



Home-School Connection

Word Workout

WORDS TO KNOW

civilized precede steadfastly trenches
 excavate prolong superstitious utensils

Discovery Words What amazing discovery might we find if we started digging in the yard or school playground? Let's describe what we find. We'll use at least one of the above words in each sentence.

SPELLING WORDS

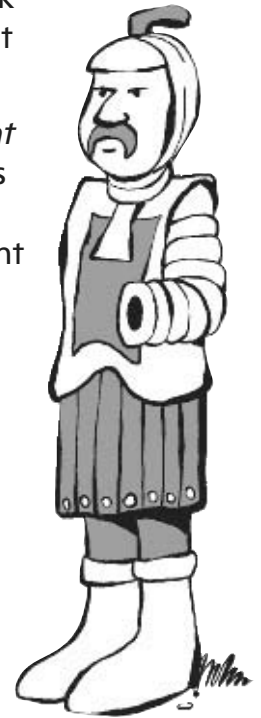
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Get You Started I'll spell a word without its prefix. Then you can spell the word with the correct prefix.

Dear Family Member:

Some discoveries are expected. Scientists might work for years and discover a new way to treat a disease. Other discoveries are a big surprise. That's what happened in China when three farmers uncovered an amazing army of pottery soldiers. I think these life-size figures are one of the biggest discoveries in the history of archaeology.

While we're reading *The Emperor's Silent Army*, I'm also practicing summarizing. This skill will help me whenever I read. It helps me recall and remember the most important facts in an article or story.



This Week's Skills

Comprehension: summarize

Vocabulary: word parts

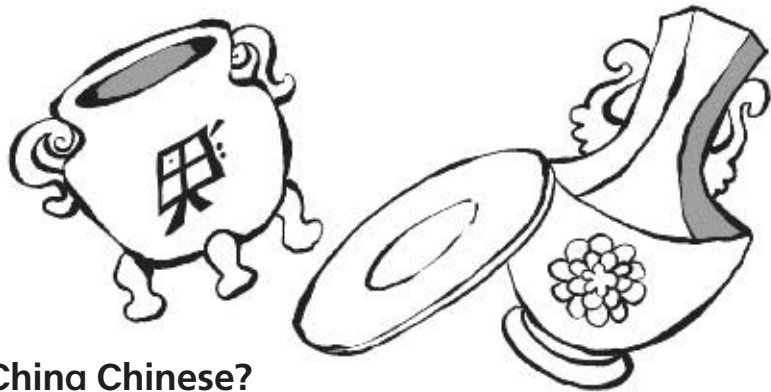
Spelling/Phonics: words with prefixes

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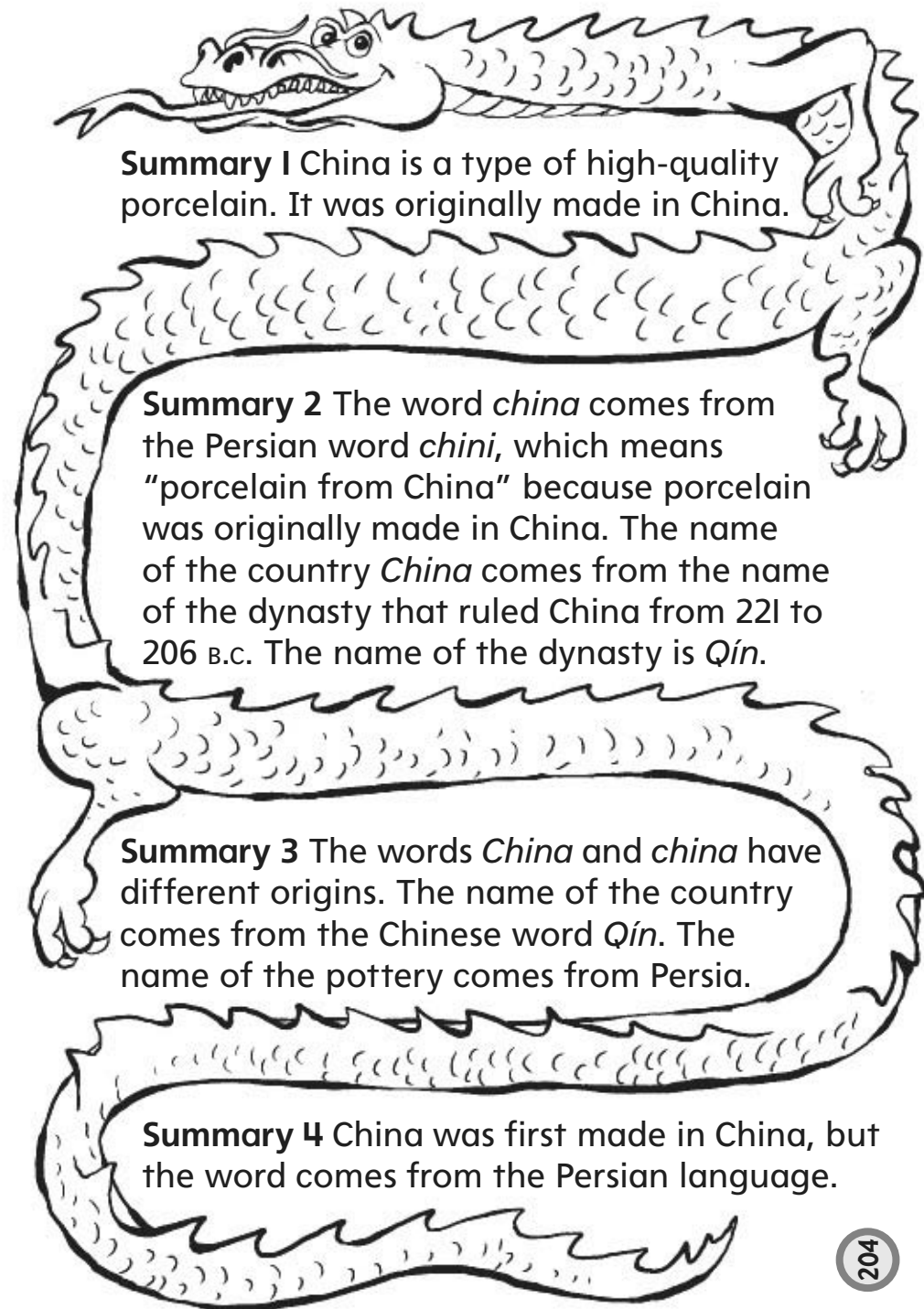
Some Are Better Than Others

Whenever you finish reading an article, take a short break. Stop reading and tell yourself what the article is mostly about. Let's read this article. Then we can compare the four summaries. Which one do we think is best? What do we think is "wrong" about the other three?



Is China Chinese?

China is a type of high-quality porcelain. It was first made in China, but that doesn't mean the word *china* comes from that country. In fact, it doesn't! The name of the country China comes from the English spelling of the Chinese word *Qín*. The *Qín* dynasty ruled in China from 221 to 206 B.C. On the other hand, the word *china* comes from the Persian word *chini*. This word described the high-quality porcelain made in China. So while china was originally made in China, the word was originated in Persia!



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Summary 2 The word *china* comes from the Persian word *chini*, which means "porcelain from China" because porcelain was originally made in China. The name of the country *China* comes from the name of the dynasty that ruled China from 221 to 206 B.C. The name of the dynasty is *Qín*.

Summary 3 The words *China* and *china* have different origins. The name of the country comes from the Chinese word *Qín*. The name of the pottery comes from Persia.

Summary 4 China was first made in China, but the word comes from the Persian language.



Conexión con el hogar

Ejercicio de palabras

PALABRAS DE VOCABULARIO

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Hablemos de descubrimientos ¿Qué descubrimientos sorprendentes podríamos hacer si excaváramos en el patio o el jardín de la escuela? Vamos a describir lo que encontramos. Tratemos de usar por lo menos una de las palabras de la lista en cada oración.

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¿Cómo empieza? Voy a deletrear una palabra sin el prefijo. Tú debes deletrearla agregándole el prefijo correspondiente.

Queridos familiares:

Algunos descubrimientos son de esperar. A veces los científicos trabajan durante años hasta encontrar una nueva forma de tratar una enfermedad. Otros descubrimientos constituyen una sorpresa total.

Eso es lo que pasó en China, cuando tres campesinos descubrieron un maravilloso ejército de soldados de cerámica. Pienso que estas figuras de tamaño real son uno de los descubrimientos más importantes en la historia de la arqueología.

Al leer *The Emperor's Silent Army* también trato de resumir. Esta destreza me ayudará siempre que leo. Me ayuda a recordar los datos más importantes de un artículo o un cuento.

Destrezas de la semana

Comprensión: resumir

Vocabulario: partes de una palabra

Ortografía/Fonética: palabras con prefijos

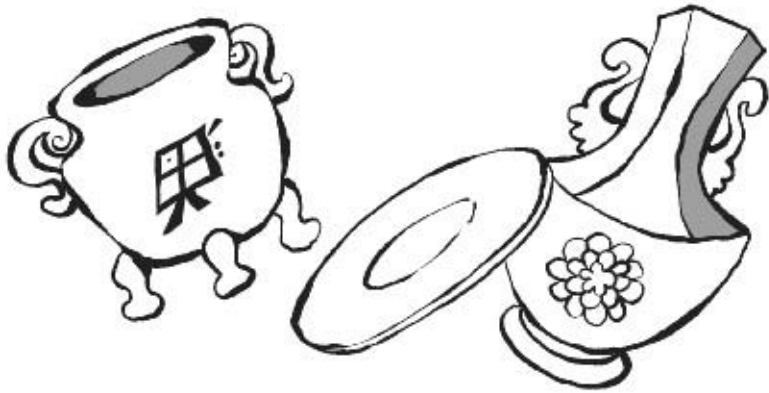


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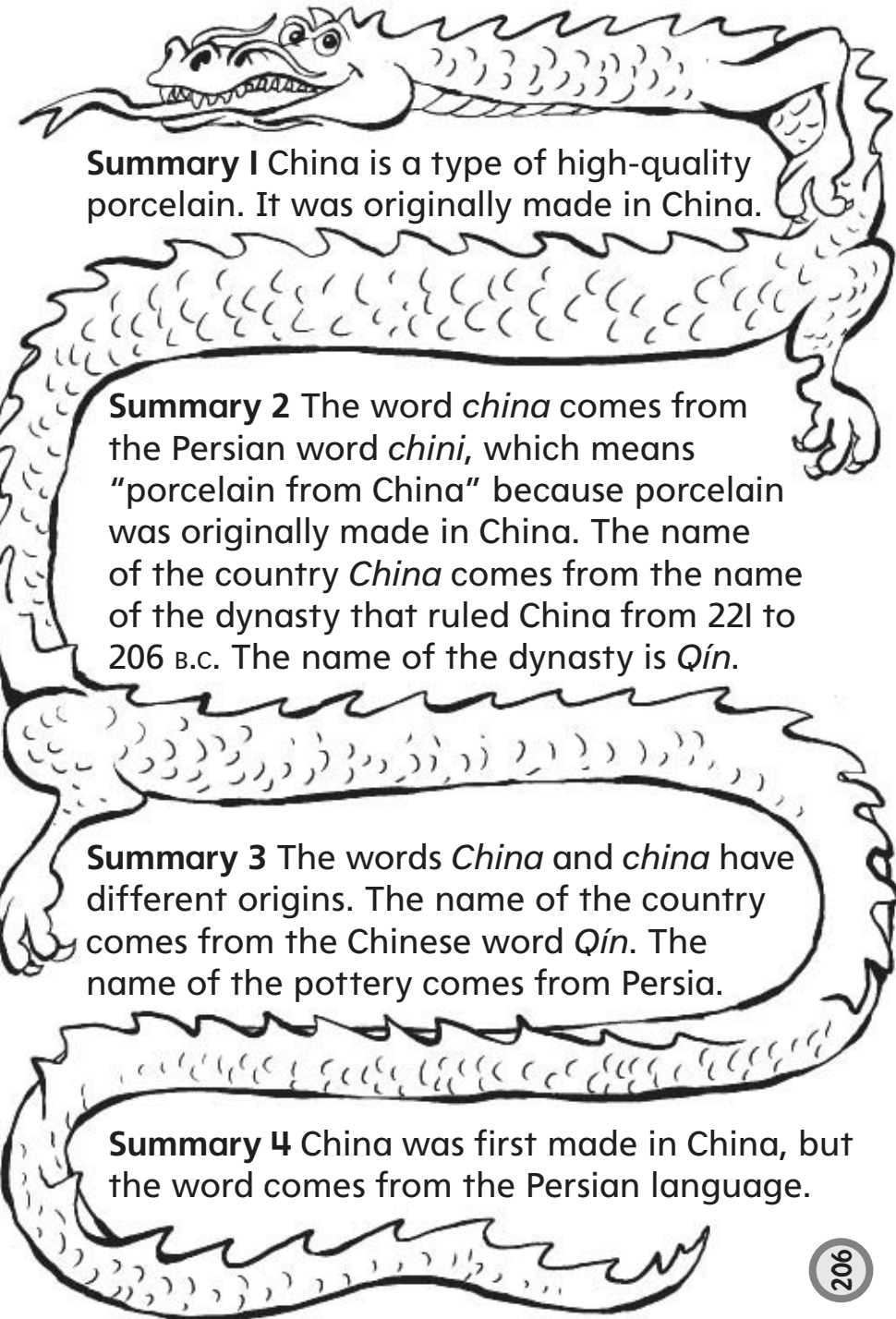
¿Cuál es el mejor?

Siempre que termines de leer un artículo, reflexiona brevemente. Deja de leer y piensa de qué trata principalmente el artículo. Vamos a leer el artículo que sigue. Luego podemos comparar los cuatro resúmenes. ¿Cuál nos parece mejor? ¿Qué es lo que no está bien en los otros tres?



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