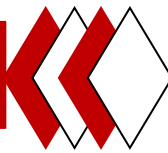


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Let's Write!

COMMON CORE



Match A with B then find the right use

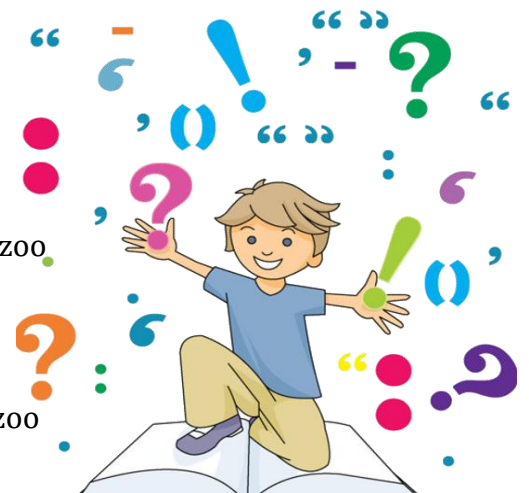


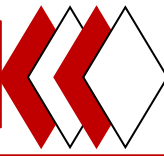
A	B	Use
1. This is my book.	a. Colon	i. Used to show direct speech. Can be single or double - also called inverted commas.
2. Where do you live ?	b. Comma	ii. Used to join two connected complete thoughts.
3. Wow !! That's fabulous !	c. Brackets	iii. Used to end a sentence - also called period.
4. I study maths, English, French, and Arabic.	d. Semicolon	iv. Used at the end of a sentence or phrase to add emphasis.
5. « I love this film,» he said.	e. Question Mark	v. Also called parenthesis. Used to set off remarks that explain, but are not part of the main sentence.
6. I have visited a lot of cities (Rome, Paris, London, Marrakech, etc)	f. Quotation Mark	vi. Shows a division in writing, or before a list,
7. They have just arrived; they are really tired	g. Full stop	vii. Used at the end of a question or interrogation.
8. Groceries for tomorrow: milk, bread, sugar, cheese, oranges.	h. Exclamation Mark	viii. Used as a separator between words. Helps to make the meaning clear.



Use capital letters and the right punctuation mark where needed :

- janet is from canada but she lives in france
Janet is from Canada, but she lives in France.
- where are you from
- oh my god I can't believe my eyes
- at the weekend i play football listen to music go to the zoo with my friend amina and play chess with brahim
- the boys are late jamila said
- who is your best moroccan actor
- there are cats dogs horses lions and crocodiles in that zoo
- hassani s very sick he can't go to school





Read the two short texts and complete the chart below

My name is James Brown. I am 16 years old. I live in London. My favorite sport is tennis. I also like playing football. My favorite player is Diego Maradona. My favorite star is Eddie Murphy. I love his comedy films. In my free time, I like playing vide games and watching cartoons. I want to be an engineer



My name is Anita Johnson. I am 17 years old. I live in New York city. My favorite sports are volleyball and basketball. My favorite basketball player is Michael Jordan. My favorite star is Jennifer Lawrence. In my free time, I read books and surf the net. I want to be a nurse

	James Brown	Anita Johnson
Age	16	.....
City	New York City
Favorite sport
Favorite player
Favorite star
Free time activities



Complete the chart with the necessary information about you

Age	.....
City	.....
Favorite sport	.....
Favorite player	.....
Favorite star	.....
Free time activities	.....



Use the information above and write a short paragraph

About you (Use the models above)

My name is

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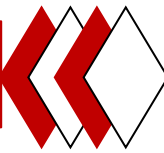
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1

Put the short biography of Sam's grandfather in the right order.

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At the age of 12, my grandfather became a football player in the school team.

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He got married to my lovely grandmother Rachel in 1980 before he got a job.

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He worked for nearly 60 years teaching philosophy in different high school here in the USA. He retired in 2010.

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He studied Philosophy at George Town university. He used to read a lot, especially novels.

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In 1981, he became a teacher of philosophy at one the schools in Nevada.

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Miguel is my grandfather. He is 66 years old and he is a role model in my life because of his kindness and love.

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The last thing I want to say is that my grandfather, Miguel, is my first teacher and mentor.

1

My grandfather was born in 1955 in California. He spent all his childhood in Nevada.

2

Answer these questions about one of your family members who is very important in your life.

- 5. Who is the best person in your life ?
- 6. When and where was he/she born ?
- 7. Where did he spend his/her childhood ?
- 8. Where did he study ?
- 9. When did he get married ?
- 10. Where does he/she live now ?
- 11. How many children does he/she have ?

- 1. Why do you prefer this person ?
- 2. What are his/her qualities ?
- 3. What does he/she like ?
- 4. What are other pieces of information that you know about this person ?

3

Write a short biography about the person you have chosen in Exercise 2.

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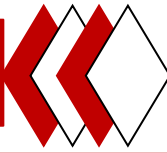
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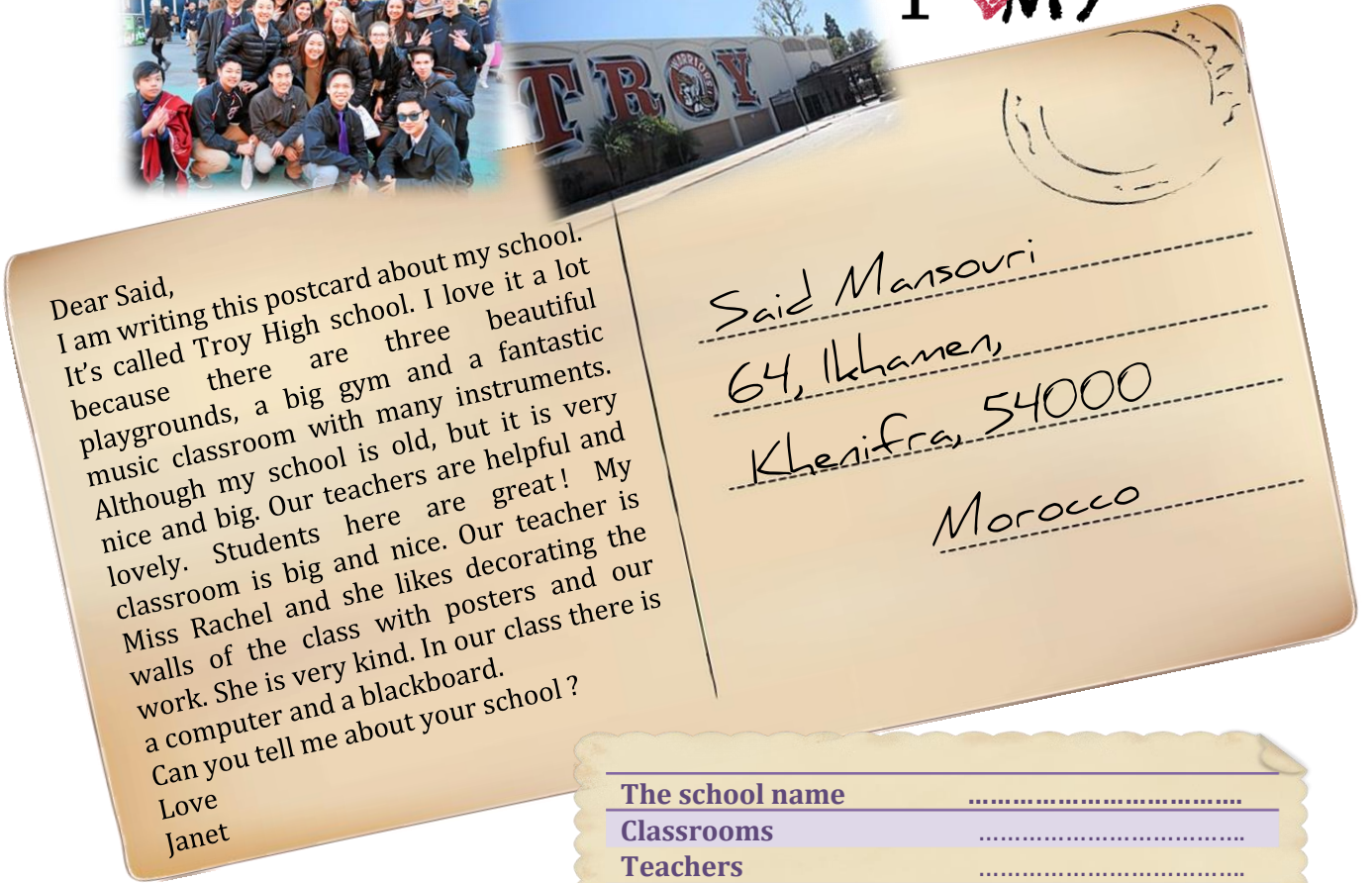


1

Read the postcard and complete the chart below with the right adjectives



I  MY School



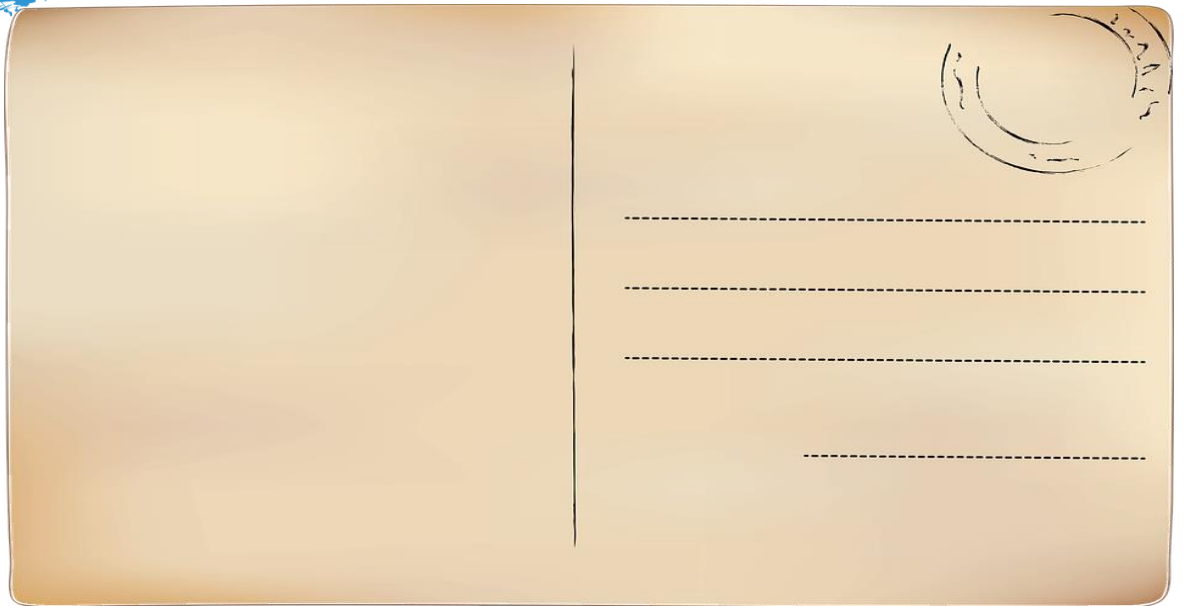
Dear Said,
 I am writing this postcard about my school.
 It's called Troy High school. I love it a lot
 because there are three beautiful
 playgrounds, a big gym and a fantastic
 music classroom with many instruments.
 Although my school is old, but it is very
 nice and big. Our teachers are helpful and
 lovely. Students here are great! My
 classroom is big and nice. Our teacher is
 Miss Rachel and she likes decorating the
 walls of the class with posters and our
 work. She is very kind. In our class there is
 a computer and a blackboard.
 Can you tell me about your school?
 Love
 Janet

Said Mansouri
 64, Ikhanen,
 Khenifra, 54000
 Morocco

The school name	.....
Classrooms	.....
Teachers	.....
Students	.....
Playground
School	Big, old,...

2

Write a postcard to your friend about your school.



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Common Core Writing

1

Read the letter that John wrote about his teacher. Match the statements with the number of the paragraphs.

Personal Information

His qualities and positive traits

What he likes/dislikes

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2200 East Dorothy Lane,
Fullerton, CA 92831
October 24



Mr. Mark Manson

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3

Dear Soufian,
How are you? How was your holiday?
Mr. Mark Manson is my English teacher. He is 40 years old. He is from London, but he lives in Manchester. He He is married. He has got two daughters. His wife is also a teacher of English. He speaks four languages.
My teacher is a strict teacher however very funny and caring in nature. He is also is very helpful. He is hardworking and he is never tired. My teacher Mark is an active and inspiring teacher. The majority of the pupils like and respect him because he is as tender as our fathers and also because he explains the lessons in a very simple and attractive way.
My teacher prefers hardworking students who do their homework and concentrate in the classroom. He doesn't like trouble makers and noisy students.
Well, I must finish now because I've got an exam tomorrow. Write back soon and tell me all your best teacher.
All the bets
John

2

Answer the questions below about your best teacher.

What is your teacher's name?
What is her/his surname?
What does he/she teach?
Where is he/she from?
How old is he/she?
Where is he/she from?
Where does he/she live?
Is he/she married?

Does she have any children?
What languages can he/she speak?
What days does he/she work?
What are some of his/her qualities?
What does he/she like/dislike?

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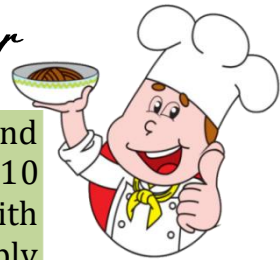
Write a letter to your friend about your best teacher. Use your notes and the letter above to guide you.



Put the following paragraph in the right order



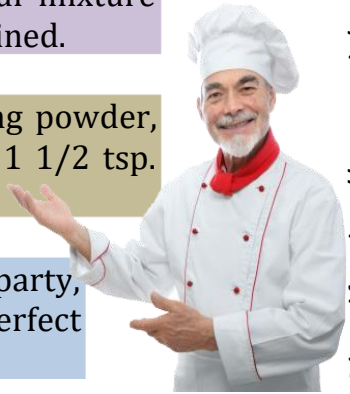
Next, pour batter into prepared two pans, put them in the oven and bake 30 to 35 minutes. After that, cool cakes in a pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes, remove them from pans and cool on racks. Last, frost the cake with your favorite frosting. A little time and effort will give you an incredibly delicious cake that everyone will enjoy.



Then, pre-heat oven to 375 degrees F. While the oven is heating, make a batter for the cake mixing all the ingredients in the following order: combine flour, baking powder and salt in a small mixing bowl and set it aside. Beat butter or margarine with a hand mixer at medium speed for 30 seconds in a large mixing bowl. Add sugar and vanilla and beat well. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add dry flour mixture and milk, beating on low speed after each addition until just combined.



First, you need the following ingredients: 2 1/2 tsp. baking powder, 2/3 c. butter, 2 eggs, 1 1/4 c. milk, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1 3/4 c. sugar, 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla.



If you're looking for a cake to serve at a celebration, dinner party, as a special occasion, or as a perfect gift, this yellow cake is a perfect choice. To make this cake you should follow a few simple steps.



Use the ingredients below and write about how we prepare tea. Find also some helpful verbs

*Materials /
Ingredients*

- 1 Moroccan teapot (Berrad)
2. Serving tray (Siniya)
3. Tea cups (Kissan)

4. Chinese Gunpowder tea
5. Plenty of sugar (Sukkar)
6. Fresh spearmint (Naânaâ)

Verbs

- Boil
- Add
- Pour
- Place
- Mix
- Serve

First,.....

..... Then,.....

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..... Next,.....

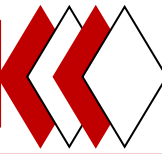
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Common Core Writing

1 Read the film and complete the chart below

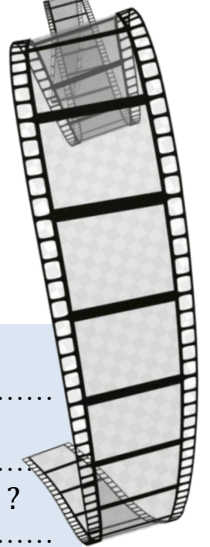
Rio is a 2011 American 3D computer-animated adventure-comedy film. It is produced by Blue Sky Studios and directed by Carlos Saldanha. The title refers to the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro, where the film is set. The main characters are :Blu -a boy macaw who can't fly. He is shy and clumsy but very clever too, Jewel- a girl macaw who wants to escape the rainforest, Nigel - a cockatoo that is very mean and hates exotic birds like macaws, Linda - a human and Blu's owner, Rodrigo- a Brazilian ornithologist, and Carlos- the leader of the smugglers

The movie tells the story of a blue macaw that was smuggled out of Brazil. When his crate fell off a truck in America, he was rescued by Linda who named him Blu. Blu never learned to fly because he was raised by a human and so the other birds make fun of him. Years later, an ornithologist invites Linda and Blu to visit Rio de Janeiro with him in the hopes of finding Blu and helping him to learn to fly. There he meets Jewel, another macaw, and falls in love. There are many adventures including being captured by a group of smugglers.

This movie is very entertaining. We learn about bird smuggling and how cruel it is. I liked the fact that this movie mixes cartoon characters and human beings. The bird cartoon characters are colorful and very amusing.



- 1. What is the title of the film ?
2. Where and when was it set ?
3. Who is the director ?
4. Who is the producer ?
5. Who are the main characters ?
6. What's the story of the film about ?



2 Answer the question below

- 1. What is the title of this film ?
2. Where and when was it set ?
3. Who is the director ?

- a. Who is the producer ?
b. Who are the main characters ?
c. What's the story of the film about ?

3 Use the notes above and write a film review

Dotted lines for writing a film review.

In your film review include:

- The title of the film, director, producer...
Duration...
Where and when it takes place...
What kind of film it is...
Describe the main characters...
Write a short summary of the plot...
Your opinion about the film...



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Common Core Writing

1 Rearrange the sentences to give advice

Mark

I have a lot of acne spots on my face. I don't like looking at myself in the mirror. I feel sad and get depressed. What do you advise me to do to get rid of these spots ?



Take my advice....

[some self-confidence You should have first.] [you-to-I-advise-see-a dermatologist.] [stop-eating-sweet-food-You'd better]

Joanna

I have got a curly hair. I've tried several ways to get a straight hair, but in vain. What should I do ?



Take my advice....

[to change- I advise you-the shampoo.] [use- You should-some traditional herbs.]

Adam

I have become obese. I find it difficult to move. My friends at school make fun of me. I don't know what to do. I need your help !



Take my advice....

[to-doctor-I-see-a-advise-you.] [stop-You should-eating-fatty-food.] [do-sport-as-You'd-better well.]

3 Write a reply to the problems below by giving advice. Say what would do to help or what the person should do ;

Sam

I find it difficult to sleep at night. When I go to school in the morning, I can't concentrate on my lessons. What should I do ?



You

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Lukas

I have a terrible toothache. I have it very often. What do you advise me to do



You

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Amanda

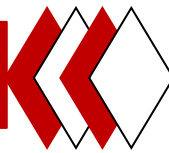
My eyes hurt. I can't see clearly. I use the computer a lot. What should I do ?



You

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1

Read the letter and match the labels

1.The benefits of Facebook

2.Introducing Facebook

3.The disadvantages of Facebook



Adapted from different sources

Dear Yassin,

How are you ? Long time, no see !

I am writing this letter to talk about an important topic. Last week, I gave a presentation on the advantages and disadvantages of Facebook in our life, and I'd like to share with you the main points I highlighted in my presentation.

Facebook is the most popular social networking website and the second most popular website on the internet, after Google. It has over 750 million members and every month more than 137 million people log on. It was created in 2004 by Mark Zuckerberg, a college student at Harvard University in the USA.

Facebook can be used to connect with your family, friends, work colleagues, and you can even meet new people there. It can also be used as video chat tool. Via Facebook, you can make video calls, send pictures and share videos. You can also send unlimited free messages to your family and friends on special events. Not even this you can also make audio calls with the help of internet connection.

However, Facebook can also be harmful. Some people think that it is a waste of time. It also has a negative impact on people's health. There are many, who are addicted on Facebook. People just start living in this virtual world and spend hours & hours on Facebook. Due to this, a new type of disorder has also come in human life i.e. Facebook addiction disorder

That's all for now. Write to me soon !

Houyame



2

You conduct an internet search about the advantages and disadvantages of mobile phones. Complete the chart below

The benefits of mobile phones

The disadvantages of mobile phones

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3

Use the notes from the chart above and write a letter to Houyame. Follow the layout above about the benefits and drawbacks of mobile phones.

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