

BENCHMARK ADVANCE

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3rd Grade Weekly Words

Benchmark Advance Companion

10 Units/30 Weeks

- Spelling
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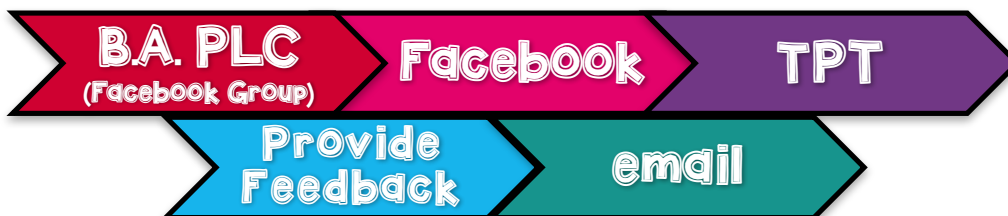
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Vocabulary	
toil	to work very hard for a long time
compose	to create and write
testable	causing or deserving strong dislike
donkey	an animal that has a horse and a donkey as parents
kindling	dry twigs that burn easily and are used to start a fire
porridge	a hot breakfast food made from oats

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My Weekly Words



U1 W1

Government for the People - Week 1

Spelling



1. plans
2. problems
3. examples
4. imagine
5. printed
6. helpful
7. conflicts
8. upset

Vocabulary

ballot	a ticket or piece of paper used to vote in an election
campaign	activities planned out to try to produce a particular result
candidates	people who are trying to get elected
polls	a process in which many people are asked questions in order to get information about something
amendment	a change in the words or meaning of the law (such as the constitution)
suffrage	the right to vote in an election
predicted	said that something might happen in the future
volunteers	people who do something without being forced to do it





My Weekly Words



U1 W2

Government for the People

Week 2

Spelling



1. became
2. explained
3. favored
4. plain
5. raised
6. separate
7. swayed
8. vain

Vocabulary

bold	not afraid of danger or difficult situations
boycott	to refuse to buy, use, or participate in something as a way of protesting
released	let a person leave a jail or prison; to set someone or something free
inspired	made someone want to do something
boarded	got into or onto (an airplane, a bus, a train, etc.)
organize	to arrange and plan (an event or activity)





My Weekly Words



U1 W3

Government for the People

Week 3

Spelling



1. arrows
2. broken
3. contribution
4. new
5. obeyed
6. told
7. united
8. used

Vocabulary

denied	said that something is not true
insisted	demanding that something happen or that someone do something
citizens	People who legally belong to a country and have the rights and protection of that country
suffrage	the right to vote in an election
amendment	change in the words or meaning of a law
arrows	weapons that are made to be shot from a bow





My Weekly Words



U2 W1

Ways Characters Shape Stories

Week 1

Spelling



1. even
2. freedom
3. honey
4. hungry
5. leave
6. pieces
7. queens
8. screamed

Vocabulary

ballads	slow popular songs that are usually about love
bellows	a device that makes a strong current of air when its sides are pressed together
forge	a place where objects are made by heating and shaping metal
attitudes	the ways you think and feel about things
noble	having personal qualities that people admire (such as honesty, generosity, courage, etc.)
anonymous	not named or identified





My Weekly Words



U2 W2

Ways Characters Shape Stories

Week 2

Spelling



1. cried
2. fighting
3. island
4. might
5. myself
6. provided
7. sacrifice
8. unwind

Vocabulary

muttered	spoke quietly so that it is difficult for other people to hear what you say
strolled	walked slowly in a pleasant and relaxed way
thought	believed that something was true or that something would happen
exactly	in a correct or precise way
believed	accepted something as being true
wondered	to have thought about something with curiosity
knew	understood or had information about something





My Weekly Words



U2 W3

Ways Characters Shape Stories

Week 3

Spelling



1. firelight
2. heartbeat
3. hillside
4. mountaintop
5. thunderclap
6. treetops
7. underwater
8. woodstove

Vocabulary

companions	people or animals you spend time with or enjoy being with
kindhearted	having a kind and gentle nature
reluctantly	feeling or showing doubt about doing something
vanished	disappeared entirely without any explanation
exquisite	very beautiful or delicate; finely made
wistful	having sad thoughts and feelings about something
modeled	made something by forming or shaping clay or some other material





My Weekly Words



U3 W1

Animal Adaptations - Week 1

Spelling

1. arctic
2. born
3. carnivores
4. forest
5. form
6. forward
7. sharks
8. sharp



Vocabulary

behave	to act in an acceptable way : to act properly
adaptation	a change in a plant or animal that makes it better able to live in a particular place
survive	to remain alive; to continue to live
frigid	very cold
environment	the natural world around us
detect	to notice something that is hidden or hard to see, hear, taste, etc.
undetected	not noticed by anyone or anything
reptiles	animals that have cold blood, lay eggs, and have a body covered with scales
formulate	to create or invent something by careful thought and effort





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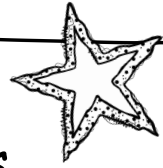


U3 W2

Animal Adaptations

Week 2

Spelling



1. birds
2. butterfly
3. caterpillar
4. curl
5. dangerous
6. deter
7. furry
8. survive

Vocabulary

amphibians	animals (such as a frog or toad) that can live both on land and in water
mammals	animals that feed milk to their young and that usually have hair or fur covering most of their skin
durable	staying strong and in good condition over a long period of time
undercoat	a short layer of hair in an animal's fur coat
moist	slightly or barely wet : not completely dry
shed	to get rid of extra fur or skin





My Weekly Words



U3 W3

Animal Adaptations - Week 3

Spelling

1. better
2. black
3. blended
4. munching
5. predators
6. quickly
7. sticky
8. suddenly



Vocabulary

blubber	the fat on whales and some other animals that live in the water
projections	things that stick out from a surface
structural adaptations	changes in plants or animals that make them better able to live in a particular place
frigid	very cold
exterior	located on the outside of something
excess	an amount that is more than the usual or necessary amount
camouflage	something that protects an animal from attack by making the animal difficult to see
gland	a part of a body that makes a substance
determines	decides something based on facts or evidence





My Weekly Words



U4 W1

Comparing Points of View Week 1

Spelling



1. apron
2. began
3. briars
4. lady
5. music
6. potatoes
7. replied
8. vocabulary

Vocabulary

toil	to work very hard for a long time
compose	to create and write
detestable	causing or deserving strong dislike
mule	an animal that has a horse and a donkey as parents
kindling	dry twigs that burn easily and are used to start a fire
porridge	a hot breakfast food made from oats





My Weekly Words



U4 W2

Comparing Points of View Week 2

Spelling



1. able
2. bicycle
3. fable
4. gentle
5. gobble
6. purple
7. single
8. terrible

Vocabulary

bargain	an agreement in which people say they will do something in exchange for something else
broad	large from one side to the other side
dashed	ran or moved quickly or suddenly
snatched	took something quickly
delighted	made very happy : full of great pleasure
kettle	a container used for heating or boiling liquid





My Weekly Words



U4 W3

Comparing Points of View Week 3

Spelling



1. beans
2. boasted
3. feet
4. green
5. shook
6. sprouted
7. too
8. week

Vocabulary

claims	says something is true when some people may say it is not true
essentially	the same as something else
impulsive	doing things suddenly and without careful thought
peasants	poor farmers or farm workers
daredevil	a person who does dangerous things in order to get attention
harp	a musical instrument that has strings stretched across a large frame that is played with your fingers





My Weekly Words



U5 W1

Advancements in Technology Week 1

Spelling



1. arrive
2. broke
3. celebrated
4. huge
5. June
6. telephone
7. whole
8. wire

Vocabulary

patent	a set of plans or drawings when you invent something
sound waves	waves that move through the air and carry sound to your ears
telegraph	an old-fashioned way of sending messages by using wires and electrical signals
established	to bring into existence
revolutionary	caused a great or complete change
distant	existing or happening far away
technology	machines or equipment created from scientific knowledge





My Weekly Words



U5 W2

Advancements in Technology

Week 2

Spelling



1. clerk
2. coworkers
3. mother
4. over
5. performed
6. simpler
7. smaller
8. various

Vocabulary

device	an object, machine, or piece of equipment that has been made for some special purpose
innovative	introducing or using new ideas or methods
obtained	got something; usually by effort
curious	having a desire to learn or know more about something or someone
experiment	a scientific test in which you perform a series of actions in order to learn about something
important	having serious meaning or worth





My Weekly Words



U5 W3

Advancements in Technology

Week 3

Spelling



1. carried
2. changed
3. creating
4. introduced
5. relied
6. sharing
7. taking
8. using

Vocabulary

amplified	made something louder
cassette	a case that holds audio tape that passes from one reel to another when being played
CD	a compact disk on which music is recorded
commonplace	happening or appearing in many places; very common or ordinary
soared	to increase very quickly in amount or price etc.
MP3	a device that stores and plays songs in a digital format
stereo	a way of recording and playing back sound so that the sound comes from two directions





My Weekly Words



U6 W1

Making Decisions - Week 1

Spelling

1. geese
2. grass
3. lives
4. people
5. sheep
6. teeth
7. themselves
8. wolves



Vocabulary

cackle	to make loud, unpleasant sounds
piteous	causing feelings of sympathy
vigorous	healthy and strong
anticipation	a feeling of excitement about something that is going to happen
commence	to begin
treadle	a small, flat bar that you press with your foot to operate a machine
eldest	oldest; of the greatest age
wail	to make a loud, long cry of sadness or pain
spinning	twisting fibers into yarn or thread
flax	a plant that is grown for its fiber
appeal	a quality that causes people to like someone or something





My Weekly Words



U6 W2

Making Decisions Week 2

Spelling



- | | |
|------------|------------|
| 1. choose | 5. looked |
| 2. food | 6. rooster |
| 3. foolish | 7. took |
| 4. good | 8. wooden |

Vocabulary

advice	a suggestion about what someone should do
magnificent	very beautiful or impressive
nudged	touched or pushed something gently
carriage	a vehicle with wheels that is pulled by a horse and carries people
bellowed	shouted in a deep voice
comrades	close friends you have worked with





My Weekly Words



U6 W3

Making Decisions

Week 3

Spelling



1. brown

5. howl

2. down

6. snout

3. found

7. sound

4. growls

8. waterfowl

Vocabulary

suits	to be attractive on someone
devoured	quickly ate all of something
grimaced	a facial expression in which your mouth and face are twisted in a way to show disgust or pain
idle	not working or active
inclined	wanting to do something or likely to do something
measly	very small in size or amount
tanned	removed and treated skins of animals to make leather
chanced	done by accident or without planning





My Weekly Words



U7 W1

Communities Then and Now Week 1

Spelling



- | | |
|-------------|--------------|
| 1. actors | 5. players |
| 2. bakers | 6. sculptors |
| 3. owners | 7. vendors |
| 4. painters | 8. visitors |

Vocabulary

unpredictable	not always behaving in a way that is expected
grateful	feeling or showing thanks
wetlands	areas of land that are covered with shallow water
settlers	people who go to live in a new place where there are few people
tourists	people who travel to a place for fun or pleasure
community	a group of people who live in the same area
founded	established or set up





My Weekly Words



U7 W2

Communities Then and Now Week 2

Spelling



- | | |
|-----------|----------|
| 1. eight | 5. so |
| 2. ate | 6. sew |
| 3. past | 7. where |
| 4. passed | 8. wear |

Vocabulary

diverse	different from each other
immigrant	a person who comes to a country to live there
sprawling	spreading out over a wide area
traditions	ways of doing something that have been used by people for a long time
suburb	an area where people in houses near a large city
rural	relating to the country and people who live there instead of the city





My Weekly Words



U7 W3

Communities Then and Now Week 3

Spelling



1. awful
2. called
3. dawn
4. pause
5. stalks
6. taught
7. thawing
8. walls

Vocabulary

demanding	requiring much time, attention, and effort
gathered	came together to form a group
scattered	separated and went in different directions
tucked	pushed something into place in order to hold it in or make it look neat
plow	a piece of farm equipment that is used to dig and turn over soil
whickering	giving a soft whinny (like a horse)





My Weekly Words



U8 W1

Weather and Climate Week 1

Spelling



1. affect
2. certain
3. computers
4. Connecticut
5. covered
6. crucial
7. fierce
8. recommended

Vocabulary

climate	the weather conditions and patterns in an area over a long time
elevation	the height of a place
measure	to find out the size, length, or amount of something
weather	the temperature and conditions (such as rain, cloudiness, etc.) at a certain time and place
temperature	a measurement that tells how hot or cold something is
billowing	to rise or roll in waves
factors	things that cause something to happen





My Weekly Words



U8 W2

Weather and Climate Week 2

Spelling



1. again
2. garden
3. generous
4. green
5. grateful
6. germinated
7. gathered
8. good

Vocabulary

conserve	to use something carefully in order to prevent waste
exceptionally	to a greater degree than normal: unusually
perpetually	in a way that never ends or changes
quell	put an end to, or stop something
resolutely	in a determined way or manner
outpost	a small camp far from towns or cities





My Weekly Words



U8 W3

Weather and Climate Week 3

Spelling



1. cloud
2. downpour
3. moisture
4. point
5. shower
6. soil
7. south
8. sprout

Vocabulary

prevail	to be usual or common
imbalance	a condition in which things do not occur in equal amounts
distinguish	a feature that makes something clearly different from other things
temperature	a measurement that tells how hot or cold something is
tropics	the part of the world that is near the equator where the weather is very warm
abundant	occurring in very large amounts





My Weekly Words



U9 W1

Spending Time and Money Week 1

Spelling



1. countless
2. delightful
3. fanciful
4. penniless
5. profitable
6. sizeable
7. tearful
8. valuable

Vocabulary

industry	the habit of working hard
moral	a lesson that is learned from a story or experience
annual	happening once every year; yearly
proverbs	sayings that give advice about how people should live
consumer	a person who buys goods and services
values	strongly held beliefs about what is important or acceptable





My Weekly Words



U9 W2

Spending Time and Money Week 2

Spelling



1. disappeared
2. disassembled
3. disbelief
4. displeasure
5. unblemished
6. unhappy
7. unrivaled
8. unsalted

Vocabulary

dilemma	a situation in which you have to make a difficult choice
employment	work that a person is paid to do
exchange	when people give things of similar value to each other
hedge	a row of bushes that are planted close to each other
weary	not having energy or being very tired
proposal	a plan that is presented for people to consider or think about





My Weekly Words



U9 W3

Spending Time and Money Week 3

Spelling



1. prearrange
2. prekindergarten
3. preorder
4. prepackaged
5. reconsider
6. recycled
7. restock
8. rethink

Vocabulary

technique	a way of doing something by using special knowledge or skill
homemade	made by hand or in the home and not in a factory
raw materials	basic materials that are used to make something
organic	food grown without the use of chemicals
preference	liking one thing more than another
transport	to carry someone or something from one place to another





My Weekly Words



U10 W1

Forces and Interactions Week 1

Spelling



1. jumping jacks
2. wagon trains
3. gold miners
4. dump truck
5. know-how
6. able-bodied
7. quick-witted
8. short-lived

Vocabulary

balanced	having equal amounts of all the necessary parts of something
forces	powers that are able to change the speed or direction of something
friction	the act of rubbing one thing against another
gravity	the force that causes things to fall towards the Earth
predict	to say that something will or might happen in the future
pendulum	a stick with a weight at the bottom that swings back and forth inside a clock





My Weekly Words



U10 W2

Forces and Interactions - Week 2

Spelling



1. amazement
2. cleverness
3. contentment
4. happiness
5. leading
6. sadness
7. scrambling
8. slyness
9. warning

Vocabulary

chewed	used teeth to cut food into small pieces
chomped	bit into something
loomed	to appear in a large or great form often in a sudden way
shouted	said something very loudly
boomed	made a deep and loud sound
plunged	fell or jumped suddenly from a high place
scampered	ran or moved quickly or playfully
spluttered	said something in short, confused phrases
bounded	moved by running with long, energetic steps
clutched	Held onto something tightly with your hand





My Weekly Words



U10 W3

Forces and Interactions

Week 3

Spelling



1. inventor
2. invention
3. problem
4. problematic
5. solution
6. solve
7. transformation
8. transforms

Vocabulary

current	a flow of electricity
electrons	very small particles of matter that travel around the nucleus of an atom
observed	watched someone or something carefully
affixed	attached something to something else
particles	very small pieces of something
poles	either one of the two ends of a magnet

