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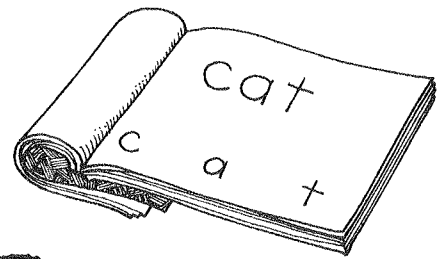
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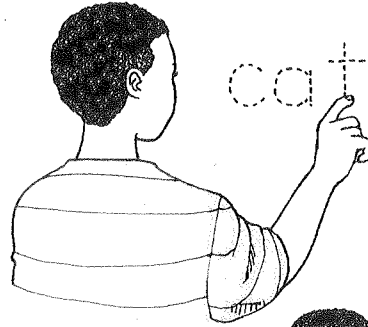
Learning to Spell a Word

1. Say the word.

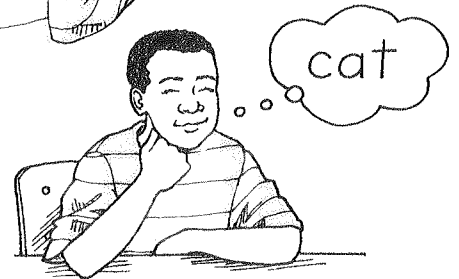
Look at the word and say the letters.



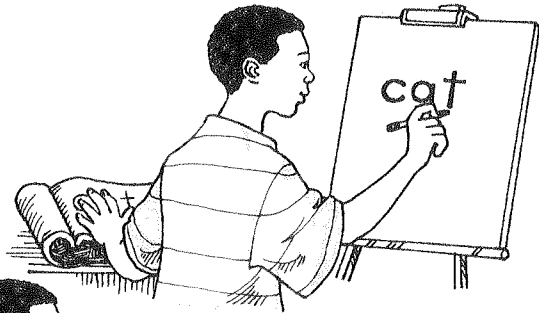
2. Print the word with your finger.



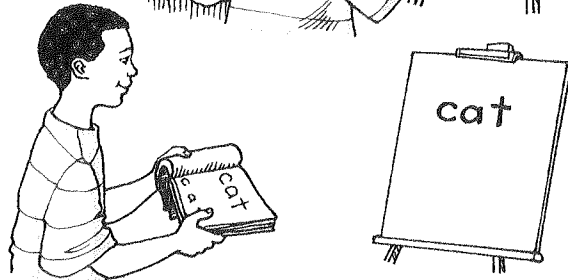
3. Close your eyes and think of the word.



4. Cover the word and print it on paper.



5. Check your spelling.



Making a Spelling Notebook

A Spelling Notebook will help you when you write. Write the words you're having trouble with on a sheet of paper. Add the paper to a notebook or folder. Whenever you need help to spell a word, look in your Spelling Notebook.



Name _____

LESSON

1

Warm Up

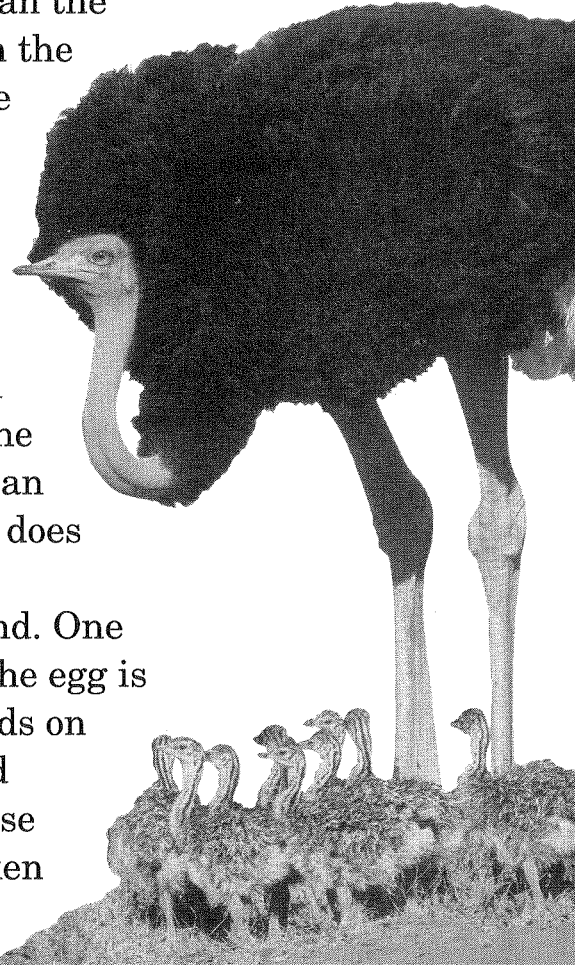
What is almost nine feet tall and lays eggs?

A Big Bird!

What has feathers, runs **fast**, and is taller than the tallest basketball player? It's the biggest **bird** in the world, the ostrich. This giant bird can grow to be almost **nine** feet tall. The largest ones live in North Africa. Some people think that ostriches bury their heads in the sand. They say that the ostriches are hiding from their enemies.

Just think about these facts. An ostrich can weigh as much as 350 pounds. One kick from an ostrich foot can **kill a person**. As you can see, the ostrich has no reason to hide from anything. It can run faster than its enemies anyway. The ostrich does have one problem. It **cannot** fly!

Ostrich hens lay their eggs in holes in the sand. One **egg** is often larger than a softball. The shell of the egg is very strong. It won't break even if a person stands on it. If you wanted to hard-boil one egg, you'd need plenty of **water**. When it was done, you could use it to make as much egg salad as two dozen chicken eggs would make. That's **quite** a meal!



Say the words in dark print in the selection. What consonant sounds do you hear?

On Your Mark

Take your Warm Up Test. Then check your spelling with the List Words on the next page.



LIST WORDS

- | | |
|------------|---------------|
| 1. fast | <i>fast</i> |
| 2. bird | <i>bird</i> |
| 3. nine | <i>nine</i> |
| 4. life | <i>life</i> |
| 5. since | <i>since</i> |
| 6. kill | <i>kill</i> |
| 7. cannot | <i>cannot</i> |
| 8. egg | <i>egg</i> |
| 9. water | <i>water</i> |
| 10. mark | <i>mark</i> |
| 11. person | <i>person</i> |
| 12. quite | <i>quite</i> |
| 13. beside | <i>beside</i> |
| 14. sister | <i>sister</i> |
| 15. forest | <i>forest</i> |

Pep Talk

The alphabet has two kinds of letters. The **vowels** are **a, e, i, o, u**, and sometimes **y** and **w**. All the other letters are **consonants**. Read the List Words. Some words have more than one syllable, as in forest. Notice that each syllable has its own vowel sound.

Game Plan

Spelling Lineup

Write the List Words that have one syllable.

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | |

Write the List Words that have two syllables.

- | |
|-----------|
| 10. _____ |
| 11. _____ |
| 12. _____ |
| 13. _____ |
| 14. _____ |
| 15. _____ |



Missing Letters

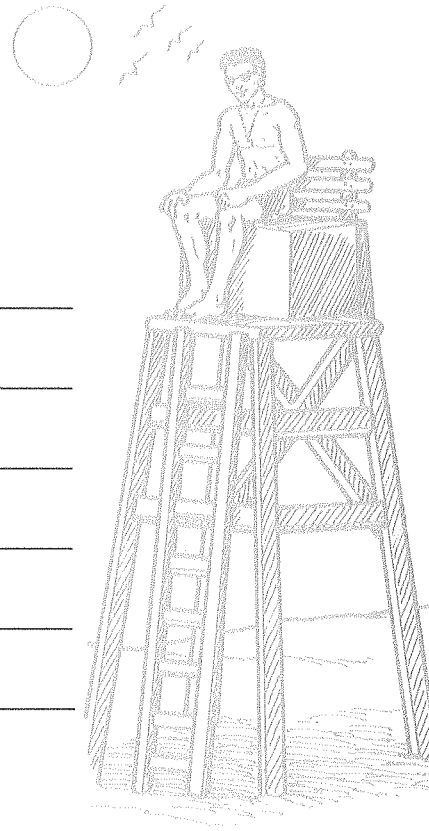
Write letters to finish the List Words in the sentences. Then write the List Words.

1. The ostrich is a large ____ i ____ ____ . _____
2. Some ostriches are ____ i ____ e feet tall. _____
3. That's taller than a very tall ____ e ____ ____ o ____ . _____
4. An ostrich e ____ ____ weighs about three pounds! _____
5. An ostrich can ____ i ____ ____ an enemy with one kick. _____

Word Parts

A compound word is a word made by joining two or more words. Find the compound word in each sentence. Circle the part of the compound word that spells a List Word. Then write the List Word.

1. Breakfast is a morning meal. _____
2. A lifeguard keeps swimmers safe. _____
3. A bookmark keeps my place in a book. _____
4. A robin might wash in a birdbath. _____
5. My new coat is waterproof. _____
6. An eggshell is a bird's first home. _____



Rhyming

Write the List Words that rhyme with the words given.

- | | |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1. florist _____ | 4. twister _____ |
| 2. decide _____ | 5. prince _____ |
| 3. wife _____ | 6. white _____ |

Flex Your Spelling Muscles

Writing

Birds come in many colors, shapes, and sizes. Write a description of one or more birds you have seen or heard about. Include details, such as what they look and sound like. Use as many List Words as you can.



Proofreading

Each sentence below has two mistakes. Use the proofreading marks to fix the mistakes. Then write the misspelled List Words on the lines.

Proofreading Marks



spelling mistake



capital letter

1. The hummingbird is the berd with the smallest eeg.

1. _____

2. a duck has feet shaped like paddles so it can swim in the watter.

2. _____

3. Penguins canot fly, but they can swim faste.

3. _____

4. An eagle lives in the african rain forrest.

4. _____

Now proofread your description of birds. Fix any mistakes.

Go for the Goal

Take your Final Test. Then fill in your Scoreboard. Send your mistakes to the Word Locker.

SCOREBOARD

number
correct

number
wrong

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ All-Star Words ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

carpet shirt sidewalk mile canvas

Write a sentence for each word. Read each sentence aloud to a partner, leaving out the All-Star Word. Have your partner say the word that goes in the sentence.