

competition	separation	federation	suspension	convulsion
precipitation	destruction	population	pension	musician
investigation	composition	simulation	mission	politician
observation	jurisdiction	friction	propulsion	Egyptian
caution	solution	tension	session	ocean

The "shun" sound

Many words contain letters that make the sound "shun". This sound can be made in a number of different ways. However, most of the time the sound is produced by the letter combination "tion" (direction, education). The next most common way that the sound is produced is by the letter combination "sion" (mansion, confession). Occasionally, the sound is produced by the letter combinations "cian", "tian" or "cean" (see the word list above). There are other ways of producing the "shun" sound, but they occur in words that are not very common.

1. Look up the list words below in your dictionary and write one meaning for each word.

- (a) caution - _____
 (b) suspension - _____
 (c) federation - _____
 (d) jurisdiction - _____
 (e) pension - _____
 (f) propulsion - _____

2. Write the root word of each list word below in the blank provided. The first one is done for you.

- (a) competition - compete
 (b) investigation - _____
 (c) observation - _____
 (d) separation - _____
 (e) convulsion - _____
 (f) composition - _____
 (g) suspension - _____
 (h) musician - _____
 (i) Egyptian - _____
 (j) simulation - _____



3. Use each of the list words below in a sentence. Write one sentence on each line.

- (a) solution - _____
 (b) population - _____
 (c) destruction - _____
 (d) mission - _____
 (e) friction - _____
 (f) precipitation - _____



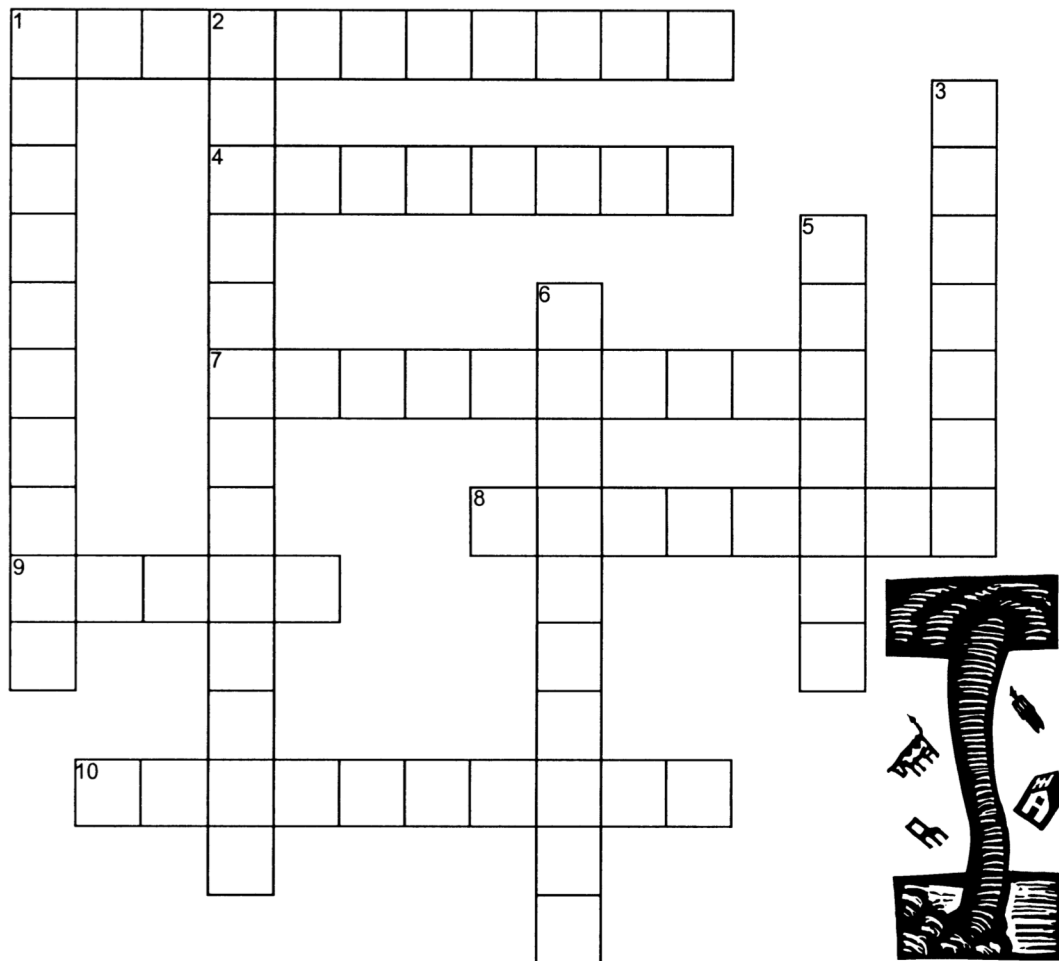
4. Do the crossword puzzle below. You will be able to find all of the answers in the word list.

ACROSS

1. a work of literature, music or art
4. a person from Egypt
7. an elected government official
8. one who plays an instrument
9. a large body of salt water
10. a driving force

DOWN

1. involuntary muscle contraction
2. matter that falls from the clouds
3. warning
5. tightness or stress
6. an imitation



5. Choose the correct words from the word list and write them in the blanks below.

- (a) The spring _____ of parliament ended last week.
- (b) The police detective was sent on a dangerous _____ in another province.
- (c) Mr. Jones began receiving a government _____ when he turned sixty-five.
- (d) The sign on the box said, " _____ - use only in a well ventilated area."
- (e) There was a great deal of _____ between Mark and his sister yesterday.
- (f) Robert struggled to find a _____ to an algebra question this morning in class.
- (g) The _____ began falling in the form of snow.
- (h) Sandy made an interesting _____ during the science demonstration in class.



principle	axle	stifle	federal	environmental
vehicle	pickle	smuggle	provincial	quarrel
muscle	knuckle	tackle	commercial	vessel
wrestle	whistle	principal	social	snorkel
throttle	chortle	municipal	official	pretzel

Words Ending With the "əl" Sound

Many words in our language end with the "əl" sound. If you examine the words in the list above, you will see that they all end with the "əl" sound. One of the most common ways to make this sound is with the letter combination "le" (gentle). Other ways to make the sound include the letter combinations "al" (royal) and "el" (nickel). There are other letter combinations but they are less common.

The upside down letter "e" shown above represents a **schwa**. A **schwa** is the vowel sound in an unaccented syllable and is often found in combination with the letter "l".

- Find five nouns, five verbs and five adjectives from the word list and write them in the blanks under the appropriate headings below. Use your dictionary if you need help.

Nouns

Verbs

Adjectives

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

- Look up the word "homophone" in your dictionary and write its meaning in the space provided. Homophone: _____

Find two words in the list that are homophones and write them in the blanks below.

- Look at the list words below. Each one can be used as a noun or a verb. Write a sentence to show each word used as a noun, then write a sentence to show each word used as a verb.

- (a) whistle (n) - _____
- (b) whistle (v) - _____
- (c) quarrel (n) - _____
- (d) quarrel (v) - _____
- (e) tackle (n) - _____
- (f) tackle (v) - _____



4. Synonyms are words that have the same or almost the same meaning. Write a synonym for each of the list words below. Use a thesaurus to help you with unfamiliar words.

vessel-_____ chortle-_____ throttle-_____

5. Use the clues below to find the correct list words, and write them in the blanks.

(a) Three words that refer to three levels of government in Canada: _____

_____, _____

(b) Four words with double consonants: _____, _____,

_____, _____

(c) One word that has a silent "w": _____

(d) One word that has a silent "c": _____

(e) One word that is a type of snack food: _____

6. Look up the list words below in your dictionary and write one meaning for each word.

(a) axle - _____

(b) social - _____

(c) stifle - _____

(d) vehicle - _____

(e) snorkel - _____

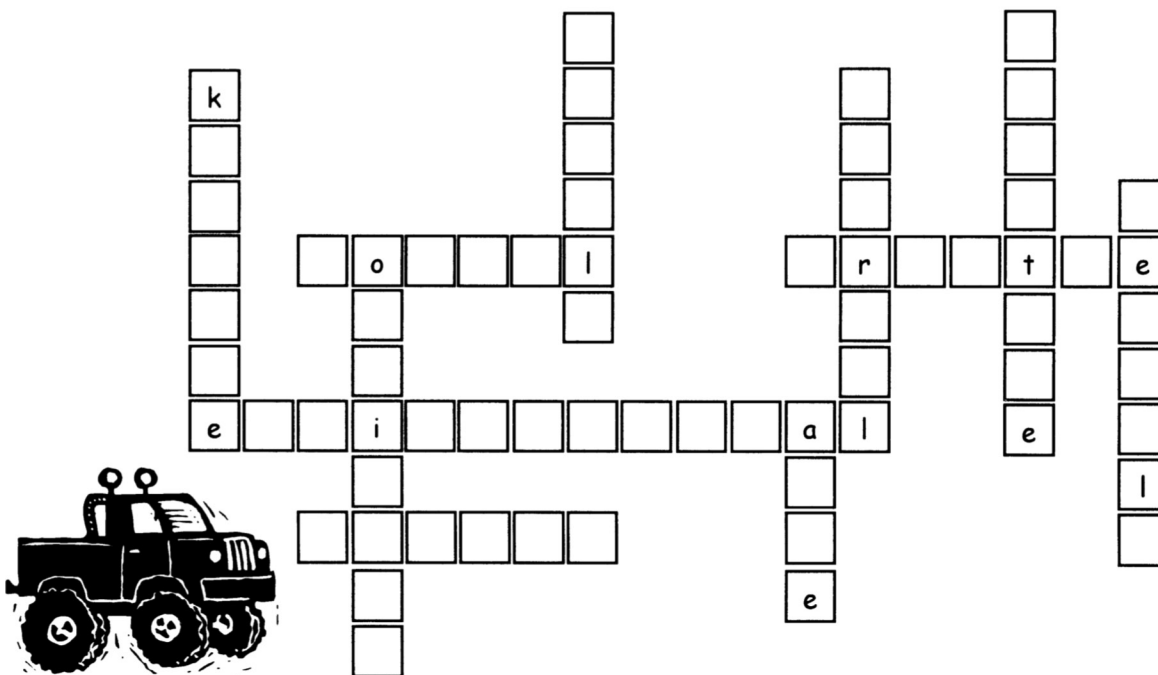
7. Choose the correct words from the word list and write them in the blanks below.

(a) Mrs. Williams is the _____ of St. Helen's Elementary School.

(b) The man in the blue suit tried to _____ a bag of diamonds into Canada.

8. Use the clues to find the list words that fit into the Criss-Cross puzzle below.

Word Criss-Cross



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Lesson Three

doubt	wreath	campaign	rhinoceros	answer
stalk	tongue	writhe	rhyme	column
honour	autumn	pneumonia	foreign	solemn
knoll	yacht	knotty	debt	wrinkle
plumber	rhythm	rhombus	knead	wring

Silent Consonants

There are many words containing silent consonants. Most people are familiar with the silent "k" and "w" appearing at the beginning of common words (knight, knife, wrestler, wrong) and the consonants "b" and "l" appearing in the middle or at the end of words (comb, lamb, walk and talk). However, there are many words containing silent consonants other than the ones just mentioned. The words in the list above are just a few examples of common words containing silent consonants. Unless memorized, these words could present difficulty.

1. Look up the list words below in your dictionary and write one meaning for each word.

- (a) pneumonia - _____
- (b) solemn - _____
- (c) wring - _____
- (d) knead - _____
- (e) rhombus - _____
- (f) knoll - _____

2. Use the clues below to find the correct list words and write them in the blanks provided.

- (a) Six words that contain a silent "h": _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.
- (b) Three words that contain a silent "b": _____, _____, _____.
- (c) Five words that contain a silent "w": _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.
- (d) Find two words that each contain a silent vowel and a silent "g": _____, _____.
- (e) Write a homophone from the list for each of the following words: naughty-_____, need-_____, stock-_____, ring-_____.
- (f) Write a synonym from the list for each of the following words: hill-_____, boat-_____, twist-_____, serious-_____.
- (g) Write an antonym from the list for each of the following words: question-_____, native-_____, certainty-_____, disgrace-_____.
- (h) Two words in the list that rhyme: _____, _____.



3. Do the word puzzle below. See if you can find the sixteen list words that are hidden in it.

d	y	i	s	m	v	z	c	a	m	p	a	i	g	n	b	l	p	w	q	u
h	o	n	o	u	r	l	o	x	b	n	e	r	t	y	u	w	r	i	n	g
s	c	u	i	f	z	k	l	u	r	h	y	t	h	m	q	r	p	f	d	p
x	q	v	b	d	i	l	u	m	k	h	f	b	e	z	q	i	o	k	r	t
y	a	c	h	t	m	t	m	o	h	d	o	t	e	q	u	n	p	n	m	o
b	c	w	r	b	t	t	n	v	a	x	r	m	n	s	g	k	m	e	y	n
s	l	l	e	b	r	y	t	z	v	b	e	k	b	l	d	l	u	a	k	g
p	n	e	u	m	o	n	i	a	m	b	i	e	s	u	w	e	a	d	p	u
n	o	y	w	b	z	w	x	y	u	m	g	p	w	q	s	b	b	p	l	e
k	g	s	w	u	q	s	o	l	e	m	n	x	n	k	n	o	t	t	y	f

4. Put one letter in each of the blanks below to make words from the list.

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| (a) ___ i ___ o ___ e ___ o ___ | (f) ___ o ___ | (k) ___ y ___ |
| (b) ___ a ___ | (g) ___ o ___ e i ___ | (l) ___ a ___ |
| (c) ___ t ___ | (h) ___ i ___ e | (m) ___ o ___ u e |
| (d) ___ i ___ e | (i) ___ o ___ e ___ | (n) ___ e a ___ |
| (e) ___ e u ___ o ___ i a | (j) ___ o ___ u ___ | (o) ___ u ___ e ___ |

5. Use each of the list words below in a sentence. Write one sentence on each line.

- (a) stalk - _____
- (b) yacht - _____
- (c) foreign - _____
- (d) debt - _____
- (e) wring - _____

6. Find the list words that match the definitions below and write them in the proper blanks.

- _____ - a decoration hung on a door at Christmas
- _____ - a geometric shape
- _____ - a large animal found in Africa
- _____ - a part of the mouth
- _____ - a boat



7. Find five list words that are verbs and write them in the blanks below.

_____, _____, _____, _____, _____.

8. Find four list words that are adjectives and write them in the blanks below.

_____, _____, _____, _____.

9. Find all of the five letter list words that are nouns and write them in the blanks below.

_____, _____, _____, _____, _____.



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Lesson Four

structure	nurture	moisture	posture	architecture
legislature	adventure	creature	scripture	sculpture
expenditure	temperature	pasture	texture	lecture
signature	vulture	furniture	capture	culture
literature	dentures	fracture	feature	miniature

The "chur" sound

The sound of "chur" appearing at the end of words (picture, nature) is usually made by the letters "ture".

1. Write all of the list words in alphabetical order in the blanks provided.

- | | | |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| (i) _____ | (vi) _____ | (xi) _____ |
| (ii) _____ | (vii) _____ | (xii) _____ |
| (iii) _____ | (viii) _____ | (xiii) _____ |
| (iv) _____ | (ix) _____ | (xiv) _____ |
| (v) _____ | (x) _____ | (xv) _____ |
| (xvi) _____ | (xxi) _____ | |
| (xvii) _____ | (xxii) _____ | |
| (xviii) _____ | (xxiii) _____ | |
| (xix) _____ | (xxiv) _____ | |
| (xx) _____ | (xxv) _____ | |

2. Change the following list words from nouns to adjectives and use each word in a sentence. The first one is done for you. Use a dictionary to help you if necessary.

- (a) structure (n) - The barn was a solid structure even though it was sixty years old.
structural (adj) - The structural parts of the barn were all in good shape.
- (b) architecture (n) - _____

- (c) culture (n) - _____

3. Find a synonym from the word list for each of the following words and write it in the blank provided. Use a thesaurus or dictionary to help you if necessary.

crack-_____, grassland-_____, statue-_____.

4. Find an antonym from the word list for each of the following words and write it in the blank provided. Use a thesaurus or dictionary to help you if necessary.

giant-_____, release-_____, savings-_____.

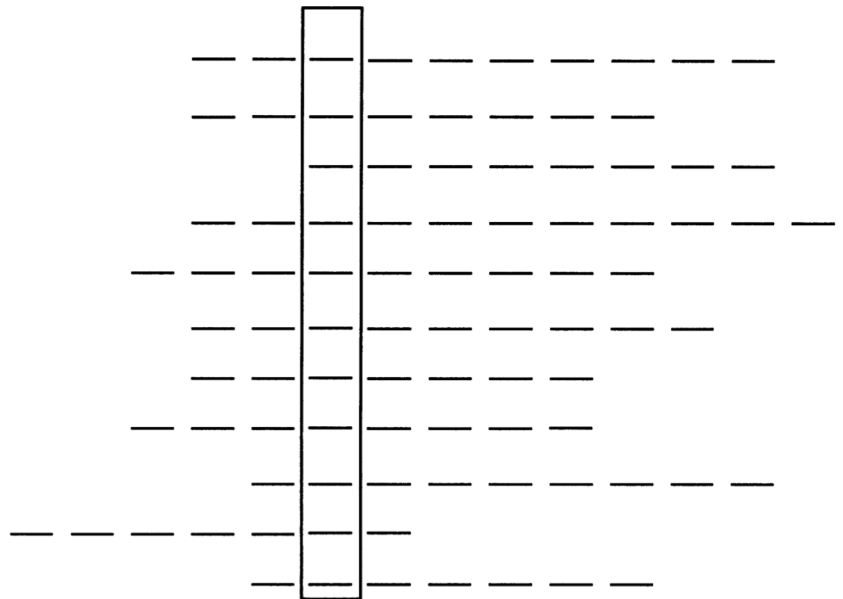


5. Use each of the list words below in a sentence. Write one sentence on each line.

- (a) dentures - _____
- (b) legislature - _____
- (c) posture - _____
- (d) lecture - _____
- (e) nurture - _____
- (f) scripture - _____

6. Solve the puzzle by choosing words from the word list that match the clues below. Place one letter in each blank. If you do it correctly, the letters in the box will spell a list word that describes how hot or cold something is.

- (a) creative writing
- (b) an animal
- (c) wetness
- (d) the spending of money
- (e) an exciting experience
- (f) something that is built
- (g) a special part
- (h) false teeth
- (i) chair, table, sofa etc.
- (j) a large bird
- (k) the look or feel of something



7. Look at the mixed-up words below. Unscramble the letters and place them in the correct order to form words from the list.

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| (a) trisnuage - _____ | (e) cultere - _____ |
| (b) etprosu - _____ | (f) ratufee - _____ |
| (c) rutisome - _____ | (g) stenerud - _____ |
| (d) turnuer - _____ | (h) reacturf - _____ |

8. Write the root word for each list word shown below.

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| (a) legislature - _____ | (c) moisture - _____ |
| (b) expenditure - _____ | (d) architecture - _____ |

9. Choose the correct words from the list and write them in the blanks below.

- (a) Justin asked if he could put his _____ on the petition.
- (b) "Poor _____ can lead to back problems," said Dr. Smith.
- (c) After his _____ the teacher assigned the homework.
- (d) The _____ began its fall session in early October.



handkerchief	reprieve	conceit	reindeer	proteins
lieutenant	interview	Receiver General	reign	seizure
achieve	piece	deceit	beige	height
ambient	wield	inconceivable	freight	leisure
grieve	relieve	perceive	veil	weird

The "i" Before "e" Rule

Many words contain the letter combinations "ie" or "ei". There is a simple rule that can help you to remember which combination to use. When you encounter a word that contains the letters "i" and "e" remember to put "i" before "e" except after "c" or when pronounced like "ā" as in "neighbour" and "weigh". There are exceptions to this rule that have been included in the word list. The spelling of these words should be memorized because they do not follow the "i" before "e" rule.

1. Look up the list words below in your dictionary and write one meaning for each word.

- (a) lieutenant - _____
- (b) ambient - _____
- (c) reprieve - _____
- (d) perceive - _____
- (e) reign - _____
- (f) seizure - _____

2. Write words from the list under the correct headings below.

"i" before "e"	"ei" after "c"	"ei" sounds like "ā"	Doesn't follow the rule
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

3. Use the clues below to find the correct list words and write them in the blanks provided.

- (a) Seven words that are nouns: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.
- (b) Two words that have homophones: _____, _____.
- (c) Two words that contain a "lie": _____, _____.
- (d) Three words that are adjectives: _____, _____, _____.
- (e) Three words that are verbs: _____, _____, _____.
- (f) The word that is an antonym for "celebrate": _____.
- (g) The word that is a synonym for "unbelievable": _____.
- (h) One word that contains a number greater than seven: _____.



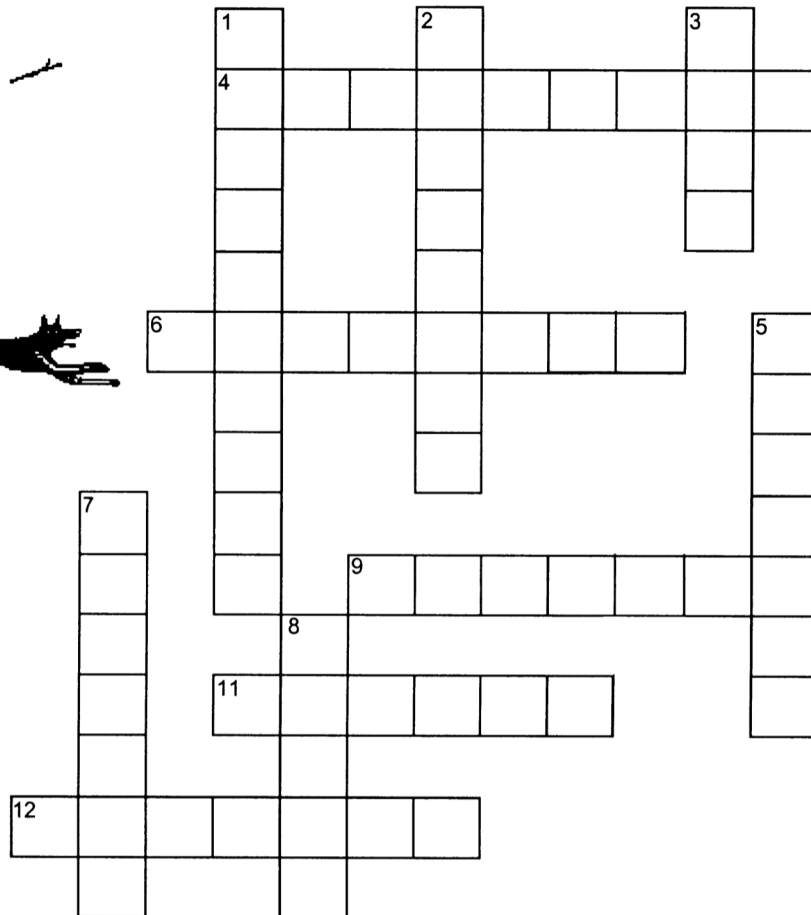
4. Do the crossword puzzle below. You will be able to find all of the answers in the word list.

ACROSS

- 4. a meeting
- 6. postponement
- 9. to accomplish something
- 11. trickery
- 12. transported goods

DOWN

- 1. an officer
- 2. to see
- 3. a cover for the face
- 5. surrounding
- 7. a sudden attack
- 8. to rule



5. Use each of the list words below in a sentence. Write one sentence on each line.

- (a) proteins - _____
- (b) height - _____
- (c) leisure - _____
- (d) weird - _____
- (e) freight - _____
- (f) inconceivable - _____
- (g) wield - _____
- (h) Receiver General - _____



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Lesson Six Review

separation	commercial	Egyptian	propulsion	feature
proteins	axle	veil	politician	autumn
muscle	architecture	solemn	signature	quarrel
rhythm	relieve	plumber	foreign	whistle
competition	provincial	precipitation	height	structure
literature	pneumonia	official	temperature	tongue
stalk	vehicle	doubt	caution	tension
deceit	reign	miniature	mission	nurture
moisture	grieve	creature	pretzel	achieve
yacht	composition	principal	inconceivable	lieutenant

1. Place the ten list words shown below in **reverse** alphabetical order in the blanks provided.

tongue	creature	proteins	composition	literature
lieutenant	principal	commercial	achieve	nurture

_____, _____, _____, _____, _____,
 _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.

2. The following pairs of words are homophones: rain-reign, principal-principle, stalk-stock. Place each word in the proper sentence in the blank provided.

- (a) The celebration of the _____ of Queen Victoria on the third Monday of each May is known as "Victoria Day".
 (b) Mrs. Welsh was the _____ of Sir Adam Beck Public School in Sudbury.
 (c) Barb's pet rabbit ate an entire _____ of celery yesterday.
 (d) The entire _____ of the grocery store was destroyed in the fire.
 (e) There was more _____ in the month of July than in all of the other months combined.
 (f) A basic scientific _____ is that light always travels in a straight line.

3. Divide the words below into syllables. Use your dictionary.

- (a) temperature - _____
 (b) pretzel - _____
 (c) competition - _____
 (d) solemn - _____
 (e) structure - _____



- (f) separation - _____
 (g) architecture - _____
 (h) pneumonia - _____
 (i) precipitation - _____
 (j) miniature - _____

4. In the following list are five misspelled words. Write them correctly in the blanks below.
 rhythem, decete, tung, feature, pretzle, principal, lieutenant, yaht, height, temperature.

_____, _____, _____, _____, _____.



5. Each of the words below is a list word that is missing some letters. Write the list words in the blanks, making sure to supply all of the missing letters. The first one is done for you.

- | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| (a) seat - <u>separation</u> | (f) gin - _____ | (k) pin - _____ |
| (b) ax - _____ | (g) late - _____ | (l) cat - _____ |
| (c) are - _____ | (h) most - _____ | (m) out - _____ |
| (d) cone - _____ | (i) live - _____ | (n) hit - _____ |
| (e) rig - _____ | (j) son - _____ | (o) pit - _____ |

6. Choose an appropriate adjective from the word list for each word below and write it in the blank.

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| (a) _____ fisherman | (d) _____ embassy |
| (b) _____ tomb | (e) _____ mood |
| (c) _____ attraction | (f) _____ document |

7. Choose the correct words from the list and write them in the blanks below.

- (a) Mr. White's car slid off the icy road and was demolished in a single _____ crash.
 (b) Maple trees can often grow to a _____ of twenty metres.
 (c) After their quarrel, there was a great deal of _____ between Jack and his sister.
 (d) Indian summer sometimes arrives after the first frost in _____.
 (e) Sometimes, what seems to be a simple cold can turn out to be _____.

8. Choose the list words that grew out of the root words below and write them in the proper blanks.

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| (a) commerce - _____ | (f) compete - _____ |
| (b) tense - _____ | (g) province - _____ |
| (c) sign - _____ | (h) compose - _____ |
| (d) separate - _____ | (i) precipitate - _____ |
| (e) moist - _____ | (j) Egypt - _____ |



9. Use each of the words below in a sentence. Write one sentence on each line.

- (a) plumber - _____
 (b) official - _____
 (c) grieve - _____
 (d) stalk - _____
 (e) mission - _____

10. Find a list word to match each of the shapes below. The first one is done for you.

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------|
| (a) - <u>proteins</u> | (d) - _____ |
| (b) - _____ | (e) - _____ |
| (c) - _____ | (f) - _____ |



Dictation Pages

Lesson One

- 1- _____
- 2- _____
- 3- _____
- 4- _____
- 5- _____
- 6- _____
- 7- _____
- 8- _____
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- 22- _____
- 23- _____
- 24- _____
- 25- _____

Score = ____/25

Lesson Two

- 1- _____
- 2- _____
- 3- _____
- 4- _____
- 5- _____
- 6- _____
- 7- _____
- 8- _____
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- 21- _____
- 22- _____
- 23- _____
- 24- _____
- 25- _____

Score = ____/25

Lesson Three

- 1- _____
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- 3- _____
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- 25- _____

Score = ____/25



Dictation Pages

Lesson Four

- 1- _____
- 2- _____
- 3- _____
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Score = ____/25



Lesson Five

- 1- _____
- 2- _____
- 3- _____
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- 25- _____

Score = ____/25

Dictation Pages

Lesson Six-Review

1- _____	26- _____
2- _____	27- _____
3- _____	28- _____
4- _____	29- _____
5- _____	30- _____
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7- _____	32- _____
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9- _____	34- _____
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11- _____	36- _____
12- _____	37- _____
13- _____	38- _____
14- _____	39- _____
15- _____	40- _____
16- _____	41- _____
17- _____	42- _____
18- _____	43- _____
19- _____	44- _____
20- _____	45- _____
21- _____	46- _____
22- _____	47- _____
23- _____	48- _____
24- _____	49- _____
25- _____	50- _____

Score = ____/50

