



Play It Again

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 01

William needed to _____ money. However, he was too young to get a real job. Then he had an idea. He could work as a piano _____!



William _____ some small cards with information about his _____. Then he put the cards on his neighbors' doors. A few days _____, Mrs. Jackson called. She wanted William to teach her _____ Peter the piano.

On Thursday after school, William went to the Jackson's house. Peter sat on the _____ with a _____ on his face. He told his mother, "Playing the piano is boring."

William said, "Listen to this, Peter." Then he played the _____ song he knew.

Peter said, "Wow! Can you play that again?" He came closer to the piano to watch William's _____ as he played. When the song was done, Peter asked, "Can you _____ me that?"

"It won't be _____," William said. "But I'll try."



Lickity Split

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 03

Lickity Split is a candy company. It makes chocolate _____ . These lollipops are famous for their unique _____ and delicious taste. Andrew Dayish and his cousin Hubert started the _____ with some friends.

Lickity Split was not like _____ companies from the beginning. That is because Andrew was _____ and Hubert was only ten years old at the start! They live in a very poor part of Utah. One day, they asked a _____ worker to help them. The boys wanted money for a _____. However, the worker did not give the kids money. She helped them _____ up with ways to earn money. That was how the _____ of Lickity Split started.

Ten years later, more than thirty _____ people work at Lickity Split. They all _____ of starting other businesses when they get older. Their first taste of _____ will not be their last!





A Different Kind of Car

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 05

James is imagining a new kind of car. It can go just as _____ as other cars. However, this car is different. It is a _____ car. It is made of vegetables!

James creates door _____ from carrots. He creates seats from _____. The outside of the car is made from potatoes. This car may sound _____, but James is trying to _____ a car that helps the Earth.

Of course, like other cars, this one needs _____ to run. James's car does not use the same fuel that other cars use, though. It uses a special _____ made from corn instead! That way, the car's fuel can be made without creating a lot of _____.

James hopes that someday _____ will come up with a way to make all the _____ of this car. For now, it is just a car in his _____.





A Smart Kid

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 07



Michael Dowling is said to be one of the _____ people in the world. He has an amazing _____.

When he was six years old, Michael started reading books. This may not _____ like much, but these were not kids' books. Michael was reading books like *The Lord of the Rings* and plays by Shakespeare! Big books were no _____ for Michael. He liked to read a lot. By the time he was eight, he could _____ English and _____. Since then, Michael has picked up two more _____. Those were Mandarin and Old _____.

At ten years old, Michael was a _____ writer. That was when the first of his three _____ books came out. Michael's mother helped him _____ the books. The books don't have Michael's name on them, though. He and his mother used _____ name, Tobias Druitt, on them.



Sebastian's New Owner

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 09

Sebastian was a horse. His _____ wanted him to be a racehorse. However, his owner _____ Sebastian was too _____ and short to be a good racehorse.

The owner _____ Sebastian to a man named Mr. Howard. Mr. Howard knew that short horses could be fast. They did not need long legs to run well. They needed strong legs and good running skill. Mr. Howard was very _____ and worked with Sebastian _____ day. He taught Sebastian how to do exactly what his rider wanted.

In the spring, Mr. Howard _____ Sebastian in his first race. No one _____ Sebastian to win the race. However, Sebastian _____ everyone by winning first _____! Sebastian won lots more races _____ that, too. Mr. Howard was glad that his horse turned out to be such a good racehorse. Sebastian was not lazy! He just _____ a good owner.





Ready, Set . . . Quack!

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 11

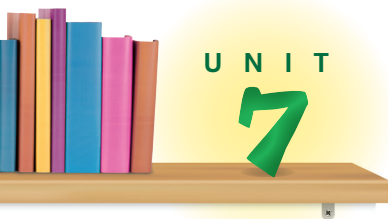


In Deming, New Mexico, people can _____
a special event every August. It is a race, but the runners
are not people. They are _____!

The first Great Duck Race of Deming was _____ in
1980. Since then, ducks have raced every _____ in the
small town. The races have _____ lots of visitors
to the town.

People don't need to own ducks to take part in the
_____. They can pay \$5 and then choose one of Deming's
ducks to _____ in the race. Eight ducks race at one time.
There is a special duck racing _____ for them to run
_____.

Today, the Great Duck Race is bigger than ever. The event
_____ four days and _____ more than
just duck racing. The city has a parade and an event where people
dress up like ducks, _____ other fun events.



Shadows and Winter

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 13

Peter and Sandra sat very _____. They were both watching a small _____ in the ground. The children hoped the _____ in front of them hid them well enough.

The cold wind made the noses and _____ of the children red. The weather was sunny on this _____ day of February, but it was still very cold. Germany at this time of year _____ was.

Suddenly, a small black animal with _____ all over it came out of the hole.

"Look," whispered Sandra. "The _____ came out!"

Peter _____ one finger to his lips telling his sister to be quiet. They both watched to see what the hedgehog would do.

The hedgehog sat very still looking _____. Then it turned and went back into its hole.

"Oh no," said Peter. "It must have seen its _____. That means we will still have weeks and weeks of _____."





World Penguin Day

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 15

Like other birds, penguins migrate. Since penguins typically live in Antarctica, they _____ in April. This is late fall for them.

Are _____ getting away from the cold of Antarctica's winter? No, they are _____ the dark. Winter days in Antarctica are very short. Penguins there do not have many _____ of light to look for food each day. Therefore, they swim _____ of kilometers _____ where winter days are longer. They live on _____ for a few months until spring comes to Antarctica. Then they _____ back.

This penguin migration happens in _____ April each year. Hence, people _____ April 25 to be World Penguin Day. On this day, people do things to _____ our penguin friends. They may dress in black and white clothes or hold penguin events. Next April 25, _____ a card or e-card to your friends. Wish them a happy World Penguin Day!





A Bear Smells Honey

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 17

Melissa walks through a strange _____. She is hungry. She looks beside a _____ tree and finds a pot of honey. It must be her _____ day! Melissa puts her hand into the pot. She _____ honey from her fingers. Though the honey is _____, it is delicious.

Suddenly, Melissa hears a loud _____. She looks up and sees a bear!

Melissa _____ the pot and runs away. However, the bear is _____ behind her! It has long, _____ teeth. It looks hungry.

Melissa yells, "It is going to eat me!"

Melissa _____ her eyes. Something warm and wet touches her _____. Then she opens her eyes.

She is in her bed, and her dog is licking her cheek.

Melissa is _____ and hugs her dog.

It was just a dream!





Catching a Good Sleep

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 19

Long ago, people in a North American _____ began to have bad dreams all the time. Then an _____ of the tribe had the idea of making dream catchers. When the people made these and _____ them over their beds, the _____ catchers caught bad dreams. That _____ to put an end to all of the bad dreams.

A dream catcher looks like a _____ with a web inside it. It also has feathers and _____ hanging from the bottom of it. People say for a dream catcher to _____, one must hang it in the right place. It has to be _____ one's bed but also where the sun will hit it in the morning. At night, bad dreams are _____ in the web. Good dreams get through the web and then _____ down the feathers. In the morning, the sun _____ up the bad dreams caught in the dream catcher.

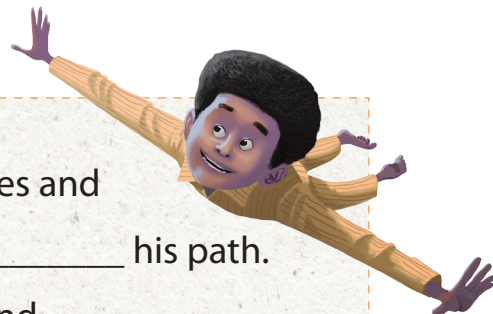




Justin's Flight

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 21



Justin was lost in the mountains. Small trees and bushes were all around. They _____ his path. He tried to walk through them. Then the ground _____ him suddenly _____.! He had walked off the _____ and was falling!

Justin opened his mouth to call for help. Then _____, he wasn't falling anymore. He was _____!

Justin flew up into the clouds. He saw many _____ things. After a while, he became tired. He wanted to _____ so that he could rest.

Justin thought he saw a good _____ to land. He flew down _____ the ground. Then Justin noticed that he was going too fast. He was going to _____! The ground came toward him faster and faster

Justin sat up and opened his eyes. He was on his bedroom _____. He had fallen out of his bed.



Sweet Dreams

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 23

Can smells _____ the dreams that we have? That is what scientists _____ to know, so they tested a group of people. They found some interesting _____.

Here is what the scientists did. They had some people _____ in a room that smelled like roses. Of course, most people agree that _____ smell nice. The next morning, the scientists _____ them. They asked the people if they had good _____ or bad dreams. The people said that they had _____ dreams.

Next, the scientists had other people sleep in a room that smelled like _____ eggs. The smell in that room was _____. Again, the scientists interviewed the people the next morning. This time, the people said that they had bad dreams.

This _____ seems to show us a way to _____ bad dreams. You just need to make sure your room has a good smell.





Ice Fishing

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 25

Jacob told his _____ Logan, "Come on! Today is a _____ day for ice fishing." The boys lived in Alaska, and ice fishing was one of their _____ things to do.

The two boys quickly got their fishing _____ and some worms. Then they went to the _____ lake near their home.

At the lake, Logan _____ the first fish. Then he caught another. When he caught the _____ fish, Jacob said, "Wow, Logan! What is your _____? How do you catch so many fish?"

Logan said something, but Jacob did not _____ him. Jacob asked, "What did you say?"

Logan said something _____, but Jacob still didn't hear him. "What?" he asked again.

Logan put his hand to his mouth and _____ out a big worm. He then told his cousin, "You have to keep the _____ warm."





The City of Anchorage

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 27



_____ 300,000 people live in Anchorage, Alaska. Also, lots of moose _____ in the city. Between 250 and 1,000 moose live in the city at different times of the year.

Why do the _____ live in the city? They feel safe in Anchorage. In the _____, bears kill and eat moose. However, very few _____ come into the city to look for moose.

The moose also like Anchorage because there is _____ to eat there. In the winter, they go into people's yards. They even _____ on top of homes and eat branches from the trees. In the summer, they eat flowers or _____ from people's gardens.

Most people don't _____ having moose in the city. Yes, moose _____ some problems for people's yards. They also cause problems on some _____. However, these animals make the city special. Anchorage even made the moose the _____ of the city.



In the Forest

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 29

Chimidyue lived in the _____. Her family lived in a small village there. One day, the girl followed a butterfly into the forest. She _____ off the path and could not find her way home.

In the forest, she saw some monkeys. The girl followed them to a monkey _____ with the monkey king! That night, Chimidyue saw the monkey king change into a _____. Chimidyue was _____. She ran away into the rainforest.

In the morning, Chimidyue sat by a tree _____. A butterfly heard her and _____ to take her back to her village. With magic, the butterfly changed the girl into a butterfly like _____. Then they flew to the girl's village. There, she changed back into a girl.

The _____ said, "Return home. But remember the _____ you found in the forest."

Chimidyue ran home with a _____ that had _____ like a butterfly.





Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 31

Deep in the Amazon Rainforest is the city of Manaus. More than 1.5 _____ people live there. Many visitors are surprised to find _____ a big city in the middle of the rainforest.

Manaus was built where two large _____ meet. The city is beside the Rio Negro, but the Rio Solimões is very _____ as well. Where they meet, the two rivers _____ the Amazon River.

Manaus began small, but it grew _____ in the early 1900s. At that time, _____ from the rainforest made some people very _____. Those rich men helped Manaus grow. The rich times _____ in the 1920s. However, the city has something new to sell these days. Many _____ goods are made in Manaus today. Instead of rubber, computer _____ and DVD players come out of the Amazon now.

Of course, rainforest tours are big _____ in Manaus as well.





Kelly Knits

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 33



Kelly and her mother sat by the fire knitting.

A _____ rain was falling outside. The sound of thunder made Kelly put down her _____ and look toward the door.

Her mother said, "Don't _____, Kelly. Your father will be back from town soon. By the way, what are you knitting for him for his _____?"

"It's a hat for him to wear when it is _____," answered Kelly. She was a little _____ about making the hat. She had made _____ of scarves before, but this was her first hat.

"Wonderful! May I see how _____ you have done?" her mother asked.

Kelly held up her work for her mother. There was a _____ silence as both of them looked at Kelly's knitting. Then they _____ into laughter. By _____, Kelly's hat looked more like a scarf.

"That's fine," Kelly's mother said. "A _____ is good for cold weather, too."



Try, Crash, Fly

Dictation

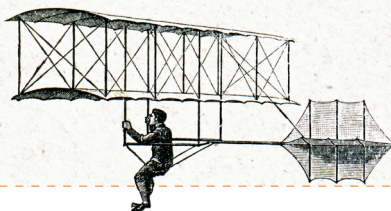
Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 35

One day, Orville and Wilbur Wright _____ a gift from their father. It was a toy _____. At that time, all flying machines were only toys. _____ flew, but they weren't machines. The boys really liked the helicopter. It gave them ideas about other flying _____.

As they grew, the brothers kept dreaming of flying. They built _____ of planes. In 1903, they tried to fly their first plane. It was a flying machine with an _____. Wilbur was the pilot. The plane flew for less than four _____. Then it crashed.

It took the brothers two days to _____ the plane. Then they tried again. This time, Orville _____ the plane for twelve seconds. He didn't _____! After he landed, they flew three more _____ that day. The last flight went almost 260 meters and took one full minute.

It was a dream come _____ for the Wright brothers.





The Doctor and His Patient

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 37



Aesop told this _____. A man in a village became sick. The man's _____ told him, "Don't worry. You will get well again."

Then a _____ doctor came. He told the man, "Prepare yourself. You will _____ die." In fact, the doctor was so sure about this, he never _____ to see the patient.

However, the sick man slowly got well. He was thin and _____, but he went walking on the street. There, he met the doctor.

The doctor _____ the thin, pale man was dead. He asked, "How are things in the _____ of the dead?"

"Fine," the man said. "But the _____ there is angry with doctors. He wants to kill them all _____ they keep people from dying."

The doctor was _____ by these words.

Then the sick man said, "Don't worry. I told him you weren't a real doctor. He won't _____ you."



A Brave Man

Dictation

Listen and write the words you hear.  Track 39

It was 1780. Ethan Allen was a very brave man. He _____ some men to _____ the British army. He won one very important _____ without killing _____!

One day, Allen visited a friend. His friend was a _____. While visiting there, a patient came in. She had a terrible pain in one _____. The dentist looked at her tooth. He told the patient that he would have to pull it out.

The woman looked _____. Allen said, "There's nothing to worry about. Just _____ me." Then he told the dentist to pull out one of his teeth. After the dentist did, Allen told the woman, "See? It doesn't _____."

The woman was not scared _____, so she let the dentist pull out her tooth. Allen stood _____ her watching. Of course, he was in terrible _____, but he never let the woman know that.

