# Term 2 Week 3 Cowra PS - Stage 2 "At Home" Learning Pack

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# Stage 2: Week 3 - working hard and learning with your family.

book at home and at school. Remember also that if you are using a school computer at home, please bring it with you to school on the day This week we are starting with students returning one day a week to school, and whilst at school you will be following this same work pack. So please can you bring this work pack and your workbook with you to school for the day so that you can continue to work in the same you come in. We have also added levels to some activities and your child will know what level they feel comfortable with - but if you can push yourself to try a harder level that is always good for your learning and will challenge you to think more. If you have any questions on this please email your class teacher for guidance. Other activities also have optional extras / challenges which we encourage children to try if they have the time and interest to do. Any time frames are a guide only, please consider your child's individual needs.

BUT we ask that you do at least the 'informative writing task' and 1 other literacy activity (morning session), 1 mathematics activity We understand that some of you have a very busy and full household and might not be able to complete everything on the daily schedule, (middle session) and then something from the 'afternoon session' each day as a minimum.

asking you to have a go at using Google Classroom to submit these tasks. You are more than welcome to hand the tasks in via \*The activities marked on either side with an asterisk (\*) are for you to hand in to your teacher for feedback. This week we are the perspex barrell or email as in previous weeks.

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PARENTS: We have already received ideas to make this learning package more parent friendly whilst maintaining the educational integrity, and we believe we now have a model that will satisfy both.

We are always open to new suggestions so please feel free to email me If you have any feedback you would like to give. have received some suggestions which we will try to accomodate next week.

Thank you. chief.vogel@det.nsw.edu.au; Stage 2 Assistant Principal



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Friday	Timed Reading (5 min)     Reading comprehension (answering questions 15 min)	Spelling 4th column In the TG column write all the vowel patterns for each word. (You don't need to write the whole word just the vowel pattern). E.g  • EA • AI • OR
Thursday	1. Timed Reading (5 1. Tin min) 2. Reading 2. Recomprehension comp (15 min) (answers)	Spelling 3rd column Write your words into syllables ( see the example set out). Syllables are the to wo beats in a word. A wornew syllable is formed patteach time we make a syllable has a vowel sound. Every syllable has a vowel sound it.  Song to help- tune of Old Mac.had a farm
Wednesday	Read Child chooses book that is a good fit book - interests and accuracy levels Child reads aloud for 5 min	Spelling Nothing to be written in any of the columns today. But on another page - get an adult to read out your spelling words slowly and see how you go at spelling them correctly. Mark your own work and write down next to the word which letter pattern you made a mistake at, or you
Tuesday	Read Child chooses book that is a good fit book - interests and accuracy levels	Respond to reading Use the Story Map worksheet throughout the week to fill in details about a story or a chapter you've read. This can be done in writing or pictures!
Monday	Read Child chooses book that is a good fit book - interests and accuracy levels	Respond to reading Summarising is how we can explain the story or text quickly, including key ideas. Use the Story Map worksheet throughout the week to fill in details about a story or a chapter you've read. This can be done in writing or pictures!
Times	20 minutes	15 minutes



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			missed out altogether.	Every true word has a vowel . AEIOU. Sometimes they have a dancing partner: R W Y GH	
20 minutes	Spelling (10 min) 1st column Sound (phoneme) is 'g' and 'gg' Attached is a spelling list that your child will use. Children write out their list of words and highlight with highlighter the letter pattern making the key sound for the week - in each word Handwriting (10 min) Handwriting template attached for children to write on.	Spelling (10 min)  2nd column Next column in book. Children break their words in individual sound units e.g.: i.n.s.t.ea.d Handwriting (10 min)) Same piece as yesterday. Year 4's add the diagonal joins.	Punctuation is important for writing because they are like our road signs for writing and reading.  *Write one short sentence for each of these punctuation signs (you might like to scan your book to look for some, some sentences might have more than one punctuation sign that you can copy).  1.Capital letter 2.Full stop 3.Question mark 4.Exclamation mark 5.Comma (one use	Daily writing Punctuation is important for writing because they are like our road signs for writing and reading. *Write one short sentence for each of these punctuation signs( you might like to scan your book to look for some, some sentences might have more than one punctuation sign that you can copy). 1.inverted commas ( talking marks) 2. Apostrophe 3. Dash	Daily writing When writing information reports there are usually lots of important nouns you need to write. These are called Proper nouns. Write down a list of all the Proper nouns in the Mary Harrison reading



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Information This reading a correct Fleet Mary (attact the le of the (attact the late) (attact the late)	Information writing: This week we will be reading a recount from a convict on The First Fleet. Read the text Mary Harrison (attached) and fill out the left side of page 1 of the convict profile (attached).	Information writing: Read the text Mary Harrison again. Now fill out the right side of page 1 of the convict profile. Draw a picture of what you think Mary Harrison looked like when she first boarded the ship.	Information writing: Read the text Marry Harrison again. Using the information, describe her experience while on the Mary Ann in the 'general remarks' section on page 2 of the convict profile.	Information writing: Read the text Mary Harrison again. Using the information, describe her life and why she was convicted and had to travel to Australia. Write this in the 'description of life' section on page 2.	Information writing: Students will notice there are some gaps in information. Use the following website to find out more information about Mary Harrison. Add missing information or interesting facts to your convict profile.	<u> </u>

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				what you think Mary Harrison looked like after departing the ship. *	https://convictrecords. com.au/convicts/harris on/mary/94979 Next week we will begin to look at information writing structure and features. Stay tuned for teaching videos from Miss Storr.
Break					
	Number patterns and place-value	Addition and subtraction	Multiplication and Division	Geometry and measurement / Statistics and Probability	Number tricks and word problems
10 minutes	Fluency task Choose a 2 digit, 3 digit, or 4 digit number. Write this number down.	Fluency task Choose which level you want to do: Getting started Write out all your friends of ten facts and the turn	Eluency task Skip count by twos, three, fives and tens. Challenge: skip count by fours, sixes, sevens, eights, nines.	Estimate lengths Select 5 different books from your book shelf and place them in order from longest to shortest.	Math trick to show family  The answer is always  51  Step 1: Think of a number (start between 1-9)

For <b>5 minutes</b> write the numbers in order that come <b>after</b> your fact number.  For <b>5 minutes</b> write that make 20 and turn arounds and matching subtraction fact.  For <b>5 minutes</b> write that make 20 and turn arounds and matching subtraction fact.  E.g. <b>56</b> , 57, 58, 59 make 100 (and not all with zero at the end) and their turnaround facts and matching subtraction fact. (only enough to keep you going for 5minutes)  Number patterns.  Addition  Set out long ways in problems and find the patterns.  Complete the Complete the pattern up for 20  3.47 + 32  1. There are 4 tables



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Estimate their lengths.  Estimate their lengths.  Now measure them the cross country run. What time did he finish, if he began at 8:45 am?  3. Nathan's basketball game started at 9:15 am. Nathan was running late and missed 23 minutes of the game. What time did Nathan arrive?	** Word problems  1.Mr. Craig ran a gardening club at air 10 school. Last year he
shortest. Estimate their lengths. Now measure them and see how accurate your estimates were.	Statistics and probability Get a coin and then flip it in the air 10
can fit around each table. How many chairs are there in total in 3P?  2. A troop of 12 monkeys at a zoo are each given 4 bananas every day. How many bananas are given out, in total, every day?  Optional Challenge: Tickets to the theatre cost \$11 for adults and \$8 for children. A family of 3 adults and 4 children buy tickets.  How much will the tickets cost the family altogether?	<u>Division</u> (remember division is about sharing into equal groups)
1.345+ 743 2.917 + 832 3.873 +526 Elying Ahead 1. 8673 + 5324 2. 9682 + 6217 3. 7325 + 9254 Soaring Create 3 sums of 4 digit + 4 digit that have the 100's column added make a 2 digit number	Subtraction Set out long ways in your books. Getting started
3, 6, 9, 12, 15 Now present this number pattern using pictures only.	Place value Rearrange the following numbers in ascending order (smallest to largest):
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		shared equally	4, or 5, or 6.	
		between her friends.	Do it again 10 times	
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		Helen get to eat?	for the next 20 times	×
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		Social, emotional, wellbeing Students draw their face with different emotions - Happy - Sad - Angry - Scared
roll the die and then compare the predictions to the answer.		C.A.P.A  Parents to watch the following movie with children if possible, pointing out animal and human movements and sounds.  Link to Movie
Optional Challenge: Tennis balls are packed in tubs of 6. 'Sports R Us' already has 5 tubs in stock. A new delivery comes in with 18 more tennis balls that the shop need to pack into tubs. How many tubs of balls will Sports 'R' Us have altogether?		P.E Please continue to fill in your Physical Activity diary
		History  When sailing, explorers used a compass to help them know which direction to go. A compass was, and still is, a very important navigation tool.
		Science Melting - so we are looking at melting at the moment. Other than ice from last week, write down what other things you might have in your freezer that would
	Break	40 min



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Embarrassed Shocked

com/watch?v=JyLtMT

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Can you think of anymore? How would you react to these given situations?

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Parent participation

necessary

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You can't play our favourite not at school today

The children are acting

as clowns from the

circus.

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task.

need to practise this

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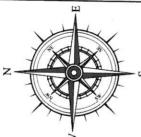
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- just talk to someone

about them and write

them down.



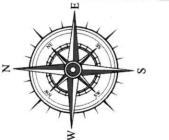
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Watch the following

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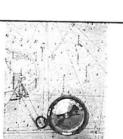
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What happens to the







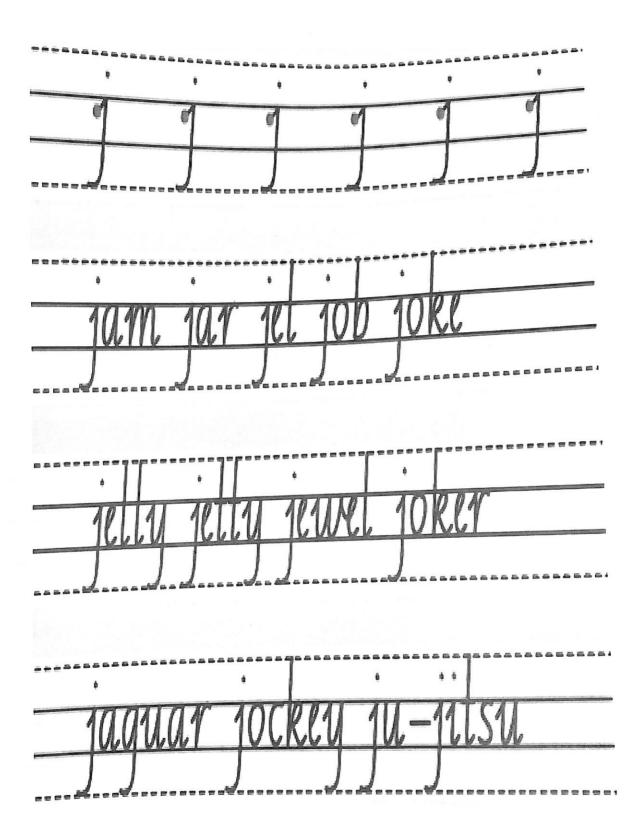
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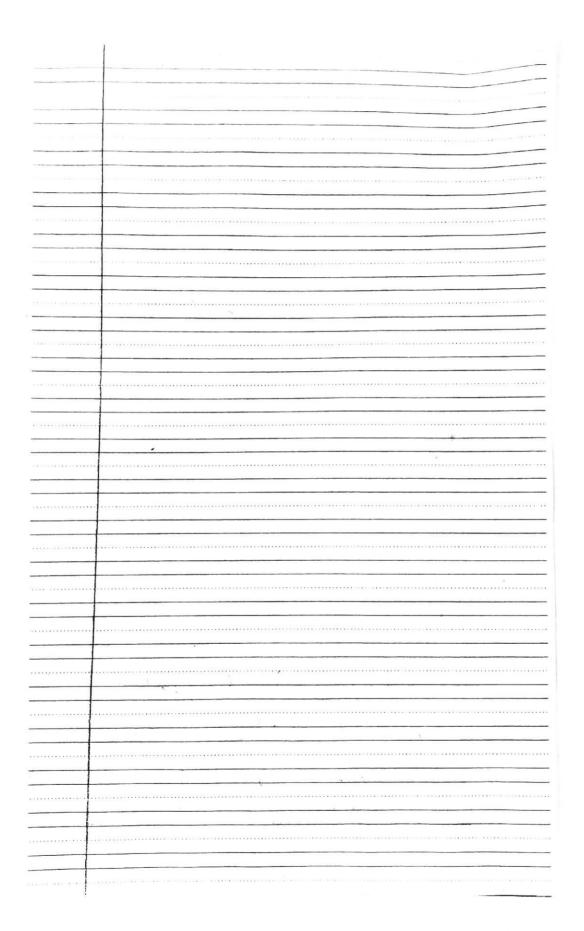


### **Story Map**

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Setting Characters Problem What else happened? Solution

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### Mary Harrison's Voyage to Botany Bay

On Sunday 13th May, I prepared to board the Mary Ann at Portsmouth. I was being sent to Botany Bay to work for seven years after I was caught stealing a pair of sapphire earrings from my employer. I had stolen them so that I had enough money to buy food.

The other convicts were hugging their loved ones as we were preparing to leave. I, however, had no one to hold and I suddenly felt very alone and scared.

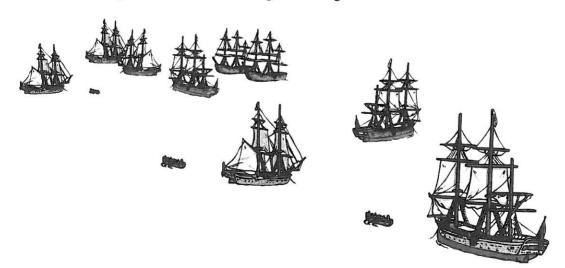
Suddenly, an aggressive soldier grabbed me and dragged me up the plank on to the Mary Ann. We were each given an eating bowl before being taken to our very small rooms. It was cramped and uncomfortable and I found it hard to breathe.

After a week at sea, our chains were taken off. The seas were choppy and made many of us seasick. It was hot and smelly below deck because we were unable to wash. We eventually arrived at Tenerife, where the ship was loaded with fresh food and water.

During the next part of our journey, the ship's mast broke in a storm and a group of convicts were caught making fake Spanish coins. They were given 24 lashes each as a punishment. When the weather finally improved, we were given more food and water.

We were excited as we approached Rio de Janeiro. We had heard that it was famous for its fresh fruits and vegetables. We arrived there 60 days after leaving Portsmouth and tiny boats rowed out to collect us. In Rio, we tasted delicious new foods, such as yams, bananas, guavas and limes.

The stay for ten days in Rio de Janeiro, while the ship was restocked ready for the most significant part of our journey, allowed me to be off the boat. I hated the day I had to re-board the ship to finish the journey to Sydney, Australia. Not long into the last leg of the ship some of the women become very unwell. When they were too sick, they were removed from below deck. It took us a further 80 days to arrive on the shores of Australia. As I step off the boat, alone in my new country, I would call Toongabbie my home.







### Mary Harrison's Voyage to Botany Bay

Waiting at Portsmouth on Sunday 13th May, I, Mary Harrison, prepared myself to board the ominous vessel, Mary Ann. As a result of stealing a pair of sapphire earrings from my employer, I was being shipped off to Botany Bay to serve seven years hard labour. I had been working as a housemaid at the time I committed my crime, which I had done simply so I could feed myself.

As I watched other convicts embrace and bid their loved ones farewell, I felt incredibly alone and in need of human touch. Prior to the departure day, I had felt relatively excited and optimistic about this next stage in my life. At this point, however, I was feeling desperately low.

Before I knew what was happening, a malicious soldier grabbed me roughly and pulled me up the plank and on to the Mary Ann. After being handed our eating bowls, we were herded into our tiny rooms, which could not have been more than 1.8 metres square. Crammed with convicts, the rooms were crowded and uncomfortable and we all found it difficult to breathe.

Seven days after our departure from Portsmouth, we were finally released from our chains. The journey was horrendous. Many of us suffered from seasickness due to the choppy seas and the conditions below deck were intolerable. We were unable to wash and the hot, humid conditions resulted in a growing stench. 21 days after our journey first began, we made our first stop at Tenerife, where the ship was restocked with fresh food and water.

The next leg of our voyage was eventful. Mary Ann lost her mast to violent winds and several convicts received 24 lashes after being caught forging fake Spanish coins. However, once the weather and seas calmed down, our rations were increased and life on board the ship improved slightly.

As we approached Rio de Janeiro, the excitement grew as we had heard tantalising rumours about its exotic fruits and vegetables. After 60 days at sea, we finally anchored off the coast where we were met by tiny row boats that were to transport us to land. Once on solid ground, my adventure began with the tastes of delicious new foods, such as yams, bananas, guavas and limes.

The stay for ten days in Rio de Janeiro, while the ship was restocked ready for the most significant part of our journey, allowed the other convicts and me to be off the boat and experience this new country. I hated the day I had to re-board the ship to finish the journey to Sydney, Australia. This day felt even more lonely than the first day I boarded the boat. The reality of what I was facing in this new country had begun to worry me. Not long into the last leg of the ship I began to be worried about several of my fellow convicts who had become very unwell. These women had become some of my close friends, and I began to view them as family. They would be removed from below the deck and were never to be seen again. It took us a further 80 days to arrive on the shores of Australia. By this time, our access to food and water was extremely limited. As I step off the boat, alone in my new country, I would call Toongabbie my home and begin to rebuild my life.





## Convict Profile

Place of birth:

Trade or occupation:	Religion:	Education:	Colour of Hair:	Height:	Weight:
Name:					Portrait on Admission
Place of birth:	Year of Birth:	Death: Gender:	Trial Location: Date:	Crime:	Arrived in the colony Ship:

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## General Remarks

Description of Life	
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### Chocolate experiment worksheet

### Question: What will happen when different-sized pieces of chocolate are heated? Will they react the same? Hypothesis: I think ... Materials: Procedure: List the items used. 1. Measure the following amounts of chocolate and place them on a paper plate. Plate 1: 12 g milk chocolate chips Plate 2: 12 g milk chocolate frog Plate 3: 12 g milk chocolate buttons Place the plates in direct sunlight, or under a heat lamp if sunshine is limited. Use a stopwatch to time how long it takes for the chocolate to change to liquid. If it doesn't melt after 10 minutes then record how soft the chocolate was **Observations: Chocolate chips** Chocolate frog Chocolate buttons Time taken to melt: Time taken to melt: Time taken to melt: Description: Description: Description: Conclusion and explanation:

### **Daily Writing**

Punctuation is important for writing because they are like our road signs for writing and reading.

- \*Write one short sentence for each of these punctuation signs( you might like to scan your book to look for some, some sentences might have more than one punctuation sign that you can copy).
- 1.Capital letter
- 2.Full stop
- 3. Question mark
- 4.Exclamation mark
- 5.Comma (one use of this, because there are many)

Type your sentences below:

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1.inverted commas

(talking marks)

- 2. Apostrophe
- 3. Dash
- 4. Colon
- 5. Semicolon
- 6.brackets

Type your sentences below:

### I win

Hello Fox, said clever Hare.	5	
Will you play some games with me?	12	
The one who wins the most games	19	
will get a prize.	23	
Fox didn't want to play games,	29	
but he did want a prize.	3 <i>5</i>	
Yes, I'll play, he said.	40	
Let's see who can stand on his	47	-
head the longest, said Hare.	52	
Fox stood on his head, but Hare	59	
sat against the tree.	63	
Fox couldn't see this, because he	69	
was upside-down.	72	
When Fox was tired Hare stood on	79	
his head.	81	
I win, said clever Hare.	86	
Let's see who can spin around the	93	
longest, said Hare.	96	
Fox spun round and round, but	104	
Hare sat against the tree.	109	
Fox couldn't see this because he	115	
was spinning round too fast.	120	
When Fox was tired Hare started	126	
to spin round.	129	
I win, said clever Hare.	134	
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Benchmark Level: F.3

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Number Of					
Words		4			

Date: .....

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### ESCAPE

Name:

UM STOOD in the doorway of Jack's room and glared at him.
"I told you not to kick your ball near my tomato plants," she said. "Didn't I?"

"Yes," Jack said.

"And now look what you've done," she said, holding out five little, hard, green tomatoes. "These will never grow into lovely big red tomatoes now. Do you realise that?"

"Of course I do."

"Well, why did you do it?"

"It was an accident."

"Humph!" said Mum. "Well, you can just stay in your room for twenty whole minutes and think about how to be more careful."

She went out, closing the door firmly behind her. Jack stood there miserably.

He was always doing something wrong. He never actually set out to do wrong things. They just happened.

He stared at the picture on his wall. He'd always loved this picture. And usually when he stared at it, the picture took him away out of himself and he cheered up. But today that didn't seem to be working.

The picture showed a farm scene. There were paddocks of wheat and a tractor. And over to one side was a lovely old draught horse with brown hair and a long white mane. Beside the horse stood the farmer, one hand stretched out to fondle the horse's neck.

Benchmark Level: Extension 1

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### GREEN TURTLE'S SOS

ELLO? HELLO? Do you read me? If you receive this message, please help me! It's a little Green Turtle here. I am one of six species of marine turtle that have inhabited Australian seas for centuries. But now we're listed as a vulnerable species because human beings are not being careful enough. A Green Turtle has enough risks to contend with without extra challenges created by careless people. Something must be done before it's too late.

What's my story?

Well, it all began for me one December night last year, at a beautiful nesting beach on Heron Island in the Great Barrier Reef. Even my beginning was fraught with danger. My poor mother had to stay up late that night, way past midnight. Just after high tide, she emerged from the water and dragged herself slowly onto the beach (the same beach where she herself had been hatched fifty years before). Then she laboriously used all four flippers to dig a huge hole in the sand. What an effort! And that wasn't all. After she finished the main hole, she dug a special egg chamber as well. So much work for one turtle. But finally the big moment arrived.

Carefully, she slid into the main hole and positioned herself over the egg chamber. Then, concentrating hard, she laid more than one hundred eggs — all in less than twenty minutes. Imagine that! Yes, I have lots of brothers and sisters. Afterwards, she dragged flipperfuls of sand over the chamber to protect my egg and all the rest from predators — feral dogs, foxes, swooping seabirds and crabs. (Even humans can't be trusted to leave the eggs alone; in some cultures turtle eggs are considered a delicacy.)



Benchmark Level: Ext. 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Number Of		10.			
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Date: ...... ORBIT

### UNIT 3

### Level 3

- 1. The paragraph tells mainly—
  - (A) how to let the air out of tires
  - (B) where New Zealand is
  - (C) what keas are like
- 2. The paragraph tells mainly—
  - (A) which colors are safest for cars
  - (B) how to paint a car
  - (C) what colors can't be seen
- 3. The paragraph tells mainly—
  - (A) where wild horses live
  - (B) why grasses and bushes can't be seen
  - (C) what is happening to our wild horses
- 4. The paragraph tells mainly—
  - (A) why goats like grass
  - (B) how to get rid of weeds
  - (C) how goats cut grass
- 5. The paragraph tells mainly—
  - (A) how much fish an octopus eats
  - (B) why the octopus likes to eat
  - (C) how an octopus gets its food

### UNIT 3

### Level 3 reading comprehension

1. New Zealand is home to a playful bird called the kea. It is a type of parrot. Keas fly in large numbers into towns and cities, where they are very friendly. Keas like to play tricks on people. One kea even figured out how to let the air out of auto tires.

2. A few years ago a scientist counted all the car accidents. This scientist found out that cars painted pink or any light shade seem to be safer. The light colors are more easily seen. Cars of two or three different colors may be even safer.

- 3. There are about twenty thousand wild horses in our country. Most are in the highlands of the Southwest. The horses find great difficulty in getting food during the winter months. Snow covers the grass and small bushes that they feed on. Their numbers grow smaller each year.
- 4. Are you tired of mowing the lawn? Now you can rent a goat to do it for you! The goat eats the grass and weeds. Before you know it, the goat has had a full meal and your lawn looks nice again.
- 5. An octopus isn't fast enough to swim after a fish. The octopus must wait for a fish to swim by. When the fish comes within reach, the octopus whips out a long arm to grasp it. Then the octopus has a tasty meal.

### UNIT 3

### Level 2

- 1. The story tells mainly—
  - (A) why there are mushrooms in trees
  - (B) why squirrels like mushrooms
  - (C) where to grow mushrooms
- 2. The story tells mainly—
  - (A) why we don't see many dead birds
  - (B) why animals eat dead birds
  - (C) why birds die
- 3. The story tells mainly—
  - (A) how big polar bears grow to be
  - (B) how small polar bears are
  - (C) how people are like polar bears
- 4. The story tells mainly—
  - (A) how salty the world is
  - (B) what salt is like
  - (C) why people use salt
- 5. The story tells mainly—
  - (A) why apron pockets are useful
  - (B) who first thought of free-floating pockets
  - (C) what free-floating pockets are

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### Level 2 reading comprehension

- Mushrooms don't grow on trees. If you see mushrooms stuck between the branches, you know they were put there. Most likely it was the work of a red squirrel. Red squirrels like mushrooms. They like to put them in trees. Then they have food to eat in the winter.
- 2. Most dead birds are never found. Some may be covered by leaves or dirt. Others are eaten by animals. Still other dead birds may fall into the water or other places where they can't be found. We find only about two of every hundred dead birds.
- 3. Polar bears grow very big as they get old. When they are grown up, polar bears weigh about a thousand pounds. When polar bears are born, they weigh only one pound. Wouldn't it be something if older people weighed a thousand times more than they did at birth?
- 4. It's a salty world in which we live. There is salt in the ocean. There is salt in the earth. There is salt inside of you—in your blood, your sweat, and even in your tears. It's a good thing too. Without salt you couldn't live.
- 5. Free-floating pockets are useful and pretty. They can be added to an apron, dress, or pants. Some pockets can be put on or taken off with buttons. Other pockets can be tied on. They are called free-floating pockets because you can use them where you want to.

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Bob was sad. He had no money. "You have been for all your work." Bob was happy. Now he could helping so much," said Mother. "I want to pay you buy a cake for Mother's birthday.

What is the main idea?

- (A) Mother needed money for school.

  - (B) Bob was lost.(C) Bob wanted to buy a cake.



The big tree was falling. Rob ran out of the way just in time. The tree fell. It fell where he had been "Look out!" called Meg. "Look out for the tree!" standing.

What is the main idea?

- (A) The tree fell on Rob.
- (B) The tree fell where Rob had been.(C) The tree fell on Meg.

Each morning the fox came. Each morning the dogs wanted to run after the fox. They barked and jumped. It was a game for the fox. It was a game for the dogs.

What is the main idea?

- (A) The fox ran after the dogs.
- (B) The dogs would not play the game.
- (C) The fox and the dogs played a game.

The ball went high, high into the air. Could Ann catch it? She didn't know. Down, down it came. She held up her hand. She got the ball!

What is the main idea?

- (A) Ann was afraid she would fall.
- (B) Ann got the ball.(C) Ann lost her shoe.