

## Kitehawk Learning Spelling Program

### Dictation

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**Choose sentences from the following or create your own sentences.**

There are language elements included in each dictation. Students need to be familiar with these elements before testing.

All words in the dictation are from, or derived from previous lists.

#### Unit 4-25

[Language connection: Ending punctuation - interrogatory sentences. Comma after an introductory clause.]

1. After you have enjoyed an excellent vacation, is it possible to concentrate in class?
2. As a precaution, I prefer to prepay my nonstop airline tickets.
3. It is unusual not to see bicycles and tricycles at circuses disappear into a cloud of smoke.
4. How do you ride a unicycle at midnight on an uneven road without falling over?

#### Unit 4-26

[Language connection: Comma after an introductory (dependent) clause. Comma separating the speaker from a direct quote. Quotation marks around the exact words of the speaker. Comma for words in a series.]

As the wonderful vacation ended, disappointment seemed especially common among the thankful visitors. They whined, 'We will miss the cloudless skies, the endless sunshine, and the movement of the beautiful ocean.' All were in agreement about the priceless happiness of their time together.

#### Unit 4-27

[Language connection: Comma after a beginning (dependent) clause (As, Since). Capitalise county name.]

1. Since the lifesaving team had the runaway win that they hoped for. They were smiling and laughing because they were not disqualified.
2. As the moonlight was changing to a glistening Australian sunrise, the birds knew the earthworms would hide, but the daylight would bring out the prettiest butterflies.

### Unit 4-28

[Language connection: Comma after beginning dependent clause in a complex sentence. Commas separating parts of a compound sentence. Hyphenate some maths words (one-half/one-third).]

1. Tomorrow we will use our calculators to estimate the products and quotients to the nearest million.
2. When you write one-half and one-third, be careful to put the one in the numerator and not the denominator.
3. As part of your test, put the numerals in order from the least to the greatest.
4. The extremely bright library lights were efficient, but they made the students blink quickly and groan loudly.

### Unit 4-29

[Language connection: Comma separating speaker from direct quotation. Comma between city and state. Comma separating words in a series. Comma after a directly quoted question. Capitalise the beginning of a direct quote. Capitalise the name of a city, state, race or nationality. (Perth, Western Australia, Aboriginal).]

1. My sister's social studies teacher asked, 'What is the latitude and longitude of *Perth\**, *Western Australia\**?'. (\*vary City and State).
2. One purpose of missions in other countries was to teach religion to the indigenous people. Many Australian Aboriginal people were educated at mission schools.
3. The shipping industry was already important to the economy of the coastal areas around our major cities.
4. The exploration of Western Australia was by various expeditions into the wilderness to map the islands, mountains and areas of good pasture for cattle and sheep. *Western Australian\** history is carefully studied in fourth grade using maps and explorer's journals. (\*vary with the State).