

Plattsburg Public School  
Learning from Home

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Group 1  
LITERACY



Weekly Spelling Sheet Group 1 Term 3 Week 7

Focus: The or sound – or/al/au/aw making the sound “....” as in pork, walk, sauce, straw

Choose 10 words as your spelling words this week.

Say the word, write the word	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Red Spelling Words</b>				
pork				
fork				
score				
store				
walk				
straw				
<b>Orange Spelling Words</b>				
porch				
short				
hawk				
yawn				
sauce				
launch				
<b>Green Spelling Words</b>				
horse				
tore				
vault				
flaw				
prawn				
snore				

Be magical! It's...



**Monkey  
Monday!**



The boy made his way along the narrow, rickety bridge. Reaching the other side of the town was sometimes difficult, especially in a high wind.

There were perks to living out on the ocean, but there were also disadvantages. Jack often wondered what life on the mainland would be like, what other children his age might be doing. Did they look the same as him? Did they enjoy the same things he enjoyed? Or, was he missing out on everything that growing up in a normal town would bring?

- Why can it be difficult to walk from one side of town to another?

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- What do you think the perks are of living in Stilt Town?

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- What might the disadvantages be?

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- Why is it called Stilt Town?

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- If you lived in Stilt Town, which house would you most like to reside in?

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- Which house would you least like to reside in?

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- What materials do you think the Town is made from?

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# Doctor's Orders

**Mum:** How did you go at the doctors, Sammy? What did they say?

**Sammy:** Well, it wasn't good news. The doctor says that I need to get healthier or I will become unwell. I don't do enough exercise and I'm not eating healthy food.

**Mum:** I thought you were quite healthy. You eat lots of different things and you play outside.

**Sammy:** I know but it is not enough. I need to eat at least five pieces of colourful, juicy fruit and tasty vegetables every single day. I need to get at least thirty minutes of tiring exercise every single day that makes my heart beat faster and makes me sweaty.

➤ **Mum:** Let's make more healthy choices together, Sammy.



# Quick Questions

1. What does Sammy say will happen if she doesn't become healthier?



2. Did Mum know that Sammy was unhealthy? How do you know?



3. What might Sammy and Mum do to get healthier?



4. Which two adjectives does the author use to describe fruit?



# Minute 19

Verb tense (present and past)



Name: ..... Date: .....

**Circle the correct verb in each sentence.**

1. We (jogs, jogged) at the park yesterday.
2. The boys (play, played) football last night.
3. Mrs Clarke (helps, helped) us every day.
4. Right now I (have, had) long hair.
5. My brother (is, was) at school camp last week.
6. Lisa (dances, danced) in the show two years ago.
7. The baby (cries, cried) all last night.
8. My new dog (licks, licked) me when I have food.
9. The soldier (pulls, pulled) the flag up every morning.
10. The bus driver (chews, chewed) gum all the time.



Be terrific! It's...



**Tiger  
Tuesday!**



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## All About Dogs

Dogs are popular pets. There are many different types of dogs. Some are so small they can be carried in a purse! Others are as big as ponies! Dogs are mammals. They have fur and warm blood.

Dogs have a great sense of smell. Some are very smart. Farmers can teach dogs to herd sheep. They can help blind people cross roads and stay safe. Some dogs pull sleds in snowy countries.

Dogs love to exercise. They need plenty of food to eat and water to drink to stay healthy. Dogs also love to play. They like to run and fetch balls and sticks. Dogs need to be brushed, and their nails need to be clipped. Doing these things help keep dogs clean and healthy.



1. What makes a dog a mammal?
  - there are many different types of dogs
  - a great sense of smell
  - they can eat meats and plants
  - fur and warm blood
2. What does the word plenty mean?
  - a little bit
  - few
  - a lot
  - none

What should you do to keep your dog healthy?

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## Spelling Activity

Choose 5 of your spelling words and write each one in a sentence.

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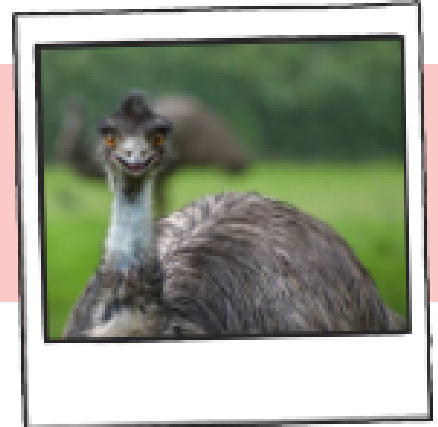
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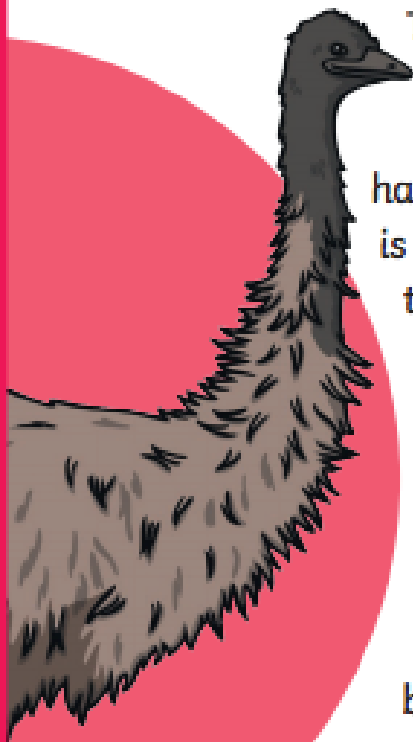
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# Emu

The emu is Australia's largest bird and the world's second largest. It comes second to the ostrich.



Emus are very unique in the way they look. They have long necks and very sharp beaks.



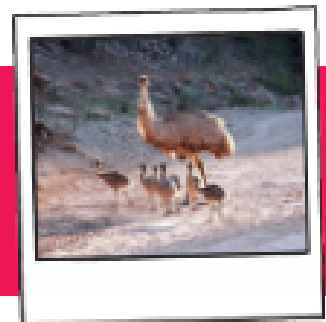
Their ears are quite small and they have two sets of eyelids. One eyelid is used to keep the dust out while the other is used for blinking. Altogether they have six toes, three on each foot. On each foot there is a talon which is used for fighting and protecting themselves against predators. Emus have very soft light brown feathers. They are also known to grow between 1.5-2 metres in height and can weigh up to 60kg. They are flightless birds.

Emus like to eat whatever they can find. However, they really enjoy grains, flowers and berries. They also like to eat insects and grubs which they find by digging around in the ground.

Emus like to eat a lot of food, especially if there is a lot around them. When they eat lots, the food is stored as fat. They can then survive for longer periods as they go in search of more food. Emus live in flocks or pairs.

## Did you know...?

**Males make a grunting sound like a pig and females make a loud booming sound.**



Use the information you have just read to fill out the sheet below.

# Australian Animals Emu



What They Look Like

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Where They Live

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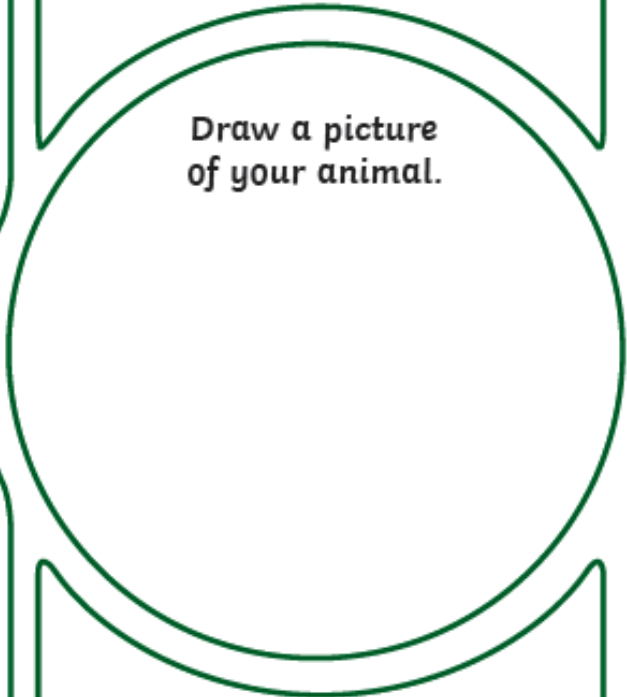
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Draw a picture  
of your animal.



What They Eat

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Did You Know...?

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**Be wonderful! It's...**



**Whale  
Wednesday!**



The dinosaurs all gave a simultaneous roar. It was coming...

Moments before, the lake had been quiet and peaceful. As the golden sun rose above the shadowy, jagged mountains on the horizon, creatures came from far and wide to enjoy their early morning drink from the tranquil pool. All they could hear was the gentle lapping of water and contented grunts as thirsts were quenched.

Then they had heard them: footsteps in the distance. Thump...Thump...Thump...It could mean only one thing: a T-Rex...

**Continue the story.**

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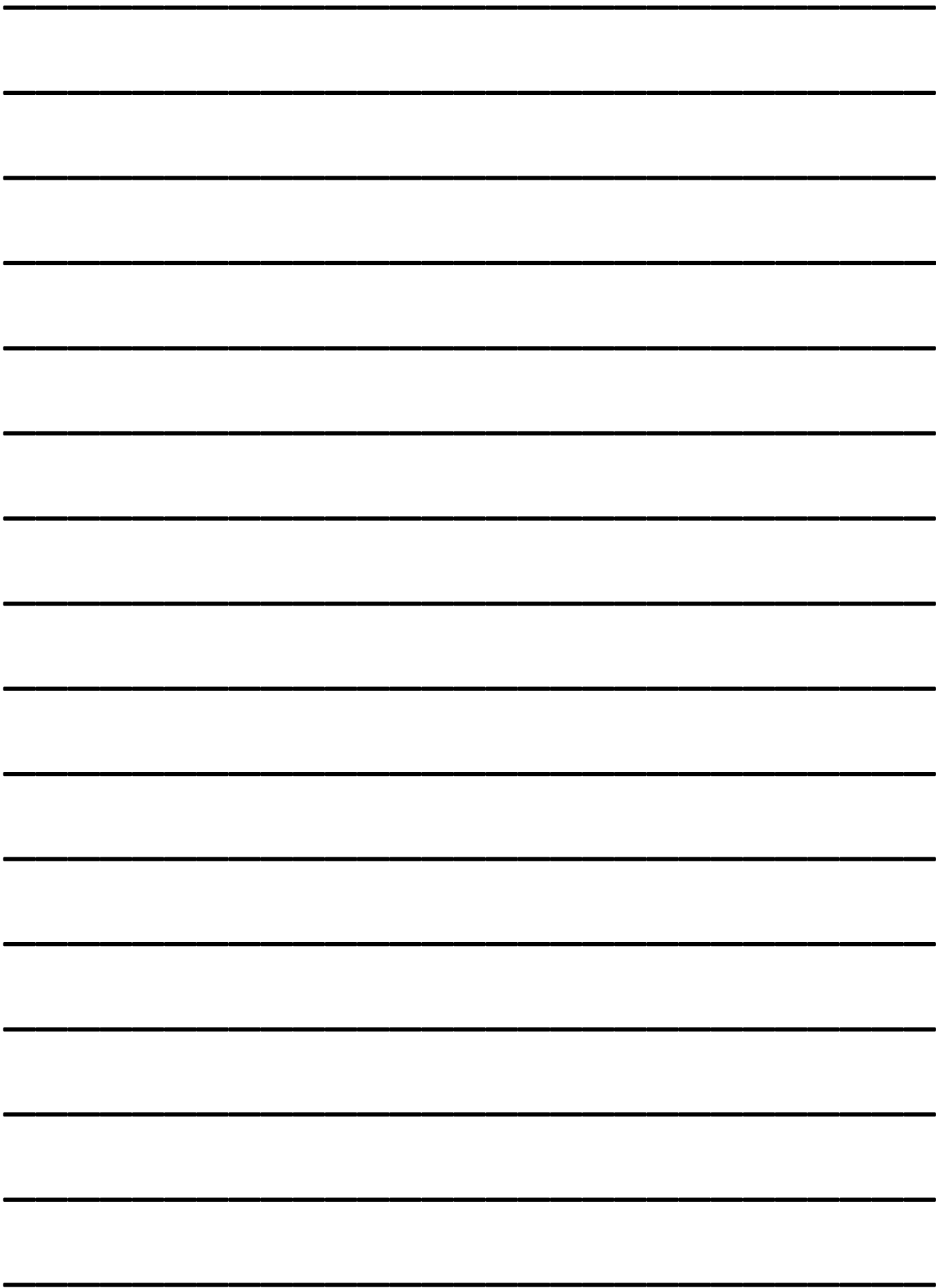
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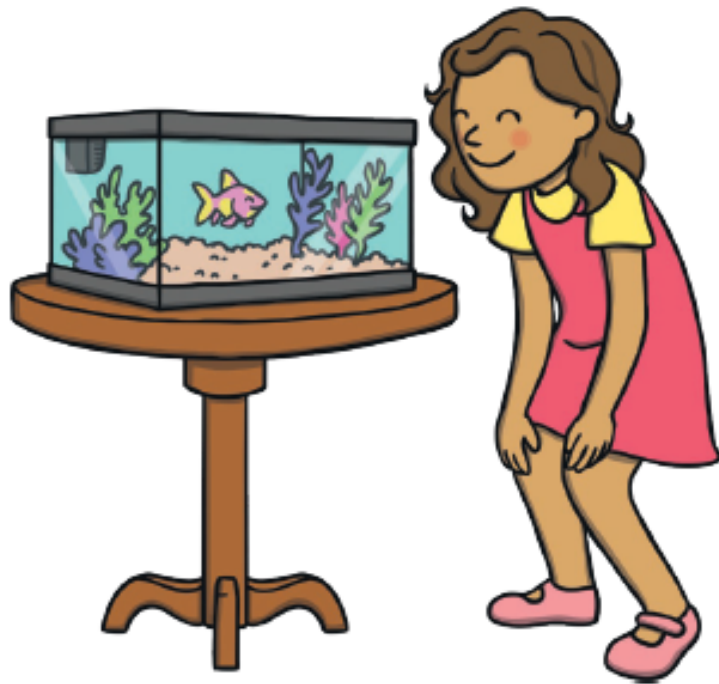
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## Maya's Fish

For Maya's sixth birthday, her mom took her to the pet store. Maya picked out a pink and yellow fish from a colorful fish tank. Maya named her pet fish Shelly. The next day Shelly looked sick. Maya was worried. Maya went back to the pet store. She bought some colorful plants. When Maya got home, she put the plants in Shelly's tank. The tank looked like Shelly's old home at the pet store. The colorful plants made Shelly swim happily around her new tank.



1. How old is Maya?
  - five
  - six
  - nine
2. What kind of pet did Maya get to take home from the pet store?
  - bird
  - cat
  - fish
3. True or False: Maya took good care of her fish?
  - True
  - False



# Minute 20

More on verb tense



Name: ..... Date: .....

**For Questions 1–6, write the correct verb in each sentence.**

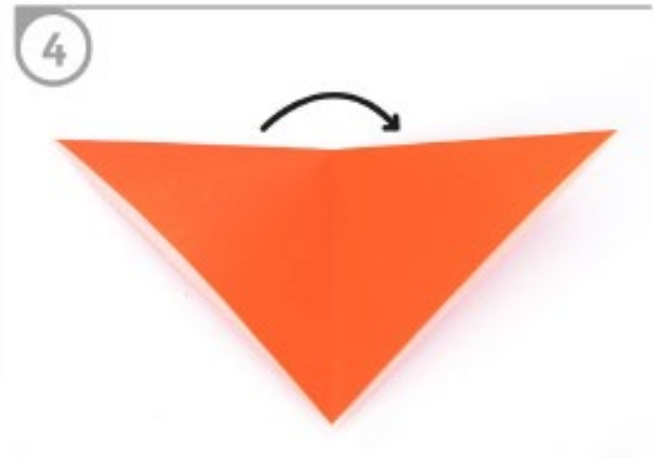
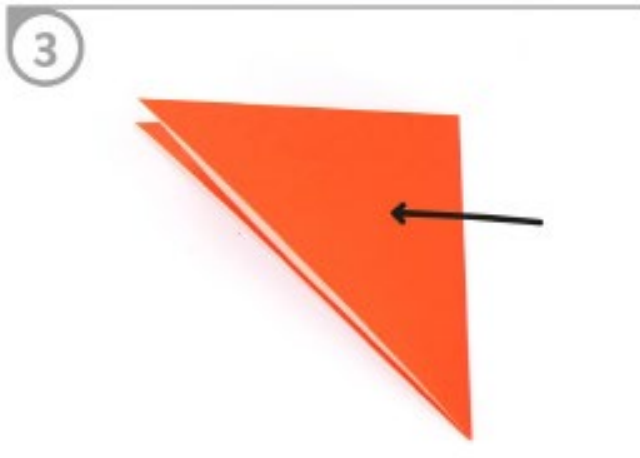
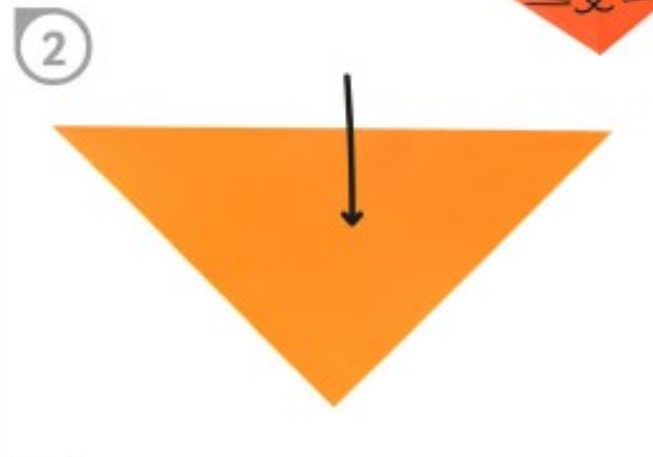
(Hint: When something happens now, it is present tense. When something has happened already, it is past tense.)

Present tense	Past tense
1. The dog ..... (scratches scratched) himself.	2. I ..... my (scratches scratched) itchy arm.
3. I ..... when I (yawned yawn) am sleepy.	4. She ..... all (yawned yawn) morning.
5. We ..... with (write wrote) pink pens.	6. My friends ..... (write wrote) a poem.

**For Questions 7–10, circle the correct verb in each sentence.**

7. My birthday (is, was) later this month.
8. He (rakes, raked) the leaves yesterday.
9. Sunflowers (look, looked) pretty when they grow tall.
10. Sammy (bowls, bowled) in last week's game.

# Origami Cat



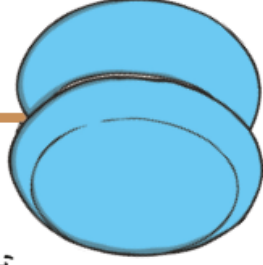
**Be thoughtful! It's...**



**Thornbill  
Thursday!**

# The History of the Yo-Yo

8 The yo-yo is the second oldest toy in  
16 the world and it is thought to have  
22 been invented in China around three  
28 thousand years ago. Long ago, yo-yos  
35 were made from wood, metal or painted  
44 pottery discs. As well as their use as a  
51 toy, yo-yos have been used as weapons.  
58 Five hundred years ago, hunters in some  
66 countries would hide up trees with a rock  
75 tied to a long piece of rope. They would  
82 wait until a wild animal walked beneath  
90 the trees and throw the rock down to  
97 try and hit them. If they missed,  
104 they could pull on the rope and  
109 have another go. Since then,  
114 yo-yos have spread around the  
120 world and are known by many  
122 different names.



# Quick Questions



1. If the yo-yo is the second oldest toy, which toy do you think is the oldest?

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2. Why did hunters find yo-yos useful as weapons?

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3. Which three materials were yo-yos made from long ago?

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4. Find and copy two phrases which tell you that yo-yos have existed for a long time.

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# Minute 21

Linking verbs (is, are, am)



Name: ..... Date: .....

**Circle the correct verb (is, are, or am) in each sentence.**

1. My name (is, are, am) Johnny.
2. The leaves (is, are, am) yellow.
3. I (is, are, am) the star of the play.
4. The dog (is, are, am) well trained.
5. My mum (is, are, am) the president of his company.
6. My family (is, are, am) at the hockey game.
7. A lion (is, are, am) a strong animal.
8. I (is, are, am) afraid of the dark.
9. There (is, are, am) five birds in the cage.
10. The flower garden (is, are, am) colourful.





### Story starter

This place had once been a mighty ocean. That was before. This is now.

The ice age had swept over the planet, completely covering the globe in a blanket of white. Survivors had scattered like leaves in the wind, doing anything it took to stay alive.

A solitary figure stood at the foot of the cliff staring up at the ship. It was his last chance for salvation...

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Be fantastic! It's...



**Froggy  
Friday!**

## Polar Bear – Fascinating Facts

10 Polar bears have a great sense of smell. They can  
19 sniff out seals from almost 1km away even when  
24 they are under the ice.

32 A fully-grown adult polar bear weighs between  
39 175-650kg and measures approximately 2-3  
42 metres in length.

52 Polar bears need to hunt earlier each year due to  
61 climate change, which is melting the sea ice. This  
67 means their feeding season is shorter,  
73 giving them less time to build  
77 up their fat reserves.

82 This is why polar bears  
86 are quickly becoming an  
90 endangered species. Try to  
96 find out what you could do  
102 to help save the polar bears.



## Quick Questions

1. How long is an average adult polar bear?



2. Which verb has the author used instead of repeating the word 'smell'?



3. Why is it important for a polar bear to build up its fat reserves?



4. Where could you look to find out about how to help save the polar bears?





# Minute 22

Linking verbs (was, were)



Name: ..... Date: .....

**Circle the correct verb (was or were) in each sentence.**

1. The cow (was, were) on the grass.
2. The sun (was, were) so hot, the plants died.
3. The children (was, were) excited about the party.
4. The book (was, were) under the desk.
5. Our costumes (was, were) the best ones.
6. Kathy (was, were) asleep all day!
7. The dolphins (was, were) fun to watch.
8. The cake (was, were) yummy!
9. The streets (was, were) wet from the rain.
10. The spider (was, were) on the window.



# Origami Rabbit

