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Ms. Bain's ELAR Homework

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Due: Friday, April 19, 2013

Reading Log (40 Points) _____

Spelling (20 Points) _____

Vocabulary (10 Points) _____

STAAR Fiction (15 Points) _____

STAAR Poetry (15 Points) _____

Total Points: _____

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READING LOG

Students are expected to read at least 20 minutes each night, then fill in the spaces with answers to the daily question. Questions are meant for fiction books. If students read nonfiction books, they should write about what they learned from reading.

MONDAY

I read _____ for _____ minutes.

Summarize the story. Include the main idea and important details from the beginning, middle and end. (Summary should be AT LEAST 3 complete sentences)

Parent Signature: _____

TUESDAY

I read _____ for _____ minutes.

Summarize the story. Include the main idea and important details from the beginning, middle and end.

Parent Signature: _____

WEDNESDAY

I read _____ for _____ minutes.

Summarize the story. Include the main idea and important details from the beginning, middle and end.

Parent Signature: _____

THURSDAY

I read _____ for _____ minutes.

Summarize the story. Include the main idea and important details from the beginning, middle and end.

Parent Signature: _____

Spelling and Vocabulary Words

Spelling Words:

1. Apple
2. River
3. Little
4. October
5. Ladder
6. Summer
7. Purple
8. Later
9. November
10. Giggle
11. Uncle
12. Winter
13. Center
14. Double
15. December

Vocabulary Words:

1. Senior
2. Citizen
3. Propped
4. Glittery
5. Selected
6. Treasure
7. Worth
8. Uneasy
9. Excitement
10. creative

Creative Spelling Homework

Spelling tests will be every Friday. Only complete Spelling Homework for the Spelling Words NOT the Vocabulary Words. You must complete 100 points worth of activities. Therefore, you can do two 50 points activities or a 100 point activity.

50 Point Choices:

- Silly sentences. Use your 10 spelling words to write 10 silly sentences.
- Picture words. Draw a picture for each spelling word and write the word under it OR draw a large illustration and write your spelling words somewhere in the picture.
- Definitions. Look up your spelling words in the dictionary and write the definition of each word.
- 3 Times Each. Write each word neatly 3 times.
- Rainbow Spelling. Write each spelling word one time using different colors.
- Cursive Spelling. Write each word in cursive 2 times.
- Syllable Spelling. Write each word and divide it by syllables. (ex/cite/ment)

100 Point Choices:

- Ransom Spelling. Write your spelling words by cutting letters from magazines or newspapers and gluing them on paper.
- 30-Second Words. Write a TV commercial using your spelling words. You may turn in a script OR perform it for the class!
- Cheer Words. Write a cheer for each of your spelling words.
- Caption Words. Cut out a picture from a newspaper or magazine and use spelling words to write a story about the picture.
- Synonym and Antonym. Write each spelling word. Next to the spelling word write a synonym and antonym for that word.
- Cartoon Words. Create a comic strip with illustrations using all of your spelling words.

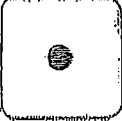




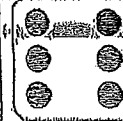
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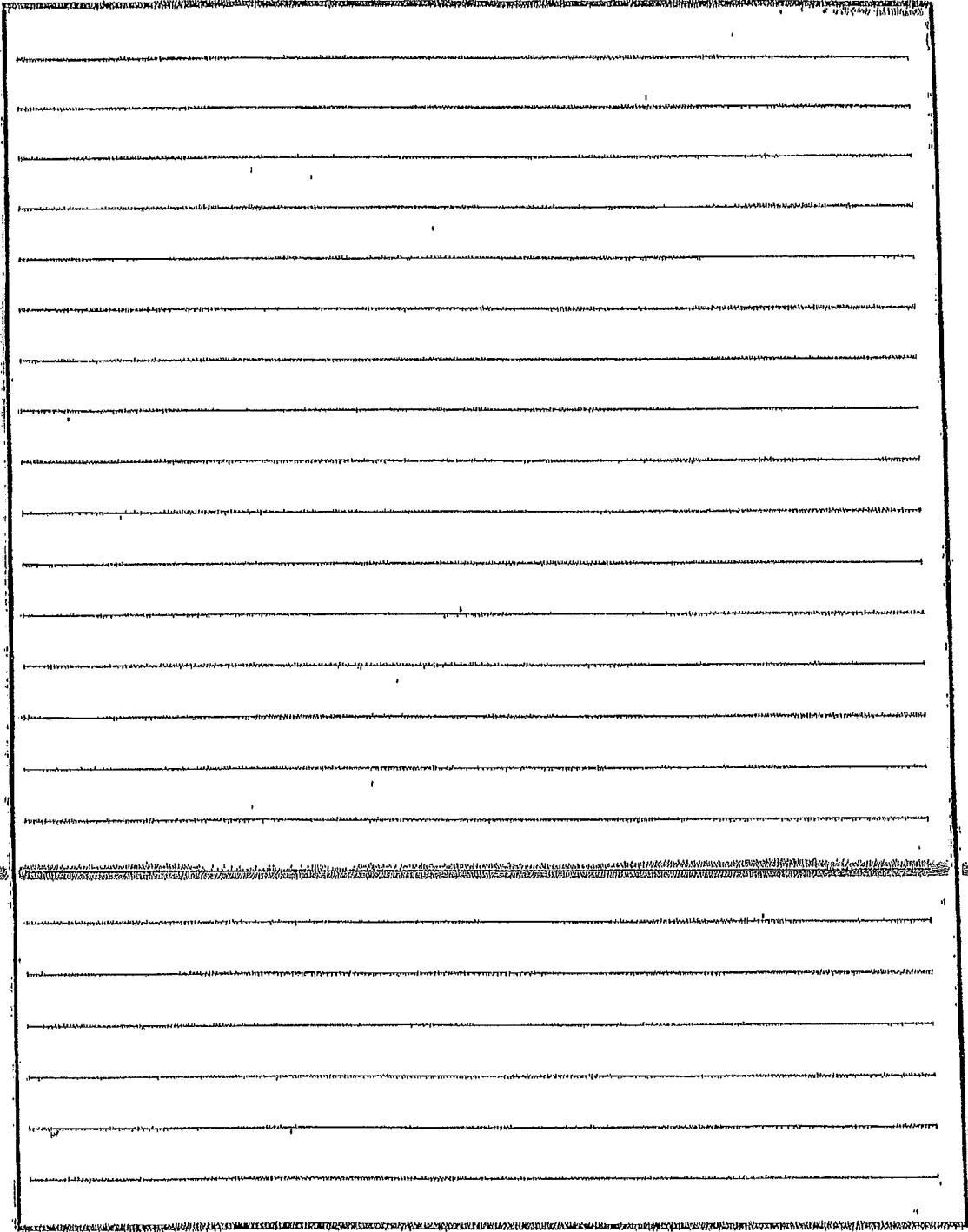


Vocabulary Rock and Roll

Complete ~~one~~ of the follow activities for each of your Vocabulary Words on the paper provided. Please provide parent initials if needed. If you want to make it more interesting, roll a die to determine which two activities you will complete.

 <p>Write a definition for each word.</p>	 <p>Write a SYNONYM (same) for each word.</p>
 <p>Draw a picture for each vocabulary word.</p>	 <p>Write a story using each word.</p>
 <p>Write a sentence telling what each word reminds you of.</p>	 <p>Act out each word. Or play charades with a friend or family member.</p> <p>Parent Initial:</p>

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The New York Times

The New York Times is an American newspaper. It was founded in New York. It was first printed in 1851. The first issue cost just 1 cent to buy. It is printed each day. Each issue is read by around one million people. The newspaper has won 106 Pulitzer Prizes. A Pulitzer Prize is an award given for excellent reporting. This is more than any other newspaper or magazine.

The New York Times is the largest local newspaper in the United States. It is also the third largest newspaper overall. Only *The Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today* are read by more people.

Even though it is still popular, it sells fewer copies today than in the past. In 1990, it was read by over a million people. By 2010, it was being read by less than a million people. This change has occurred for most printed newspapers. The main reason is that people can read the news on the Internet for free.



The newspaper's motto is "All the News That's Fit to Print." This appears printed in the top corner of the front page.

The newspaper has many different sections. It covers news, business, and science. It also covers sport, home, and fashion. It has sections for travel, food, art, and movies. It is also known for its difficult crossword puzzles.

In 2011, each issue sold for \$2. However, the Sunday issue is larger. It is sold for \$5.

- 27 Read this sentence from the passage.

It was founded in New York.

What does the word founded mean in the sentence?

- Ⓐ Sold
 - Ⓑ Discovered
 - Ⓒ Started
 - Ⓓ Lost
- 28 Read this sentence from the passage.

The newspaper's motto is "All the News That's Fit to Print."

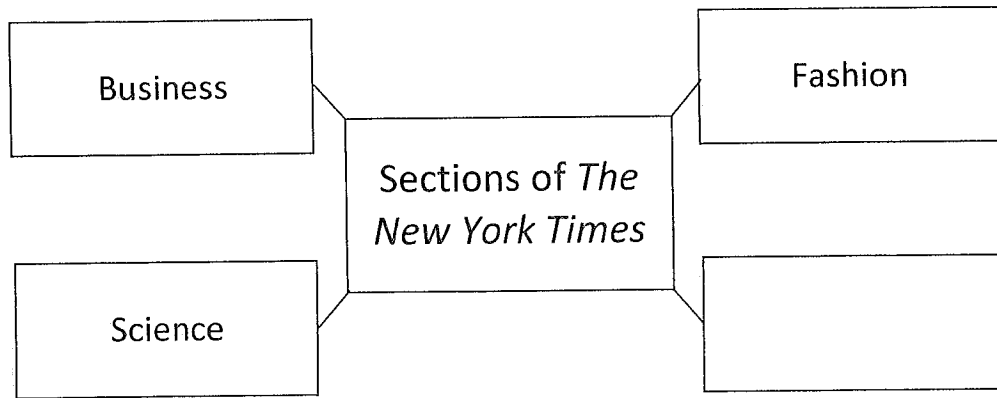
As it is used in this sentence, what does fit mean?

- Ⓐ Ready
- Ⓑ Healthy
- Ⓒ Right
- Ⓓ Known

- 29 According to the passage, how is *The Wall Street Journal* different from *The New York Times*?
- Ⓐ It is read by more people.
 - Ⓑ It has won more awards.
 - Ⓒ It costs less to buy.
 - Ⓓ It has fewer sections.
- 30 According to the passage, why are fewer copies of *The New York Times* sold today than in the past?
- Ⓐ It costs too much.
 - Ⓑ People read the news online.
 - Ⓒ People buy other newspapers instead.
 - Ⓓ It has too many sections.

- 31 Which word best describes the tone of the passage?
- Ⓐ Funny
 - Ⓑ Serious
 - Ⓒ Lively
 - Ⓓ Hopeful
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- 32 Which detail best shows that *The New York Times* is successful?
- Ⓐ It is printed seven days a week.
 - Ⓑ Its price has increased to \$2.
 - Ⓒ It has a motto.
 - Ⓓ It has won 106 Pulitzer Prizes.

33 Look at the web below.



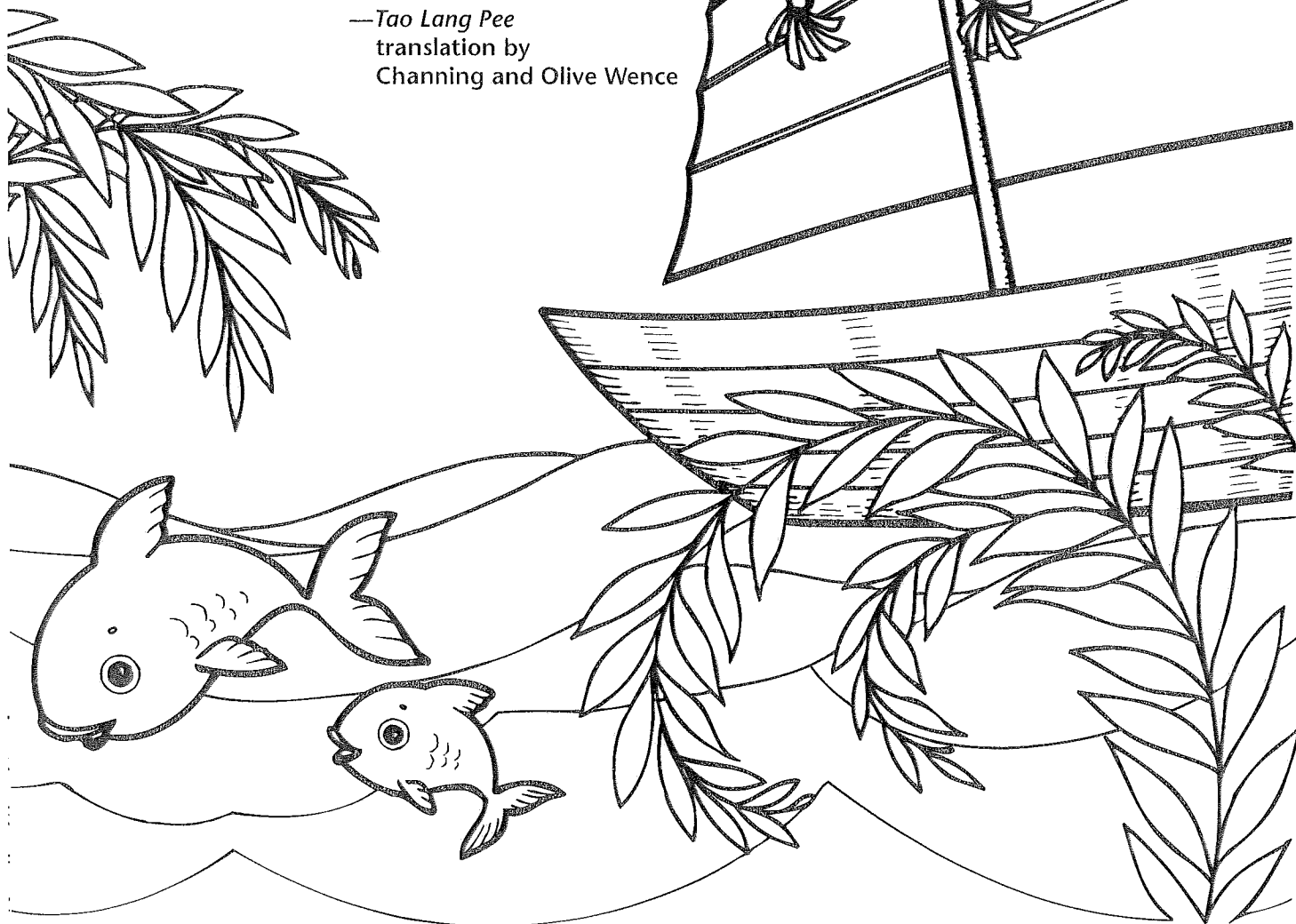
Which word best completes the web?

- Ⓐ Gardening
- Ⓑ Comics
- Ⓒ Music
- Ⓓ Travel

Sampan

- Waves lap lap
Fish fins clap clap
Brown sails flap flap
- 4 Chopsticks tap tap
Up and down the long green river
Ohe Ohe lanterns quiver
Willow branches brush the river
- 8 Ohe Ohe lanterns quiver
Waves lap lap
Fish fins clap clap
Brown sails flap flap
- 12 Chopsticks tap tap

—*Tao Lang Pee*
translation by
Channing and Olive Wence



Understanding the Poem

Read each question and choose the best answer. You may wish to reread "Sampan" as you work.

1. This poem _____ .
 - (A) is a kind of riddle
 - (B) is a good example of haiku
 - (C) describes the sights and sounds from a boat
 - (D) tells the beginning of a story, but not the end
2. In the poem, "flap flap" is the sound of _____ .
 - (A) birds flapping their wings
 - (B) sails on a sampan
 - (C) splashing waves
 - (D) willow branches
3. In line 6, what does the word *quiver* probably mean?
 - (A) silently glide
 - (B) rattle and roll
 - (C) go underwater
 - (D) tremble and flicker
4. Which of the following is an example of onomatopoeia?
 - (A) tap tap
 - (B) chopsticks
 - (C) up and down
 - (D) branches brush
5. Which words help you know that the poem takes place on or near water?
 - (A) green, brush, tap
 - (B) waves, fish, river
 - (C) clap, long, branches
 - (D) brown, chopsticks, lanterns