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Writing

**SHORT DAILY WARM-UPS
FOR THE CLASSROOM**

**GRADES
4-8+**

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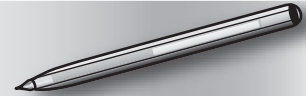
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Writing Warm-ups: Building Blocks



Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 1

Use each action verb in a sentence.

dashed _____

grabbed _____

attacked _____

chased _____

Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 2



Write each synonym next to its partner.

sofa fowl possess buddy

friend _____ own _____

couch _____ bird _____

Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 3



circle the form of "be" in each sentence.

he is an hour late. She was the last one in line.

They were the first to arrive. We are not alone.

Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 4

Draw lines to match the words that sound the same.

bee	prayer
prey	waist
inn	beach
waste	in

Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 5

Write the correct spelling beside each word.

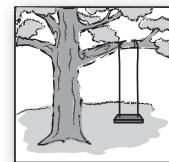
shreek _____

repeat _____

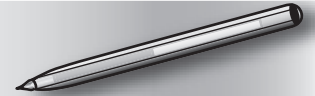
recieve _____

(tree) lim _____

serprize _____



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Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 6

Answer the question in a complete sentence.

Why should you use action verbs rather than forms of "be"?

Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 7

Write eight words for sounds.



Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 8

Write eight words that describe your favorite food.



Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 9

Describe a place you hate without naming it.

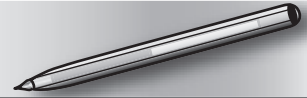
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Building Blocks 10

Write eight words for colors.



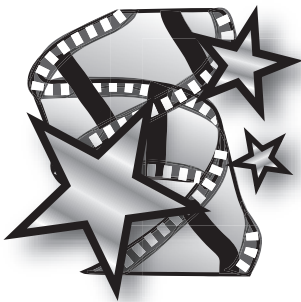
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Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 11

Describe a favorite movie star without naming him or her.



Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 12

Describe a cat. Use as many senses as possible.



Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 13

close your eyes and picture a building. Describe it.

Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 14

Name eight sensations you experience through your skin.

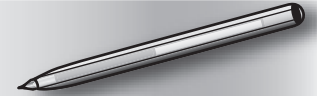
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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 15

Describe an animal without naming it.

Writing Warm-ups: Building Blocks



Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 16

Name eight things you recognize by smell.



Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 17

Write a description of the color orange for a person who is blind.

Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 18

Describe an elephant. Use as many senses as possible.



Name/Date _____

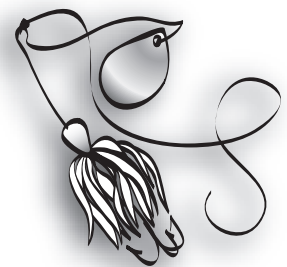
Building Blocks 19

If you lost your hearing today, what would you miss the most? Why?

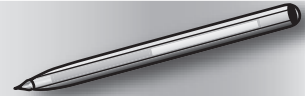
Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 20

Describe a fishing or cooking session. Use as many senses as possible.



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Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 21



circle the word that belongs in each sentence.

Everyone is going (accept, except) us.

We are (all ready, already) to leave.

The (dessert, desert) is a place with little water.

he is taller (than, then) she is.

Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 22

Draw a line to connect each misspelled word with the correct spelling.

neice

thought

sinslerly

February

truely

sincerely

thout

niece

Febuary

truly

Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 23

Write a sentence using each contraction.

it's _____

we're _____

you're _____

he's _____

I'm _____

Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 24

circle the correct spelling of each word.



possability

posibility

possibility

receive

recieve

resceev

bulitin

bulletin

bulliten

thiefs

thieves

theives

Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 25

circle the word that belongs in each sentence.

Tell Sam I will be (their, there).

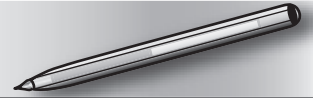
I'll (see, sea) you later.

(you're, your) my best friend.

Do you (no, know) how to do long division?

(Who's, Whose) going to the museum?

Writing Warm-ups: Building Blocks



Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 26

Add a subject to complete each sentence.

_____ raced down the street toward home.

_____ kicked the ball over the fence.

_____ soared above town.

_____, my pet, does many tricks.

Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 28

circle the words that should be capitalized. Then rewrite the two sentences correctly on your own paper.

i looked for my desk. mr. peters said it was by the window.

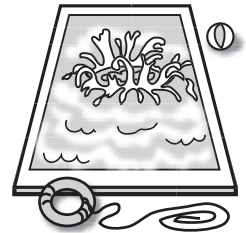
we are going to the grand canyon for vacation. uncle james and aunt katie are going too.

Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 30

circle the sentence that does not belong in the paragraph.

My brother had a party last week. I like chocolate better than vanilla. his birthday was the first day of summer vacation, and it was almost ninety degrees outside. We met his friends at Wacky Waves Water park for a day of slipping and splashing. I even went off the diving board! It was the best celebration ever!



Name/Date _____

Building Blocks 27

complete each sentence. Use an action verb for the predicate.



The old dog _____

Jacob _____

Our neighbor _____

Name/Date _____

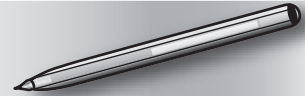
Building Blocks 29

put a caret (^) where each period belongs. Then rewrite the two sentences correctly on your own paper.

Mrs hernandez reads to us every day after lunch I missed the chapter yesterday because I had to see Dr Lee

I sat next to paulo at lunch Stephen and Jamal sat with us too

Writing Warm-ups: Everyday Writing



Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 1

What belongs in the top right-hand corner of a friendly letter? _____

What belongs at the end of a friendly letter?

In a friendly letter, do you indent the paragraphs, or skip a line between them?

Hint Box: closing, greeting, heading, body

Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 2

These are possible closings for friendly letters. circle the ones that are incorrect.

- | | |
|------------------|--------------|
| yours Truly: | yours truly, |
| your friend, | Sincerely, |
| Sincerely yours, | Until then, |

Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 3

This is the return address section of a friendly letter. circle the errors. Write the address correctly.



Three hundred two frog ave
lupineville ca 55555
apr 24 2004

Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 4

On your own paper, write a letter inviting a friend to a party.

Hint Box: R.S.V.p., birthday, holiday, celebration, barbecue

Name/Date _____

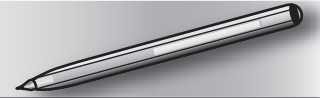
Everyday Writing 5

Name each section of a friendly letter.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- _____
- _____
- d. _____



Writing Warm-ups: Everyday Writing



Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 6

On the lines below, write a short letter thanking your grandfather for a present.



Hint: grateful, enjoy, thoughtful, because, remember

Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 7

On your own paper, write a letter to a friend who is spending the summer in another state.

Hint Box: already, forget, wondering, funny, neighbor, vacation

Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 8

On your own paper, write a letter to relatives you seldom see. Tell them about something funny that happened at home.

Hint Box: broke, dropped, forgot, locked, joke, lost, believed

Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 9

On your own paper, write a letter to your neighbors thanking them for saving cans for your school's recycling program.



Hint Box: recycling, important, helpful, civic, protect, purchase

Name/Date _____

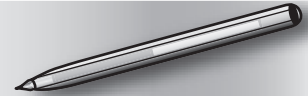
Everyday Writing 10

Imagine you are away at summer camp. On your own paper, write a letter to your parents.



Hint Box: cabin, counselor, campfire, hiking, mosquitoes, horses, flashlight, restroom

Writing Warm-ups: Everyday Writing



Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 11



Write the inside address for a business letter to Mr. William Arden at Middleville News. his office is in Arizona (AZ). The zip code is 50000. The name of the town is Middleville.

Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 12

On your own paper, write a business letter to Mr. carson Trainz asking for a job at hobby hill. The address of the shop is 224 Third Street, big hill, ME 78122.

Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 13

Name the parts of a business letter.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

Hint Box:

address,
inside,
return,
closing,
body,
greeting

Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 14

On your own paper, write a business letter to Mrs. Al Waygood-Newz, editor of the *Nicetown Gazette*. Tell her about an interesting class project. The address of her office is 66915 S. Industrial Ave., Nicetown, cO 81010.

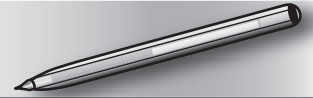
Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 15



On your own paper, write a business letter to Miss Kinda Lising, head of the complaint department at Junky Electronics, Incorporated. Tell her that your new microputer camcorder watch broke when you opened the box. you are returning it, and you want a new one. The company is located at 123456 S. Runaround blvd., Tradestown, NJ 45678.

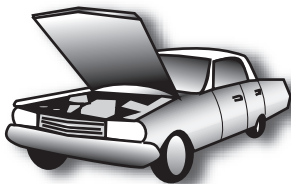
Writing Warm-ups: Everyday Writing



Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 16

Write a phone message for your mom. Tell her Joe Tuneup called about her car. Invent Joe's message and the phone number. Complete sentences are not necessary.



Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 17

your teacher just assigned a history report. circle the four phrases you would write in your assignment book.

must be good due on April 24 3–5 pages long
use ink or word processor teacher likes ice cream

Subject: Education in the colonies

Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 18

circle the most informative phrases. Use them to create a flyer on your own paper.

Friday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. or Friday Night
Don't Miss It! or Talent Show!
Eastgate School Auditorium or Eastgate
\$2 per person or Not Free

Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 19

On your own paper, write directions from your classroom to the main office. Include landmarks such as stairs, display cases, double doors, and restrooms.



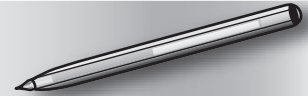
Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 20

Write directions for making a phone call.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Writing Warm-ups: Everyday Writing



Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 21

Write an e-mail message to your friend asking for information about a homework assignment.

Subject: _____

Greeting: _____

closing: _____

Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 22

Write a journal entry about what has happened since you arrived at school today.

Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 23

Write a journal entry about something in the news this week.



Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 24

Write a journal entry about the best thing that happened this month.

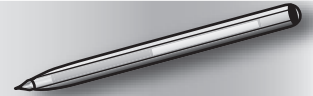
Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 25

Write a journal entry about what you are studying in science, geography, or history.



Writing Warm-ups: Everyday Writing



Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 26

Write a journal entry about something you can't forget.

Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 27

Write a journal entry about something to which you are looking forward.

Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 28

Write a journal entry about something you dread.

Name/Date _____

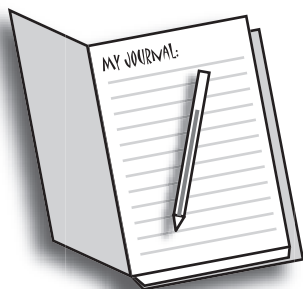
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Write a journal entry about something you expect to happen later today or tonight.

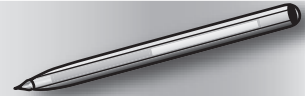
Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 30

Write a journal entry about the last vacation, holiday, or school break.



Writing Warm-ups: Everyday Writing



Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 31

circle six words to use in the review of a good action movie.

- | | |
|--------------|-------------|
| boring | sentimental |
| exciting | star |
| disappointed | chase |
| suspense | fought |
| battle | crying |

Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 32

pick a movie you know well. Describe what it is about.

Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 33

Name a movie or TV series you don't like. Tell why you don't like it.



Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 34

Write an opinion poll question for students at your school.

Question: _____

choices:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 35

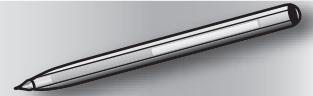
Recommend a book to a friend.

you should read _____

The best part is _____



Writing Warm-ups: Everyday Writing



Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 36

The Civil War, sometimes called the War Between the States, was long and bloody. Name three causes of the Civil War.

circle the phrase that tells what the answer to this question must include.

dates of major battles, three reasons the war began,
the names of leaders

Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 37

Most plants need light, water, air, and soil. Explain why plants need light.

circle the phrase that tells what the explanation to the statement above should include.

things plants need, how plants use water,
how plants use light



Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 38

here is an answer: *The tubes that carry blood throughout the body are called arteries, veins, and capillaries. Arteries carry blood from the heart to the rest of the body. Veins carry blood back to the heart. Capillaries deliver the blood to the cells.*

Write the question. _____

Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 39

circle every error in this paragraph. Rewrite it correctly on your own paper.



There are thousandz of kinds of insecs. Insecs have six legs. Their bodys are divided into tree parts. An insec has a head, a thorax, and an abdomen. An aunt is an insec, but a spider isn't.

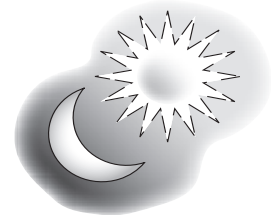
Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 40

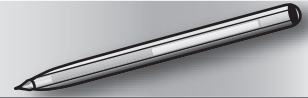
Answer this essay question:

What causes day and night?

Hint Box: axis, twenty-four, rotates, Earth, sun, hours



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Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 41

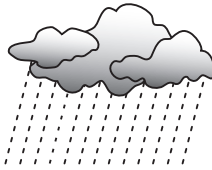
Why are writing skills important? _____



Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 42

circle every error in this paragraph. Rewrite it correctly on your own paper.



waetr takes many formz waetr evaporates form the surface of the see it turns into cloudz. some of the waetr in cloudz falls down as rayn and snow. The raynwaetr runs downhill into rivers and streams until it reaches the see. Waetrz journey is called the water cicle.

Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 44

What is the most important writing rule? Why?

Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 43

Why are good health habits important?

Name/Date _____

Everyday Writing 45

Why is honesty important?
