

Kitehawk Learning Spelling Program

Dictation Exercises

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Choose sentences from the following or create your own sentences.

All words in the dictation are from, or derived from previous lists in Level 1, 2 and Level 3.

Explore the concept of questions and the need for a question mark.

Give rule clues where list words (nouns) are used in the plural form (*italics*).

Remember conjugate verbs with 's' added are not plurals (like - likes, swim - swims)

Unit 3-13

[Language connection: Sentence # 1 - apostrophe for possessive noun pilot's. In sentence # 2 'as' is a conjunction introducing a subordinate clause, which is separated from the rest of the sentence by a comma.]

1. The broken motor was the reason the pilot's plane crashed.
2. As the motel door opened, did you notice a purple robot?
3. On the ease I saw a painting of a tiger with a total of ten claws.

Unit 3-14

[Language connection: In sentence # 1 'my best friend' is a group of words used as a noun (an appositive) that renames the noun (Pat) are set apart by a comma.]

1. Pat, my best friend, was talking quietly when a student burst through the motel door.
2. I want the third adult from the front of the line to look carefully at the diamond.
3. My friend felt faint when she was told to hold the plump insects.

Unit 3-15

[Language connection: Comma after the introductory phrase in sentence # 3.]

1. I seldom practice science and maths problems during winter.
2. The grumpy person lost his compass in the bush and cannot travel until he finds it.
3. After the meeting at the hospital, the doctor will go outside and take a picture of the evening sunset.

Unit 3-16

[Language connection: Contractions. Separate the subordinate clause from the rest of the sentence with a comma (Sentence # 2).

Mother is not capitalised where it follows a possessive pronoun (my mother, your mother). Use of question mark (Sentence #3).]

1. The student can't do his homework because it isn't in his backpack.
2. I'd like her to go boating with us after dinner, but she won't come.
3. Didn't your mother tell Ted he couldn't go outside today?

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