



# Soccer Star

## Dictation

Listen and write the words.  Track 01

Fran looked out the window. Her older \_\_\_\_\_  
Charlie and his friends were preparing to play soccer. Fran loved  
playing soccer. She \_\_\_\_\_ she could play with  
them. She thought, however, they wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ to  
play with her.

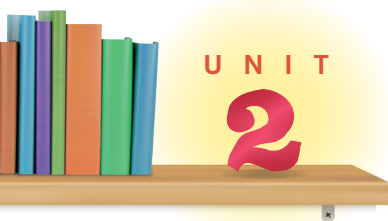
One of the players said Charlie's friend Andy couldn't  
\_\_\_\_\_ to play. They needed one more  
\_\_\_\_\_ on their team. "Fran, you're on my  
\_\_\_\_\_, " Charlie said. Fran was very excited. The players  
on the other team \_\_\_\_\_ at Fran and laughed.  
However, she didn't \_\_\_\_\_.

Finally, the game started. Fran ran, kicked the ball, and  
even \_\_\_\_\_ a goal. Everyone was very  
\_\_\_\_\_. "Your sister is an \_\_\_\_\_  
soccer player," someone said.

Charlie \_\_\_\_\_.  
"Of course, she is. I taught her," he said.







# Tennis Sisters

## Dictation

Listen and write the words.  Track 03

Venus and Serena Williams are sisters. They are both also tennis \_\_\_\_\_. Sometimes, Venus and Serena have to play \_\_\_\_\_ other! In 2001, the two sisters played each other in the \_\_\_\_\_ games of the US Open. Venus \_\_\_\_\_ that time. However, over the next two \_\_\_\_\_, the sisters played each other in four other final games at different \_\_\_\_\_. Serena won all of those!

Both \_\_\_\_\_ have had good and bad years at tennis. Of course, the sisters \_\_\_\_\_ play each other sometimes. You might \_\_\_\_\_ they sometimes get angry with each other when they \_\_\_\_\_. However, they don't. As Serena has said, "Family's first, and that's what \_\_\_\_\_ most." The sisters' love for each other goes \_\_\_\_\_ than the game of tennis.







# Cereal Box Surprise

## Dictation

Listen and write the words.  Track 05

Every morning, Kevin ate cereal. However, he didn't eat just any \_\_\_\_\_. Kevin ate the same kind of cereal as his \_\_\_\_\_ basketball player. An image of the basketball \_\_\_\_\_ was on the cereal box. Kevin often thought to \_\_\_\_\_, "Someday, I want to be on a cereal box."

One morning, Kevin felt \_\_\_\_\_. He and his team were going to play in a \_\_\_\_\_ tournament that day. As Kevin \_\_\_\_\_ himself a bowl of cereal, he \_\_\_\_\_ something. The picture on the box looked \_\_\_\_\_. It was a picture of Kevin! His dad had \_\_\_\_\_ his picture on the box.

His dad smiled and told him, "I wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ you today for your game."

Kevin \_\_\_\_\_ as he said, "Thanks, Dad!"







# The Family That Writes Together

## Dictation

Listen and write the words.  Track 07

In the early 1800s, the Brontë \_\_\_\_\_ lived in the country. In the house, there were three \_\_\_\_\_, one brother, and their father. Because there were no neighbors \_\_\_\_\_, the children played together. They also \_\_\_\_\_ the time telling stories to each other. \_\_\_\_\_ they grew older, they also wrote the \_\_\_\_\_ down.

The three sisters all wrote well. They \_\_\_\_\_ to try and sell their stories as books. However, at that time, \_\_\_\_\_ in England did not write books. The sisters sent their books to a \_\_\_\_\_, but they put men's names as the \_\_\_\_\_ of each book.

Books from all three sisters were \_\_\_\_\_ published. In fact, some of their books are still \_\_\_\_\_ today. These three sisters were the Brontë sisters: Emily, Charlotte, and Anne.







# The Bus Broke Down!

## Dictation

Listen and write the words.  Track 09

Cassie looks out the bus window while the tour \_\_\_\_\_ is talking. She is bored. Suddenly, the bus \_\_\_\_\_ down. It pulls over to the side of the \_\_\_\_\_. Cassie sees smoke! The smoke is coming from the front of the bus.

"We could be here for a \_\_\_\_\_," the tour guide says.

The \_\_\_\_\_ are allowed off the bus. Cassie gets off and sees something by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the road. A squirrel runs into the woods. Cassie \_\_\_\_\_ to follow it.

In the \_\_\_\_\_, she is surprised. There is a pretty \_\_\_\_\_. Animals are drinking the water. Fish \_\_\_\_\_ into the air to catch bugs. A big bird flies over Cassie's head and then \_\_\_\_\_ in the water.

Cassie is glad the bus \_\_\_\_\_.







# Little Squirrels?

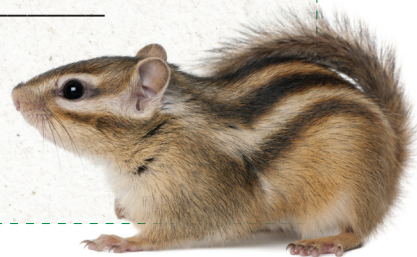
## Dictation

Listen and write the words.  Track 11

Chipmunks are a small \_\_\_\_\_ of squirrel. They eat nuts, seeds, \_\_\_\_\_, and bugs. However, chipmunks don't eat all of the food they \_\_\_\_\_. When they find food, they put some of it into their big \_\_\_\_\_. Then they take it to their homes.

Chipmunks live in \_\_\_\_\_ that they make in the ground. They \_\_\_\_\_ their food there. When winter comes, they \_\_\_\_\_ inside and sleep. However, they don't sleep all winter. \_\_\_\_\_ wake up from time to time and eat some of the \_\_\_\_\_ they saved.

Usually, chipmunks live \_\_\_\_\_. A mother chipmunk may have two to eight babies in \_\_\_\_\_ spring. By late summer, though, young chipmunks are \_\_\_\_\_ to live alone. Then they go off to look for food to store for winter.







# Make the World Beautiful

## Dictation

Listen and write the words.  Track 13



April 22<sup>nd</sup> is a special \_\_\_\_\_.

It is Earth Day. On Earth Day, the \_\_\_\_\_  
in Jason's class learn about saving the \_\_\_\_\_.

Jason's teacher takes the whole class to a city \_\_\_\_\_  
near the school. The park is in an old part of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
It doesn't look nice because there is \_\_\_\_\_ everywhere.  
Some parts of the park have tall grass and \_\_\_\_\_. Other  
parts don't have any \_\_\_\_\_ at all. There are no flowers  
\_\_\_\_\_.

The students collect the trash and put it in trash cans. Then  
they \_\_\_\_\_ holes and plant flowers that their teacher has  
with her. They also mow the grass and \_\_\_\_\_ the  
weeds.

The park looks wonderful when they finish. Jason's class has  
really \_\_\_\_\_ the park for Earth Day.

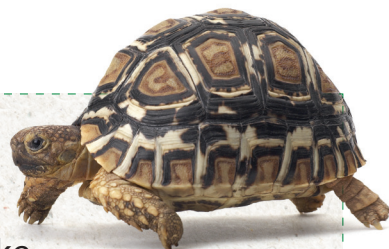




# Watch Out, Turtle!

## Dictation

Listen and write the words.  Track 15



One airport in New York City has a \_\_\_\_\_ . Turtles sometimes make it hard for the planes to \_\_\_\_\_ on time!

That airport's \_\_\_\_\_ was built close to some water where the turtles live. However, the turtles also used a sandy \_\_\_\_\_ nearby. They laid their eggs there.

The runway was built \_\_\_\_\_ their water and the beach. \_\_\_\_\_, the turtles have to go across the runway to \_\_\_\_\_ their eggs. When lots of turtles try to go across at the same time, the planes have to \_\_\_\_\_ for them.

One year, the airport \_\_\_\_\_ that about 150 turtles were on the runway at the \_\_\_\_\_ time! Passengers usually don't \_\_\_\_\_ when their planes are delayed, though. They are glad to hear that the \_\_\_\_\_ wasn't trying to stop the turtles.





# Get Well Soon!

## Dictation

Listen and write the words.  Track 17

Eric wakes up in the morning feeling sick. He has a \_\_\_\_\_. His body \_\_\_\_\_, so he can't get out of bed. Eric has the \_\_\_\_\_.

Eric's dad says, "You can't go to school \_\_\_\_\_. You have to stay in bed and \_\_\_\_\_. I will call the school and let them know you're sick."

Eric usually enjoys school because he can \_\_\_\_\_ his friends there. However, today he is \_\_\_\_\_ that he gets to stay home and rest.

That \_\_\_\_\_, Eric's best friend Willy visits Eric. He brings a present for his sick friend. Willy \_\_\_\_\_ Eric a card that his \_\_\_\_\_ and teacher made for him. It says that they all hope Eric feels \_\_\_\_\_ soon.

Rest and wonderful friends make Eric feel better \_\_\_\_\_.







# Sunny Days?

## Dictation

Listen and write the words.  Track 19

Winter is hard for some people. The \_\_\_\_\_ comes up later in winter and goes down earlier. \_\_\_\_\_ light each day may make people feel sadder than \_\_\_\_\_.

One way to help people like this is to use a sun lamp. This is a \_\_\_\_\_ light that people use in the morning. When a person \_\_\_\_\_ in front of this kind of lamp for thirty minutes, it can help their \_\_\_\_\_. This is much better than \_\_\_\_\_ medicine. Light from a sun lamp has no bad \_\_\_\_\_ on the body.

People who use sun lamps need to \_\_\_\_\_ them carefully, though. Some lamps are built to \_\_\_\_\_ off special light to help with \_\_\_\_\_ or eye problems. These are the wrong \_\_\_\_\_ to help with a sad mood.







# A New Pair of Glasses

## Dictation

Listen and write the words.  Track 21



Susan sits in the back of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
The teacher is writing on the \_\_\_\_\_,  
but Susan can't see what it says.

Her teacher sees that Susan is having \_\_\_\_\_.  
seeing the whiteboard. She sends Susan to the school  
\_\_\_\_\_. When Susan tries to read an eye \_\_\_\_\_,  
she can only see the big letters at the top. The nurse says, "Susan,  
I think you \_\_\_\_\_ glasses."

Of course, Susan doesn't want to \_\_\_\_\_ glasses. She  
thinks the other students will \_\_\_\_\_ her. However, when  
she goes shopping for glasses with her mom, it is \_\_\_\_\_.  
Susan gets to choose the color and \_\_\_\_\_ of her glasses.

When she wears her new \_\_\_\_\_ to school,  
she is surprised. No one teases her. \_\_\_\_\_, they  
tell her how \_\_\_\_\_ she looks!





# The Best for Your Eyes

## Dictation

Listen and write the words.  Track 23

"Don't sit so close to the \_\_\_\_\_. And don't use the computer so much." Do you \_\_\_\_\_ hear this? Your family is worried about your \_\_\_\_\_. The closer your eyes are to an \_\_\_\_\_, the harder your eyes have to work. In time, your eyes will get \_\_\_\_\_ and feel weak.

However, don't worry. This is only for a short time. Just rest your eyes. Soon, they'll be \_\_\_\_\_ as new. A good rule is "20/20/20." Every \_\_\_\_\_ minutes, look at something twenty \_\_\_\_\_ away. Do this for at least twenty \_\_\_\_\_. Your eyes will never feel tired!

For the best \_\_\_\_\_, go outside every day. \_\_\_\_\_ to scientists, kids who spend two hours or more outside have the healthiest eyes. Time spent \_\_\_\_\_ television made no difference!







# To Be or Not to Be

## Dictation

Listen and write the words.  Track 25



Peter likes music. He wants to be a \_\_\_\_\_ musician someday. He practices the guitar every day. However, his friends and family are not \_\_\_\_\_ in listening to Peter's songs.

"Maybe," he thinks, "I will never \_\_\_\_\_ be a musician."

One day, Peter learns about a special \_\_\_\_\_. An old music store is selling all of its CDs at very low \_\_\_\_\_. The store is closing.

Peter goes to the event to look at the \_\_\_\_\_. While he is looking, he \_\_\_\_\_ someone standing beside him. It is his favorite \_\_\_\_\_!

Peter says, "I wish I could be just \_\_\_\_\_ you!"

The singer says, "You can. Just remember to never \_\_\_\_\_."

Peter has more \_\_\_\_\_ in his music after that. He knows one day he will \_\_\_\_\_ a musician.





# The King of Pop

## Dictation

Listen and write the words.  Track 27

Michael Jackson was called the King of \_\_\_\_\_. He was a wonderful dancer. He was an even more amazing singer. His music was very popular. He sold many \_\_\_\_\_ over 750 million. That is the most one \_\_\_\_\_ has ever sold!

Jackson wanted to help people. He helped \_\_\_\_\_ and sing *We Are the World*. This song \_\_\_\_\_ money to help people in Africa. Over 60 \_\_\_\_\_ dollars were raised. Jackson tried to help people in small ways, too. For example, he saw that his \_\_\_\_\_ were sometimes cold. They often waited long \_\_\_\_\_ outside to get good \_\_\_\_\_ at his concerts. Jackson would buy \_\_\_\_\_ to keep them warm.

Sadly, Michael Jackson died in 2009. His fans were \_\_\_\_\_. Over 1 billion people watched his \_\_\_\_\_ on TV.







# Trying Out for a School

## Dictation

Listen and write the words.  Track 29

Well, today was a \_\_\_\_\_ day. I went to school  
\_\_\_\_\_ the day. After that, I went to dance  
class. Today's \_\_\_\_\_ was hard. My dance  
\_\_\_\_\_ had me do so many exercises! She wants  
me to \_\_\_\_\_ so many things. Wonderfully,  
though, she thought I was much \_\_\_\_\_  
than last week! She says that my jumps are really good. That is  
\_\_\_\_\_ for male ballet dancers.  
I enjoy doing them, too. I \_\_\_\_\_ like I'm flying. She said  
that I'm doing well but need to keep working hard.  
\_\_\_\_\_ all, I want to try \_\_\_\_\_  
for ballet school next month! After her class,  
I practiced on my \_\_\_\_\_ for another  
two hours. I really want to get into that  
\_\_\_\_\_ school!







# Twyla Tharp

## Dictation

Listen and write the words.  Track 31

As a young woman in the 1960s, Twyla Tharp studied both ballet and \_\_\_\_\_ dance in New York. In 1965, Tharp decided to \_\_\_\_\_ her own dance company. Dancers in her company mixed ballet and \_\_\_\_\_ movement. For example, during a dance, Tharp may run, walk, or \_\_\_\_\_ as part of the dance.

With the dance \_\_\_\_\_ she started, Tharp worked very hard. Many people \_\_\_\_\_ her new way of dancing. Tharp became \_\_\_\_\_ because of it.

\_\_\_\_\_ the 1980s, Tharp has created dances for stage, movies, and \_\_\_\_\_. Now in her 70s, she still works with dancers and \_\_\_\_\_. Some of her most famous dances are \_\_\_\_\_ done by ballet companies around the \_\_\_\_\_ even today.







# A Pair of Tickets

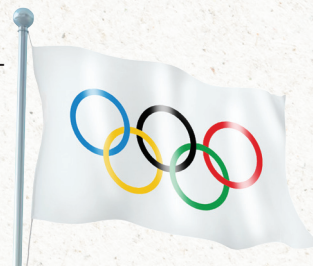
## Dictation

Listen and write the words.  Track 33

Allison loves to watch gymnastics. She is \_\_\_\_\_ because the Olympic Games are going to \_\_\_\_\_ place in her town this \_\_\_\_\_.! Allison really wants to go and \_\_\_\_\_ them in person. She wants to see the gymnasts \_\_\_\_\_ in real life.

People can start buying tickets on Friday morning. Allison has school on Friday. After school, she tries to buy \_\_\_\_\_. However, the ticket window is already closed. There are no tickets left. She is very \_\_\_\_\_.

The next day is Allison's birthday. Her \_\_\_\_\_ give her an envelope with a \_\_\_\_\_ of tickets inside. The tickets are for the \_\_\_\_\_ competition. Allison gets to go to the \_\_\_\_\_ after all! Now her only problem is \_\_\_\_\_ who to go with.



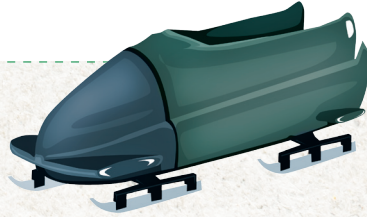




# A Special Jacket

## Dictation

Listen and write the words.  Track 35



Jack Mulholland was on the Olympic \_\_\_\_\_ team in 1972.

The Olympic Games were \_\_\_\_\_ in Japan that year.

Mulholland and the other \_\_\_\_\_ on his team had special jackets. They were US \_\_\_\_\_ jackets.

Mulholland had torn his on a \_\_\_\_\_, but he had to wear it. There was a special parade the first day.

A little Japanese girl used body \_\_\_\_\_ to ask for Mulholland's jacket. He gave it to her to \_\_\_\_\_ on, but she ran away with it!

Mulholland was \_\_\_\_\_ to lose his jacket. However, the little girl soon \_\_\_\_\_. The tear was fixed! The little girl had fixed his \_\_\_\_\_. She didn't want him to be in the parade with a \_\_\_\_\_ jacket.

Mulholland picked up the girl. He carried her in the \_\_\_\_\_ with him to thank her.





# The Tigers at Bat

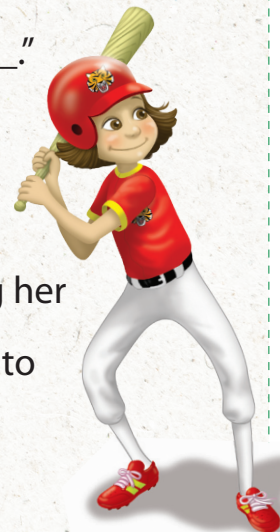
## Dictation

Listen and write the words.  Track 37

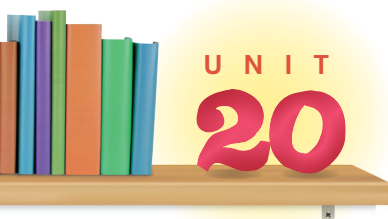
"Let's go, Tigers! Let's go!" Karen Jones, the heavy hitter of the South City Tigers, \_\_\_\_\_ up. It was the final game of the \_\_\_\_\_. Our South City Middle School Tigers were playing the Westend Middle School Bears. They are our biggest \_\_\_\_\_, and last year, the Bears took the \_\_\_\_\_.! This year, we were trying our best to win it back.

It was the last \_\_\_\_\_, and our two teams both had \_\_\_\_\_ points. Karen stood at home plate with a \_\_\_\_\_. The Westend Bears \_\_\_\_\_ threw the ball. The audience heard a "\_\_\_\_\_." Karen had hit the ball!

She started running. Everyone from our school went \_\_\_\_\_. We were all yelling and calling her \_\_\_\_\_. What happened next? Read page 5 to \_\_\_\_\_ out how we won!







# The Clubhouse Boy

## Dictation

Listen and write the words.  Track 39



Tom looked around. There were dirty team \_\_\_\_\_ and towels everywhere. Shoes and \_\_\_\_\_ socks were all over the floor, too. It was Tom's job to \_\_\_\_\_ it all up. He smiled and thought, "I'm the luckiest kid \_\_\_\_\_." Tom worked as a \_\_\_\_\_ boy for his favorite baseball team. He loved being around the team. They were his \_\_\_\_\_.

When he wasn't at work, Tom played on the \_\_\_\_\_ team at his school. He spent all of his free time practicing. When Tom first \_\_\_\_\_ the team, he was far from the best player. However, Tom never \_\_\_\_\_.

When Tom grew up, he was asked to play with his favorite baseball \_\_\_\_\_. In time, Tom Lampkin became a \_\_\_\_\_ baseball player. Even then, he always \_\_\_\_\_ to be nice to the clubhouse boys.