

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 5-01

[Language connection: Complete sentences. Appropriate beginning and ending punctuation. Indentation of paragraph can be optional.]

The nurse left the clinic with the coach to help a boy who broke his arm at recess. The school counsellor stayed in the clinic office until she returned.

Unit 5-02

[Language connection: Comma after introductory phrase. Beginning and ending punctuation. Abbreviations: Mrs - no full-stop.]

Last August, Jane decided to bring a shiny, red apple to welcome her teacher to school. Mrs Jones took a bite and told Jane that it was the best apple she had ever tasted. Wasn't that a nice compliment. Mrs Jones likes new fashions, on the first day, she wore a blue dress with an unusual emblem on the front.

Unit 5-03

[Language connection: Capitalising proper nouns. Past tense endings. Abbreviations: Mrs - no full-stop.]

Sally groaned about the classes Mrs James planned for her to take at the summer camp near Broome Primary School. She regretted not getting asked what she wanted to take. She wondered if the classes on braiding and knotting rope would be as satisfying as she thought.

Unit 5-04

[Language connection: Complex sentences. Proper nouns. Comma after introductory sentences. Question mark after interrogatory sentences. Parts of speech - identify nouns.]

Last summer before the holidays, my cousin Jim, took a chance and entered a softball tournament for charity. Although he is only an amateur pitcher, his team was fortunate to reach the grand final. Can you imagine how much joy he felt when he led his team to a major victory by winning the final?

Unit 5-05

[Language connection: Complex sentences with an introductory clause.
Introductory phrase. Parts of speech - identify adjectives.]

Last night before dusk, Jim took a quick break from his occupation as a mechanic grabbed a drink and some biscuits and went for a quiet walk across the bare paddock to the windbreak. At the old camp, he watched a beautiful gecko run towards a plastic drum. It was risky even for a quick and energetic gecko to be seen in daylight by birds of prey.

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Unit 1

At primary school we study maths, science and language.

Mothers regularly take their babies to a child health clinic to have their progress checked.

Instead of seeing a doctor he decided to go to the medical clinic.

After lunch the principal will address the whole school about rules for using computers.

After recess the principal will address the whole school about rules for using computers and the correct language to use while in the playground.

Gym teachers will offer extra coaching over the next few weeks. This will not only improve your skills in gymnastics but will encourage a healthy lifestyle by keeping active.

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Unit 2

It was a scramble to occupy the best seats at the movies last Saturday night.

During last night's game the umpire beckoned the player who had broken the rule.

The umpire's uniform was quite fashionable.

They're always welcome if they bring me chocolate.

During the annual sausage sizzle yesterday the wind blew strongly, spoiling the occasion for everyone.

My crunchy apple fell in the dust when I dropped it during recess.

The continents of the world are Asia, Europe, Africa, Australia, North America, South America and Antarctica.'

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Unit 3

After winning the qualifying round their team is in the Grand Final next Saturday night.

After entering the room she slipped on the polished floorboards and wondered if she had broken her arm.

After cleaning the house she pushed the vacuum cleaner into the cupboard, shutting the door firmly, then asked for a cup of tea and a piece of cake.

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Unit 4

Can you imagine how easy it is to pare an orange with a very sharp knife? It could be quite dangerous for a small child.

It is expected to be dangerous to salvage the ship as there is a chance that it may move and overturn.

Unit 5

The farmer planted a row of trees as a windbreak around his paddock. If you are very quiet you will hear your voice echoing around the hills.

The queen of England is Queen Elizabeth. She likes a tasty biscuit with her morning tea.

Did you inquire about the price of a new quilt for Jack's bed?

We decided to camp quite close to a quiet river where, after a picnic, we were able to go fishing that evening

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Her mother made inquiries with the local travel agent about a trip to Antarctica, for the months of January, February and March, for the whole family. The cost would be very high so her parents are working and saving hard.

We quickly packed up the camp and headed for higher ground as a precaution , rather than risk being washed away if a flash flood came rushing down the dry river bed. Heavy rain inland yesterday was disquieting news.

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