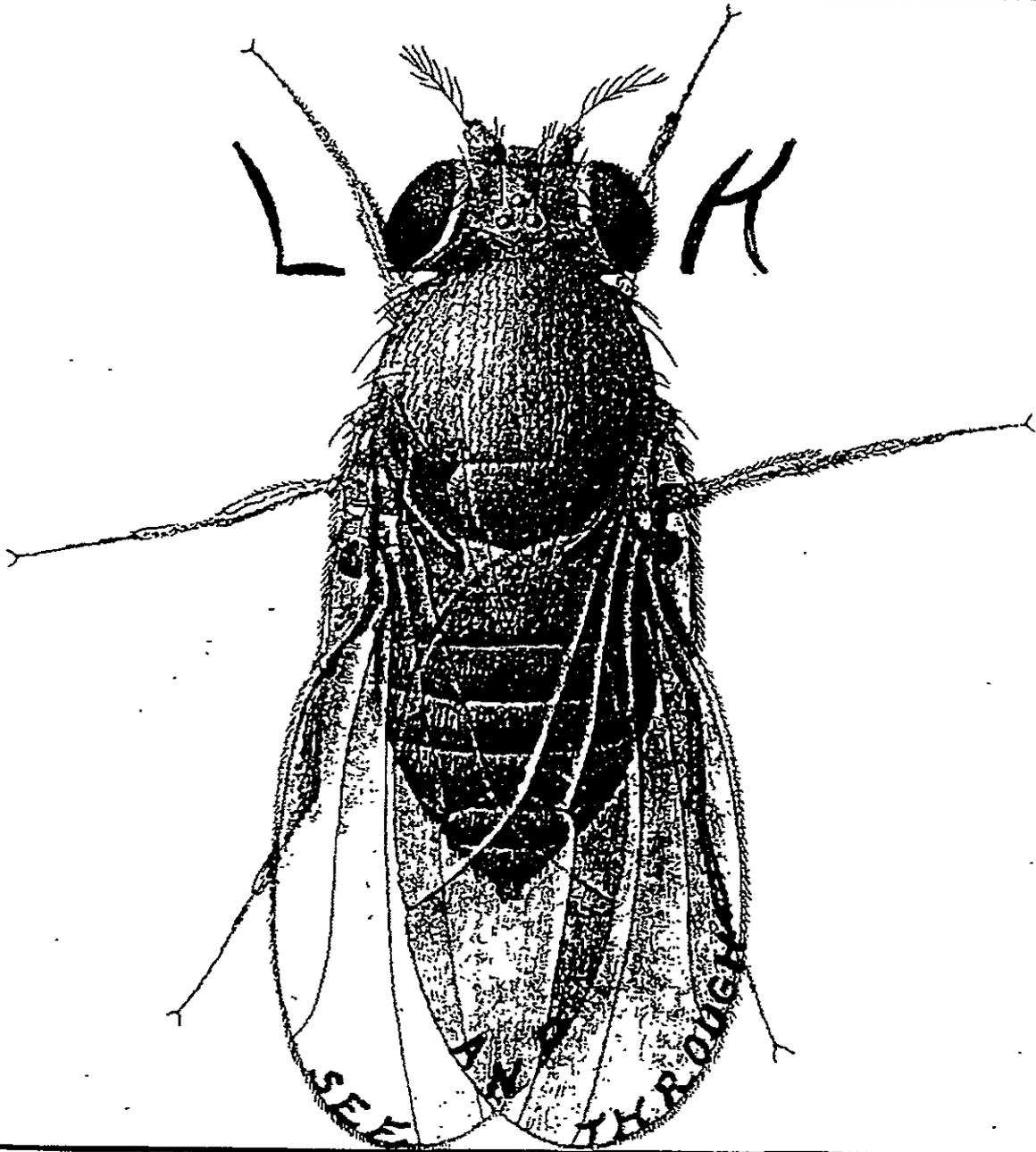


5. BOY SCOUT PAUL



6. SMART GIRL SUE

**It's by hearing that you will
learn to speak. It's by hearing
and speaking that you will best
learn to read.**



Reminder

Indefinite article

[ə]

muttering
vowel

not A [ei],

although all schools teach it!
it's almost impossible to change.

How on earth can you learn to read fluently if you use A instead of a:

“The bug dug A hole in A rug to give another bug A hug.”

“Can I have A, eh, hamburger please?”

The Sentences

At this stage, students will have acquired quite a skill in talking and comprehending. The new skill of decoding (mechanical reading) is learnt first and then immediately combined with the above skills.

The sentences have therefore been written with that in mind.

The building up of an appropriate vocabulary should not be left to chance. In this book, the most frequently used words (word count) are included.

(Modified Language Experience Approach).

The brain cannot absorb pure data; it becomes information only when seen through the spectacles of an idea. (Edward de Bono). This information has to be processed within 30 seconds. The brain is capable of making 10 new connections per second. It means that words must lead to language. In this case, to the language the student its already used to.

Do not go back to baby talk: Dan has a van.

Don't demolish the house when you only want to build an extension.

Talking about babies: How can they possibly learn to say, “Banana” if you keep saying, “Nana”? And what About “Breckie” instead of “Breakfast”?

READING: CREATIVE CURE

LITERACY: THE ABILITY TO READ AND WRITE
THE ABILITY TO USE LANGUAGE PROFICIENTLY.

READING is learnt by READING.

READING WITHOUT FLUENCY IS NOT READING

PROSODIC READING

FLUENCY in reading is trainable and improves overall reading skills.

THE SIMPLEST METHOD IS ALWAYS THE BEST: MODELLING and MEMORY READING.

1. Depending on the student's word span, the teacher reads a phrase or a whole sentence with theatrical enthusiasm.

The material in the books that make up the foundation literacy series eminently lends itself to this sort of treatment because of its readability and its coherence; after all, exaggeration, rhyme, rhythm and visualisation are the most powerful tools used in professional memory training.

2. The student imitates the teacher (echo reading) from memory, with or without peripheral or incidental reading from the corner of the eye so to speak.
A whole class can read in chorus (Choral reading). Apart from giving students the opportunity to legitimately exercise their vocal cords, it is more beneficial than allowing them to engage in fruitless small talk.
3. A whole paragraph, a whole passage or a whole page may be treated this way, always aiming at increasing the word span.
4. The student should only be asked to read it by himself when he can fluently imitate what was read to him. No nagging, no "sounding out".
5. In case the student still baulks at a particular word, the teacher must act as a prompter; no more, no less.
6. Practice makes perfect: Remarkable results may be obtained by breaking through the "sound barrier". For that to happen, the student must read the rhymes without hearing the words; up to 1400 words per minute.
7. Two stand-by methods may be helpful:
 - ◆ Neurological impress method based on the learning-to-ride-a-bike principle. The teacher begins by reading slightly ahead and louder than the student; he "drags" him along, but he must know when to let go altogether or to change to "shadowing" the student for a while.
 - ◆ The chopstick method: In this case, the chopstick "drags" the student along. Since it is not human, the chopstick can exercise power without causing resentment because it would be silly to argue with a chopstick. When it stops, the student knows that he has misread a word, (a, the, for, from, house, horse, hopping, hoping, offend, etc.) in most cases the result of "skim reading", because some weak-willed teachers don't want to "discourage" the student; play now, pay later.

**Professional
Memory training**

1. Interest and therefore memory may be greatly improved through **attention, concentration**(attention to detail), **observation** (conscious concentration), **evocation** (the recall in the mind of any stimulus), **understanding, classification, association, revision and repetition. Exercises in all books are based on this knowledge.**

2. The collection, the retention and the recollection of data:

- Eyes only retain an image for half a second.
- People may react to a sound 4 seconds after hearing it.
- The **new experience** must be **processed** within 30 seconds, otherwise it goes **in** one eye(ear) and **out** the other!

BOX 1	rug	must	has	red	my
	fun	nut	on	neck	like
	sun	black	dog	bell	so
	cup	jam	this	me	ball
bus	cat	sit	seed	do	

1. The humbug dug a hole in the **rug** to give the mother of another bug a hug.

2. Mary Pun, the stunning nun with her hot cross bun undone, had a **funrun** in the **sun**.

3. The pup had a **scup** for supper.

4. Gus broke his crus when he fell from the truss onto a double-decker **bus**.

5. You **must** not trust an August gust nor Autumnal rain in Autumn.

6. The door of the hut didn't properly shut, so Mr Glut tried to tie, while lying on the floor, a string of gut between the bolt and the **nut**.

7. Mack and Jack ride **black** pack hacks bareback on the track at the back of the shack.

8. Baby Sam gave some **jam** to the ram that swam in the dam.

9. The bat spat at the fat **cat** that sat on the flat mat eating a sprat instead of catching the rat, the brat.

10. The popstar **has** a blues guitar as well as one for jazz.

11. Ron jumped into the bonfire to check whether it was still **on**.

12.	The jolly golliwog had an eggnog with his dog before putting on his togs to go for a jog.
13.	This is Chris. He tried to kiss a Swiss miss, but all she did was hiss.
14.	Little Twit Nitwit was hit by the lamp she had lit, so she wanted to sit a bit in her sandpit at the Spit.
15.	Fred's nose bled when he slipped off the red roof of the shed onto the edge of his bed.
16.	Don't break your neck on this slippery deck!
17.	The farmer in the dell rang a bell when he fell into the well after a very dry spell, because nobody heard him yell.
18.	If he goes with you, and she comes with me, we can all be home in the afternoon at three.
19.	Will linseed improve the speed of this breed of steed? Indeed!
20.	Why is there a fly in my pigsty?
21.	Mike put his finger in the dike to feel what it was like.
22.	Do you know Mr. So and So? No!
23.	When I call, you must all throw a small ball over the fall wall of that hall.

STEPPING STONES

Memory Training

Reconstruct the spelling rhymes
from memory.

bug	gust	cat	miss	she
dug	hut	that	hiss	me
rug	shut	sat	little	we
bug	Mr. Glut	flat	Twit	be
hug	gut	mat	Nitwit	three
Pun	nut	sprat	hit	seed
stunning	Mack	rat	lit	speed
nun	Jack	brat	sit	breed
bun	black	has	bit	steed
undone	pack	as	Fred	indeed
fun	hack	Ron	bled	why
run	bareback	bonfire	red	fly
sun	track	on	shed	my
pup	back	golliwog	edge	pigsty
scup	shack	eggnog	bed	Mike
supper	Sam	dog	neck	dike
Gus	jam	togs	dell	like
crus	ram	jog	bell	do
truss	swam	this	fell	Mr. So and So
bus	dam	is	well	no
must	bat	Chris	spell	call
trust	spat	kiss	yell	ball
August.	fat	Swiss	he	hall

This Morning

My black cat, with a bell around his neck, sits on the rug. He likes to watch me have a cup of tea and a jam sandwich with peanut butter and sunflower seeds. The dog has better things to do. He has fun in the sun with a red ball. There is the school bus, so I must go and do some work.

WORD BUILDING 1

fun	funny	funnier
sun	sunny	sunnier
cup	cupboard	cupping
bus	buses	busdriver
nut	nutty	nutcracker
black	blacken	blackboard
cat	catty	cattery
on	onto	ongoing
see	seeing	see-saw
like	liking	likely
ball	ballgame	ballroom

ATTENTION SEEKERS 1

Sunball

This **black** cat, with a **bell** around its **neck**, likes to play with a **ball** in the **sun** as soon as it comes up.

SPELLING AWARENESS 1

1.	do did I have done	do done
2.	I do. He does	
3.	We go We went we have gone	go gone

4.	They go... She goes
5.	The nun ate all the eight sweets, so there were none left.
6.	The sun goes under ; the sun comes up.
7.	"My son is a very good boy as long as you don't smother him," said the mother to the brother of another mother .
8.	He and his hen are in when , but only the hen will lay eggs.
9.	You and the other young couple are in double trouble .
10.	Drop the "y" and put an "i". I'll try. I tried. Thanks for trying!
11.	I'll tie my shoe laces. I tied them, because I tried tying them.
12.	He lied . He was lying . He always lies .
13.	Here lies the dead body of a fly ; there are many more lying on the floor by the door.
14.	Most bears walk barefoot .

15.	"Come home to do some sums," said his mum.
16.	"What did you say?" "Drop the y and put an i, I said."
17.	Eat-words: tea, meal, bread, breakfast, yeast, peach, pear, peas, beans, meat, veal, steak
18.	He tries to steady his dizzy head on the floor of his homestead instead of putting it on his bedspread.
19.	Can you check whether or not the wethers are still tethered together to enjoy the fine weather .
20.	WA-words: The swan wanted to wash herself in the warm water of the swamp , but she was stung by a swarm of wasps .
21.	-DGE-words: The sledge hammer slid off the edge of the dredge and then got wedged between the window ledge and the hedge .
22.	Have a break to eat your steak .
23.	Did you hear me shout " Come here "? If not, I'll have to clear your ear, because you must be deaf .
24.	When he heard the herd of cattle stampede down the track, he began to unwind the blind to hide behind.
25.	Which nasty witch ate my sandwich; the one from Greenwich or the one from Ipswich ?

BOX 2	jump	frog	into	hen	arm
	such	hop	fish	then	book
	bad	pick	frisky	he	school
	ran	six	his	home	room
at	him	leg	boy	put	

1. The camel pumped up the humps on her rump to **jump** over plump John Trump's sump oil dump.
2. Duchess **Such** and Such doesn't earn very much. She doesn't live in a great big castle, but in a hutch. She cuts the scutch with an old clutch; she must be Dutch!
3. The lad had never been **bad**, so his dad gave him money to buy a pad.
4. A man with a pan of bran, and his Nan from the same clan, with a can bigger than the pan, **ran** behind a tan van.
5. Pat has a fat rat **at** her flat.
6. The lazy **frog** sat on a soggy log and watched the man and his dog jog.
7. Simon Lambchop wanted to lop a tree top. Since the chainsaw didn't stop, the ten metre drop made him scotch and **hop**.

8. Carol Quickstick has a thick chick that **picks** so fast that it's always sick.

9. I'll **fix** the mix at **six**.

10. Prim Miss Vim looks as slim and trim as the rim of a shim to **him**.

11. Please put that bowling pin **into** the tin bin without a **din**.

12. If you wish, you may finish this dishful of **fish**.

13. It's risky giving that **frisky** fish a biscuit.

14. **His** business is selling a drink that is so fizzy that it makes you dizzy.

15. "I beg your pardon, Mr Peg," said the cleg when her egg fell from the keg onto his extra **leg**.

16. Ken's **hen** was thirsty, so it rushed from the pen to the fen in the glen.

17. When the coast is clear, the men, and **then** the women, will follow Ben and Ken into the lion's den.

18. **He** cannot be she; me cannot be we. So the only thing I can say is, "I is me."

19. The gnome had a home in Rome, opposite St Peter's dome.

20. Roy, the boy from Troy, went to Woy Woy to buy a toy.

21. The charming jillaroo was harmed at Old MacDonald's farm. She raised the alarm when she broke her arm.

22. He had a look in his cookbook to see what he could do with the crook chook he found near the brook.

23. The fool dropped a heavy tool from a piano stool on the top floor of the primary school into the cool swimming pool.

24. The bridegroom gave the bride an apple tree in bloom and a broom to clean the gloomy room.

25. Wherever you put the bull, he is too full to pull or push the cart out of the bush.

Bad News

A naughty schoolboy picked up six frisky fish, six frisky frogs and six frisky hens from his home. He took them to school and put them into the classroom at lunchtime. They hopped, jumped and ran over books and tables. The teacher, Mr Such and Such, tried to catch the intruders, but they rushed at him. He fell out the window and broke an arm and a leg, so that his daughter had to take him to hospital. There was nothing much to laugh about then!

STEPPING STONES 2

Memory Training

pumped	pan	mix	leg	harmed
humps	ran	six	Ken	farm
rump	tan	prim	hen	alarm
jump	van	Miss Vim	pen	arm
plump	Pat	slim	fen	look
John Trump	fat	trim	glen	cookbook
sump oil	rat	rim	when	crook
dump	at	shim	men	chook
Duchess	flat	him	then	brook
Such	frog	pin	women	fool
and	soggy	into	Ben	tool
Such	log	tin	Ken	stool
much	dog	bin	den	school
hutch	jog	din	he	cool
scutch	Simon	wish	she	pool
clutch	Lambchop	finish	me	groom
Dutch	lop	dish	we	bloom
lad	top	fish	me	broom
had	stop	risky	gnome	gloomy
bad	drop	frisky	home	room
dad	hop	biscuit	Rome	put
pad	Carol	his	dome	bull
man	Quickstick	fizzy	Roy	full
pan	thick	dizzy	boy	pull
bran	chick	beg	Troy	push
Nan	picks	Mr Peg	WoyWoy	bush
clan	sick	cleg	toy	
can	fix	egg	charming	

WORD BUILDING

jump	jumping	jumped
hop	hopping	hopped
pick	picking	picked
six	sixty	sixtieth
fish	fishy	fishmonger
frisky	friskier	friskiest
leg	leggings	leghorn
hen	hens	henpecked
home	homework	homeless
boy	boyish	boyfriend
arm	army	armour
book	bookcase	bookworm
school	schoolroom	schooling
room	roomy	roomful
put	putting	

ATTENTION SEEKERS 2

Shoe without toe

Rick is waiting for the **school bus**. When it comes, he **picks** up his bag and **puts** it in, but in **such** a way that it lands on **bus** driver **Joe's** foot. The man's face turns **red** and **so does** his **toe**, so he has to take off his **shoe**.

SPELLING AWARENESS 2

1.	The cameleer and his camel came to Camelot to have a rest in a shady spot.
2.	Already at an early stage, my dear son had a yearning for learning in order to earn good marks.
3.	There's only one biscuit ; cut it in half.
4.	The donkey and the monkey went out to buy honey for their money .
5.	They dropped their y and put their i .
6.	The nurse was robbed of her purse and started to curse because now she couldn't purchase (meaning buy) a fast car to chase the robber.
7.	Why was there a pause in the applause ? Because!
8.	He said goodbye , winked his eye , and left to buy eggs by the dozen.
9.	Dozen (douze in French) = 10 + two .
10.	Egg : two "g"s; one for the goose and one for the gander .

28.	Jean is as lean as a bean. She never eats and seldom cleans her jeans, because she's too mean.
29.	They seldom do their homework.
30.	The worm works in the underworld; he doesn't say a word because his cough is getting worse. It's not worth buying him for bait.
31.	Although You are not tough enough to lift this heavy trough when you have a bad cough.
32.	Although she walks with a funny gait, the waitress walked straight from Cairns to Bass Strait to buy bait.
33.	Walk: "l" for leg Talk: "l" for language Stalk: "l" for long Chalk: "l" for lesson
34.	The naughty daughter got caught by a haughty policeman who taught her a good lesson. Now she is a bit distraught.
35.	The policeman wanted to lie down on the ice of the North Pole to get rid of his lice.
36.	ATCH -words: If you want some eggs, don't scratch your head. Instead, open the latch and snatch the batch before they hatch; they don't have to match.

BOX 3	duck	that	wink	saw	moon
	drum	pond	ship	draw	noon
	run	box	send	for	soon
	up	hill	went	star	spoon
	flag	swim	jet	food	
	van	wing	we	took	

1. The truck with the buck and the **duck** had no luck, because they got stuck behind a ruck of other trucks.

2. Yum-Yum hurt his gum in a scrum and looked so glum that his mum bought him a **drum**. Now, **dumb** Yum-Yum has a numb thumb.

3. That son-of-a-gun has already done one long run in the sun.

4. After your supper, you must put the cup up in the cupboard.

5. Michael Mag was a man who liked to brag. One day, he bought his wife a bag. She looked at the tag and started to nag. Then Michael Mag picked up his swag with the Australian flag, and jumped on his stag.

6. Dan, the garbage man, drove his garbage van into a garbage can.

7. Now **that** you've sat on that hat, it's quite flat!

8. Although his hair was blond, he looked like James Bond. He was fond of swimming in the fish pond.

9. The ox was sniffing at the **box**. In it was a fox with chicken pox. Now the ox has oxenpox.

10. Bill Thrill, the silly dill, is still very ill. He went out in the rain to drill a hole in the window sill of the mill near the rill in Box Hill.

11. After his **swim** to get trim, Jim was grim, so Kim gave him a dim sim.

12. **Wing** Ming liked to sing and cling to her swing in Spring. One day, she heard the doorbell ring. Since the thing on a string made such a ding, she knew it was Ping Nettlesting. She decided to fling herself off the swing to see what Ping would bring. Now her arm is in a sling.

13. Polly Pink would often slink in her mink at the ice rink. Boys would **wink** and offer her a drink, but shrink when she looked with eyes of ink.

14. The wife of Zip Snip bought a lemon squash during a trip on a **ship**, gave the waiter a tip and took hold of the glass with a firm grip. Just as she was about to dip her lip into it to have a sip, she had to flip away a pip. However, a drip from the pip made her slip and chip her hip.

15. Wendy Mend wore trendy hats that didn't blend with the suits of her suitable boyfriend, although she had to depend on him for the money she could spend. They would tend to offend and send him round the bend, so in the end, he told her to vend the old ones or suspend asking for a lend.

16. Daisy Dent, a young student, couldn't pay the rent during Lent, so she **went** out to buy a tent with the money her mother had sent.

17. I bet dead set that the man I met in the jumbo jet won't get his daughter's pet to the vet just yet. He will let it fret under a net in the wet.

18. **We** were here, so we weren't there.

19. It's against the law to **saw** through his floor.

20. Mr. Craw tried to **draw** a squaw eating raw coleslaw with a straw.

21. **For** heaven's sake, either go out to the store or close the door.

22. A man with a bass guitar wanted to drive his five-star car to Malabar to buy strings by the jar. At the end of the tar, he realised he'd gone too far.

23. I'm not in the mood for **food**.

24. When she **took** the phone off the hook, the whole house shook.

25. With our flying **spoon** we will **soon** be on the **moon** to croon at **noon**.

Let Us Draw What We Saw

The army had to **send** supplies to the island by **noon** the next day. The **van** was **soon** full of **drums**, **flags**, **forks** and **spoons**, and **boxes** of **food**. **That** night, it set off. It **went up** the **hill**, across the desert and then down to the **ship** at the wharf, almost **running** into a **duck** that **took off** for a **swim** in the pond, while a **jet** with **winking wings** crossed the **moon** in a **starlit** sky.

STEPPING STONES 3

Memory Training

truck	swag	mill	mink	bend
buck	flag	rill	rink	end
luck	stag	hill	wink	vend
stuck	Dan	swim	drink	suspend
ruck	man	trim	shrink	lend
trucks	van	Jim	ink	Daisy
YumYum	garbage	grim	Zip	Dent
gum	can	Kim	Snip	student
scrum	that	him	trip	rent
glum	sat	dim	ship	Lent
mum	hat	sim	tip	went
drum	flat	Wing	grip	tent
numb	blond	Ming	dip	sent
thumb	James	sing	lip	bet
son-of-a-gun	Bond	cling	sip	set
done	pond	swing	flip	met
run	ox	Spring	chip	jet
sun	box	ring	hip	get
supper	fox	thing	Wendy	pet
cup	chickenpox	string	Mend	vet
up	oxenpox	ding	trendy	yet
cupboard	Bill	Ping	blend	let
Michael	Thrill	Nettlesting	boyfriend	fret
Mag	silly	bring	depend	net
brag	dill	sling	spend	wet
bag	ill	Polly	tend	we
tag	drill	Pink	offend	here
nag	sill	slink	send	there
law	squaw	door	tar	shook
saw	raw	guitar	far	spoon
floor	coleslaw	star	mood	soon
door	straw	car	food	moon
Mr Crow	for	Malabar	took	croon
draw	store	jar	hook	noon

WORD BUILDING 3

duck	ducked	duckling
drum	drummer	drumming
run	runner	running
up	upwards	uppermost
flag	flagpole	flagon
box	boxer	boxing
hill	hilltop	hillside
swim	swimmer	swimming
wink	winking	winked
ship	shipping	shipped
send	sender	sending
saw	sawing	sawed
draw	drawing	drawn
for	forever	fortnight
star	starlit	starry
soon	sooner	soonest
spoon	spoonful	spoonfed

ATTENTION SEEKERS 3

Fox tale

Can you **draw** what I **saw**? A lame **duck** running **for its** life to escape the **claw**, as sharp as a **nail**, of a fox without a **tail**, standing **still** on the **hill**.

SPELLING AWARENESS

1.	You'll find that if you bind this kind of blind with rind , it will be unfit to hide behind , so, unwind , if you don't mind .
2.	When he blurts with curt spurts or bursts , it hurts .
3.	I thought you ought to have brought the wrought iron bike you bought ; instead you fought with your brother when he won four- nought .
4.	I'll pour your tea at four .
5.	Pour out.
6.	When the poor man opened the door of his house on the moor , the roof of the room fell on the floor .
7.	Ron only won one race.
8.	The toad left the road and then jumped onto the broad blackboard and into the cupboard .
9.	At your age , you should have enough courage to carry the bin of garbage to the village without damage . Do you get the message ?
10.	The rain in Spain falls mainly on the plain of grain and then goes down the drain again.
11.	Provided you come near , and you have good ears , you can nearly hear the click of the shears , but not the blood , the sweat in the sweater , and the tears .
12.	There was a flood of blood where he stood in Eastwood .
13.	The slave gave his master a shave in a cave during a tidal wave . When the water came up to the nave , he couldn't rant and rave and sing "God save ..."
14.	I heard that you can't hear , dear. You must either be deaf or have too much wax in your ear , so relax while I get my clearing gear .

BOX 4	hug	doll	in	dress	sleep
	sad	song	is	nest	no
	glad	cot	little	get	bird
	pram and	did gift	help yes	baby she	chirp you

1. Tony Tug gave a hug to the thug who found the plug.
2. The lad was a bit sad when his dad got mad and said that he was bad, but his nasty sister was glad.
3. Sam ran off, but left Baby Bam-Bam in the pram by the dam when he saw the angry ram.
4. Bill Bland played with the brass band in the sand and in front of the grandstand in Arnhem Land. He blew so hard that he split his gland.
5. Dolly's new doll lolls in the sun eating lollies.
6. All day long, Mr and Mrs. Strong play ping-pong with a left and a right thong, while singing a song and giving a dong with a tong on a gong hanging from a prong in front of the throng.
7. A hot, snotty tot with lots of blot-like bot-spots and polka dots, shot through a slot in his cot.
8. Billy the Kid hid behind the lid in a bid to get rid of a midget. When he started to fidget, he did a skid and slid across the width of the lid amidst some other midgets.

9. My **gift** to Mr. Thrift and his dog Sniff was a free lift in the swift ski lift to save them having to sift their way through the snowdrift across the cliff.

10. Fiona Fin is as thin as a pin; thinner than her twin sister Sin. She can sit in a tin without making a din or hurting her shin. She can even spin the tin with a grin on her chin. If she had a race with the wind, she would win!

11. The frizzy-haired whizz kid from the quiz show is losing his fizz.

12. When the children were **little**, they loved to eat peanut brittle while jumping over a skittle.

13. When the whelp got entangled in the kelp, we heard it yelp for help.

14. **Yes**, sir! Tess Watercress showed the local Press how she and her pet falcon played chess. The falcon played under stress, but didn't make a mess.

15. Tess tried to sew the hem of her **dress**, more or less.

16. The best guest at the Talent Quest was the one from Crow s **Nest**. He had six medals on his vest for being the best bowler against the rest in a cricket test. He could throw a ball to the east with so much zest from a hillcrest that it would go right through the keeper's chest to hit the stumps in the west.

17. "If you don't want to **get wet**, forget about being upset, but use an **umbrella** instead of a **serviette**," said one cadet to the other cadet, while they were singing a duet.

18. I'm here, you're here, he's here, **she's** here, they're here, so we're all here!

19. This jeep will sweep and creep up a steep hill and keep the sheep away with a deep beep while the driver is fast **asleep**.

20. "Oh, no!" cried the co-pilot, when Freddo the frog hopped to and fro on his radio to escape his dingo, but when Freddo said "Cheerio!" he bumped into a hippo.

21. Young girl's **chirp** like **birds**.

22. Your young cousin from the country isn't as youthful as **you**.

Little Bo Peep and the Bird

Little Bo Peep jumps out of her **cot**, gets **dressed**, gives her **baby doll** a **hug** and puts it to **sleep** in the new **pram**, a **gift** from Santa. Just then, a butcher **bird** is teaching her young ones how to **chirp** a **song**. **Sadly**, one of them chirps so hard that it tips right out of the **nest** and into the pram. Little Bo Peep asks: "**Did you** come down to **help** me?" "**Yes** and **no**," it chirps. **She** laughs and says, "That's a funny answer, but I'm **glad** you're here."

STEPPING STONES

Memory Training

Tony	lollies	rid	din	more
Tug	long	midget	shin	or
hug	Mr. and	fidget	spin	less
thug	Mrs	did	grin	best
plug	Strong	skid	chin	guest
lad	ping-pong	slid	wind	Talent
sad	thong	width	win	Quest
dad	song	lid	frizzy	Crows Nest
mad	dong	midgets	whizz	vest
bad	tong	gift	quiz	best
glad	gong	Mr Thrift	fizz	rest
Sam	prong	Sniff	little	test
BamBam	throng	lift	peanut	zest
pram	hot	swift	brittle	hillcrest
dam	snotty	ski lift	skittle	chest
ram	tot	sift	whelp	west
Bill	lots	snowdrift	kelp	get
Bland	blot-like	cliff	yelp	wet
band	bot-spots	Fiona	help	forget
sand	polka	Fin	yes	upset
and	dots	thin	Tess	serviette
grandstand	shot	pin	Watercress	cadet
Arnhem	slot	thinner	press	duet
Land	cot	twin	chess	I'm
gland	Billy the Kid	sister	stress	you're
Dolly	hid	Sin	mess	he's
doll	lid	in	Tess	she's
lolls	bid	tin	dress	they're
we're	steep	oh	cheerio	cousin
all	keep	no	hippo	country
here	sheep	co-pilot	girls	youthful
jeep	deep	to and fro	chirp	you
sweep	beep	radio	birds	
creep	asleep	dingo	your	

WORD BUILDING

hug	hugging	hugged
sad	sadness	saddest
glad	gladden	gladly
cot	cottage	cottages
did	didn't	
gift	gifted	giftwrap
in	into	inner
is	isn't	
little	littler	littlest
help	helpful	helpless
yes	yesterday	
dress	dressing	dressed
nest	nestle	nestling
get	getting	getaway
sleep	sleepier	sleepiest
no	nowhere	nobody
bird	birdcall	birdbath
chirp	chirpy	chirpier
you	your	you're

ATTENTION SEEKERS

Amazing

- Do you know little Miss Brittle?
- Yes, I do.
- That girl can chirp like a bird on her birthday and dress her doll while jumping over a skittle.

SPELLING AWARENESS

1.	Give → giving, live → living Drop the "e", put "ing"
2.	If you want to live , don't jump into the river ; it will give you the shivers and damage your liver .
3.	Although it looks soft enough , I still can't drill through that wood; it's too rough and tough , and the dust will give me a cough .
4.	If you want to know how wide it is, measure its width . If you're interested in its length , be sure to measure how long it is.
5.	They were not sure about the reason why they couldn't measure the value of the treasure .
6.	Don's son has come to reason this season, so he's not imprisoned any longer.
7.	Double Dutch : Do you know how to open the door of the knackery ? Take off your knapsack , kneel , use a knife or a knitting needle , knock with your knuckles , turn the knurled knob or use your knee ; there's a special knack to it, you see, so don't get your knickers in a knot .
8.	Kurt was hurt by a spurt of hot water, when the urn burst .
9.	After the race , the ace was embraced by Her Grace dressed in lace , because he finished in first place , despite his dirty face .
10.	In this case , the police chief himself had to chase the thief around the R.A.A.F. base .

11.	He put too much strain on the chain and sprained his hand.
12.	One whole is two halves. However one cow is not two calves.
13.	A man on the dole stole a baby mole. Unfortunately it ran down his leg and escaped through a hole in his sole.
14.	You and your soulmate are very old, that's why your beards grow mould.
15.	EA-associations: head, ear, hear, heard, deaf, breath, beard, breast, sweat, sweater, heart, heartbeat.
16.	We had <u>dessert</u> (sweets) in the deserted Simpson desert. ↑ ↑
17.	The dwarf fell from a tree in our arbour onto the wharf and into the harbour.
18.	TCH-words: It gave me a stitch trying to catch that Scotch-drinking Dutch witch flying around outside my kitchen. I had to send my bitch to fetch a switch to beat her down into a ditch.
19.	We were astounded when we found the greyhound bound lying in the ground at the pound. Despite a big wound it didn't make a sound when we unwound the rope tied around it.
20.	I heard the waves roar like wild boars, the troat of a billy goat, or a horse with a hoarse throat. I saw them soar till my eyes got sore.
21.	They have grey eyes.

22.	This knight doesn't fight at night , because there is not enough bright light - which might give him a fright - and anyway, his armour's too tight.
23.	I say he has as much as she has , but he says it's all his .
24.	The chemist is between the Uniting Church and the Christian school, in front of the swimming pool .
25.	Only girls give birth . Boys flirt with girls . Girls wear skirts ; boys wear shirts .
26.	- I used to have a pear shaped frock that was stronger than a bear , despite the wear and tear . - Where is it? - Here you are! (There you go!)
27.	You'll never be very clever , if every time you choose to close your books forever .
28.	When you stand too long in the freezing breeze , you'll wheeze and sneeze unless you squeeze your nose with tweezers .
29.	freeze → freezing : drop the "e", put "ing".

BOX 5	grub	tap	rinse	they	father
	mud	hat	give	tree	her
	under	there are	here	green	new
	mother	big	said	by	good
ant	milk	them	cow	boot	

1. The chubby cub was always playing in the shrub, so he always looked like a grub. That's why his mother always gave him a tub and a scrub in the tub between the pub and the club.

2. Mr Suds lost his duds, so he dropped a whole bucket full of buds and spuds that were meant for the stud. A passing cow ate her fill of the spuds, then sat down in the mud with a thud to chew her cud.

3. No wonder the Viking was hit by lightning. He made the blunder of standing under a tree in the thunder.

4. My mother and my brother will meet each other in different places, but I'd rather go with my father to the races.

5. Have you ever had bull ants in your pants? Did you rave and rant or canter while your friends began to banter?

6. The chap undid his strap with a snap, gave his dog a scrap to stop her yap and tied her to a tap. Then he put the map on his lap, but when he tried to unwrap the flap of his cap to have a nap, he got caught in a trap!

7. Pat had an unfriendly chat with the brat that took her hat.
8. There are eleven players in a soccer team.
9. Mrs Fig, who was smaller than a sprig, went on board the brig, but lost her wig, because it was too big.
10. Sue Silk always tries to bilk paying her bills. People of that ilk shouldn't even be allowed to buy milk.
11. Soak your socks in soapy water, then wash and rinse them.
12. Your pet can live near the river. Give him codliver if he starts to shiver.
13. He is with her in here. He is with her in there, so where is he?
14. "I'm afraid I won't be paid," said the maid.
15. Em bought flowers with a long stem. When she looked for a knife to cut them, she tripped over her hem and lost her gem.
16. They watched the grey-eyed birds of prey devour the dead donkey in less than an hour.
17. Spounding Spree. Wee Mr. Lee paid his tee and got three golf balls free. Geel With glee, he put up his tee in the lee of a tree. Unfortunately, he didn't see the wee bee under his knee that geed him up to flee back to Taree.

18. The beauty queen was only seventeen. She used to preen herself with Mr Sheen, that's how keen she had been to be seen on the screen in the canteen where the colour of the walls made her eyes look green.

19. You can buy eggs by ~~the~~ the dozen, while I say goodbye to my cousin.

20. Wow! The cow and the sow both got a fat eyebrow in a row over how to row a prow.

21. "I rather like a grandfather clock," said her fat father.

22. The elf hurt herself when she fell off her bookshelf.

23. A few of the new crew came round for Jewish stew, but found it too hard to chew.

24. Mr Good stood with his hood up in Eastwood. I'd say he was waiting for the N.R.M.A.

25. "Drop your loot or I'll shoot the boot off your foot," shouted Sergeant Bandicoot when the thief tried to scoot off on a scooter with his briefcase as well as his new suit.

Messy Pair

Mother had milked her cow in the mud by the big green apple tree. "There are ants and grubs all over your new good boots," said father. "Give them here and I will rinse them off under the tap." Guess what! He tripped over a worm making silk, and his new hat fell off into the milk. So then they were *both* grubby.

STEPPING STONES

Memory Training

chubby	began	wig	paid	knee
cub	banter	big	said	geed
shrub	chap	Sue	maid	flee
grub	strap	Silk	Em	Taree
rub	snap	bilk	stem	queen
scrub	scrap	bills	them	seventeen
tub	yap	ilk	hem	preen
pub	tap	milk	gem	Mr Sheen
club	map	soak	they	keen
Mr Suds	lap	soapy	grey-eyed	been
duds	unwrap	wash	prey	seen
buds	flap	rinse	spree	screen
spuds	cap	live	wee	canteen
stud	nap	river	Mr. Lee	green
spuds	trap	give	fee	buy
mud	Pat	codliver	three	eggs
thud	chat	shiver	free	dozen
cud	brat	he	gee	cousin
bull	hat	her	glee	wow
ants	there	here	tee	cow
pants	are	he	lee	sow
rant	eleven	her	tree	eyebrow
and	Mrs Fig	there	see	row
rave	sprig	where	wee	how
canter	brig	afraid	bee	row

prow	herself	Jewish	hood	foot
rather	bookshelf	stew	Eastwood	Bandicoot
grandfather	few	chew	loot	scoot
clock	new	Mr Good	shoot	scooter
elf	crew	stood	boot	suit

WORD BUILDING

grub	grubby	grubbier
mud	muddy	muddier
under	understand	understood
mother	motherly	motherless
ant	anteater	antelope
tap	tapping	tapped
big	bigger	biggest
milk	milky	milkbar
rinse	rinsing	rinsed
give	giver	given
them	themselves	
they	they're	they'll
tree	treeless	treehopper
green	greengrocer	greeny
cow	cowbell	cowboy
father	fatherly	fatherless
her	hers	herself
new	newer	newest
good	goodness	goodwill
boot	bootee	bootblack

ATTENTION SEEKERS

Riddle with cream

Where are your father and your mother? He is with her in here, but he is also with her in there. You get it? They are rinsing the cow's udders so that she will give clean milk with cream.

SPELLING AWARENESS

1.	<p>Guy Guildford became the guardian of the children of his guileful brother, who was beheaded by the guillotine when he was found guilty of collaborating with the guerrillas in French Guyana under the guise of guide, with a guaranteed income of one thousand and one Dutch guilders, for a certain John Guest, an importer of guitars, guinea pigs from the Isle of Guernsey and guessing games for primary schools.</p>
2.	<p>When you get entangled in the tentacles of an octopus, you will either be mangled or strangled.</p>
3.	<p>When shirts and skirts are dirty, they have to be soaked in soap, washed, rinsed, dried and ironed with a hot iron.</p>
4.	<p>The fair-haired fairy who lived in a lair on the prairie, stood up from her chair and came downstairs to enjoy the fresh air while attending to her daily affairs.</p>
5.	<p>If you don't want to pay the bus fare, and still want to go far, you'll have to take care of your car, not stare at the stars, walk barefoot into a bar, or be scared of a scar. Hit the tar!</p>
6.	<p>-AGE words: At your age, you should have the courage to deliver a message to the Mayor of the village before he leaves his cottage to go on a voyage.</p>
7.	<p>He'll show you how to sow seeds in order to cause the flowers to grow in rows. As soon as he knows which way the wind blows, he can slowly throw them low while sitting on the mower he bought at the Show.</p>
8.	<p>A medal is a medallion made of metal; it's metallic.</p>

9.	A Sheffield Shield match played on this cricket field won't yield many runs, so they might as well stop and eat some hot cross buns.
10.	At least once a year, Lord Beast goes to the East to have a feast in a theatrical theatre that is so old that it will never be sold or leased .
11.	-CH words: I'm not rich ; I don't want to pay too much for such a tiny sandwich .
12.	Your cousin in Double Bay is in trouble, I heard someone say.
13.	The baker might be a good pitcher , but the butcher can catch with the speed of his cat, called Switcher .
14.	Jean's teacher, dear Mr Preacher , tries very hard to teach her to read with reasonable speed. Since she isn't learning to do it, she only earns low marks.
15.	You need to knead dough with your knuckles to make doughnuts or bread.
16.	Although you can look through doughnuts, you're supposed to eat them.
17.	A girl wearing a gas mask went up to a man basking in the sun between a basket and a wine cask , to ask whether she could fill her thermos flask , because most flasks are smaller than casks .
18.	Elevator : Some come down while others go up to the floor above to look for shovels or gloves to handle the doves they love.
19.	His daughter got caught laughing in class, so she wasn't allowed to eat her lunch on the grass .
20.	We were home, so we answered the phone, but all we heard was a dial tone.

Box 6	man off lot ear egg	any day see week tea	eat cry sky ice old	ago out our ask fur	two new could would should
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1. Some mums hum when they come to buy plums.

2. One might be better than none.

3. One man Two men
One woman Two women

4. Don't scoff at the toff if he likes to doff (take off) his hat when he coughs over the troughs.

5. The whole lot got shot.

6. Can you hear your heartbeat in your ear when you hold your breath?

7. Why has an egg got two "g"s? One for the goose and one for the gander. Gee Whizz!

8. Any eggs? Yes, Henny Penny has many!

9. One day in May, Ray Fray wanted to play with his twin sister Fay on the way to Byron Bay. He threw chickens at her over eight bales of hay, but Fay said "Nay," and got him back with hairspray. Then the tray of the dray began to sway, because the donkey started to jaywalk and bray. They could only pray that the chickens would still lay in order to pay their way.

10. Although every employee could **see**, without the interference of a referee, that the new trainee was not an escapee but only a refugee, and should therefore have the guarantee to become a payee when she finished work at half past three, the trustee decided to disagree.

11. Last week, Zorba the Greek, sleek, red cheeks, cheeky not meek, had a peek along the Olympic Creek to seek a spot where he could grow a leek that wouldn't reek.

12. Excuse me, but there's a flea in my **tea!**

13. It's a real feat to **eat** wheat or meat in the heat and make the flies around your seat beat a retreat.

14. He's too shy to even **cry**.

15. **Skylarks** can sing much better than sharks.

16. It's so nice to have a cold slice of spiced rice with **ice**, twice or perhaps thrice, without paying the price. It's also nice to entice mice and to splice lice in a trice with a vice.

17. I was told that Ross the Boss would scold the **old** digger if he couldn't hold a hot bullion of gold until it was cold or sold.

18. Long **ago**, people didn't have T.V. or radio, so they played bingo.

19. One day a lout happened to shout at a stout boy scout for not buying his weird mixture of grout, trout and bean sprout as a cure for gout, so the scout hit him across the snout with his knout.

20. The scouring wind created a stour of flour for at least an hour. Then **our** milk turned sour.

21. A woman with a gas mask was basking in the sun next to a wine cask. It was quite a difficult task to **ask** whether I could fill my thermos flask.

22. Rupert Burdock spoke with a slur and saw with a blur. One day, he went from the turf club to the surf club. When he heard the bark of the cur, he urged his mare to burst into a gallop with the bur of his spur in her **fur**.

23. **Two** twelves are twenty-four, which is twice twelve or a score and four more, as I said before.

24. The Shebrew withdrew the **new** Hebrew kitchen crew once she knew that these people couldn't even prepare a Jewish stew.

25. I **would** if I **could**, though I **shouldn't**.

Green men

Two weeks ago, on Thursday, I saw a lot of little green men **come out** of the sky with a loud, hawk-like cry. One of them, an old man wearing a fur hat on an egg-shaped head with three ears, came to **see** me and **asked** if they **could eat** with us if there was **any** of **our tea** left, because they were ice-cold and hungry. We thought we **would** because we **should**, and we gave them each a **new** tin of beans. They thanked us kindly and then took **off**.

STEPPING STONES

Memory Training

some	goose	way	feat	told
mums	gander	employee	eat	scold
hum	any	see	wheat	old
come	Henny	referee	meat	hold
buy	Penny	trainee	heat	gold
plums	many	escapee	seat	cold
one	day	refugee	beat	sold
none	May	guarantee	retreat	ago
man	Ray	payee	shy	radio
woman	Fray	three	cry	so
men	play	trustee	skylarks	bingo
women	Fay	disagree	sharks	lout
scoff	way	week	nice	shout
toff	Byron	Zorba	slice	stout
doff	Bay	the Greek	spiced	scout
off	hay	sleek	rice	grout
coughs	Fay	cheeks	ice	trout
troughs	nay	cheeky	twice	sprout
lot	hairspray	mEEK	thrice	gout
got	tray	peek	price	scout
shot	dray	creek	nice	snout
hear	sway	seek	entice	knout
heartbeat	jaywalk	leek	mice	scouring
ear	bray	reek	splice	stour
breath	pray	flea	lice	flour
egg	lay	tea	trice	hour
2 "g"s	pay	real	vice	our

sour	Burdock	bur	score	Jewish
mask	slur	spur	more	stew
basking	blur	fur	Shebrew	would
cask	turf club	two	withdrew	could
task	surf club	twelves	new	though
ask	cur	twenty-four	Hebrew	shouldn't
flask	urged	twice	crew	
Rupert	burst	ten	knew	

WORD BUILDING

come	comely	
one	oneness	oneself
man	manly	manhood
off	offbeat	offcut
lot	lottery	lotteries
ear	earring	earshot
egg	eggnog	eggshell
any	anyone	anywhere
day	daytime	daylight
see	seeing	seer
week	weekly	weekday
tea	tealeaf	teacup
eat	eating	eaten
cry	crying	cried
sky	skylark	skylight
ice	iceberg	icebox
old	older	oldest
out	outside	outsmart
our	ours	ourselves
ask	asking	asked
fur	furry	furniture
two	twofold	twosome
new	newly	newborn
could	couldn't	
would	wouldn't	
should	shouldn't	

ATTENTION SEEKERS

Martians?

One day in May, two men, with egg-shaped heads and only one ear, came to our house. They took off their new fur hats and asked if they could come in to have a cup of tea and something to eat. They said that anything would do.

SPELLING AWARENESS

1. If you use **batter** and **butter**, pancakes will taste **better**, not **bitter**.
2. He had a race with **no one**; **no wonder** he won.
3. There is not enough soil to fill the **whole hole**.
4. You can catch a **goose** with a **noose** if it isn't too **loose**.
5. We **won't** ask you what you **want**.
6. There was a **pause** because of the **applause**.
7. Cats have **paws** with **claws**.
8. Your skin has **pores** and sometimes **sores**.
9. When it **pours**, it's difficult to know if your father **snores**.
10. It's quite possible to **walk** while you **talk**.
11. He is quite ready to **quit** when it's too **quiet**.
12. Everyone says that she will **never ever** be **very** useful.
13. interfere → interference
refer → referee → reference
escape → escapee
refuge → refugee
14. final → finally → finals → finalise → finalist → finale → finish
15. "It's difficult to heat **leeks** in a pot that **leaks**," said the **greengrocer**.
16. He grew a new **rose**; one of those that pleases the **nose**.

17.	Most of her thermos flasks hold more than casks do.
18.	Days of the week (every second one has a u): Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Sunday is named after the Sun. Monday is named after the Moon. Tuesday is named after Mars. Wednesday is named after Woden (Norse god) Thursday is named after Thor (god of thunder) Friday is named after Freya (Norse goddess) Saturday is named after Saturn.
19.	I thought you ought to have brought the wrought iron bike you bought.
20.	Al is almost always ill; his sister Sal also, until she went to the doctor.
21.	drop → dropped → dropping stop → stopped → stopping hop → hopped → hopping BUT: hope → hoped → hoping
22.	Seventeen is between sixteen and eighteen.
23.	differ → different It's interesting to be different.
24.	An ant is smaller than an antelope.
25.	Come near and speak clearly so that I can hear, because I'm a bit deaf in one ear.
26.	We grow flowers during April showers.
27.	His wife cut her knee with a knife.
28.	The Beauty and the Beast went east.
29.	They sent their (drop the "y" and put the "i") donkey to Sydney to get it a new kidney donated by a monkey.

BOX	cost	ever	face	coat	burn
7	dear	cage	away	door	who
does	belt	cake	go	calf	whom
coloured	when	make	coal	cart	whose
had	best	came	bone	bath	hose

1. Joe usually goes barefoot, but when one of his **does** stands on his toes, he **does** wear shoes.

2. It takes one hour to really get the odour and artificial **colour** out of our artificial flavour.

3. You **had** better pay the lad for taking his pad.

4. Jack Frost lost when the coin was tossed, so he had to pay the **cost**.

5. Dear Theal, I hear that each leap year, a fearful looking man with one ear, smeared with zinc cream around his beard, will suddenly appear in strange gear, to clear the land near the rear of his shearing shed with a spear in the searing heat. It's a work of blood, sweat and tears. Just before the flood, he disappears, bleary-eyed, dreary and weary, to suddenly reappear in four more years.

6. "It felt as if the welt of my felt **belt** would melt," said the Celt, when his son misspelt "smelt".

7. When you ask someone what he does, where he does it, which way he does it and why he does it, who pays him and whose account is credited, to whom will you give the answers and who's to blame if you don't?

8. George **Best** always played with zest.

9. Clive is very clever. However, every time he passes an exam, he will never, ever say "See how good I am!" He is so clever that he will top his class forever.

10. They had to lock up the old sage in an old cage when it got to the stage when he would engage in a rage if he couldn't turn the page, or when he was asked to accept a lower wage because of his age.

11. Each time Sir Francis Drake would sleep through an earthquake under his house near the lake, his neighbour, Mrs. Blake, would try to wake him up with either a fake snake, a rake or a handbrake, even though her own life was at stake. To thank her, he would bake her a cornflake cake, give her steak for her lunch break and make her a take-away milkshake.

12. Dame Champion's tame, but fiery stallion came galloping into the hall of fame which had her name written in a golden frame underneath the flame of the Olympic Game. Wouldn't it be a shame if that same stallion became lame? You certainly wouldn't blame the Dame!

13. When the Ace got first place in a race, he took off his helmet for a kiss from beauty queen Tracey Grace. After she had done the pace to cover the space between the embrace, there was a trace of his dusty face on her lace!

14. An array of show dogs in Bombay ran away, tripped over an ashtray and then went astray.

15. When the cowboy won lotto, he wanted to go in great tempo to a disco to dance the tango and listen to a piccolo play a rondo in stereo instead of mono while eating a mango. Unfortunately, he forgot his motto to always tip-toe, so the hero went back to zero when he tripped over his lasso.

16. After eating a whole juicy fruit loaf, a coal-black foal called Raven kicked a hole in the goal on the oval at Shoalhaven.

17. Lone King Clone was prone to speaking in a drone tone over his bone-coloured phone while sitting on his portable stone throne and eating an ice cream cone and a fresh scone in a four-hour parking zone.

18. When the goat heard the buck troat, she jumped off the boat into the moat. She soaked her coat and bleated so much that she got water in her throat, which swelled the oats and made her bloat and float.

19. A poor man who lived on the moor wanted to paint the roof a bit more. However, just before he had finished, he fell through a rusty spot above the door and landed thump! on the floor.

20. The staff put a scarf around the calf of the giraffe and fed him a bucket of draff and chaff.

21. Be smart and play the part. Learn the art of driving a go-cart from K-Mart, while throwing a dart in the bull's eye of the chart after the start.

22. I'd rather have a bath than a shower on the footpath.

23. Churn the milk to make butter for tomorrow. After you have washed up, turn the urn off so as not to burn the element.

24. Who was the woman to whom you spoke at ten to two? Dr Who's wife. Whose wife? Who's wife.

25. Whose hose are you using to water that rose which appeals so much to my nose?

Whoever does that sort of thing?

"When I had to go away the other day, who came in to make a go-cart out my hose, the door and my bird cage, burn my coal to bake a cake, wash the face of my dear calf in the bathtub with my bone-coloured coat on and my best felt belt that cost so much? Whose finger marks were left all over my kitchen, and to whom do I send the bill?" asked Mr Stone sternly.

ATTENTION SEEKERS

Ouch!

When Mrs Halfcalf came home, she did what she always does: take off her coal-coloured coat in order to hang it on the bathroom door, rather than throw it on the floor. Then she fed her coal-coloured goat who loved watery meal of oat. Unfortunately, she had forgotten to turn off the urn, and thus burnt the goat's throat.

STEPPING STONES

Memory Training

Joe	beard	where	earthquake	blame
goes	appear	which	lake	Dame
does	gear	why	Mrs Blake	Ace
toes	clear	who	wake	place
does	near	whose	fake	race
shoes	rear	to whom	snake	Tracey
hour	shearing	who's	rake	Grace
odour	shed	George	handbrake	pace
colour	spear	Best	stake	space
flavour	searing	zest	bake	embrace
had	heat	Clive	cornflake	trace
better	sweat	clever	cake	face
lad	tears	however	steak	lace
pad	disappears	every	lunchbreak	array
Jack	bleary-eyed	never	make	Bombay
Frost	dreary	ever	take-away	away
lost	weary	clever	milkshake	ashtray
tossed	reappear	forever	Dame	astray
cost	years	sage	Champion	cowboy
Dear	felt	cage	tame	lotto
Thea	welt	stage	came	go
hear	felt	engage	fame	tempo
each	belt	rage	frame	disco
leap year	melt	page	flame	tango
fearful	Celt	wage	Olympic	piccolo
ear	misspelt	age	Game	rondo
smear	smelt	Sir Francis	shame	stereo
cream	when	Drake	lame	mono

mango	drone	oats	part	to whom
motto	tone	bloat	art	ten
tip-toe	bone-coloured	float	go-cart	to
so	phone	poor	K-Mart	two
hero	stone	moor	dart	Dr. Who's
zero	throne	more	chart	wife
lasso	cone	before	start	whose
loaf	scone	door	rather	wife
coal-black	zone	floor	bath	Who's
foal	goat	staff	footpath	wife
oval	troat	scarf	churn	hose
Shoalhaven	boat	calf	turn	rose
lone	moat	giraffe	urn	nose
King	soaked	draff	burn	
Clone	coat	chaff	who	
prone	throat	smart	woman	

WORD BUILDING		
does	doesn't	
had	hadn't	
cost	costly	costing
dear	dearly	endearing
belt	belting	belted
when	whenever	
ever	every	everywhere
make	making	maker
face	facing	faced
go	going	gone
coal	coalface	coal-black
bone	bony	bone-dry
coat	coating	coated
door	doorknob	doorstep
calf	calves	calving
cart	carter	carting
bath	bathroom	bathrobe
burn	burning	burnt

SPELLING AWARENESS

1.	<p>-LE -EL <u>-AL</u> -IL -OL</p> <p><u>-ALLY</u></p>										
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2.	The shopkeeper wanted to find out where the wear and tear of his new teddy bears occurred.										
3.	Can you do us a favour and buy us an odourless, colourless savoury with our favourite flavour										
4.	Final "a" words: The echidna, the koala, the cicada, the kookaburra, the amoeba, the brolga, the Australian pelican and the Australian amphibians all live in Australia, north of Antarctica. The alfalfa -eating zebra lives in Africa, to the east of Angola, Tunisia and Algeria. The anaconda inhabits South America. Algebra to them is like abracadabra. They sometimes catch pneumonia with their antenna.										
5.	An Australian petrol gauge made in autumn during autumnal showers will most probably be faulty .										
6.	It's rather difficult to cultivate a taste for a vulture culture.										

7.	Petrol is a petroleum product made from crude oil. When Pat is on patrol he needs petrol to drive his car.
8.	<p style="text-align: center;"> <u>-LE</u> -EL -AL -IL -OL </p> <p> probable → probably bottle → bottling dribble → dribbling tremble → trembling tickle → tickling whistle → whistling </p>
9.	A hymnal contains hymns. A columnist writes column eight. A solemn solemnity. He condemned her condemnation. A sign is a signal. You sign with your signature.
10.	<u>-TURE words:</u> Our lecturer in agriculture couldn't give his lecture because of a puncture due to a mixture of nails on a sharp fixture. Since he had a bad posture, he couldn't figure out how to capture his spare tyre owing to its slippery texture. When he wanted to order a new one from the manufacturer, he sent him a cheque without his signature, because he forgot to check it.
11.	<u>-AIN words:</u> The drain contains rainwater from the plain.
12.	<u>-AINER words:</u> Our trainer puts his orange juice through a strainer before pouring it into a container.

13.	When you pour tea, it comes out of the spout . I'll pour your tea at four .
14.	This poor man has no money.
15.	Our neighbour wants to ship his eight neighing racehorses with reins to a lad in Trinidad. The freight depends on their height and their weight .
16.	Fruit juice with ice please, but don't spill it on my suit .
17.	Captain Curtain is not certain whether or not he can grow oranges on top of the mountain ranges .
18.	My horse has a hoarse throat because he jumped from the boat into the moat without his overcoat .
19.	Have you any idea what's for tea ?
20.	When the king died, the whole country was mourning all morning.
21.	Two halves make a whole, not a hole .
22.	-ION words: In my opinion , this battalion of champion stallions should win a million medallions because they and their companions of the horse union ate a trillion onions in Bondi Pavilion .
23.	-ER -IR -WOR -EAR "Full astern ," shouted Captain Fern sternly . Many people on earth go to Heaven too early ; most stay beneath because they are heavy ; some die at sea in the ocean .

BOX 8	enough	kidnapper	bed	hide	four
	catch	kill	head	find	half
	knock	still	gave	kind	hurt
	gone	king	free	five	foot
	want	hear	keep	hole	full

1. You are rough, but not tough **enough** to move the trough when you have such a bad cough.

2. The fox pushed the latch of the hatch in the hatchery to snatch a chook about to scratch a new patch before going back to her batch of eggs, but her legs were no match for the **catch**.

3. Mrs Peacock, dressed in one white and one blue sock, her best frock and her red smock, went out at six o'clock to round up the stock. But the stock horse **knocked** his fetlock on a rock **chock-a-block** with mockingbirds, and went into shock.

4. Tom the Pom from Telecom who invented the atom bomb, had **gone** to buy a scone for his son while the sun shone.

5. A wasp was watching a swan who **wanted** to give her warm eggs a wash in the swamp. He wandered up and stung her with his wand. The swan raised her wing to swat the wasp and **squash!** she got him.

6. The dapper trapper trapped the **kidnapper** who was just about to wrap up a red snapper in a wrapper.

7. Come out of the rain, you silly dill, or you'll catch a chill that will **kill** you.

8. Bill Thrill, who lives in a mill on the hill, is **still** very ill and will be till he agrees to take his pill.

9.	The king likes to sit on the swing and sing in Spring.
10.	There's no need to shout in my ear, my dear, I can hear you quite clearly.
11.	The prisoner was fed on red cabbage and led to his bed in the shed, where he dreamt he had fled and returned to the house where he was born and bred.
12.	Mr Tread, the head of the lead factory, didn't like the bread once he'd read the label, so he ate a pie instead. Now he is dead.
13.	The slave went into the cave where he gave his master a shave. When a wave filled most of the cave up to the nave, turning the cave into a grave, the master began to rant and rave and crave for a slave brave enough to save his life by staying off the tidal wave.
14.	This pedigree loves to eat toffee and drink coffee that is caffeine-free.
15.	I think it's a bit steep, and it makes me weep that you keep sheep in the kitchen.
16.	The bride loved the glide of the car ride, but when she made her first stride, in a dress far too wide, she had to hide her pride. The groom's remark was very snide. "Why does it slide to one side?"
17.	Do you mind? I find this kind of hindquarter bacon rind strong enough to grind your teeth or to wind up and bind a blind.
18.	Would you be so kind as to find a seat for my behind?

19. If lively Clive wants to stay alive, it would be wise for him to drive downtown at **five** to shrive to Father Chive. He should promise never to dive or jive through his beehive again.

20. A mole on the dole walked the whole way from the South Pole to the North Pole in old shoes with a hole in the sole.

21. I will pour your tea at **four**.

22. - How much milk shall I give your calf?
- A bucket and a half.

23. A curt reply of a friend might **hurt** more than a spurt of nasty words from a fiend.

24. He dropped a tin of beetroot on his foot.

25. Mr. Bull has to pull his blinds when the moon is **full**.

King Kong

We heard on the headlines that **five** kidnappers wanted to **keep kind King** Kong locked up in order to add a **full** day to the world gorilla-holding record. It was **still** another **four** and a **half** days before they would set him **free**. The police didn't **find** them at once, as the culprits had **gone** to **hide** in a large secret **hole**. When they got smart **enough** to **catch** up with them, they found that 20-**foot** King Kong had nearly been **killed** in the adventure when he **knocked** and **hurt** his **head**. They **gave** him a giant aspirin and sent him to **bed**.

WORD BUILDING

catch	catcher	catchcry
knock	knocker	knocking
want	wanting	wanted
kill	killer	killed
still	stillborn	standstill
king	kingdom	kingfisher
hear	hearing	heard
bed	bedroom	bedtime
head	heading	header
free	freedom	freestyle
keep	keeper	keeping
hide	hiding	hideaway
find	finder	finding
kind	kindly	kindness
four	fourfold	foursome
half	halfway	halfback
hurt	hurting	hurtful
foot	foothold	football
full	fully	fullest

ATTENTION SEEKERS

Accident

Mr Youthful wanted to pull out some wool; four bags full. "It won't kill me, I'm still young enough, it's child's-play," I could hear him say. Unfortunately, he hurt his head, so he has gone to bed. Fortunately, he's not dead.

STEPPING STONES

Memory Training

rough	shock	wrap	shed	toffee
tough	Tom	snapper	fled	coffee
enough	the Pom	wrapper	bred	caffeine-free
trough	Telecom	silly	Mr Tread	steep
cough	atom	dill	head	weep
latch	bomb	chill	lead	keep
hatch	gone	kill	bread	bride
hatchery	scone	Bill	instead	glide
snatch	son	Thrill	dead	ride
scratch	sun	mill	slave	stride
patch	shone	hill	cave	wide
batch	wasp	still	gave	hide
match	watching	ill	shave	pride
catch	swan	will	wave	snide
Mrs	wanted	till	cave	slide
Peacock	warm	pill	nave	side
sock	wash	king	cave	mind
frock	swamp	swing	grave	find
smock	wandered	sing	rant	kind
o'clock	wand	Spring	and	rind
stock	swan	ear	rave	grind
stock	swat	dear	crave	wind
horse	wasp	hear	slave	bind
knocked	squash	clearly	brave	blind
fetlock	dapper	fed	save	kind
rock	trapper	red	stave off	find
chock-a-block	trapped	led	tidal wave	behind
mockingbirds	kidnapper	bed	pedigree	lively

Clive	dive	mole	your	Mr Bull
alive	in	dole	four	pull
drive	or	whole	calf	full
five	jive	Pole	half	
shrive	through	hole	curt	
Father	his	sole	hurt	
Chive	beehive	pour	spurt	

SPELLING AWARENESS

1.	The truck dropped its load of cane toads on the road .
2.	It's not a battle to frighten cattle with a rattle .
3.	<u>-LE</u> -EL -AL -IL -OL battle → battling rattle → rattling wrestle → wrestler saddle → saddlery
4.	This weirdo sleeps against the ceiling or in a weir .
5.	These poplars are very popular ; they enjoy a great popularity .
6.	He was angry because he was hungry .
7.	If you want to prove that you can move , you have to be mobile .
8.	- Cabbage is no good for you. - Garbage!
9.	My niece gave a piece of pie to the priest who is also the chief of police .
10.	-LE <u>-EL</u> -AL -IL -OL label → labelling model → modelling quarrel → quarrelling shovel → shovelling
11.	In this hovel , you need to use a shovel to shove coal in an oven to heat the stove above .
12.	-CT words: Tractors and protractors are made in a factory , but not doctors and conductors.
13.	I mean → I meant I dream → I dreamt
14.	She came first in Maths, third in English, fifth in Geography (geographic knowledge) sixth in History.
15.	The Mayor , who was born in May , wanted to rewrite history and replace it with his own story .
16.	"I promise to buy Promite ," said the miser when he became wiser .

17.	I can see that he won't agree to free the escapee.
18.	You need a needle to sew a button on.
19.	His spouse used her blouse to catch a louse and a mouse under the house.
20.	One house → two houses Two lousy mice and two lousy lice throwing dice.
21.	"I can't buy anything, because I've lost my purse," said the nurse. Since she believed in God, she didn't curse.
22.	The bomber bombarded the city with bombs.
23.	Don't fumble with that thimble on your thumb.
24.	He watched his new wristwatch before the wrestling match.
25.	Raise your hands to praise the Lord before asking for more mayonnaise.
26.	My little kitten sleeps in a kettle in the kitchen.
27.	Bacon and eggs on toast.
28.	The beacon on the hill is useful to men at sea.
29.	You can only ride one horse at a time, not two horses. You can, however, study one or more courses, of course.
30.	I need a seat to sit down and eat my meat.
31.	He wants to meet his sweet in George Street.
32.	Although he wrapped her present the wrong way, he sent it straight away to Botany Bay.
33.	Although the waitress is under stress, she straightened her dress when she entered the officers' mess.
34.	-ICE words. Alice used to work in an office; She left without giving her notice.

BOX 9	clutch	many	male	alive	news
	wrap	next	mail	road	pull
	pink	friend	leaf	loaf	push
	miss	made	nine	open	put
	live	name	ripe	park	fruit
	any	mate	nice	fast	

1. The old man in that hutch, **clutching** a crutch, speaks double Dutch.

2. Mr Snap likes to **wrap** a scrap in Glad-Wrap and put it under the cap of the chap in the park while he's having a nap.

3. I think I would like to sink in a **pink** mink, holding a drink like Miss Blink.

4. Chris Hiss says it's bliss to kiss a Swiss **miss**.

5. I would give anything to live on a ship.

6. She doesn't have **many**, but I don't have **any**.

7. Rex needed the **next** textbook.

8. My friend sometimes sends me round the bend.

9. Benjamin Splade, a salesman in the building trade, armed with a saw blade and a home-made spade, bade his wife farewell and started to wade through the flood waters in the shade of the glade to look for jade before the light should fade.

10. The name of the game is to improve, not to stay the same.

11. Kate Spate and her mate from the Sunshine State made a date to rollerskate. Afterwards, they sat down on a crate and ate a plate of date cake.
12. Hale and hearty Jonah haled a male whale over the wale of his boat. He put it up for sale in Moss Vale where he was planning to build a large-scale house of shale, clay and bales of hay. Unfortunately a gale blew and lightning struck a bale, sparking it off. Jonah turned pale when he saw the flames, but luckily he had enough stale ginger ale to put out the bale.
13. The frail sailing boat set sail, slow as a snail, to pick up the mail. Suddenly there was thunder and hail. The wind whipped the water and the sails with the sound of a flail. The ailing skipper, just out of jail, tried to bail out the boat with a rusty pail, but to no avail.
14. I'll leaf through my botany book and find you a fine leaf between the leaves if you'll read my tea-leaves before you leave.
15. Peter Porcupine, a fine friend of mine, stayed nine years in Year 9, because he could never remember his times tables.
16. My grandfather likes to dine on ripe tomatoes and tripe, then puff on his striped pipe and gripe.
17. Fish are nice, but mice are twice as nice.
18. People give blood to keep others alive.
19. Don't goad the driver of a big truck or he will run off the road and lose his load.

20.	The oaf was too lazy to give the loaf to the foal.
21.	The Pope couldn't cope any more with his dope of a parrot who always moped, so he decided to open the cage, and hoped it would lope away.
22.	Weather forecast: A strong and fast wind blast will pass over a vast area until half past ten. People should fly their flags half mast.
23.	It's no news that Father O'Brien stretches out on the pews in his church by the mews to read the newspaper.
24.	The farmer could not push or pull the bull because it was too full.
25.	George Bush now has a cushy job pushing buttons while sitting on a cushion.
26.	I won't put up with you unless you stay put!
27.	Will fruit juice with ice suit you?
28.	Noah was a bright spark. That's why he crossed the Arctic arc to sail his ark around Great Sark and Little Sark in the dark to avoid a stark naked shark. He told me the story as we sat in the park.

STEPPING STONES

Memory Training

hutch	Rex	crate	jail	load
clutching	next	plate	bail	load
crutch	textbook	date	pail	Pope
Dutch	friend	hale	avail	cope
Mr. Snap	sends	hailed	leaf	dope
wrap	bend	male	leaf	moped
scrap	Benjamin	whale	leaves	open
Glad-Wrap	Splade	wale	tealeaves	lope
cap	trade	for sale	leave	Noah
chap	blade	Moss Vale	Peter	spark
nap	home-made	large-scale	Porcupine	Arctic
think	spade	shale	fine	Arc
slink	bade	bales	mine	ark
pink	wade	gale	nine	Great Sark
mink	shade	bale	times	Little Sark
drink	glade	pale	tables	dark
Miss Blink	jade	stale	ripe	stark
Chris	fade	ale	tripe	shark
Hiss	name	bale	striped	park
bliss	game	frail	pipe	forecast
kiss	same	sailing	gripe	fast
Swiss	Kate	sail	nice	blast
miss	Spate	snail	mice	vast
give	mate	mail	twice	past
live	Sunshine	hail	nice	mast
ship	State	sail	blood	news
many	date	flail	alive	Father
any	rollerskate	ailing	goad	O'Brien
pews	farmer	full	pushing	stay put
mews	push	George	cushion	fruit
newspaper	pull	Bush	I won't	juice
the	bull	cushy	put up with	suit

Hero for a day

Many saw my **mate** Bill, a fast thinking **hale** and **hearty male**, hit the **news** when he **pulled** his brother's **girlfriend** out of an **airmail** van. Going a bit too **fast**, and listening to a **live** concert on the radio, she had **missed** a turn and had bumped into a stall selling **nice**, **ripe** tomatoes. Her car had caught fire with her foot **wrapped** around the **clutch**. Bill had **put** out the fire and had **pushed** the van along the **nine** mile **open** road. The girl's **name** is Miss **Pink**; she almost had a fit. **Anyway**, she is all right now, and so is he. She took him back to her house (she **lives** next to Red **Leaf** Park) and gave him some home-made **fruit loaf**.

WORD BUILDING

clutch	clutching	clutched
wrap	wrapping	wrapped
live	living	lived
any	anywhere	anyone
friend	friendly	friendliness
name	namely	namesake
mate	matey	mateship
male	maleness	
mail	mailbox	
leaf	leaflet	leafing
nine	nineteen	ninety
ripe	ripen	
nice	nicely	
open	openness	
fast	faster	fastest
news	newspaper	newsworthy
pull	pulling	pullover
push	pushing	pushed
put	putting	
fruit	fruity	fruitless

ATTENTION SEEKERS

Early Birds

Miss Tealeaf and her friend, Miss Fruitloaf, live together because they work together. They deliver leaflets wrapped up in newspapers. They pull them out of their bags and throw them, not onto the road, but onto the lawn at dawn, or they push them into mailboxes when there are no dogs or foxes. They don't mind the many fast cars or any falling stars.

SPELLING AWARENESS

1.	Harry wants to marry Miss Wolf, a womanly woman from Manly. Then he wants to carry her on his shoulders across a row of boulders to warm her by a fire until it smoulders.
2.	My friendly friend's niece lives near the local cricket field.
3.	We heard the herd near the zoo moo nearly all night.
4.	HEAD associations: Ear, hear, heard, deaf, read, learn, teach, speak, eat.
5.	She doesn't want white ants to eat her house.
6.	Add: 1+1=2 (d's) Ad: short for "advertisement" (advertise) Odd: 2 d's (Odd number of letters. That's odd!)

7.	-A words: George is a gorgeous gorilla . He was born in Africa , loves vanilla and often dances a polka with Anna the goanna when Olga the brolga plays her viola in her villa .
8.	Mary the secretary is good at keeping secrets •
9.	He was injured during his adventure .
10.	A bull ant is a giant ant .
11.	If you use your two eyes, you can see the two in aspirin .
12.	We need a building suitable for storing fruit .
13.	This famous delicacy is delicious ; precious at a price.
14.	When you use a whip , don't hit your hip .
15.	Have you got any botany books? No, I left them in the Botanical Gardens .
16.	There was a flood of blood to be seen at the scene of the accident.
17.	Tom likes to squash tomatoes with his toes to make tomato sauce for the hamburgers and the frankfurters he sells on our golf course in order to have a source of income.
18.	Tom does the same to make mashed potatoes , but he has to cook them in a pot first, of course.

BOX 10	sang	boss	sail	rose	were
	crash	skid	while	all	here
	wash	silk	time	tall	there
	what	tent	show	walk	where
	solve	very	told	your	pool
	stop	safe	rope	we	wool

1. Pamela Pang often **sang** in her car but stopped her song when she had a prang. She heard the bang, she heard the clang, then she sprang out and quickly rang the boss of the o-rang-u-tang gang who likes to hang by his fang.

2. Harry Hash didn't feel like paying cash for the take-away mash that gave him a rash, so he dashed out the door, but unfortunately had a **crash**.

3. Don't squash the soap, just have a **wash**.

4. **What's** that? A hat. Why did you buy it? Because. When will you wear it? **While** I'm working. **Where** did you buy it? **There**. Which shop? The one with the shopkeeper whose nose is red. Who are you trying to impress? Everyone **here**!

5. You have to learn to **solve** problems as early as possible.

6. After the butcher had cleaned his shop, he dropped his mop and **stopped** to eat a chop.

7. **While** Sister Floss was passing, her holy **boss** tossed more and more washing in front of her. Then he complained about the loss of the gloss on the holy **cross**.

8. The kid did a **skid** on the slippery squid.

9.	Women of that ilk drink soy milk and wear dresses of silk .
10.	The gent went out to rent a tent . I don't know how much money he spent.
11.	Every one should be very careful and never, ever be careless.
12.	The champion million dollar stallion was chomping his chaff. When he had finished, he chafed at his bit, which wasn't really safe , as it chafed his mouth.
13.	When you set sail , you may have to bail out water with a pail. If you fail, you might not go faster than a snail.
14.	Betty Butterfly's friend, Fred Freestyle, is vile. His criminal file is between one mile and the length of the Nile. It would form a pile higher than the highest roof tile. He is as bitter as bile. If he needs to smile, he uses a spile. When he dies, he'll have to wait a while before passing through St Peter's turnstile.
15.	Rhyme and Rhythm: Cline Chime and one of his brothers paid their last dime to have a full glass of lime while their other brothers stayed home to watch prime time T.V. show
16.	Late show . I know. Rainbow. Sun low. Glare and glow of distant snow. Row of traffic grows, growing slow, slower; not much faster than a lawnmower. Sowing seeds of anger. Blow out! Trow my luck. No jack. Improvise. Frow, crowbar, towbar. Blow it! Tow truck. Don't stow it. Throw it!
17.	He was told that he was too old to be bold.

18. Although the pope had the scope to convert the dope he couldn't cope when the dope began to mope and lope down the slope with a rope to end his hope.

19. Prose: Rose, who likes to pose, chose to pay through the nose for a garden hose, one of those that automatically close, before the price rose still further.

20. During the squall and the heavy rainfall, all the tall trees fell against the wall.

21. Mr. Beanstalk walked to the blackboard to get some chalk.

22. You're too late to start your journey to Sydney to buy our journal.

23. We were here and we were there. Where were we?

24. Our school has a cool swimming pool.

25. "It would be worth your while to buy your wholly or partly woollen garments at Woolworth's," said Mrs. Wolf to her four wolves. "You'll be much better off."

ATTENTION SEEKERS

What would you do?

We were all talking while walking down to the beach and into the shallow waters of the Tasman Sea to wash the sand fleas off our feet. Further out, the sailors in the tall sailers had to solve the problem of how to win a race without wind. Send your ideas to the boss of our local surf club.

STEPPING STONES

Memory Training

Pamela	solve	chafed	prime	mope
Pang	shop	safe	show	lope
prang	mop	chafed	know	rope
bang	stopped	sail	rainbow	hope
clang	chop	bail	blow	prose
sprang	Sister	pail	glow	Rose
rang	Floss	fail	snow	pose
o-rang-u-tang	passing	snail	row	chose
gang	boss	Fred	grows	nose
hang	tossed	Freestyle	slow	hose
fang	loss	vile	slower	close
Harry	gloss	file	lawnmower	rose
Hash	cross	mile	sowing	squall
cash	kid	Nile	blow out	rainfall
mash	skid	pile	trow	all
rash	squid	tile	frow	tall
dash	ilk	bile	crowbar	wall
crash	milk	smile	towbar	Mr. Beanstalk
squash	silk	spile	blow	walked
wash	gent	while	tow truck	chalk
what	rent	turnstile	told	your
why	tent	rhyme	old	journey
when	spent	and	bold	journal
while	very	rhythm	Pope	here
where	never	Clime	scope	there
which	ever	Chime	dope	where
whose	stallion	dime	cope	school
who	chaff	lime	dope	cool
				pool
	wholly	Woolworths	wolves	
worth	woollen	Mrs Wolf		

Circular Circus

At what **time** does the **show** start? At eight o'clock.
Where will the tent go? Not **here**, but over **there**.

Just then the very **tall**, **silk** show **tent** **rose** like the **sails** of a yacht, **while** the circus **boss** and all the primary school children around the circumference **sang** "Baa baa black sheep, have you any **wool**?"

We were told that it was very **safe** to walk a tightrope. However, you must not **stop** to **wash** your feet in the **pool** first; that could make you **skid** or **crash**, and wouldn't **solve** any problems.

WORD BUILDING

crash	crashing	crashed
wash	washing	washed
what	whatever	whatsoever
solve	solving	solved
stop	stopping	stopped
boss	bossy	bossed
skid	skidding	skidded
silk	silky	silken
safe	safely	safety
sail	sailing	sailed
time	timed	timely
show	showing	showed
rope	roped	ropable
rose	rosary	rosery
tall	taller	tallest
walk	walking	walked
pool	pooled	poolroom
wool	woolly	woollen

SPELLING AWARENESS

1.	-ER -IR -UR <u>-WOR</u> -EAR
	The worm works in the under world . He doesn't say a word because his cough is getting worse ; the worst it has ever been. "It wouldn't be worth your while to use him as bait, unless you wait," said the waiter to the waitress.
2.	stop → stopped → stopping shop → shopped → shopping flop → flopped → flopping top → topped → topping
3.	The boss tossed a coin to decide what gloss he would put on the cross . Then he sat down on the moss to eat a fairyfloss .
4.	Most fairies have fairly long hair ; it makes it easier to float through the air .
5.	Boats usually float , especially with a waterproof coat of paint .
6.	I thought you were thoroughly through with him; or was it only roughly so?
7.	-AL words: <i>Type 1: From adjective to adverb</i> special → especially casual → casually usual → usually natural → naturally
8.	"Easy on! Please be pleasant to the pheasant and don't tease him," said the peasant .
9.	Ants , antelopes , elephants and pheasants have no antlers .

10.	"I want you to use warm water to wash after playing squash ," said the coach to the squad of quads .
11.	Dirty coats and cloaks should be soaked in soapy water without croaking toads .
12.	<p style="text-align: center;">-ER -IR -UR -WOR <u>-EAR</u></p> <p>Last year, we heard that the learned Earl - the one who earns a living by selling Earl Grey tea - learnt to search for the best pearls on earth at an early age, because he had a strong yearning to do so and he always attended the diving rehearsals.</p>
13.	The baker sells bread, <u>but</u> the <u>butcher</u> sells meat.
14.	<p>-AR words:</p> <p><i>Type 1: Spelling Through Word Building</i></p> <p>familiar → familiarity popular → popularity similar → similarity regular → regularity</p> <p><i>Type 2: Spelling Through Association</i></p> <p>When he left school, he became a scholar, studying caterpillars creeping up pillars to which he tied his dogs with one-dollar collars. After his study, he couldn't even afford to buy sugar, so he became a beggar, and slept in an underground cellar, or underneath an old poplar.</p>
15.	Scarves and collars go around your neck.
16.	The staff gave chaff to the giraffe .
17.	No wonder he goes over yonder to ponder .

18.	"Put a cover over the oven dear," said Mrs Plover to Mr Glover .
19.	No "r": Our Maths master wants to add caster sugar and plaster , faster and faster .
20.	There was a prawn on the lawn under the awning at dawn .
21.	Take care of your car and prepare your spare .
22.	It's very difficult to convert an extrovert to an introvert ; it's like going in reverse .
23.	-AL words: <i>Type 2: Spelling Through Word Building</i> medal → medallion hospital → hospitality Aboriginal people originated in Australia. <i>Type 3: Spelling Through Association</i> At regular intervals , he pedals through the country to peddle a journal on crystals and minerals .
24.	Most creatures created on earth are too heavy to go to Heaven .

BOX 11	brush	hot	bread	cream	brass
	chair	along	brave	beach	laughter
	hanging	cliff	awake	cloud	after
	apple	swift	again	about	rafter
	rock	picnic	creek	brown	
	clock	begin	clean	class	

1. "Hush," said Miss Mushroom to her thrush when she heard the flush. She rushed downstairs to see what had happened and blushed when she saw the lush slush; too much to clean with a **brush**.

2. She liked to sit on a **chair** to comb her fair hair while enjoying a breath of fresh air.

3. The spider was banging his head against my bedspread while **hanging** by a thin thread.

4. The dappled horse grappled with a bucket full of **apples**.
(apple - two "p"s: one for the pip and one for the peel.)

5. I got a shock when I saw that it was twelve o'**clock**; too late to go to Ayer's **Rock**.

6. It didn't matter whether the weather was **hot** or not; he lived in a cool spot.

7. Come **along** to our sing-song.

8. She likes to play riffs on the **cliffs** while she sniffs.

9. Mr. **Swift** has the gift of lifting himself above the snowdrift.

10. This picnicker swallowed a tic when he was picnicking during a **picnic**.

11.	Many people who begin their lives in Berlin are akin. Some are even twins with the same colour skin and a grin on their chin.
12.	He ate a whole loaf of bread with lemonsread for breakfast.
13.	The brave slave staved off a tidal wave.
14.	He made the mistake of keeping the enemy awake .
15.	It's going to rain again in Spain.
16.	Last week, the sleek, cheeky Greek fell into the creek .
17.	Jean is as lean as a stringbean. She always wears clean jeans.
18.	I often dream of eating peaches and cream in the middle of a gleaming stream.
19.	If you stay too long at the beach , your hair will bleach.
20.	The stars were hidden behind a shroud of clouds .
21.	He was about to go out when he heard someone shout, "Remember to buy beansprout and trout!"
22.	Mrs Brown went to town to see the famous clown.
23.	A boy in my class swallowed his brass bus pass.
24.	When everybody laughs, there is laughter .
25.	"See you after ," yelled the crafty boy when he climbed up the rafter .

STEPPING STONES

Memory Training

hush	o'clock	grin	bleach	Mrs Brown
Miss	Ayers	chin	week	town
Mushroom	Rock	loaf	sleek	clown
thrush	along	of	cheeky	the
flush	singsong	bread	Greek	stars
rushed	riffs	lemonspread	creek	shroud
blushed	cliffs	breakfast	dream	clouds
lush	sniffs	chair	peaches	class
slush	Mr Swift	fair	and	bus
brush	gift	hair	cream	pass
the	lift	air	stream	after
spider	snowdrift	brave	gleaming	crafty
banging	picnicker	slave	Jean	rafter
head	picnicking	staved	lean	whether
bedspread	tic	off	bean	weather
hanging	picnic	tidal	clean	hot
thread	many	wave	jeans	or
dappled	people	mistake	about	not
grappled	begin	awake	out	spot
apples	Berlin	raining	shout	
grappling	akin	again	sprouts	
shock	twins	beach	trout	

ATTENTION SEEKERS

Too much to eat

This year, our teacher, Miss Cleanbeach, took our class again to the top of Ayers Rock to have a picnic at one o'clock. She gave the picnickers a loaf of brown bread, an apple, and a peach each. After picnicking for four hours, she had not only eaten hers, but also ours! When she stood up, she was so stuffed and stiff that she fell off the cliff, because her cream-coloured hair got caught in her folding chair.

WORD BUILDING		
brush	brushing	brushed
chair	chairman	chairperson
rock	rocking	rocked
clock	clockwork	clocked
hot	hotter	hottest
along	alongside	
swift	swiftly	swifter
picnic	picnicker	picnicking
begin	beginning	beginnings
brave	braver	bravest
awake	awakened	awakening
clean	cleaning	cleaned
cream	creamy	creamier
beach	beachgirl	beachtowel
cloud	cloudy	cloudier
brown	brownish	browned
class	classroom	classy
brass	brassy	brassband

Class Picnic at Hanging Rock.

Good Friday. Ralph Rafter and a few other **brave** boys of **about** the same age want to go to the top of a **cliff** called Olimbos. They leave the other children behind, guzzling their slices of fresh **brown bread** with **apple** jam and fresh **cream** as they go. The air is filled with laughter. It is getting **hot**. At a fork in the path, they take the left track, winding their way up all the time, going **along** one **after** another. Deep down, the **creek** snakes to the **beach**. The bottle brush bushes **begin** to **brush** against the children **again** and again as if to **clean** them before falling asleep; it seems hard to stay **awake**. They reach the top and sit down in **chairs** cut into the **rock**, next to a brass **clock** without hands. Then the **clouds** move in, **swiftly**. When they have gone, the clock and the children have gone too.

SPELLING AWARENESS

1.	<p>Identifying the muttering sonant (vowel) through word building:</p> <p>accident → accidental → accidentally regular → regularity → regulation family → familiar → familiarity: He is a familiar liar.</p>
2.	<p>Looking for clues - change the prefix: accident incident</p>
3.	<p>Mrs Trump was overweight because she ate eight kilos of rump steak. Since her height didn't change, she looked like a plump lump, and thus rather strange.</p>
4.	<p>Mice are not nice when they eat our rice once or twice.</p>
5.	<p>Al is almost always ill. He has already been absent for ten months. He won't be all right until the end of the year, so he won't get his Christmas present.</p>
6.	<p>Looking for clues: Become a Spelling Detective: People will help you spell "folk", whereas "folk" will help you spell "people". This popular folk concert is known and renown for its popularity.</p>
7.	<p>The oaf was too stupid to feed the loaf to the coal-black foal in Shoalhaven.</p>
8.	<p>What is your favourite colour, your favourite odour, your favourite flavour and your favourite savoury?</p>
9.	<p>-US for nouns and -OUS for adjectives: A malicious octopus wanted to catch a delicious looking platypus, but when she saw the monstrous looking hippopotamus, she obviously felt ridiculous.</p>

10.	The swallow swallowed mosquitoes hovering above a swamp unfit for growing tomatoes or potatoes.
11.	-ON words: The falcon sat on a cotton cushion next to a person and his son drinking fruit juice made from melon and lemon while watching Wimbledon.
12.	Silent "b" :The dumb plumber hurt his thumb when he tried to make a petrol bomb. Since it is numb, he can't comb his hair, climb a ladder, tie his lamb to the doorjamb, or fumble with his thimble.
13.	He ran out of breath when he did the breaststroke because his heartbeat is irregular.
14.	Weak teapots break easily.
15.	Silent "t" : While the chestnut-coloured wrestler was wrestling with his trestle - as he often does to finish off his sandcastle - he was listening to a high-pitched whistle. When he hastened outside among the hustle and bustle, he saw a man selling thistles.
16.	-LE words through association: My uncle is not married; he is single because he has too many pimples and freckles. He studies Botany. He often goes to the middle of the jungle wearing goggles and carrying a little jar of treacle to catch mosquitoes. It's a miracle that he can overcome so many obstacles.
17.	Once a month on Monday, my mother, my brother and some other mothers go to market to buy onions, sponges, shovels and gloves. Note: spelling through word building: shovel → shovelling

BOX 12	stomach	drink	going	sharp	dirty
	lunch	never	found	grass	shoes
	front	afraid	mouse	flask	doing
	happy	queen	call	heart	through
	cross	night	short	first	
	quick	stroll	horse	shirt	

1. Tom ate too much spinach, now he has a stomach ache.

2. I have a hunch that the bunch of you want a crunchy bun to munch on for brunch, and warm punch for lunch.

3. Ron hit the other car front on.

4. Please change his nappy, but make it snappy, for only then will he be happy.

5. My bossy boss is cross, when he tossed the coin he lost.

6. Carol Quickstick has a thick chick that picks so fast that it is always sick.

7. When you're thirsty, you need a drink.

8. Don't ever say never.

9. I was afraid during the air raid.

10. The beauty queen had lunch in the canteen between one and one-fifteen.

11. Where is he going? He's gone. He left last night on an overseas flight; soon he was out of sight.

12. The droll troll rolled down the knoll, paid his toll and took a stroll to the Dead Sea where he found a scroll.

13.	Auction: going, going, gone.
14.	The boat was homebound. When the skipper wound up his reel to catch an eel, he found that his boat had already run aground.
15.	The spouse chased the mouse out of the house.
16.	Tall Mrs. McCall runs a small fruit stall against the wall of the hall.
17.	Although she is a bit short , she is a good sort and a good sport. However, sometimes she drinks too much port.
18.	Our horse nibbles our flowering gorse without remorse.
19.	Mrs Sharp likes to catch carp or play her harp under a tarp on the scarp.
20.	The brass band was playing on the grass in the heart of Arnhem Land.
21.	It's difficult to ask for a flask or a cask while wearing a gas mask.
22.	I can hear my heartbeat .
23.	First the girls washed their dirty shirts and skirts; then they quenched their thirst.
24.	One of <u>Joe's</u> <u>does</u> stood on one of his <u>toes</u> , so now he wears <u>shoes</u> when he <u>goes</u> out to feed her his leftover <u>tomatoes</u> and <u>potatoes</u> . It <u>does</u> help.
25.	I don't really want to do it; I'm doing it nevertheless.
26.	Although he thought he was rough , he's going through tough times.

STEPPING STONES

Memory Training

hunch	thick	troll	sport	grass
bunch	chick	rolled	port	first
crunchy	picks	knoll	tall	girls
munch	sick	toll	Mrs McCall	dirty
brunch	ever	stroll	small	shirts
punch	never	scroll	stall	skirts
lunch	afraid	homebound	wall	thirst
Ron	air	wound	hall	do
front	raid	reel	Mrs Sharp	doing
on	queen	eel	carp	nevertheless
nappy	canteen	found	harp	Joe's
snappy	between	aground	tarp	does
happy	one-fifteen	spouse	scarp	toes
bossy	going	mouse	ask	shoes
boss	gone	house	flask	goes
cross	night	horse	cask	tomatoes
tossed	flight	gorse		potatoes
lost	right	remorse	mask	
Carol	sight	short	brass	
Quickstick	droll	sort	band	

WORD BUILDING		
stomach	stomachache	
lunch	luncheon	lunchroom
front	frontal	frontage
happy	happier	happiest
cross	crossly	crossing
quick	quickly	quicker
drink	drinker	drinking
night	nightly	nightfall
stroll	strolling	strolled
found	foundling	founder
call	calling	called
short	shorter	shortest
horse	horseback	horsetail
sharp	sharper	sharpest
grass	grassy	grasshopper
heart	heartbeat	heartbreak
first	firstly	first-rate
dirty	dirtier	dirtiest
through	throughout	throughput

ATTENTION SEEKERS

The Four-Legged Lawnmower

Our neighbour Chris **Crossquick** sleeps during the day and sits in front of his house at **night**, without **shoes**, dressed in a **dirty shirt**, and drinking cold tea out of an old **thermos flask** while his **mouse - coloured horse strolls** our way to eat the **grass**. At **first**, Chris would call him back, afraid our dog **would** chase him down the track, but now he lets him stay till **dawn** so that he can ask us to pay him for mowing our **lawn**.

SPELLING AWARENESS

1.	The greedy duck stuck out its long black neck with one white speck, and then gave the bowl a knock to eat faster than the tick of the clock.
2.	A member of our staff ate too much chaff. Since she was in a huff, she tripped over the stuff and fell off the cliff. She was scared stiff.
3.	Mrs. Fusspot became grossly overweight owing to the class of food she ate, so she went to Best and Less to buy a bigger dress.
4.	To err is to make an error. Purple cats don't purr. This sharp burr will hurt you. Crickets chirr; they don't shirr skirts.
5.	No dull moment for Bill: he's full of energy and skill. He either kicks a soccer ball against the wall or rings the church bell in the dell. He never lolls like a doll.
6.	No frills- one "l": This school doesn't compel them to enrol until they excel in health; otherwise their welfare would be altogether at risk.
7.	He left the hotel. Since he had already booked into a motel, he went to the local skatel.
8.	It's awful to be wasteful. It's wonderful to be beautiful, powerful, successful. It's useful to be careful, grateful and hopeful.
9.	Gus took us, plus his wife, in his busy bus; thus we had a good day.
10.	Looking for spelling clues: local → locally → locality zero●-n●othing-n●one-●one-twice-twelve-twenty

11.	No "r" when you can pronounce it the American way. Although he is fast, he came last at half past.	
12.	Since the prince didn't like your quince, he went to the butcher's to buy mince.	
13.	Your four hours are up, now it's our turn.	
14.	When our neighbour's son turned eight, they measured his height and weight.	
15.	The urchin left his brother in the lurch. When he felt guilty, he hurried to church.	
16.	We are in the area.	Yesterday we were not.
17.	"However" is not quite the same as "whoever".	
18.	This supper is super.	
19.	A weal that heals quickly is healthy.	
20.	In his haste, he wasted toothpaste on his waist.	
21.	The waitress had a thin waist.	

No Luck

After a good night's sleep, the Beauty Queen went riding on her shining beast. Her horse was doing well, so they came first; that had never happened before. Her shirt was dirty. She put a clean one on, as well as a pair of shorts and sandshoes, before going back outside to have a drink and a sandwich on the grass in front of the palace. You could tell that she was happy. She took a sip of orange juice from her silver thermos flask and opened her golden lunchbox to... "Help!" she called out. A little grey mouse with sharp front teeth quickly crossed her hand. The horse, busy filling his stomach, was suddenly afraid something had gone wrong. He strolled down the path after his bath and found that the Queen had fainted. He thought that she'd had a heart attack. He jumped through the electric fence to get the Beauty King.

BOX 13	stand	smell	today	storey	full
	as	men	prayer	small	tune
	there	spend	player	car	cure
	their	trendy	these	care	sure
	got	friend	sweet	far	endure
	shot	yet	smoke	fare	
	plot	play	those	girl	
	thick	snake	shout	skirt	
	bill	train	or	shirt	
	think	wave	story	flirt	
	Mr	table	glory	blue	

1. Bill Brand did a handstand in the sand.

2. He has as much as she has.

3. They lost their heirloom. Where? Over there.

4. Their weird cousin jumped over the weir

5. My horse likes to trot in a shady spot. However, last week she got footrot.

6. - You are not a good shot.
- Thanks a lot!

7. When it got too hot, Scot lost the plot.

8. Rick the bricklayer is sick. He was hit by a thick stick when he played cricket in the thicket.

9. Bill bought a new drill to install his new grill in his windmill on the hill.

10. Brian Brink didn't want his wife's head to shrink. That's why he poured that strange pink drink down the sink, I think.

11.	Do you know Mr. and Mrs. Elbow ? They got lost in the snow.
12.	You know very well that I like the smell of a seashell.
13.	Ten men and ten women bought ten hens and put them in a pen .
14.	The trendy vendor wanted me to spend a lot of money.
15.	The local priest is a friend of the police chief's niece, I believe.
16.	Did you get wet? No, not yet .
17.	Today is the tenth of May. It's my birthday. I hope the rain will stay away so I can play .
18.	This carpet snake catches hake in the lake.
19.	He waited in vain for the train from Spain, because it had derailed again in the rain.
20.	The tidal wave reached the nave of the cave.
21.	The able constable jumped over the table in the stable and then grabbed the cable hanging from the gable while reading his favourite fable.
22.	Fay is going to Bombay today to buy hairspray.
23.	To pray is to say a prayer .
24.	The soccer player went to the soothsayer to ask whether he should stop or be a stayer.

25. "Do you want one of **these**," asked the Maltese.

26. Sugar beet is **sweet**.

27. When she woke, the **smoke** made her choke.
Fortunately, she didn't have a stroke, though she slurred when she spoke.

28. What sort of hose? One of **those** that automatically close.

29. When the scout started to **shout**, he accidentally ended the drought.

30. This message is neither for you nor for me, or am I mistaken?

31. After reading the gory **story**, he finished his glamour and his **glory** by jumping off the top **storey**.

32. Mr **Small** lives behind the tall wall of the mall.

33. She didn't go far, because she drove her **car** onto a sandbar at Malabar.

34. You can't take **care** of your car when you stare at a star.

35. How **far** is that star?

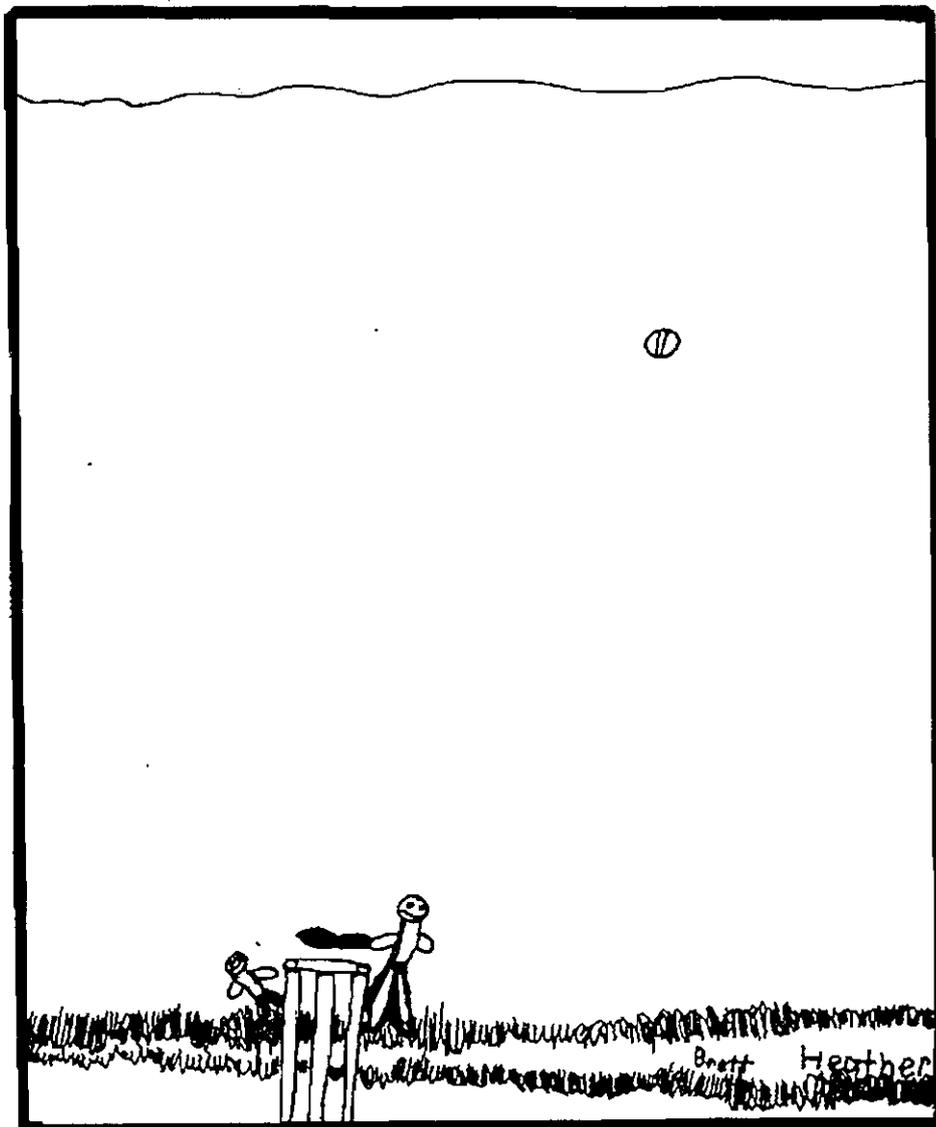
35. If you don't pay the **fare**, you won't get far.

36. Little **girls** whirl and twirl, big girls **flirt**.

37. When you cut a toga in half, you have a **shirt** and a **skirt**.

38. Have you got any **clue** why Sue uses **blue** glue?

39.	"The bull is too full to pull or push the cart, so you'd better put him away in the manger, stranger," said the bushranger.
40.	When she sings, June is never in tune.
41.	The doctor was not sure how to cure this obscure illness.
42.	I'm not so sure whether I can endure that obscure cure.
43.	She's looking after the cooking. After putting the potatoes and the other vegetables in the cooker, she likes to play snooker.



STEPPING STONES

Memory Training

Bill	know	today	wave	far
Brand	Mr. and	May	nave	car
handstand	Mrs.Elbow	birthday	cave	sandbar
sand	their	stay	sugarbeet	Malabar
has	heirloom	away	sweet	little
as	where	play	one	girls
as	there	able	of	whirl
has	very	constable	these	twirl
trot	well	table	Maltese	girls
spot	smell	stable	woke	flirt
got	seashell	cable	smoke	cut
footrot	ten	gable	choke	toga
bricklayer	men	fable	stroke	half
sick	ten	Sir Francis	spoke	shirt
stick	women	Drake	hose	skirt
cricket	ten	take-away	those	clue
thicket	hens	milkshake	close	glue
Bill	them	cornflake	stout	blue
drill	pen	awake	lout	Sue
grill	trendy	waited	shout	doctor
windmill	vendor	in	neither	sure
hill	spend	vain	nor	cure
Brian	coffee	train	or	obscure
Brink	blend	Spain	gory	looking
shrink	get	derailed	story	cooking
pink	wet	again	glory	potatoes
drink	not	rain	top	vegetables
sink	yet	tidal	storey	cooker
				snooker
	pull	manger	sings	tune
bull	push	stranger	June	
full	put	bushranger	in	

Under The Bonnet
(a true **story**, or near enough)

Today, those small Barkly Tableland girl guides in their trendy blue shirts and skirts will spend a day in the country, having made their booking and paid their fare months before. The steam train is half full of these flirty sweet giggling girls, singing pop tunes or shouting and waving to friends. They are very excited as they are used to being cramped in a multi-storey building in their home town. Apart from guide meetings, about their only recreation is snooker, which they play every day. The best player is the one singing loudest now.

The whistle! There is a shot of thick smelly smoke.

Suddenly, as the train passes through Pine Creek, the driver, Mr Bill Steam, is sure he sees a car, not far, parked right in the middle of the railway-track, bonnet up! Thinking quickly and saying a quick prayer, Bill slams on the brakes. The train stops just in time. The train lets off steam, and the men let off steam too, yet the girl guides giggle. All pile out of the train to look.

Standing at his car, scratching his head, is Jack Schooner. "Who would care to come and see what I've got!", he says. Looking under the bonnet, the girls scream with fright. A wall-to-wall carpet snake, was curled around the engine, in all its glory. That cured their giggles! It was almost too much to endure. But it gave them a story with a good plot to tell when they got home.

WORD BUILDING

stand	standing	standard
there	therefore	therein
got	gotten	
shot	shotput	
plot	plotting	plotted
thick	thicken	thickened
bill	billing	billed
think	thinking	thinker
smell	smelly	smellier
men	menfolk	
spend	spending	spender
trendy	trendier	
friend	friendship	friendly
play	playing	played
train	trainer	training
wave	waving	waved
table	tableland	tablecloth
sweet	sweeter	sweetest
smoke	smoky	smokier
shout	shouting	shouted
story	storytime	storybook
glory	glorify	
small	smaller	smallest
car	cart	carriage
care	careful	carefully
far	farther	
girl	girlfriend	girlish
flirt	flirting	flirted
blue	bluish	bluebird
full	fuller	fullest
tune	tuneful	tuner
sure	surely	
endure	enduring	endurance

ATTENTION SEEKERS

Thin and Thick

Here are these smelly girls again when it doesn't rain; those that choose to empty their mother's perfume bottle in one go. There are eight of them: four thin ones and four thick ones. I don't know where they come from. They always sit around the small table outside the milkbar, flirting with boys buying cheese burgers. I hope something will cure their giggles and their wriggles.

SPELLING AWARENESS

1. When you have a blood test, the needle goes either in the left or the right vein.
2. This winter, I didn't catch the flu because I bought a wood stove with a long flue.
3. Our neighbour has a good sense of humour. With two weeks hard labour, he thinks he can empty our harbour.
4. When the poor man opened the door to the old shack on the moor, the roof fell down on the floor.
5. Law of the jungle: I saw the draw of the paw. I saw the claw, the jaw, the maw, the raw flesh. The last straw. Awful.
6. I'll pour your tea at four.
7. I heard the waves roar like a boar. I saw them soar. Then I lost my oar.
8. It's not easy to catch the flea that makes you itch, but it's easier than catching a train while playing hopscotch.
9. Tom had a stomach ache; he ate too much spinach.
10. Headache: Ouch! Don't touch. I'd better lie on the couch.

11.	Mr Shore from the hardware store doesn't snore anymore as he did before.
12.	My son learnt his lesson, so now his troubles will lessen.
13.	The sun goes under.
14.	"My son is a very good boy as long as you don't smother him," said his mother to her brother.
15.	A week has seven days.
16.	The bough fell down onto the plough bogged down in the slough. Then, nothing was heard but the sough of the wind through the willows near the windows of the widows.
17.	I'm going to buy a new glass eye. I'll be back by five. Goodbye.
18.	They say that birds of prey have grey eyes.
19.	They don't make cars with a fake handbrake; they would break down in the middle of town.
20.	1 book → 2 books 1 house → 2 houses
21.	If you would and you could, you should, but if you wouldn't and you couldn't, you shouldn't.
22.	This man is an evil devil with large nostrils, tonsils and pupils.
23.	It's easy to eat a pear; much easier than removing a tic from the ear of a bear.
24.	A man is not always taller than a woman.
25.	Knock, knock. Who's there? Rick. To whom do you want to talk? Your brother. Which one? The white one. What do you want? To ask him something. Why? Because. When do you want to ask him? Now. He's not here. Where is he? I don't know. O.K., I'll wait a while.

BOX 14	budge	family	beg	been	water
	huff	trick	well	priest	garden
	truck	fill	sent	white	farmer
	dull	dinner	fresh	beside	church
	bucket	kitten	anyone	inside	would
	coming	Mrs	letter	flower	could
	butter	shed	forget	around	should
	air	read	read	corner	wouldn't

1. The defendant didn't **budge** because he had a grudge against the judge who had eaten his fudge.

2. Mrs Bluff was all in a **huff** when she saw the scruffy man with a handcuff.

3. The buck jumped out of the **truck** when lightning struck,

4. I've got a **dull** pain in my skull.

5. This duck lays her eggs in the buck's feed **bucket** to make ducklings.

6. Santa is **coming**.

7. When the baby bird started to flutter, it fell from its nest in the gutter, past the shutter, and into a tub of **butter**.

8. The diver was in despair because he was running out of **air**.

9. This **family** pays money to combat famine.

10. Rick has a new **trick**. He can pick up a brick with a stick.

11. Bill has the skill of **filling** his till by selling a magic pill against catching a chill.

12.	Mrs Skinner is getting thinner and thinner because she won't eat any dinner until she has backed a winner.
13.	My kitten was bitten by a snake hiding in my mitten.
14.	When Mrs Bishop misses the bus, she can't go to the shop.
15.	Ted wants to wed in the shed in which the horses are usually fed.
16.	I read that white bread is not so good for your health, and that it is better to eat brown bread instead.
17.	"I beg your pardon!" said Greg when he rolled the keg against my leg.
18.	Although he can spell, I can tell you that his stories don't sell very well .
19.	The dentist sent his son to the landlord to pay the rent. However, the boy went out and spent the money on a tent.
20.	Malcom Mesh likes to thresh his stalks of fresh corn with a thresher.
21.	Can anyone tell me how many people are needed to change a lightbulb?
22.	The vet sent him a letter to say that his Irish setter won't get any better while the weather gets wetter and wetter.
23.	I always forget how many people there are in a quartet.
24.	It's easy to learn to read if you have a good teacher.
25.	He has always been keen to see the Queen, in the flesh or on the screen.

26.	This priest believes in God, but his niece doesn't.
27.	William White is quite capable of flying a kite from his building site.
28.	He was about to decide whether to put his bride inside, or outside beside the guide of the honeymoon ride.
29.	Excuse me, young scout. Your uniform is inside out!
30.	Betty Bower grows flowers during heavy showers.
31.	The people standing around were profoundly astounded when the police surrounded the house to impound the stolen greyhound.
32.	This morning, the hornet made a nest in the corner .
33.	The bottler sells hot water bottles as well as hot rod throttles.
34.	The gardener wants to harden the trees in his garden .
35.	Phil Farmer is a charming charmer; he sells garments to the women in the Salvation Army.
36.	Don't purchase a church on Sunday, sir. There will surely be a surcharge.
37.	It would be good if you could make a kennel out of plywood.
38.	You should 'nt carry that heavy boulder on your shoulder; At least, I wouldn 't.

STEPPING STONES

Memory Training

defendant	trick	horses	upset	building
budge	pick	fed	forget	site
grudge	brick	read	quartet	Miss
judge	stick	white	vet	Bowers
fudge	Bill	bread	letter	flowers
Mrs. Bluff	skill	health	setter	showers
huff	fill	eat	better	people
scruffy	till	brown	wetter	around
handcuff	pill	bread	wetter	profoundly
buck	chill	instead	flowers	astounded
truck	excuse me	beg	showers	surrounded
lightning	scout	Greg	been	impound
struck	inside out	leg	keen	hound
duck	Mrs Skinner	although	queen	morning
bucket	thinner	spell	flesh	hornet
ducklings	thinner	tell	screen	corner
dull	dinner	sell	priest	bottler
skull	winner	well	God	bottles
coming	Kitten	dentist	niece	throttles
baby	bitten	sent	decide	gardener
bird	snake	rent	bride	harden
flutter	mitten	went	inside	garden
gutter	diver	spent	outside	Phil
shutter	despair	tent	beside	Farmer
butter	air	can	guide	charming
family	Ted	anyone	ride	charmer
famine	wed	many	Mr White	garments
Rick	shed	change	kite	army
purchase	Sunday	surcharge	could	plywood
church	surely	would	kennel	

The Beggar and the Boring Priest

On Sunday, **Farmer** Anderson and **Mrs** Anderson and their **family** hopped in their **white truck** to go to the **Church** around the **corner**. It didn't start at once, of course - there was a **trick** to that truck.

Inside the church, the **priest**, all in a **huff**, was **reading** from a long **newsletter**. He hadn't **been well** lately, and **would** often **forget** his place. His black **kitten** sat **beside** him purring and didn't **budge**. The hot, **dull air** was filled with ten cents worth of incense. A fly buzzed. The people yawned. Was **anyone** listening?

Suddenly, a **beggar** burst into the church. He had been living in the **garden shed**, though he **shouldn't**, but was holding a bunch of **flowers** in a **bucket** of **water** for the sick priest. The priest **sent** everyone home early, and took the beggar home for a **dinner** of **fresh** bread and **butter**, and told him he **should** eat his **fill**. **Wouldn't** you know it? The beggar has been **coming** to Church every week since.

WORD BUILDING

budge	budges	budget
truck	trucker	trucking
butter	buttery	buttercup
air	aircraft	airport
trick	tricky	trickier
fill	filling	filled
read	reading	reader
beg	beggar	begging
well	wellbeing	wellspring
sent	sentence	sentimental
letter	lettered	letterhead
forget	forget-me-not	forgetful
white	whiten	whitish
corner	cornerstone	cornerwise
water	waterfall	watercolour

ATTENTION SEEKERS

In Touch With God

The local priest, Father **Waterwell**, was coming up the **church** path reading his bible. He was enjoying the fresh **air** and the smell of **flowers** while enjoying his **fudge** and moving the small, moss-covered **boulder** in front of the gate. Even the **white kitten** on his right **shoulder** didn't **budge**. No one **would** know his **special trick**, but anyone could see that he wasn't in a **huff** as **usual**.

SPELLING AWARENESS

1.	-ANT, -ANCE words: usually indicates action . A defendant is defending himself.
2.	On his way to the plain in Spain, he put too much strain on his bike chain. Since he sprained his ankle, he was in so much pain, that he caught the train.
3.	His legs and his feet formed the wrong angles when he sprained his ankles. The failure to quickly operate still rankles.
4.	"Come home to do some sums," said Yum-Yum's mum.
5.	Her family always runs out of money. That sounds familiar, honey. (drop the "y" and put an "i"; family → familiar → familiarity)
6.	"This fat cat can't even catch the mouse in our house," laughed the spouse.
7.	Excuse me if I have abused or accused you. It's no use blowing your fuse.
8.	The fair-haired fairy was in despair because her husband, the Minister for Foreign Fairy Affairs, didn't want to repair her broken chair, which was a bit unfair.
9.	While the regal Queen shortened the reins during her Reign of Terror, she let her reindeer and her eight neighing horses run free on her neighbours' golfcourses.
10.	January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.
11.	February: 2nd month, 8 letters - if you put them together, 28 days, which is 4 weeks of 7 days, a perfect month (from full moon to full moon).
12.	The moon causes the tides, besides giving us light at night.

13.	Originally, September, October, November and December were the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th month respectively. July (after Julius Caesar) and August (after Emperor Augustus) were inserted afterwards.
14.	<p>-OR words:</p> <p><i>Type 1: after -CT</i> doctor, conductor, tractor, protractor, sector, vector, victor, factor, factory.</p> <p><i>Type 2</i> Emperors are usually warriors and conquerors without sponsors.</p> <p><i>Type 3: the French Connection</i> The operator operated the transistor of a visitor who was a solicitor for an impostor who wanted to be a navigator. His aim was to chase an alligator which created too much horror when it got stuck in the motor of his refrigerator and which he didn't want to see alive in his bedroom later.</p> <p><i>Type 4: -OR is audible</i> A vendor in San Salvador sold his bull to a picador, a toreador and a matador who wanted to fight it during a corrida in their corridor.</p>
15.	My friend's nice niece gave him a huge piece of pie to keep the peace.
16.	Although Pablo the constable is capable, he was unable to ably imitate Clark Gable.
17.	"I want to buy this building," said the builder.
18.	You can't measure a large building site when you have bad eyesight.
19.	This firewood is too heavy to heave and weave your way through the forest, so either leave it or cleave it.

BOX 15		sulk	pulse	glum	stun	blunt
blush	fuss	just	cut	summer	something	brother
another	can	sat	long	spring	chicken	window
winter	sister	pretty	anything	yesterday	myself	
lay	feet	street	police	cold	without	morning
because	cause	look	should	noon	afternoon	very
soon						

1. When he **sulks**, he likes to skulk behind the bulkhead of the hulk.

2. My first impulse was to say that Pulsars pulsate with a steady **pulse**.

3. Simon Scrum looked **glum** because he lost his chewing gum while he tried to strum his guitar for his mum.

4. The **stunning**, but cunning nun spun around in the air before becoming earthbound.

5. Don't grunt when your pencil is **blunt**; sharpen it!

6. Don't rush, it will make you **blush**.

7. Fergus Fusspot is very **fussy**. He potters around and he fusses; he even dusts the trusses.

8. The cleaner was **just** about to dust the bust when he saw the crust of rust.

9. It's very difficult to **cut** butternut with your eyes shut.

10. Paul and Saul like to do somersaults over a vaulting horse in **summer**.

11. "Sometimes" and "something" are somewhat vague words.

12. His mother's brother and another mother's brother don't talk to each other, so don't bother to invite them to your party.

13. A man with a pan of bran and his Nan from the same clan with a can bigger than the pan, ran behind the tan van.

14. The bat spat at the fat cat that sat on the flat mat, eating a sprat instead of catching the rat, the brat.

15. I knew all along that he would sing the wrong song.

16. I like to go to Alice Springs in Spring and play my fiddle with only one string.

17. "Panic-stricken chickens will quicken but not thicken," said Charles Dickens.

18. The old widow slowly lowered the window because it was too windy for her pet sparrow.

19. The inter-city train doesn't operate in Winter. Since the printer had no car, he became a sprinter. One day, however, he tripped over a splinter.

20. My sister has a blister, Mister.

21. She might be pretty, but I don't like her pettiness with the petty cash.

22. "Anything else, sir?" "No, that's all thanks."

23. Yesterday, a western tester wanted to pester the jester of King Fester and test whether he could catch a Western protester with his south-wester.

24. "I'll make the shelf **myself**," said the elf.

25. "My chickens always **lay** their eggs in my haystack," said Jack Paypack. However, one day in May, the chickens went astray; that's why his girlfriend Fay Stingray found the eggs between her hairspray and her ashtray, so she used them in her entrée.

26. Sam Sweet got cold feet when he walked through the sleet in our street.

27. He always **slides** with his two feet in the sleet in Fleet **Street** before we meet.

28. It's safer to be polite to a **police** officer.

29. Since his goldfish tank got older and older, the soldier tried to mend it with **cold** solder.

30. Is there any food left? I'm about to starve. Throughout the day, I've gone **without**.

31. I would like to borrow some of your porridge tomorrow **morning**.

32. It's quite plausible that there was a pause **because** of the applause.

33. What's the **cause** of all that applause?

34. She wanted to grill the snook, so she took a **look** in her cookbook.

35. If you **could**, you should, but if you couldn't, you shouldn't.

36. **Very soon**, this afternoon we hope to see the eclipse of the moon.

STEPPING STONES

Memory Training

sulks	fussy	man	fiddle	western
skulk	pottery	pan	string	tester
bulkhead	fusses	bran	panic-	pester
hulk	trusses	Nan	stricken	jester
impulse	just	clan	chickens	Fester
Pulsars	dust	can	quicken	western
pulsate	bust	pan	thicken	protester
pulse	crust	ran	Dickens	south- wester
Simon	rust	tan	widow	shelf
Scrum	cut	van	slowly	myself
glum	butternut	bat	lowered	elf
gum	shut	spat	window	lay
strum	Paul	fat	windy	haystack
mum	Saul	cat	sparrow	Jack
stunning	sommersault	sat	train	Paypack
cunning	vaulting	flat	Winter	day
nun	horse	mat	printer	May
spun	sometimes	sprat	sprinter	astray
around	something	rat	splinter	Fay
earthbound	somewhat	brat	sister	Stingray
grunt	mother's	all	blister	hairspray
pencil	brother	along	mister	ashtray
blunt	another	sing	pretty	entrée
sharpen	mother's	wrong	pettiness	Sam
rush	brother	song	petty	Sweet
blush	each	Alice	anything	feet
Fergus	other	Springs	else	sleet
Fusspot	bother	Spring	yesterday	street

feet	older	without	applause	couldn't
sleet	older	borrow	cause	shouldn't
Fleet	soldier	porridge	applause	afternoon
Street	cold	tomorrow	snook	eclipse
meet	solder	morning	took	moon
polite	any	plausible	look	
police	food	pause	cookbook	
officer	about to	because	could	
goldfish	throughout	of	should	

Blunt Pencil (from Frank's diary). Yesterday morning, my brother and sister and I sat looking out the window, waiting for something to happen, because there wasn't anything else to do. Spring and summer had long gone; it was another winter's day without sun. In the afternoon, very soon after noon in fact, something happened. Dad was trying to do a u-turn in a long horsefloat. Now our dad's a pretty good driver, but just then, a stunning policewoman came down the street. Dad blinked and ...crash! he slammed into a tree. Dad sat glum as the tree. He had cut himself but he didn't sulk or make a fuss. The policewoman came over and checked his pulse and Dad blushed! But then - can you believe it? - she got out her book. I myself didn't think she should lay charges, as she was the cause of the accident. In the end she said her pencil was blunt! But I think she got cold feet and chickened out, don't you?

WORD BUILDING

sulk	sulked	sulking
pulse	pulsate	pulsated
glum	glumly	glumness
stun	stunning	stunned
blush	blushing	blushed
fuss	fussing	fussed
just	justice	justify
cut	cutting	cutter
Summer	summery	summertime
long	longing	longed
Spring	springy	springtime
chicken	chickenpox	
sister	sisterly	
pretty	prettier	
lay	laying	layer
police	policeman	policewoman
cold	colder	coldest
cause	causing	caused
look	looking	looked



ATTENTION SEEKERS

Vandalism Doesn't Pay. Yesterday afternoon, my brother and another boy smashed the **window** of an old **shack** behind the local inn; something they **shouldn't** have done, but they did it in one **second**, **because** they had **nothing** else to do. **Although** the **pretty** policewoman didn't make a **fuss**, their **pulse** quickened. "You'll have to replace the **window**," she said, and left.

SPELLING AWARENESS

1. -AL -EL -LE -IL -OL | **Word**

building satisfies curiosity: fiddle → fiddler .
saddle → saddlery . The fiddler played his fiddle on a waterproof roof to rehearse for a political spoof. When he heard "Woof!" he jumped off the waterproof roof, but unfortunately landed under a horse's hoof, the goof!

2. trip → tripped → tripping. ship → shipped
→ shipping. clip → clipped → clipping. whip →
whipped → whipping .

3. Awareness of silent "e" through word building:
pulse → pulses . eclipse → eclipses . house
→ houses . lapse → time lapses. horse → horses .
ellipse → ellipses .

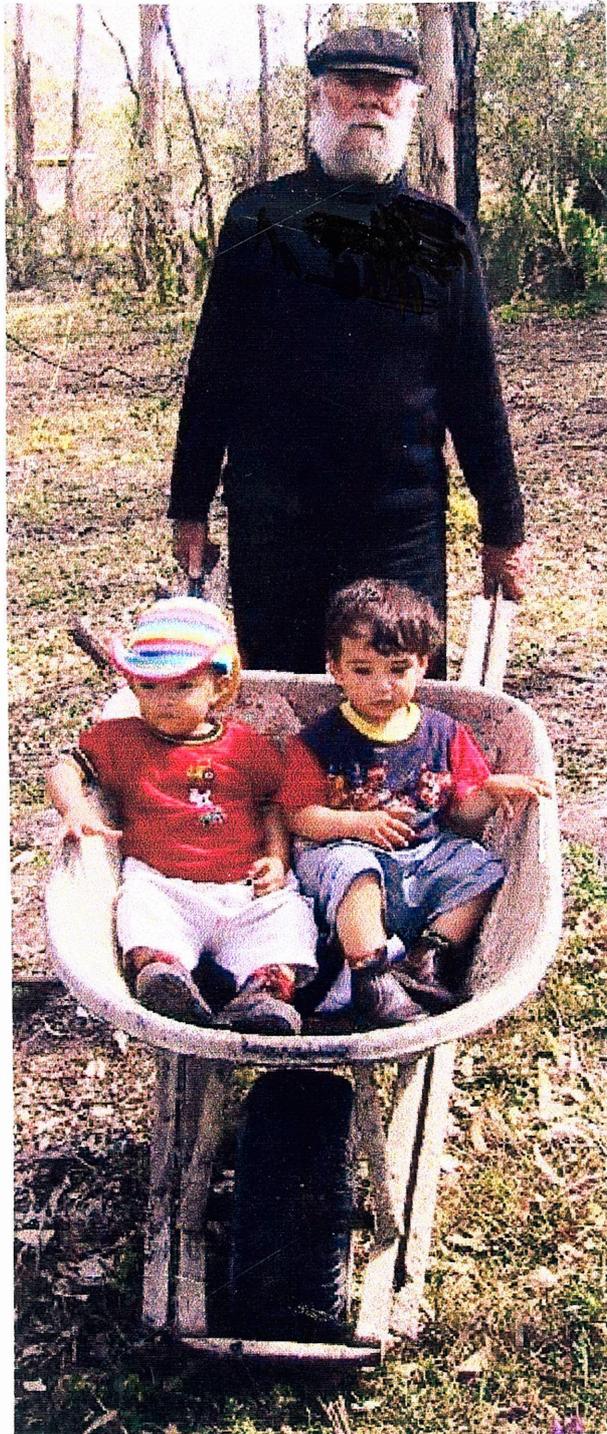
4. "This afternoon, I told them that I was after a four by two rafter, but all I heard was laughter," whinged Mr Slaughter's daughter. When she was about to collapse, he quickly caught her.

5. Mail can go by air: airmail. Mail can go by rail: railmail. The mailman is a male; the mail woman is a female. A mail person can be either of these people. He can even be my son. *Spelling Detective:* "eo" in "person" and in "people"; the "o" in "popular", "populous" (many people) and "population".

6. Associations with "o" sounding like the "u" in "duck": A **mother** and her **one**, usually smothered, **son**, together with **another mother** and **some** of her **brothers** (the **other** two dozen couldn't be bothered) were among the **monkey mongers** and the many **monks** who **once won** a stove with an **oven** for the work they had **done** during a **flood**. They had given **blood** and they had recovered the **scout compasses** as well as the school **compasses**, the **onions**, the **sponges**, the **plovers**, the **shovels**, the **gloves** and **some lovely doves** in front of London bridge before the water had **come above** it, which would have been a **worry**. Fortunately, **none** had been lost. **No wonder** the **governors** were for **once thoroughly** delighted when they heard as well that **nothing** had been damaged. However, on the last **Monday** of that dreadful **month**, the **evil tongues** of **some slovenly** mothers whinged when they had **uncomfortable stomachs** after eating too many **onions** and that they had to spend lots of **money** to cure it with **honey**.

7. These folks have **yellow egg yolks galore**, so they drink more and more **eggnogs** while listening to their **folklore**.

8. **-AL -EL -LE -IL -OL** There was a colossal amount of victuals at the religious **Coral Tree Festival** organised by a local **municipal municipality** in France. Unfortunately, a **dismal mistral** scattered all the **hymnals** full of **hymns** as well as the **missals** and the **biblical bibles**; an **abysmal catastrophe**. In order to stave off his **dismissal**, **Father Pray**, from his **high pedestal**, started to say all the **prayers** issued by the **clerical clergy**. However, during this **theatrical interval** in the **outdoor theatre**, the **spiritual congregation** was initially **sceptical**. But, **Lo and Behold**...





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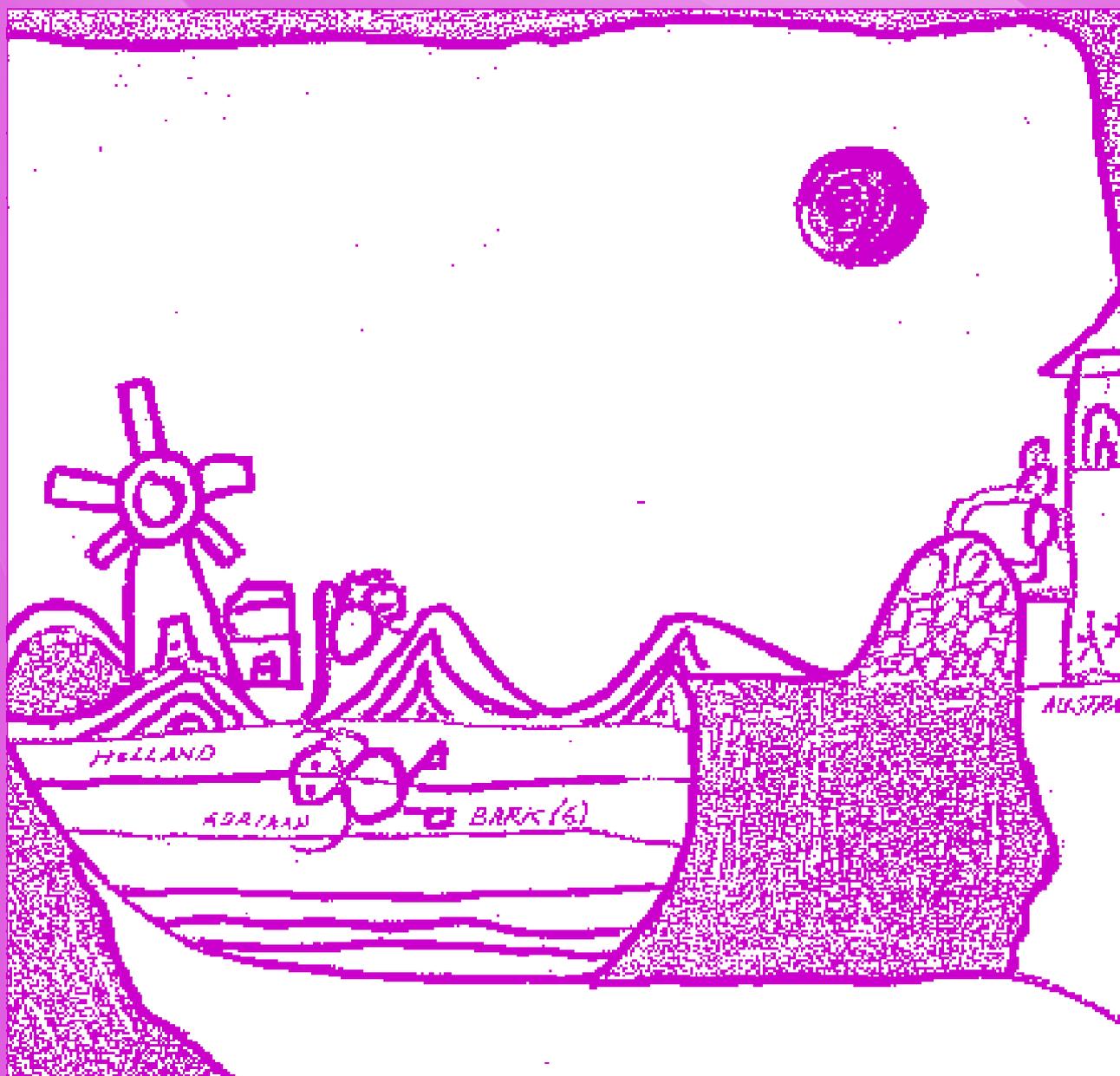
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