## Word Classes

An adjective is a word that describes a noun. It tells you more about the noun. Adjectives are used to describe things, people, animals and places.

Examples: The red apple. The angry lion.
Red and angry are adjectives. They describe the type of apple and lion. The apple is a red one and the lion is an angry one.

## A Clever Adjectives

1 Write a suitable adjective for each noun.


## B Using Colour

1 Write a suitable noun for each adjective.


## C Māui's Pathway

1 For Māui to capture the sun, you must colour in only the stones that are adjectives.


An apostrophe (') is also used in contractions. A contraction is two words that have been shortened into one word. An apostrophe is placed above the baseline in a position where letters have been left out.
Example: He didn't see the movie with his friends.
The two words did and not have been shortened to make one word and the letter o has ben left out. An apostrophe has been placed in the space left by the o to show a letter is missing. Other contractions include he's, don't, and we'll.

## A Short as Short

1 Write these words in a shortened way, using an apostrophe to show where letters have been left out.
a) I have
b) I will
c) I would
d) I cannot
e) I have not
f) I would not $\qquad$
g) I do not $\qquad$
h) 1 am

## B All's Well

1 Write the following contractions in full.
a) they're
b) couldn't
c) you're
d) isn't
e) it's
f) we've
g) who've
h) this'll

## C Paired Up

1 Find the long form of the shortened words. Circle them and colour each pair the same.


## D Hiding Out

1 Rewrite the following passage, putting in apostrophes where they are required.

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"Theyre coming now," remarked Jack. "Didnt you hear them?"
"Youre right," answered Paul. "Im sure thats them."
"Do you think theyll find us?" asked Jack.
"Not if were really quiet," whispered Paul.
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Language Skills

Plural means there is more than one person or thing.
Example: We went to buy some books. We tells us there is more than one person. Some books means more than one book.

## A Top to Bottom

1 Circle only the plural words.

| potatoes | ferry | half | boss |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| key | trips |  | friends |  |
| babies | city |  | chimney |  |
| elf |  | stories | glass |  |
| fists | loaves | hero | army |  |
|  | piano | nests | brush |  |

## B Cross and Leave

1 Cross out the singular and leave the plural form.
a) families family
b) echo echoes
c) mouse mice
d) foot feet
e) men man
f) flies fly
g) child children


## C More Than One

1 Name the item in each photo and write the plural form of the word underneath.


## (D) Plural Crozzle

1 Fill this crozzle with the plurals of the words given. The word begins where the arrow points.


Dictionary Skills

There are five vowels in the alphabet - $a, e, i, o$ and $u$ - and every English word contains at least one vowel. All the rest of the letters are consonants.
Sometimes the letter $y$ is used as a vowel when it makes an $i$ or e sound. Examples: sky any happy It is possible to understand words even if the vowels are left out. Texting often uses this idea!

## (A) Alphabet Pieces

1 Write the five vowels in these boxes.

2 Write only the consonants in these boxes in their usual order.


3 Which two letters of the alphabet are used as words? and

## B Name It

1 Write your full name and circle the vowels.
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$\qquad$

2 Write the full name of a member of your family and circle the vowels.
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3 How many times does a vowel occur in this word? Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious
$\qquad$ times. Circle each one.

## (D) Beautiful Birds

1 Add the vowels to the names of these birds.
a) $\qquad$ b $\qquad$ tr $\qquad$ S S
b) $\mathrm{b} \| \ldots \ldots \mathrm{ck} \mathrm{b}$ $\qquad$
c) $\qquad$ n $\ldots .$. ry
d) $k \ldots . . . n g f$ sher
e) $\qquad$ g I ......
f) fl. $\qquad$ m $\qquad$ g
$\qquad$
g) $g$ $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
h) h $\qquad$ r......n
i) $\qquad$ t

## (E) Two Together

1 Sometimes words are spelt with two vowels together. Write two words in each shape that have the same vowel pairs.


[^0]Spelling Skills

A prefix is one or two syllables added to the beginning of a word to alter its meaning. Prefixes have a meaning of their own. Some prefixes change a word to its opposite.
Examples: prefix : dis meaning not like - dislike prefix: un meaning not happy - unhappy
Some of the prefixes we use most often are: ab-, ante-, bi-, circum-, ex-, il-, im-, in-, inter-, mis-, re-, super-, trans-, un-

## (A) In Fives

1 Write five words that begin with the prefix dis when it means not.


2 Write six words that begin with the prefix trans when it means across. it means across.

## B Do Again

1 The prefix re usually means to do something again. What do these words mean?
a) reappear
b) reapply
c) rebuild
d) recycle
e) rewrite

2 Write six more words of your own that have the prefix pre, meaning to come before.
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$\qquad$
$\qquad$

## C Making Opposites

1 Add a prefix to these words so that the new word has the opposite meaning. One is done for you.
a)

e)
patient
$\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$
b)

c)

d)

f)

g)

h)


2 Write two words of your own using some of these prefixes: super-, il-, in-, bi-, inter-, mis-, trans-, un-, re-, im-.
a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)


## A White-Faced Heron

1 Label the subject and the verb. The verb tells what the subject is doing in each sentence. One is done for you.
a) $\underbrace{\text { A heron }}_{\text {subject }} \underbrace{\text { searches for }}_{\text {verb }}$ food.
b) White-faced herons eat fish, frogs and mice.
c) The heron catches its prey with its long beak.
d) Herons look for food in shallow water.
e) High up in trees the birds build flimsy nests.

## B Doing What Comes Naturally

1 Write an interesting sentence about each creature. Make sure each sentence has a verb.


The frog $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$


## C Hunting for Food

1 Find where white-faced herons are commonly seen hunting for food by using the clues and the starter letters. Then write a sentence which uses all the words you found.

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Cloze reading is when the reader has to supply words that have been removed from the story. It is a way of testing a reader's ability to understand what they are reading even though not all words are there. A reader should be able to give a word that fits the sense of the sentence.

## A Dear...

1 Use your own words to complete this letter.
Dear
It has been a long
since I last
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ at school. Next $\qquad$

I will go to
School and
so I want to make sure I
how to do the work. I've been picked for the
team and now represent
the school.
Write soon,
Andrew

## B St Valentine's Day

1 Place words from the box in the correct space.

| Christian <br> February | killed marry | sweethearts celebrated |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| St. Valentine's Day is |  |  |
| In many |  | coun |
| this day is |  | ... to ho |
| St. Valentine who was |  | .... beca |
| he helped lovers to |  |  |
| Chocolates, red roses | and ca | sent to |

## C Captain Hook's Treasure

1 Study Captain Hook's map and message carefully. Place the missing words in the message from the clues given in the map. Mark the trail and where you found the treasure.

from ship's Cove go north to the. past the .................................... on your right. Cross the chasm over the $\qquad$ brióge, taking great

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## A 'Across the Risen Sea'

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An adventure novel for primary and intermediate readers full of action, sharks and crocodiles.

The scenario is: an Australian-like territory has been flooded because of a rise in sea level. The sea has broken through to the interior and formed an inland sea with small islands which are inhabited by communities that do not deal in money, and instead, live on fishing, scrounging, and diving for materials left behind in drowned cities. The characters in this book feel like Aboriginals with their gentle and community minded ways. Noema Jag are friends but when strangers from a place called Valley of the Sun arrive on their island and without permission build a power plant that flashes a red light, the whole community is bemused. Noema, who is a feisty girl, pulls the wires out. This sets off a most thrilling series of action events in which Jag is unfairly taken away by the Valley of the Sun people and Noema steals the family boat to pursue and free Jag. She encounters sharks, a crocodile that hangs around, a bizarre, almost indestructible pirate named Pirate Bradshaw, and a tough ally Saleesi.

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Comprehension Skills

## Online Book Review - continued

## A Book Review Facts

1 Answer each question using the information found in the book review opposite.
a) Who wrote this book?
b) What is the name of the blog where this review can be found?
c) Who is the 'hero' of the book?
d) Is the book most likely set in the past, present, or future?
e) What catastrophe has occurred?
f) How have the people living there coped?
g) How do the Valley of the Sun people threaten the community?
h) Explain in your own words what the reviewer's comment, 'the whole community is bemused' means.
i) The reviewer describes Noma as a 'feisty' girl. What does the word 'feisty' mean?
j) Describe one of the 'thrilling' action events in the story which the reviewer refers to.
k) In your own words describe one event referred to in the review which would make you want to read the book.
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## B Around the Website

1 Answer each question using the information found in another Bob's Books Blog.
a) Visit the Bob's Books Blog here https://bobsbooksnz.wordpress.com/
b) Choose another review of a book, which you are interested in, aimed at your age group. Write down the title of the book and author's name.
c) Read the review carefully. List three reasons why you would now be interested in reading this book.

Research Skills

It is important when doing research to choose a topic that interests you. If your teacher asks you to choose the research topic, you may find selecting one is harder than you think. You should try to select a topic that has plenty of material available, or your task will prove hard to complete. A good method is to think of topics you're interested in, then narrow it down to the one that will provide the most readily available information.
It is a little like being a detective: finding clues, recording what you have found, putting it all together and coming up with a result. Knowing how to conduct research properly will help you in many school subjects.

## (A) What Interests Me?

Step 1 : What interests me?
Sometimes it is difficult to choose a topic to research. Here is an easy way to go about it. Just follow the steps on this page.

1 List eight topics you might find interesting to research and present as a project.
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$\qquad$
$\qquad$

## C Brainstorm Your Topic

1 If you are interested in something, chances are you already know something about it. In the shape below, write down everything you already know about your selected topic. Also write down what you don't know and need to find out.


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## Pages 7-21

## Word Classes

## Page 16 - Adjectives 2

A1 Student's own answers - examples

B1 Student's own answers - examples yummy, delicious,
 luscious, tasty, delectable, sweet, sticky, smooth, creamy, cold
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { C1 } & \text { a) slow } & \text { b) busy } & \text { c) white }\end{array}$
e) cheeky f) heavy

D1 Circled adjectives - fearless, powerful, courageous, bold, muscular, daring, athletic, sinewy, healthy brave

## Page 17 - Prepositions 1

| A1 b) in | c) above / on | d) under |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| B1 a) in | b) before | c) after |  |

B2 a) by, near, beside b) on, against, under
C1 in, down, through, over, around, towards, up
D1 above, across, beneath, against, after, towards, upon, beyond

## Page 18 - Prepositions 2

A1 a) beneath / under
b) across / on
c) over
d) between / among / under

C1 Underlined prepositions :
in, on, through, beneath

across, over, in, between

## Page 19 - Conjunctions 1

A1 a) and
b) but
c) because d) while
e) although f) when
A2 a) and / then
d) when / because
c) while
d) when / because

B1 Student's own answers.
C1 over and out, come and go, give and take, thick and thin, lock and key, spick and span, one and all, stuff and nonsense, fast and furious, fits and starts

## Page 20 - Conjunctions 2

A1 a) bacon and eggs
b) hammer and tongs
c) fish and chips
d) lock and key
B1 a) unless b) although c) when d) that
e) where f) before g) because h) than

C1 Student's own answers - examples : black and white, cats and dogs
C2 Student's own answers - examples : poor but honest, proud but modest

## Page 21 - Verbs 1

A1 Student's own answers - examples runs, pounces, leaps, waddles, struts, frisks, gallops, slithers, lopes

B1 Student's own answers
C1 Student's own answers - examples tennis player - serves, hits, smashes cricketer -bats, bowls, throws netballer-dodges, catches, shoots skateboarder - pushes, balances, jump swimmer-dives, kicks, turns soccer player -dribbles, heads, strikes rugby player - runs, tackles, passes



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