

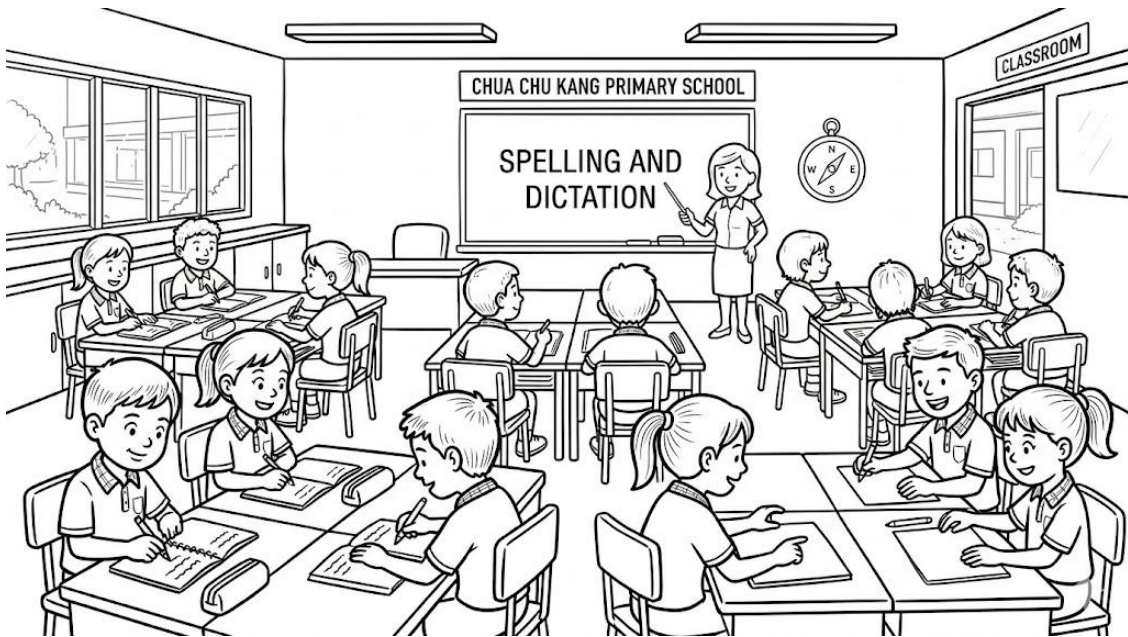
Chua Chu Kang Primary School

Standard English

Primary 5

Term 3

Spelling and Descriptive Phrases



Name: _____

Class: 5 Harmony ()

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Set 1

Spelling

adapted from The Martial Arts

1. The unicorn is a **unique** creature with a horn on its forehead.
2. The medicine was **effective** in curing my cold.
3. The squirrel climbed the tree with **swift** movements.
4. The dancer was very **agile** as she leaped across the stage.
5. We need to stay **alert** during the fire drill.
6. There are **numerous** types of delicious fruits in the world.
7. Recycling is still a very **relevant** topic today.
8. It is **believed** that dinosaurs once roamed the Earth.
9. The artist is very **skilful** at painting portraits.
10. Learning a new language requires mastering different **techniques**.
11. Be careful not to reveal your plans to your **opponent**.
12. Yoga can help improve your overall **flexibility**.
13. She is training hard for the upcoming swimming **competition**.
14. He practises **bare-hand** karate, which uses no weapons.
15. The boxer stood in a strong, wide **stance** before the fight.

Descriptive phrases

Bala's mother wrapped her arms around Bala tightly as **happiness flowed through her**. Winning the competition cheered her instantly as it would surely **open many new doors** for him. Her **wide smile broke into a chuckle** until she threw back her head, laughing, **wild with joy**. Moments before he closed the door behind him, Bala could see his mother **doing a victory dance in his head**.

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Set 2

Spelling

Commonly misspelt words

1. Please put on your best **behaviour** when the guest-of-honour arrives.
2. The class committee is well selected to include six members with **distinctively** different management styles.
3. After much negotiation, I eventually **struck** a deal with my mother on the use of mobile devices.
4. Regardless of how **unbelievable** her story is, do not interrupt her.
5. Jamie was extremely **ecstatic** when she found out that she had passed her examinations with flying colours.
6. The family had been surviving on their father's **meagre** income, and they were careful not to splurge on the unnecessary.
7. As he is finding it hard to cope with his paperwork, he hired an **assistant** to help him.
8. I have only met him a few times. I would call him my **acquaintance** but not really a friend of mine.
9. Despite giving my parents the **assurances** that I would attend all the training sessions, they were hesitant in allowing me to participate.
10. Due to the COVID-19 situation, we attend **assembly** in class every morning.
11. Many have **volunteered** to render assistance. However, only a handful are allowed to go.
12. He lit another cigarette, **oblivious** to how others around him found the smoke harmful and unpleasant.
13. We burst out laughing as we listened to her **humorous** description of John's antics.
14. The organiser had enthusiastically planned an interesting **programme** for the guests.
15. He is very **obstinate**. It is very hard to get him to change his ways.

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Descriptive phrases

Sarah, bleary-eyed from a long night, reached for her steaming coffee. It was **a comforting embrace** that chased away **the sleep clinging to her eyes**. A well-worn stuffed bear offered warmth as she flipped open her laptop. **The blank screen fuelled her anxiety**, while the ticking of the clock **matched the urgency growing in her chest**. “Just two hours,” she muttered as **a flicker of determination replaced her fatigue**.

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Set 3

Spelling

Commonly misspelt words

1. A buzz of **excitement** went through the audience as Bruno Mars went on stage to sing for the school.
2. Upon hearing the wails of sirens, the group of thieves escaped the art gallery **hurriedly**.
3. Although she was initially oblivious to the commotion, she **immediately** evacuated when she realised there was a fire.
4. When the bully glared at her **threateningly**, she trembled like a leaf as she was extremely frightened.
5. Beads of **perspiration** glistened on his brow during the break between his football games.
6. No amount of **explanation** or apologies is going to make her believe that it was unintentional.
7. John was **sympathetic** when Mary lost her job and he kindly offered her assistance.
8. It is unbelievable that within a few weeks, you had **splurged** your savings on gadgets that you do not intend to use.
9. The staff is required to do the **necessary** paperwork before selling the item.
10. They have set a monthly budget for their basic **necessities**.
11. She **plunged** both hands deep into the sack and rummaged among the letters.
12. We witnessed the **extraordinary** sight of an old lady skilfully climbing a tree to rescue her fluffy cat.
13. This hotel, with its unique wall tiles in every room, offers comfortable **accommodation** for an affordable price.
14. As a result of the accident, the traffic got slower until it was **stationary**.
15. You will need to **acquire** a certain skill in order to be a professional baker.

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Descriptive phrases

Sam's face was red, his **tears brimming on his lashes**. The **fear came out of his eyes** and his shoulders were hunched. After I assured him that I would not tell on him, **he met my eye**, trying to **determine if I was sincere**. He grabbed me, tears streaming down his chubby cheeks. I expected retaliation. Instead, I saw a fearful Sam, **caged in like a bird trying to break free**.

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Set 4

Spelling

adapted from Dogs with Jobs

1. The teacher **recognised** Michael's effort in completing his homework.
2. Exercise can help **alleviate** stress and anxiety.
3. The bloodhound followed the **scent** of the missing hiker.
4. Firefighters were **deployed** to extinguish the blaze.
5. The gymnast underwent **intensive** training for the upcoming competition.
6. Police officers are the human **counterparts** of police dogs.
7. A good friend is an **invaluable** source of support.
8. Students need to be **disciplined** to focus in class.
9. A new set of **stringent** security measures will be introduced to ensure safety in school.
10. The doctor is a **competent** surgeon with many years of experience.
11. The test results will help **ascertain** if she is allergic to peanuts.
12. Therapy dogs are chosen based on their friendly **temperament**.
13. The captain skilfully **navigated** the ship through the storm.
14. The athletes had to jump over several **obstacles** during the race.
15. With careful **manoeuvring**, the driver was able to drive through the narrow road.

Descriptive phrases

Paul was at the foot of the stairs. I **held my breath and bolted**, hoping that my feet were quiet. I was in a **complete state of panic** as I made a dash for my room. I was **wrapped up in dismay** for failing to hear him enter the house. The footsteps stopped and **silence fell**. I **cowered under my bed**, bracing myself for confrontation.

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Set 5

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Commonly misspelt words

1. Shawn heaved a sigh of **relief** when his father was discharged from the hospital.
2. He was **relieved** to see Jamie reach the other side of the river safely.
3. After losing her temper in public, she **apologised** profusely to us for the embarrassment.
4. Unless he is unwell, he will **definitely** be here for the graduation ceremony.
5. After the accident, he lost his **enthusiasm** for the sport as he was unable to skilfully defeat his opponents.
6. While sipping my cup of coffee at a cafe, I spotted a man who shot **weird** glances at me. I sprinted off out of fear immediately.
7. The bus driver stopped **temporarily** to provide assistance to the handicapped man.
8. If the lightning had struck in the field, it would have been **devastating** as it was packed with players and spectators.
9. I took several cautious steps to see what all the **commotion** was about. A burly man was shouting threateningly at a lady.
10. When the judge made the **announcement** that they had won, they ecstatically punched their fists in the air.
11. We had a full-dress **rehearsal** before the performance.
12. Necessary equipment will be provided for the **assessment** later.
13. She **unwittingly** agreed to buy the cake, not knowing that it was a prank to embarrass her.
14. A substitute teacher was employed during her **absence** to take over the class.
15. To James' disappointment, he did not find the **stationery** he wanted in that bookstore.

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Descriptive phrases

I waited before proceeding upstairs and knocking on Liam's door. I **pressed my ear against** the wood. I waited in anticipation as my **heart pounded in my chest**. I **saw a sliver of his room** through the crack in the door. Just then, **curiosity overrode me**. It felt like I was **playing right into the devil's hands**.

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Set 6

Spelling

adapted from Making Every Drop Count

1. The **availability** of ice cream in the freezer determines how many treats I can have.
2. My parents expressed **concern** when I did not return home on time.
3. The library is a great **source** of information for school projects.
4. We should use eco-friendly practices to create a more **sustainable** environment.
5. The large **catchment** area of the bucket helped collect all the rainwater.
6. We enjoyed **imported** fruits from different countries during the festival.
7. Scientists conduct **research** to find cures for diseases.
8. The company created an **innovative** design for the new toy.
9. To ensure that we evacuate safely, it is **essential** to remain calm.
10. The manager apologised for the **inconvenience** caused by the delay.
11. We should **conserve** energy by turning off lights when not in use.
12. Be **mindful** of your belongings and do not leave them lying around.
13. During wartime, food and supplies were often **rationed**.
14. A heavy storm can **cripple** power lines and cause blackouts.
15. Time is **precious**, so use it wisely!

Descriptive phrases

My grandmother was always moody, like there was a **storm brewing in her belly**. One moment **her eyes might crinkle with amusement**, but a small change could turn them into **pools of simmering thunder**. Her **arched eyebrows seemed permanently etched in** - a look of fierce determination. Although petite, **the sight of her muscular arms**, a testament to her bodybuilding past, would send a shiver down anyone's spine who even considered crossing her.