

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 5-07

[Language connection: Complex sentences. Parts of speech - pronouns.]

I was sitting at the table by myself eating my bacon and eggs when I saw a plane flying over my house. It flew into a storm. The rain and hailstones must have made it shake violently. It was not the safest weather to fly in. I would have complained and asked them to delay the flight or change to a later plane.

Unit 5-08

[Language connection: Homophones. Compound sentences. Complex sentences. Apostrophe for possessive noun - grandfather's.]

Last night when our whole family was asleep, I was listening to the radio. I heard that a tornado went through my grandfather's town. He later called us on his mobile phone and said that it passed close to his house, blowing a hole in his screen door. He heard the lady next door scream when it threw her out of bed.

Unit 5-09

[Language connection: Comma after introductory phrase. Part of speech - conjunction (While).]

The baffled maid gathered the contents of the luggage, which had been thrown on the middle of the floor earlier that afternoon. It was standard practice to put them in a plastic bag. When collecting the contents, she had an accident. The maid received a cut to her finger from a knife hidden in some trousers.

Unit 5-10

[Language connection: Comma separating speaker from direct quotation. Quotation marks around a direct quote. Direct address. Complex sentences. Capitalising proper nouns.]

Last Wednesday the police knocked on the door of a man suspected of stealing from a business to pay a debt. The man was dumbfounded, he knew he was caught and started to wring his hands and then said, 'Officer, on my honour, I

know what I did was wrong.' The police seized all the stolen goods to exhibit to the judge.

Unit 5-11

[Language connection: Complex sentences. Part of speech - nouns and verbs. Capitalise name of country.]

When the governor opened the carnival in the beautiful convention centre, he said that people needed to have a sensible attitude towards each other. Our differences should make us stronger. The reasons for turbulence in other countries was confusing to most people and making them weaker. We must remember how lucky we are in Australia.