



# Home-School Connection

## Word Workout

### WORDS TO KNOW

adept	demonstration	maneuvered
prominent	collective	luxury
prevail	spectators	

**Word Race** How many of these words can we use in a conversation in just one minute? Let's start talking—right now!

### SPELLING WORDS

compete	competition	moment	momentous
reside	resident	ignite	ignition
final	finally	metal	metallic
nation	national	crime	criminal
origin	original	refer	reference

**Strange Changes** I'll say a word and you say the other form of the word. Notice how the sound of the vowel changes. Spell the other form aloud.

## Dear Family Member:

Few people in 1891 could afford a bicycle. That's why it was even more surprising that Marshall Taylor, an African-American who began his cycling career delivering papers, became one of the greatest cyclists of his time. This week we're reading a biography—*Major Taylor, Champion Cyclist*—that tells about Taylor's extraordinary accomplishments. The facts of the story speak for themselves. I am really impressed by Taylor's skill and determination. As I read, I can form my own opinions about this American athlete. I can also learn to recognize which of the writer's statements are facts and which are opinions.



## This Week's Skills

**Comprehension:** fact and opinion

**Vocabulary:** analogies

**Spelling/Phonics:** vowels

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# When Facts Are Few

It's a good idea to back up your opinions with facts. However, people don't always have good reasons for their opinions. This puzzle ends with a secret quotation about this topic.

Read the clues and circle the twelve words that complete the sentences below. From the puzzle, write the letters that are not circled to find the quotation.

1. A fact is something that can be \_\_\_\_\_.
2. When \_\_\_\_\_ knocks, be ready to answer.
3. The course of a bicycle race can be called the \_\_\_\_\_. It rhymes with toot.
4. You need a \_\_\_\_\_ to drive a car.
5. The opposite of oldest is \_\_\_\_\_.
6. A bicycle has two \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The first bicycles did not have shiftable \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The opposite of exterior is \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Someone who rides a bicycle is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
10. You use the \_\_\_\_\_ to stop a bicycle you are riding.
11. A \_\_\_\_\_ is someone who gives a speech.
12. Alpha Centauri is a \_\_\_\_\_.

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—Arnold Glasow

Answers: 1. proved, 2. opportunity, 3. route, 4. license, 5. youngest, 6. wheels, 7. gears, 8. interior, 9. cyclist, 10. brake, 11. speaker, 12. star.  
 Quotation: The fewer the facts, the stronger the opinion.



## Conexión con el hogar

### Ejercicio de palabras

#### PALABRAS DE VOCABULARIO

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**Carrera de palabras** ¿Cuántas de las palabras de arriba podemos usar en una conversación de sólo un minuto? Comencemos a hablar... ¡ahora mismo!

#### PALABRAS DE ORTOGRAFÍA

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**Cambios extraños** Te voy a decir una palabra y tú dirás la otra forma de la palabra. Observa cómo cambia el sonido de la vocal. Deletrea en voz alta la otra forma de la palabra.

### Queridos familiares:

No había muchas personas en 1891 que pudieran comprarse una bicicleta. Por eso es tan sorprendente que Marshall Taylor, un afroamericano quién empezó su carrera ciclista como un repartidor de periódicos. Llegara a ser uno de los más grandes ciclistas de todos los tiempos.



Esta semana estamos leyendo una biografía —*Major Taylor, Champion Cyclist*— que habla de los logros extraordinarios de Taylor. Los hechos de esta historia hablan por sí mismos. Me impresiona mucho la destreza de Taylor, y su determinación. Mientras leo, puedo formarme mi propia opinión sobre este atleta estadounidense. También puedo aprender a reconocer cuáles de los enunciados del autor son hechos y cuáles son opiniones.

### Destrezas de la semana

**Comprensión:** hecho y opinión

**Vocabulario:** analogías

**Ortografía/Fonética:** vocales

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# Quando los hechos son pocos

Es una buena idea basar tus opiniones en hechos. Pero la gente no siempre tiene una buena razón para sus opiniones. Este acertijo termina con una cita sobre el tema.

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