



Home-School Connection

Word Workout

WORDS TO KNOW

arid	ceramics	derision	furrowed
benefit	deftly	eaves	symmetry

A Word to the Wise Choose a word. Give me one-word clues until I guess the word. How many clues will I need? Then we'll swap places.

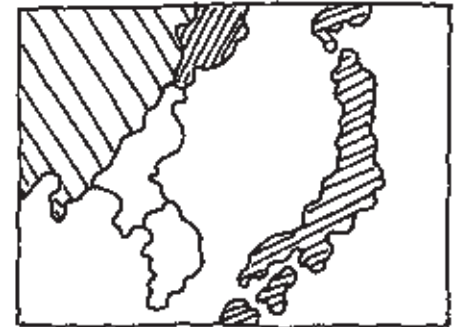
SPELLING WORDS

crumb	solemn	reject	public
magic	crumble	solemnity	rejection
publicity	magician	design	muscle
create	prejudice	office	designate
muscular	creation	prejudicial	official

Additional Words We can use math symbols to write spelling sentences. For example: *prejudice + ial = prejudicial*. How many math sentences do we need to include all of the list words?

Dear Family Member:

I know that to achieve a goal I have to work and focus my energy. That is exactly what the hero of *A Single Shard* does. He is an orphan living in Korea in the twelfth century. More than anything, he wants to become a potter. It is a difficult goal and I hope he can reach it.



As we read this story, we're learning to think about the author's perspective. The writer's point of view is reflected in many different elements of the story.

This Week's Skills

Comprehension: author's perspective

Vocabulary: homophones

Spelling/Phonics: consonant alternation

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Attitude Check

When we read two articles about the same topic, differences in the authors' perspectives can be very clear. Let's read these articles together. Then we'll use the questions to compare them.

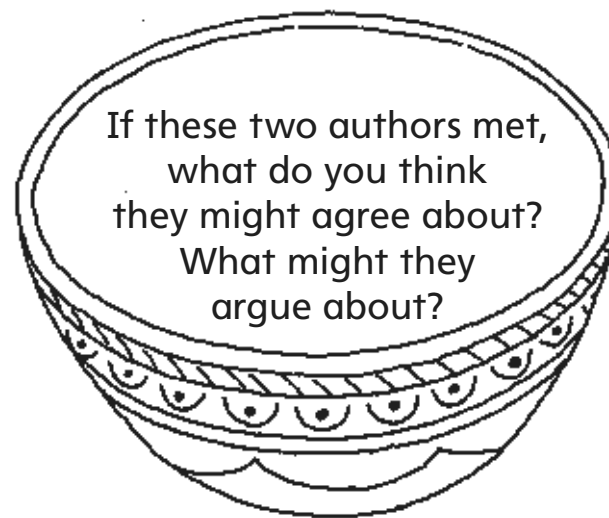


The Potter's Wheel

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The earliest potters used pottery wheels that were foot-powered. You used your feet to turn the wheel. As a modern potter, you have a choice. Some people still like to use foot-powered wheels. Others take advantage of electronic technology and use a motorized pottery wheel. The choice is personal, but in the end, surprisingly minor. Whether you use your feet or a motor, you still need to learn the same skills to create beautiful, functional pottery using a wheel.





Conexión con el hogar

Ejercicio de palabras

PALABRAS DE VOCABULARIO

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Una palabra Escoge una palabra. Dame pistas de una sola palabra hasta que adivine cuál escogiste. ¿Cuántas pistas voy a necesitar? Después adivinas tú.

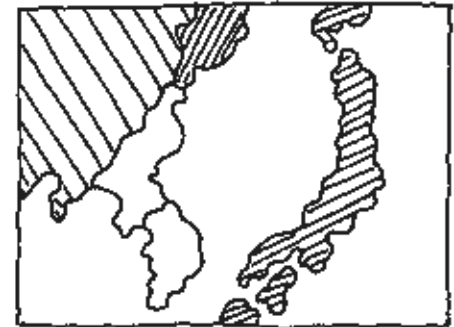
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Oraciones matemáticas Podemos usar símbolos matemáticos para escribir oraciones. Por ejemplo: *prejudice + ial = prejudicial*. ¿Cuántas oraciones matemáticas necesitamos para incluir todas las palabras de la lista?

Queridos familiares:

Sé que para alcanzar una meta, debo trabajar y concentrar mi energía. Eso es exactamente lo que hace el protagonista de *A Single Shard*. Se trata de un huérfano que vive en Corea en el Siglo XII. Lo que más quiere es ser alfarero. Es una meta difícil y espero que pueda lograrla.



Mientras leemos este relato, aprendemos a considerar la perspectiva del autor. El punto de vista del escritor se refleja en muchos elementos del cuento.

Destrezas de la semana

Comprensión: perspectiva del autor

Vocabulario: homófonos

Ortografía/Fonética: alternación de consonantes

Nombre _____

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Control de actitud

Cuando leemos dos artículos sobre el mismo tema, las diferencias entre las perspectivas de los autores pueden ser muy claras. Vamos a leer estos artículos juntos. Luego los compararemos por medio de las preguntas.



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