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— Parent of Year 6 Student



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2026 SELECTIVE WORKBOOK

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Practice *Reimagined.*

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Diary Challenge



DIARY Life in 2050

"Write a diary entry from the perspective of a student in the year 2050. Describe what a typical school day is like, including the technology you use and the subjects you study."

Audience: Future readers of your diary · 200–300 words

WRITING SPACE

Persuasive Challenge



PERSUASIVE Screen Time Limits

"Write a persuasive letter to parents arguing whether or not teenagers should have daily screen time limits. Support your argument with logical reasoning and real-world examples."

Audience: Parents and guardians · 250–300 words

WRITING SPACE

MODULE 02

Writing Gym: Skill Drills

Isolate. Practice. Master.



TRANSFORM Skill: Speech Verbs

Replace "said" with verbs that show emotion or how something was spoken.

Weak: "Stop!" he said loudly. **Strong:** "Stop!" he bellowed.

YOUR TURN

"I don't want to go," she said quietly.

My Answer: _____

IMITATE Skill: Sensory Verbs

Use verbs that engage multiple senses (sound, motion, sight).

MENTOR TEXT

"The leaves fluttered and spiralled from the tree."

Notice how "fluttered" suggests a light motion, while "spiralled" creates a specific shape in the air.

New Topic: Describe a piece of paper falling from a skyscraper.

Why Specificity?

Precise nouns eliminate the need for weak adjectives. Instead of "a big, black and white bird," just say "a magpie." It grounds your story in reality.

MODULE 02

Descriptive Mastery Drills



SHOW-NOT-TELL Skill: Physical Reactions

Instead of telling how someone feels, show it through physical actions.

TELLING (WEAK)

"He was **angry.**"

SHOWING (STRONG)

"His **jaw clenched tight**, knuckles white around the crumpled paper."

Your turn: Show someone is "happy" without using the word.

PRECISION Skill: Specific Nouns

Which sentence creates the CLEAREST mental image?

- A The bird sat on the tree.
- B The magpie perched on the eucalyptus.
- C A large animal ran across the grass.
- D Something was moving in the garden.

Mathematics Mastery

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Q1. Time Conversion

Sandy's watch reads 1850.

What is the time one quarter of an hour later, in 12-hour format?

A. 6:35 am

B. 7:05 am

C. 6:35 pm

D. 6:45 pm

E. 7:05 pm

Q2. Fraction Wall

Jack divides a wall into 10 equal sections. He paints 4 sections purple (shaded). He then paints $\frac{2}{5}$ of the WHOLE wall yellow. Finally, he paints the rest green.



How many sections does he paint green?

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

E. 5

Q3. Multiplication Mastery

Nicola multiplies the smallest four-digit whole number by the largest two-digit whole number.

What is the answer?

A. 99 000

B. 99 990

C. 990 000

D. 999 900

E. 999 999

Q4. Scale Reading

Rana needs 650 grams of sauce. She places a glass jar of sauce on a scale. The empty jar weighs 330g. The scale shows the total weight is 750g.

How much MORE cooking sauce does Rana need?

A. 100 g

B. 130 g

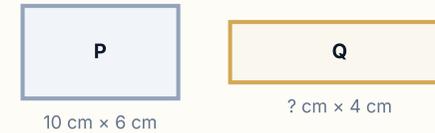
C. 200 g

D. 230 g

E. 430 g

Q5. Equal Areas

Rectangles P and Q both have the same area.



What is the length of rectangle Q?

A. 8 cm

B. 12 cm

C. 15 cm

D. 32 cm

E. 60 cm



Stuck on a problem?

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