

Happy Birthday, Grandmother!

Dictation

Listen and write the words.



Luke's grandmother's birthday is coming.

She will be _____ years old.

Luke wants to do something _____ for her.

However, he doesn't have money.

He does have an old _____.

Luke plays a little guitar but not very well.

Luke's _____ John plays well.

John _____ to help him.

John teaches Luke a _____ song.

John knows how to teach well.

Luke also _____ every day.

On his grandmother's birthday, Luke visits her.

He plays her the song.

She knows the _____ and sings as Luke plays.

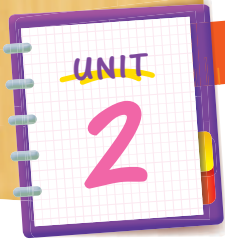
Luke's grandmother sings well.

Their song _____ beautiful.

His grandmother hugs him.

She says, "It is a wonderful _____!"





Online Guitar Lessons



Dictation

Listen and write the words.



Take guitar lessons _____ !

There are many good _____ for it.

You can take lessons any time.

Tutors only work _____ hours each day.

Online lessons can start _____ or night, 24/7.

Then you can study guitar before or _____ other things you do.

Online lessons can also save money.

_____ can cost \$25 to \$50 for one hour.

Some online lessons are free!

Online classes can cost \$50 for a _____.

A course can be ten or more lessons.

You can also _____ alone through online lessons.

No one will be watching you

_____.

That makes many students feel less

_____.





The Piano Concert



Dictation

Listen and write the words.



Track 05

Wendy has a _____.

She must play in front of an _____.

She is nervous, but she smiles as she goes on the _____.

Wendy sits at her _____.

She wants to play, but she can't remember her song.

She looks at the _____ in the audience.

They look at her and _____.

Suddenly, Wendy hears _____ singing.

It is her father.

He is sitting in the _____ of the audience.

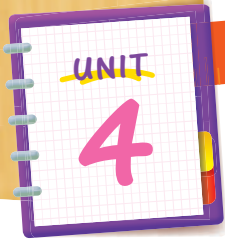
He smiles at her and sings her song quietly.

Now Wendy _____ her song.

She plays quietly at first, but then she
_____ better and better.

She plays her song well!





Music in the City



Dictation

Listen and write the words.



Luke Jerram is an _____.

He makes art with pianos.

First, he works with a _____.

A city that wants his art will let him put _____ on the streets.

He puts them in parks, at bus stops, and other places.

Each piano has a _____ on it.

The sign says, "Play me, I'm yours."

Any _____ can play the pianos.

Any person can _____ a street musician.

They don't play for _____.

They just play for fun.

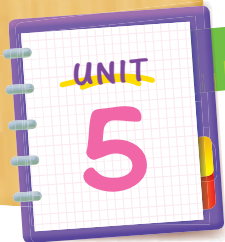
_____ 2008, Jerram has put pianos in more than twenty cities.

People in London, New York, and Paris

_____ enjoyed Jerram's art.

Maybe _____ pianos will be in your city soon!





Greg and Emily's Chores

Dictation

Listen and write the words.



Greg and Emily went to their father.

They asked, "Can we go outside?"

Their father asked, "Did you finish your _____?"

Emily said, "No, we did not _____ them yet."

Their father said, "Do all of your chores _____."

Greg and Emily had a lot of chores.

Greg said, "Let's _____ together."

Emily said, "OK. That will be faster!"

Greg washed the _____.

Emily dried them.

Greg _____ the kitchen floor.

Emily vacuumed the _____.

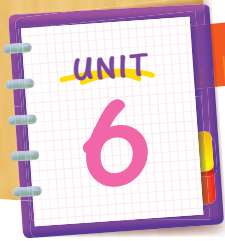
Together, Greg and Emily _____ the bathroom.

Finally, they finished the chores.

Their father said, "Wow! That did not take _____."

Greg and Emily worked well _____.





Can You Do It?



Dictation

Listen and write the words.



Chores are jobs people do at home.

Kids help _____ by doing chores.

However, not all _____ can do all chores.

Some kids may be too young for certain chores.

Young kids can only do _____ chores.

What chores can kids six or younger do?

They can put _____ laundry and feed the family pet.

What chores can kids up to _____ do?

They can wash _____.

They can take out the _____.

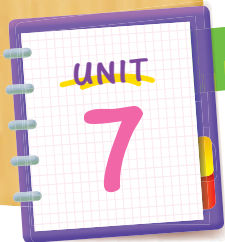
What chores can kids up to _____ do?

They can babysit.

They can _____ the yard.

Which _____ are you old enough to do?





The Muddy Dog



Dictation

Listen and write the words.



Track 13

One rainy day, Meg stayed inside and cleaned the house.

She _____ the floor.

She wiped off the table and _____.

It was hard work!

Meg sat down and looked out the _____.

The rain kept falling.

Meg's dog was playing _____.

It loved the rain.

It kept running through _____

in the yard.

Then her _____ dog came inside.

"Oh no!" Meg yelled.

She tried to _____ the dog.

It kept hiding under or _____ things in the house.

Of course, mud got on _____.

"Now I have to clean the house again!" Meg said.

Meg _____ at her dog and said, "Bad dog!"

Her dog kissed her.



Elephant Car Wash



Dictation

Listen and write the words.



Track 15

Tiki and Alice are elephants.

They live and work at a _____ in Oregon.

The park is not really a zoo.

Animals walk _____ all through the park.

People go through it in their _____ to look at the animals.

Not long ago, the park needed _____ money.

People at the park had an _____.

They gave Tiki and Alice a job.

These elephants _____ cars.

They collected water in their _____.

Then they _____ cars with
the water.

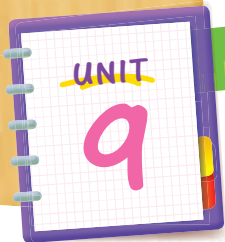
The elephants used sponges to
_____ the cars.

The elephants did a wonderful job.

They also made a lot of money for the park.

People _____ \$20 to get an
elephant car wash.





Sandy the Hairdresser

Dictation

Listen and write the words. Track 17

Sandy wants to be a _____ because her mom is one.

Sometimes, she goes to her mom's _____.

She loves to watch her mom cut hair.

One day, Sandy _____ to her sister, Ellen.

She asks Ellen, "Can I cut your _____?"

"OK," Ellen says.

Sandy gets her _____ and cuts Ellen's hair.

Sandy _____ Ellen's hair because Ellen asks her to do it.

That night, the girls show the _____ to their mom.

Their mom is surprised because Ellen's hair is very different.

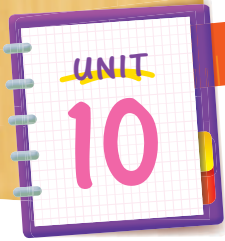
One _____ is short.

The other side is long.

All of it is _____!

Her mom says, "Sandy, next time, cut your _____ hair!"





No Long Hair Allowed



Dictation

Listen and write the words.



JT Gaskins wanted to grow his _____.

However, his high school said no.

The _____ said no long hair for boys.

JT did not want to _____ his hair to look nice, though.

He _____ to grow his hair and then cut it.

He knew a girl with _____.

JT wanted to use his hair to make a _____ for her.

As a kid, JT had cancer.

Someone _____ hair to make a wig for him.

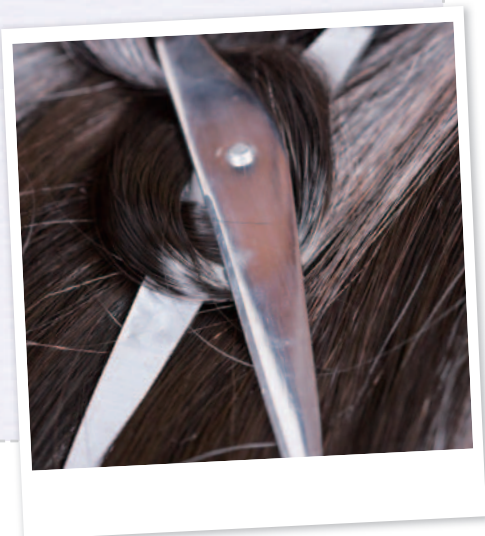
He wanted to follow that

_____.

The school still said he needed to cut his hair.

In fact, JT _____ not go to classes
until he cut his hair.

What _____ you do?





A Big Snowball

Dictation

Listen and write the words.



Matt and Peter played outside in the snow.

They made _____.

Matt threw one at Peter.

The snowball hit Peter's arm!

Peter _____ one at Matt.

The snowball hit Matt's _____!

Matt made a big snowball.

He wanted to _____ Peter, so he hid behind a tree.

Matt heard _____ near the tree.

He let the person come very _____.

Then Matt jumped out and threw the snowball.

It _____ the person's face!

It was Matt's dad!

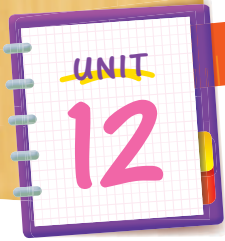
"_____, Dad!" said Matt.

Matt's dad put his hands into the _____.

He made a snowball.

Then he smiled and said, "Now it is my _____!"





The Snow Woman



Dictation

Listen and write the words.



The Gonzalez family enjoys snow.

They make snow _____ when it snows.

They make the sculptures in their _____.

However, not everyone liked one sculpture.

Mrs. Gonzalez and her son worked _____ on the sculpture.

It looked like the famous *Venus de Milo*.

The *Venus de Milo* _____ like a woman.

It has no arms.

It also has no _____ !

The Gonzalezes' snow sculpture looked a lot like it.

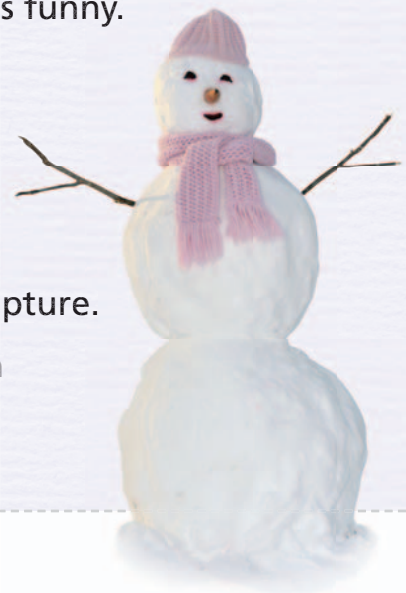
_____ of the neighbors thought it was funny.

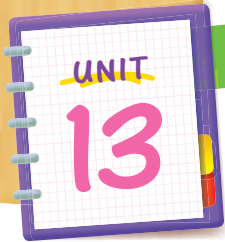
However, one _____ called
the police.

The Gonzalez family did not want
_____.

They put a _____ on their sculpture.

Some people don't know _____ when
they see it!





Julie's Picnic



Dictation

Listen and write the words.



The day was warm.

The sky was blue.

Julie packed a _____ for a picnic.

She made a _____ for lunch.

She also took pie for _____.

She went to the park.

At the park, Julie _____ a big tree.

She sat under it and ate the sandwich.

A _____ in the tree watched Julie.

Then Julie felt sleepy.

She took a _____ under the tree.

Twenty _____ later, Julie woke up.

She wanted her pie, but it was _____ !

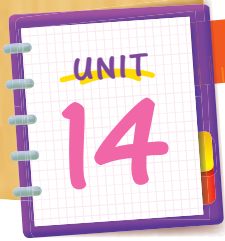
She looked around.

Where was the pie?

She _____ the squirrel in the tree.

The squirrel had her _____ !





A Castle on the Beach



Dictation

Listen and write the words.



The _____ of England has many castles.

One of them is Windsor Castle.

Windsor Castle is not _____ the beach.

_____, the Queen saw Windsor Castle on the beach.

It was on the _____ in Weymouth, England.

The castle was made of sand.

Mark Anderson _____ the sandcastle.

He is an artist who makes sculptures with _____.

Anderson and four other men worked on it for 300 _____.

They worked from pictures of Windsor _____.

They wanted it to be right.

The sandcastle is more than 2.5

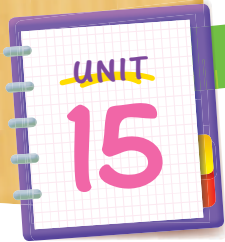
_____ tall.

The Queen liked the castle very much.

She said, "It looks _____

like the real one."





Ed's Family Camps



Dictation

Listen and write the words.



Ed enjoys camping with his family.

Every year, they _____ at a different park.

Last year, they _____ at the Grand Canyon.

They saw lizards and desert plants in the _____.

It was a hot place, but Ed had fun.

This _____, they are camping in the Redwood Forest.

The trees are _____!

Ed hikes _____ the trees with his family.

They see lots of _____ plants.

They also see birds, squirrels, and _____.

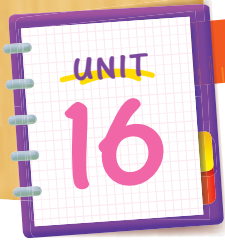
Next year, Ed gets to choose where they go.

He wants to see a _____.

There is a park with volcanoes in Hawaii.

Maybe his family will see a _____ volcano!





Going to Zoos



Dictation

Listen and write the words.



The Taviano family had an idea.

They would see a different zoo every _____ for one year.

They _____ around the country.

They couldn't pay for _____ all the time.

Friends let them stay at their homes.

Newspapers _____ out about the family.

They wrote _____ the Tavianos.

Many zoos let the Tavianos in for free!

The family traveled _____ of kilometers.

The Tavianos' children had a _____ time.

They took pictures at each zoo.

Mrs. Taviano _____ about their trip online, too.

Friends could see _____ they were all year.

After the trip, Mrs. Taviano wrote a _____.

The book is *52 Zoos in 52 Weeks*.



Albert's Alien Friend



Dictation

Listen and write the words.



Track 33

Albert the _____ visits another planet.

He sees an _____ !

It is green with big black eyes.

Albert is scared.

He starts to run _____ .

But the alien says, " _____ .

Don't be scared.

My name is Grog."

Grog _____ Albert

to his house.

Albert is hungry, so Grog makes a meal for him.

Albert says, "It is _____ !"

Grog tells his new friend, "Don't be shy.

Have more!"

Albert _____ Grog's friends.

Albert has fun with Grog, but he can't _____ .

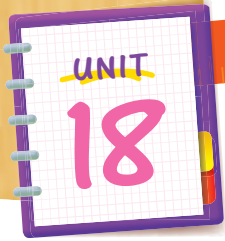
He tells his alien friends, "Don't be sad.

I will _____ back soon."

Then the astronaut flies back to his home _____ .

Albert misses his alien friends.





A Crash in Roswell



Dictation

Listen and write the words.



Roswell, New Mexico, is a small town.

Less than 50,000 people live there.

However, Roswell is a famous place.

Aliens _____ there!

In 1947, a farmer found something in his _____.

It looked like _____, but it was not.

Men from the _____ came and took the strange thing.

The farmer told his friends it was part of an alien's _____!

Not everyone _____ the story.

That is OK.

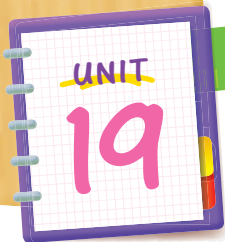
The _____ still made Roswell famous.

Today, many people _____ the town each year.

There is an _____ museum in Roswell.

The city also holds a UFO Festival every _____.





The Robot Scientist

Dictation

Listen and write the words.



A scientist was walking to his laboratory.

He saw a frog by the _____.

The frog said, "Wait!

A magician made me a frog.

_____ me.

I will change into a princess!"

The scientist _____ up the frog.

Then he went to his _____.

There he put the frog in a _____ tank.

Then the scientist started working.

He was making a _____ to do house chores.

The frog _____, "What are you doing?

Why don't you kiss me to make me a princess?"

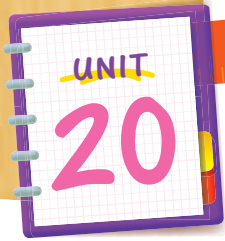
The _____ smiled.

He said, "I make robots.

I don't have time for a _____.

But a talking frog is _____."





A Helpful Robot



Dictation

Listen and write the words.



Twendy-One is a new kind of robot.

It moves around on _____.

Each of its hands has four _____.

Twendy-One's hands and fingers are _____.

The robot has a very gentle touch.

Twendy-One can make _____ for its owner.

It will take out eggs and _____ from the refrigerator.

Other robots can't _____ eggs well.

Twendy-One is the first robot that can!

It will _____ the eggs in a pan.

Then it will put the bread in the _____.

The makers wanted their robot to help people.

With its _____ touch,

Twendy-One can.

The robot can pick up _____

without hurting them!

