

Benchmark Unit 1: Government at Work

Why do we need government?

Unit 1	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
High Frequency Words	a and are big can come for go has I	have is jump my one put the want what you	he like little no of saw this to we with
Grammar	Commas in Greetings and Closings	Collective Nouns	Past Tense Irregular Verbs
Spelling and Vocabulary	Short Vowels	Open and Closed Syllables	Long a: ai ea ay
Spelling Words	box chest flag him jump run shop stand this wet	dentist go hi napkin no open problem she silent we	break chain day great mail paint play rain say stay

Benchmark Unit 2: Characters Facing Challenges

What can we learn when we face problems?

Unit 2	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
High Frequency Words	about because here look me play said see she try	after before call do earth father give her know large	many near off people right school that two under very
Grammar	Adjectives Adverbs	Contractions	Past Tense Irregular Verbs
Spelling and Vocabulary	Long o: oa o ow	Long e: ee ea y ey ie	Long i: ie i y igh
Spelling Words	both bowl cold float going grow loaf roast soap throw	clean funny happy key leaf need piece queen read tree	bright child cried dry high kind light night sky tried

Benchmark Unit 3: Plants and Animals in Their Habitats

How do living things get what they need to survive?

Unit 3	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
High Frequency Words	again below carry does eight find house laugh mother school	move never once round small their too walk where year	all away better by change done even found learn only
Grammar	Commas in Greetings and Closings	Capitalize Geographic Names and Holidays	Compound Sentences
Spelling and Vocabulary	Long u: ew ue u u_e	r-controlled vowel:ar	r-controlled vowels:er ir ur
Spelling Words	cube cute few fuel huge January menu music rescue use	car farm garden hard large march shark smart star yard	bird burn girl her hurt never nurse shirt third winter

Benchmark Unit 4: Many Characters, Many Points of View

How can a story change depending on who tells it?

Unit 4	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
High Frequency Words	long now our some them through upon was when work	always any blue buy city draw four great how live	another boy could every far from hurt out over these
Grammar	Dictionaries	Simple and Compound Sentences	Comparative Adjectives and Adverbs
Spelling and Vocabulary	r-controlled vowels: or oar ore	r-controlled vowel: ear eer ere	r-controlled vowels: air are ear ere
Spelling Words	before born fork horn more oars roar sports store wore	cheer clear deer ears fear hear here near steer year	bear care chair hair pear share square stairs wear where

Benchmark Unit 5:Solving Problems Through Technology

Where do ideas for inventions come from?

Unit 5	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
High Frequency Words	answer brown country start then there wash went who your	above began different enough few grow they were which why	follow girl head idea kind leave might next often paper
Grammar	Combine Sentences; Adjectives	Contractions; Commas	Irregular Plural Nouns
Spelling and Vocabulary	Vowel-Consonant-e and Consonant-le Syllables	Vowel Teams /oi/: oi oy	Vowel Teams /ou/: ou ow
Spelling Words	apple baseball hope Inside little mistake purple shape table useful	boil boy coin enjoy join joyful noise point toy voice	brown count cow house mouth now out owl round town

Benchmark Unit 6:Tales To Live By

What can different cultures teach us?

Unit 6	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
High Frequency Words	point river second song think three until watch white young	add between close example food group hear home left mountain	music night old picture sentence spell thought together while world
Grammar	Possessives	Adjectives; Adverbs	Adverbs and Adjectives
Spelling and Vocabulary	Vowel Teams /oo/: oo ui ew ue u oe	Vowel Teams /oo/: oo ou	Vowel Teams /o/: al aw au
Spelling Words	blue fruit grew July new shoe soon too true truth	book cook could foot good look shook should stood would	ball draw fault launch salt small straw talk tall walk

Benchmark Unit 7: Investigating the Past

How does understanding the past shape the future?

Unit 7	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
High Frequency Words	Air Along Begin Children Important Letter Open Own Sound talk	Almost Animal Around Body Color Eye Form High Light story	Across Become Complete During Happened Hundred Problem Study Toward wind
Grammar	Past Tense Irregular Verbs	Simple and Compound Sentences	proper Nouns
Spelling and Vocabulary	Compound Words	Inflectional Endings with Spelling Changes	Related Root Words
Spelling Words	bathroom birthday cowboy doorknob moonlight railroad seashell snowball starfish toothbrush	hopped liked making raked running sitting smiled swimming taking using	add addition forgetful forgot forgotten move movers moving work worked

Benchmark Unit 8: Wind and Water Change Earth

How do we react to changes in nature?

Unit 8	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
High Frequency Words	against certain door early field heard knew listen morning several	area ever hours measure notice order piece short today true	covered cried figure horse money products questions since usually voice
Grammar	Adjectives; Formal and Informal Language	Capitalization Proper Nouns, Geographic Names, and Holidays	Simple and Compound Sentences
Spelling and Vocabulary	Irregular Plural Nouns	Words with -er or -or Endings	Comparatives -er, -est
Spelling Words	children feet fish lives men people sheep shelves teeth women	actor baker dancer doctor farmer inventor sailor teacher visitor writer	colder coldest faster fastest newer newest slower slowest taller tallest

Benchmark Unit 9: Buyers and Sellers

How do the goods we make, buy, and sell connect us?

Unit 9	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
High Frequency Words	able behind carefully common easy fact remember sure vowel whole	ago government half machine pair quickly scientist thousand understood wait	among building circle decided finally heavy include nothing special wheel
Grammar	Contractions; Possessives	Adjectives; Capitalize Geographic Names	Contractions and Possessives
Spelling and Vocabulary	Words with -y or -ly Endings	Schwa	Silent Letters
Spelling Words	friendly funny happy likely lucky messy neatly quickly rainy slowly	about above again ago ahead alike alone along awake away	climb comb gnat knife knock know sign thumb write wrong

Benchmark Unit 10: States of Matter

How can something old become new?

Unit 10	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
High Frequency Words	brought contain front gave inches material noun ocean strong verb	built correct inside island language oh person street system warm	clear dark explain force minutes object plane power produce surface
Grammar	Proper Nouns; Comparative Adjectives and Adverbs	Contractions and Possessives; Complete Sentences	Dictionaries; Commas
Spelling and Vocabulary	Possessives	Prefixes: un- re- dis-	Suffixes: -ful -less
Spelling Words	boys' cat's children's classes' doctors' dogs' houses' mom's sun's tree's	disagree dislike distrust reheat reread reuse unhappy unlock unpack unsafe	careful colorful fearless helpful painless priceless speechless spoonful spotless useful