

# LITERACY BOOKLET YEAR 5



"You can find magic wherever  
you look. Sit back and relax all  
you need is a book!"

– Dr. Seuss

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

# Interview Me!

1. What is your full name?

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2. How old are you?

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3. Where were you born?

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4. Do you have any brothers  
or sisters?

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5. What did you do this summer?

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6. What do you like to do in your  
free time?

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7. What are you most looking  
forward to about this school year?

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8. What things do you like  
about yourself?

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9. What is your favourite subject in  
school and why?

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10. Do you have any special skills or  
talents? What are they?

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# My Summer Holidays

Jason

Hello! My name is Jason and I live in London with my parents and my little brother. We spent our summer holidays in Scotland. We went to Loch Ness and visited an old castle in Edinburgh. I hoped to see the monster Nessie, but I didn't. My dad likes walking so we walked through the Highlands. The weather was sunny and sometimes rainy. The food was okay.



My name is Brenda. I live in New York, USA. My mom and I live in a small apartment.

We spent our holidays in Canada. We stayed in a small hotel near the Niagara Falls. It was amazing! We had to wear raincoats and a hat to see the falls. I met a boy called Matthias from Germany.

He was really nice and he could speak English! We spent a lot of time together.

Brenda



Gabi & Maik

Our names are Gabi and Maik, we are from Berlin, the capital of Germany. We spent our holidays on Grandma's farm in the country. The weather was great this summer. We often helped granny with the animals because it was a lot of work. For breakfast we had fresh milk from the cows. Sometimes we were allowed to drive the tractor. That was really fun! We had a great time with grandma!



Hi friends! My name is David and I live in Manchester, England. This year my parents and I spent the summer in Spain. We travelled by plane to Spain, it was the first time for me to fly. We stayed in a big hotel at the beach. The weather was fantastic – really hot. I swam in the sea, built sandcastles and my parents were sunbathing. Spain was fantastic!




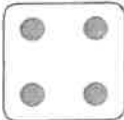



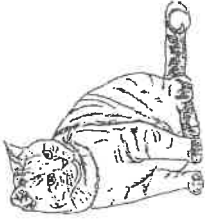



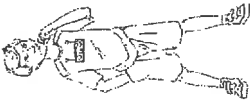
David



Fill in the table.

Name	Jason	Brenda	Gabi & Maik	David
Country				
Place				
Weather				
Other Information				

# Report Writing: News

						
Who:						
What:	There was a fire	Won	Rescued	Got stuck	Fell	Stole
Where:	At school	In the countryside	In a shop	In a tree	At the Olympics	In a bank
When:	Yesterday	Last Tuesday	Last October	At two o'clock on Thursday, 11th May	In the morning on Saturday, 9th February	On Friday evening
Why:	To go on holiday with the money	It was an accident	Because of a careless mistake	Because a little boy was in trouble	Because he trained hard and didn't give up	He/She/It was hungry

# THE TWINKL TIMES

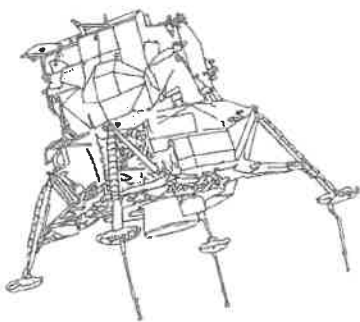
## MEN ON THE MOON!

**It's One Giant Leap...**

**21<sup>st</sup> July 1969**

**NASA astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin (Buzz) Aldrin became the first humans to walk on the Moon yesterday.**

They travelled into space in the Saturn V rocket with Michael Collins and reached the orbit of the Moon on 19<sup>th</sup> July 1969. Yesterday, Michael stayed in the rocket doing experiments and taking photographs of the mission. Neil and Buzz entered the lunar module, which was nicknamed The Eagle.

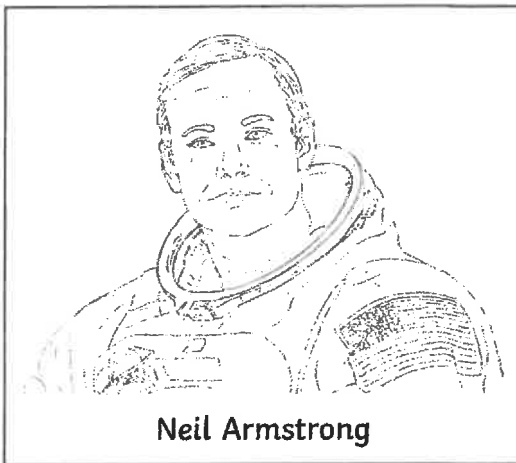


**The Eagle (lunar module)**

Neil and Buzz's job was to reach the Moon. The Eagle was heading towards a large crater but Neil took control and landed in a safe position.

They had a rest before Neil left The Eagle. He went down the metal stairs slowly. As he reached his left foot down to touch the Moon's dusty surface,

he said, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."



**Neil Armstrong**

Buzz joined Neil and they spent around two and a half hours exploring the Moon. Around 600 million lucky television viewers around the world watched them. They collected some Moon dust and rock. They also planted the American flag on the Moon. At first, this task did not go as planned but Neil and Buzz managed to place the flag so that it could be clearly seen.

The astronauts enjoyed moving around the Moon's surface. They jumped like kangaroos and leapt like gazelles! Neil said that it was not at all difficult to move around in low gravity.

When they re-entered the lunar module, their bulky spacesuits snapped off a switch. They fixed this using part of a pen before heading back to Michael in the rocket.

These astronauts made history and will be remembered forever for being the first men on the Moon.

**Text type: Newspaper Report**

Let's investigate the text!

Newspaper reports usually answer five questions. What are the missing Wh- question words?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ happened?

2. \_\_\_\_\_ did it happen?

3. \_\_\_\_\_ did it happen?

4. \_\_\_\_\_ did it happen?

5. \_\_\_\_\_ was there?

Parts of a news  
report

**Read the report again. Answer the questions.**

1. What is a headline? What is the headline of this article?

2. Which Wh-questions does the introduction answer?

3. What new information do we learn in the body?

# In the News



What is the title of the article? \_\_\_\_\_

When was the article published? \_\_\_\_\_

Who published the article? \_\_\_\_\_

Main details/facts:

Areas to learn more about:

New vocabulary:

A summary of the article:

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***Write your own newspaper article using this headline:***

## **SCHOOL GARDEN MYSTERY**

### **1. Answer the 5 Ws for your own newspaper article**

**Who:** (characters, names, animals, etc)

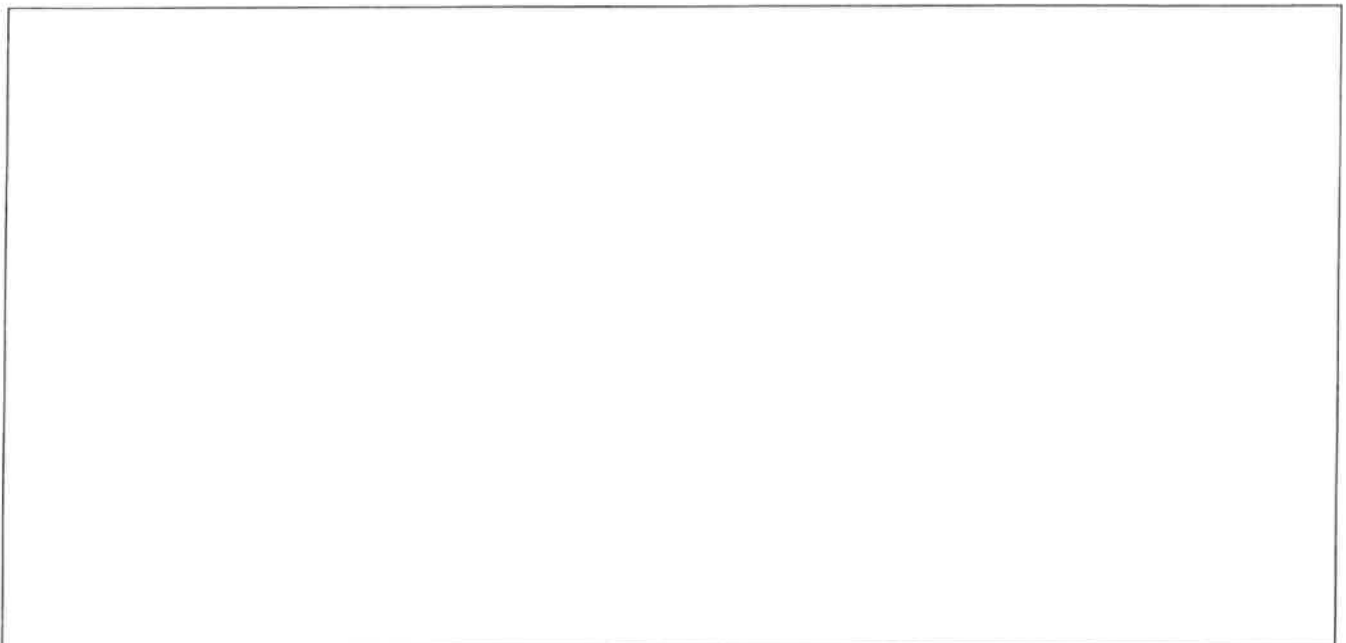
**What:** (action verbs, what happened?)

**Where:** (describe place, adjectives)

**When:** (time, date, time of day, etc)

**Why:** (give a reason, what was the character trying to do)

**Draw a picture to go with your headline:**





Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# The Closet Creature

by Kelly Hashway

Bump! Bump! Scratch!

Adam opened his eyes and pulled the covers up to his chin. He stared around his room, searching the darkness for the thing that was making those scary sounds.

The closet door moved as something banged on it from the inside.

"Who's there?" Adam asked in a shaky voice.

The closet slowly began to open. Adam jumped out of bed and ran to the closet door, slamming it shut with his palms. He grabbed his desk chair and propped it against the door handle. Then he ran out of his room and down the hall. His brother's door was wide open, and Adam jumped onto David's bed.

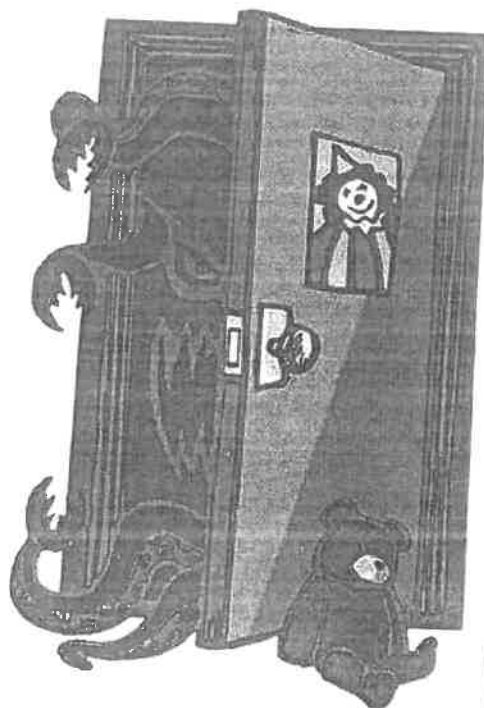
"Adam?" David asked in a groggy voice. "What are you doing in here?"

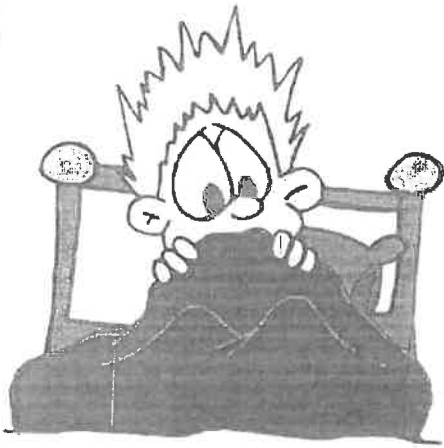
Adam tugged on David's arm. "There's something in my closet!"

"You probably had a bad dream. Go back to bed."

Adam yanked the blankets off the bed. "It wasn't a dream. I was awake, and the closet door started opening by itself!"

David sighed. "Fine. But when we don't find anything, you have to promise to leave me alone for the rest of the night."





Adam nodded. David reached into his desk drawer and pulled out a flashlight. Then they headed to Adam's room. Adam stopped in the doorway. He could hear something scratching his closet door.

"Do you hear that?" Adam asked.

David nodded. He walked over to Adam's bed and pulled the case off one of the pillows. He opened the pillowcase.

"You open the door very slowly, and I'll grab whatever it is."

Adam slid the chair to the side and pulled the closet door open a crack. Something banged against the door, trying to force it open. Adam took a deep breath and opened the door a few more inches. A small furry creature ran right into the pillowcase.

"I got it!" David said, closing the pillowcase and holding it in the air.

"What is it?" Adam moved closer as David peeked inside.

David put the pillowcase on the bed and an orange cat climbed out.

Adam scooped the cat up. "Apricot? How did you get trapped in my closet?"

David laughed. "The poor cat. If I was locked in your closet with your stinky shoes, I'd be banging on the door to get out, too!"

"Poor, Apricot," Adam said. "You were probably more scared than I was."

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. What happened right after David went into Adam's room?
- a. Adam jumped into David's bed.
  - b. David grabbed a flashlight from his desk drawer.
  - c. Adam awoke to strange sounds coming from his bedroom closet.
  - d. David heard the noise coming from Adam's closet.

2. What did David plan to do with the pillowcase?
- a. keep the creature from coming out of the closet
  - b. scare the creature in the closet
  - c. catch the creature in the closet
  - d. hit the creature in the closet

3. What was making the strange sounds in Adam's closet?

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4. Write three adjectives that describe David. Tell why you chose each word.

\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

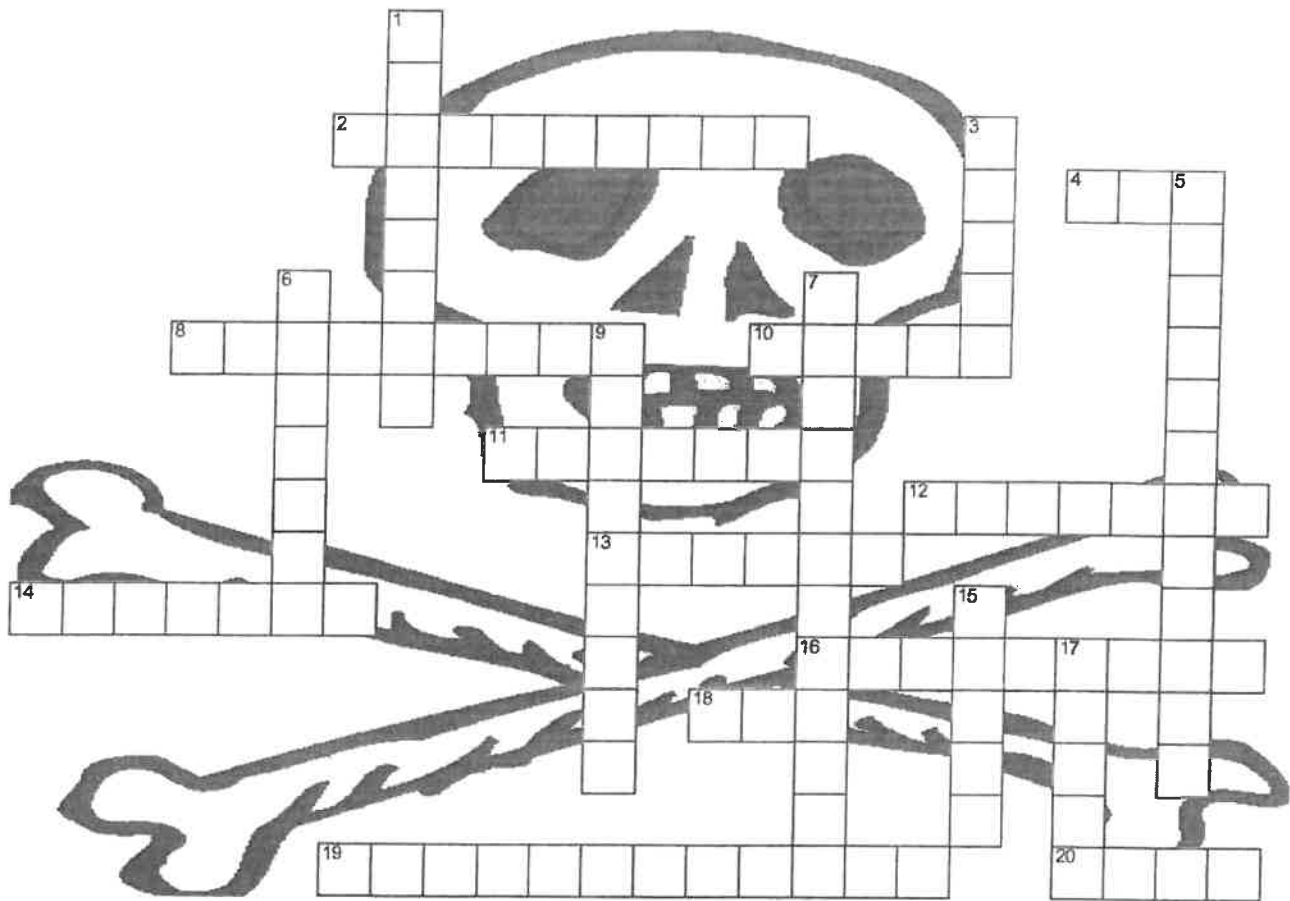
\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

5. What type of story is this?

- a. tall tale
- b. non-fiction
- c. mystery
- d. fable

# Halloween



HALLOWEEN TRICKORTREAT HAUNTEDHOUSE CANDY BOO BLACK PUMPKIN SPIDER  
 JACKOLANTERN COSTUME VAMPIRE WITCH BAT OCTOBER TOMBSTONE  
 GRAVEYARD HOWL MOONLIGHT WEREWOLF PARTY

## Across

2. The place where people are buried. Plus a scary place to be on Halloween.
4. A flying creature who hangs up-side-down to sleep and only goes out at night.
8. The light reflected from the surface of the moon.
10. What people give kids on Halloween night.
11. An orange squash that is seen in the fall.
12. An undead creature that drinks blood.
13. Creepy animal with 8 hairy legs.
14. In what month is Halloween celebrated?
16. Celebrated on October 31.
18. What ghosts say.
19. Carved pumpkin
20. A wailing cry that wolves make.

## Down

1. A person transformed into a wolf.
3. A fun gathering of friends.
5. Children's chant on Halloween
6. An outfit to wear on Halloween
7. A residence full of spooks and ghosts.
9. A marker for graves
15. What kind of cat should you avoid on Halloween?
17. A lady who casts spells and makes potions.



## Ghostbusters!

If there's something 1 \_\_\_\_\_ in your  
neighbourhood  
Who are you gonna 2 \_\_\_\_\_?  
(Ghostbusters!)

If it's something weird and it don't look  
3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Who are you gonna call? (Ghostbusters!)

I ain't afraid of no 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
I ain't afraid of no ghost

If you're seeing things running through  
your 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
Who can you call? (Ghostbusters!)

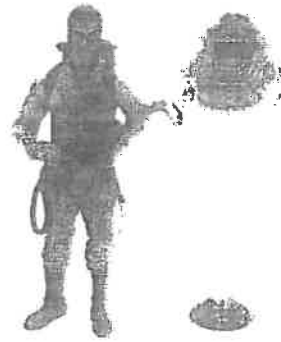
An invisible man sleeping in your  
6 \_\_\_\_\_  
Oh who are you gonna call?  
(Ghostbusters!)

I ain't afraid of no ghost  
I ain't afraid of no ghost  
Who are you gonna call? (Ghostbusters!)

If you're all alone, pick up the  
7 \_\_\_\_\_  
And call (Ghostbusters!)

I ain't afraid of no ghost  
I hear it likes the 8 \_\_\_\_\_  
I ain't afraid of no ghost  
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah  
Who are you gonna call? (Ghostbusters!)

Mmm, if you've had a dose  
Of a freaky ghost baby  
9 \_\_\_\_\_ better call (Ghostbusters!)



Let me tell you 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
'Busting makes me feel good

I ain't afraid of no ghost  
I ain't afraid of no ghost  
Don't get caught alone, oh no  
(Ghostbusters!)

When he comes through your  
11 \_\_\_\_\_  
Unless you just want some more  
I think you better call (Ghostbusters!)

Oh, who are you gonna call?  
(Ghostbusters!) Who are you gonna call?  
(Ghostbusters!)  
I think you'd better call (Ghostbusters!)  
Who are you gonna call? (Ghostbusters!)  
I can't hear 12 \_\_\_\_\_!  
Who are you gonna call? (Ghostbusters!)  
Louder! (Ghostbusters!)  
Who are you gonna call? (Ghostbusters!)  
Who 13 \_\_\_\_\_ call?  
(Ghostbusters!)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



*A modern copy of the Mayflower, the ship that brought the Pilgrims to America*

## The First Thanksgiving

The Thanksgiving holiday in the U.S. started with a celebration held in 1621. The Pilgrims and the Native Americans came together for a large feast.

The Pilgrims had left their home in England to come to America. They did not like the church in England. They wanted to start their own church. The Pilgrims sailed to America on a ship called the *Mayflower*. They arrived in what is now Massachusetts in November 1620. After a hard winter, the Pilgrims started their settlement. They called it the Plymouth Colony.

The local Native Americans were members of the Wampanoag tribe. The tribe gave the Pilgrims food. One of the tribe members was Squanto, who taught the Pilgrims to grow corn and catch fish.

After the Pilgrims harvested their corn and other crops, they celebrated with a large feast. Many Wampanoag tribe members visited and brought more food. They were happy that they had plenty to eat and were friends.



*A painting of the Pilgrims and the Native Americans at the first Thanksgiving.*

### What Did You Learn?

What were the names of the two groups at the first Thanksgiving?

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Why did the Pilgrims come to America?

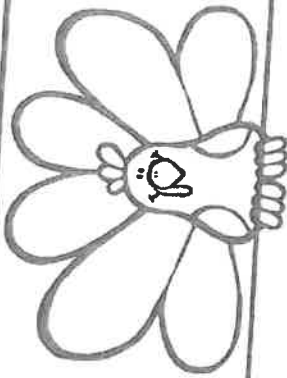
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How did the Wampanoags help the Pilgrims?

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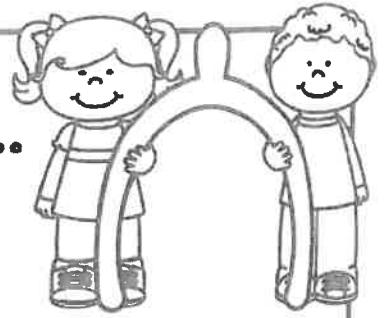
Choose Chinese

Choose 6 things from your web that you are thankful for. Then write reasons, details, and examples for each.



# What I Am Thankful For...

## Essay Organizer



**Introduction** (Provide a strong opening sentence and list 3 things that you are thankful for.)

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**What I Am Thankful For #1:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Example(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What I Am Thankful For #2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Example(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What I Am Thankful For #3:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Example(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Conclusion** (Restate the 3 things that you are thankful for and end with a strong closing sentence.)

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## Romeo and Juliet

## Shakespeare



Many years ago in Verona, Italy, there were two families.

"We are the Capulets."

"We are the Montagues."

These families are always fighting. The Montagues have a son, Romeo. The Capulets have a daughter, Juliet.

One night the Capulets have a party and Romeo goes. He meets Juliet and they fall in love. Juliet's cousin, Tybalt, sees Romeo and is very angry.

"He's a Montague! Get him!"

"Oh Romeo, why are you a Montague?"

Romeo and Juliet talk and decide to get married.

They know that their families will be very angry so they go to Friar Lawrence and are married in secret.

The next day, Tybalt sees Romeo. He is still angry with Romeo and wants to fight him. Romeo doesn't want to fight but his best friend, Mercutio, does.

"If you won't fight him, I will!"

Mercutio fights Tybalt. Tybalt kills Mercutio! Romeo is so upset he fights Tybalt and kills him too!

The Prince of Verona is very angry and sends Romeo away. Juliet goes to Friar Lawrence for help.

"Here is a special drink. You will sleep for two days. Your family will think you are dead but you will wake up. Then you and Romeo can be free together."

Friar Lawrence sends Romeo a letter to tell him the plan. But Romeo doesn't get the message. He hears that Juliet is dead!

Romeo is so upset he buys some poison and goes to see Juliet.

"Now I will stay with you forever."

Too late, Juliet wakes up! She sees what happened.

"Oh no! You didn't leave any poison for me but here is your knife."

Romeo and Juliet are both dead. Friar Lawrence tells the Capulets and Montagues what happened. They are so sad they agree not to fight any more.



What's the order?

1 2 3



Watch the story and put the sentences in order.

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Romeo Montague and Juliet Capulet fall in love.

Romeo kills Tybalt so the Prince of Verona sends him away.

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The Capulet family and the Montague family are always fighting.

Romeo is so sad that he kills himself, then Juliet sees Romeo is dead and she kills herself.

Romeo doesn't get Friar Lawrence's letter and thinks Juliet is dead.

Tybalt, Juliet's cousin, kills Mercutio, Romeo's friend.

The families are so sad that they agree not to fight any more.

Juliet makes a plan with Friar Lawrence to drink a special drink and pretend to be dead.

True or false?

Watch the story. Circle true or false for these sentences.



a. The Capulet family and the Montague family don't like each other.

true

false

b. Romeo meets Juliet at a Montague party.

true

false

c. Romeo and Juliet get married in secret.

true

false

d. Tybalt kills Mercutio, then Romeo kills Juliet.

true

false

e. The Prince of Verona is very happy and sends Romeo away.

true

false

f. Friar Lawrence gives Juliet a drink to make her sleep.

true

false

g. Friar Lawrence sends Romeo a letter to tell him the plan.

true

false

h. Romeo buys a knife and goes to see Juliet.

true

false

i. Romeo and Juliet kill themselves.

true

false

j. The Prince of Verona tells the families what happened.

true

false



# Romeo + Juliet

## Complete the sentences!

Complete the sentences to retell the story in your own words. :



- The Capulet family and the Montague family are always fighting.
- Romeo and Juliet fall in love and they \_\_\_\_\_.
- Tybalt, Juliet's cousin, kills \_\_\_\_\_.
- Romeo kills Tybalt so the Prince of Verona \_\_\_\_\_.
- Friar Lawrence sends Romeo a letter to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Romeo doesn't get the letter and he thinks \_\_\_\_\_.
- Romeo kills himself, then \_\_\_\_\_.
- The families are so sad that \_\_\_\_\_.

## Write and draw!

Imagine the Montagues and the Capulets have a party together to celebrate the end of their fighting. At the party Mrs Montague and Mr Capulet say sorry to each other. Draw a picture and write their conversation!



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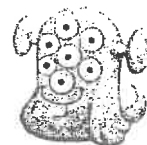
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## 7. Think about it!

What do you think? Is it important to try to forgive people when they do something bad to you, instead of fighting with them?





## A Christmas Silly Story - Word List

Fill in this word list. Then transfer your answers to the silly story on Page 2.  
Enjoy your very own silly holiday story.

1. adjective	
2. adjective	
3. number	
4. number	
5. noun	
6. favourite food	
7. adjective	
8. kind of sweet	
9. colour	
10. animal	
11. instrument (plural)	
12. drink	
13. adjective	

## A Christmas Silly Story



Fill in the blanks after you complete Page 1.

My favourite holiday is Christmas because of all the  
\_\_\_\_\_ decorations. We decorate our  
\_\_\_\_\_ tree with \_\_\_\_\_ ornaments  
and \_\_\_\_\_ lights, and hang our stockings on  
the \_\_\_\_\_. We leave \_\_\_\_\_ and  
milk for Santa. It is fun to decorate the Christmas  
cake with \_\_\_\_\_ icing and  
\_\_\_\_\_. We sing Christmas songs while we  
decorate. I like "Rudolph the \_\_\_\_\_ Nose  
\_\_\_\_\_", and "Jingle \_\_\_\_\_."  
When the decorations are all finished, we drink hot  
\_\_\_\_\_, and eat \_\_\_\_\_ biscuits.

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I. Reading  
A. Directions  
B. Sequencing  
C. Main Idea  
D. Writing  
A. Capitalization  
B. Punctuation

## Syllables

Color the spaces for each word:

**green** if the word has **4 syllables**

**blue** if the word has **3 syllables**

**brown** if the word has **2 syllables**

**red** if the word has **1 syllable**

What is it? \_\_\_\_\_

