



Writing • Problem-Solution Essay

Key Features of Problem-Solution Essay

- clearly establishes the problem
- uses opinions supported by facts and details
- uses solutions supported by facts and details

Every morning, five kids from our

Name _____

Vocabulary

Directions Choose the word from the box that best matches each definition. Write the word on the line.

- _____ 1. anything that joins or connects
- _____ 2. victory, success
- _____ 3. to make known; to reveal
- _____ 4. of times long past
- _____ 5. people who have much knowledge

Check the Words You Know

- ___ancient
- ___link
- ___scholars
- ___seeker
- ___temple
- ___translate
- ___triumph
- ___uncover

Directions Choose the word from the box that best fits in each sentence. Write the word on the line.

Always on a quest, the knight was a 6. _____ of a holy vessel. After many years, he found the object of his search in a sacred 7. _____. After his discovery, his next task was to 8. _____ the writing inscribed on it. The writing was in an 9. _____ language used thousands of years earlier. The knight's discovery was hailed throughout the kingdom as a 10. _____.

Write a News Report

On a separate sheet of paper, write a news report announcing the discovery of a new language. You will need research to help you tell how, when, where, and by whom the discovery was made. Use as many vocabulary words as possible.



Home Activity Your child identified and used vocabulary words from _____. Have your child create a story about finding a secret treasure. Ask your child to use the vocabulary from the lesson in the story.

something. *My, mine,*
possessive pronouns.

habet.

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The p.
secrets ,
possessive p.

ronoun in each sentence.

report on hieroglyphs.

nçois Champollion made his disco.

: book of how the Egyptians wrote.

ent from theirs.

se of pictures.

re pronoun in () that correctly completes each sentence.

ypt, but their trip was different from (our, ours).

ner) photographs and videos. _____

ss (your, yours) drawings of Egypt. _____

as were better than (my, mine)! _____

e my pictures as good as (yours, your)?

Problem and Solution A

Problem



Solution

Vocabulary tGreek and Latin Roots

Greek and Latin

roots to help you figure out the word's meaning.

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comes from the Latin word

from the Latin word

Do Read the following passage. Look for Latin roots as you read. Then answer the questions below. Use a dictionary to help you.

Since ancient times, breaking an enemy's code has been very important. During World War II, Allied code breakers worked hard to uncover the secrets found in German codes. From 1939 to 1945, these scholars used their knowledge of

math and technology to crack the codes of German communications. If code breakers could translate a message, spies might be caught and lives could be saved. Breaking a code was a triumph to celebrate!

1. How is the meaning of ancient similar to the meaning of the Latin word ante?

2. How is the meaning of scholars related to the meaning of the Latin word scholaris?

3. Translate comes from the Latin word translatus, meaning "carried across or transferred." How is the meaning of translate similar to the meaning of translatus?

4. Which word above comes from the Latin word triumphus, meaning "victory"?

5. How does knowing the meaning of the Latin word celebrare help you understand the meaning of celebrate?



Home Activity Your child identified and used Latin roots to understand unfamiliar words. Work with your child to identify words with Latin or Greek roots in an article. Use a dictionary to confirm meanings.

Thesaurus

A thesaurus is a kind of dictionary that lists synonyms (words with the same or similar meanings), antonyms (words with opposite meanings), and other related words. Parts of speech are listed to show how a word is used. If a word has multiple meanings, synonyms for each meaning are given.

Remember: If you use the same words too often in your writing, your writing will be boring.

Directions If you opened a page in a student thesaurus, you might find these listings. Use them to answer the questions below.

soundless (adj) still, mute, quiet. See SILENT.

spark (n) 1. flash: flicker, flare, sparkle, glow, glint, glimmer; 2. stimulus: goad, spur, motivation, inspiration.

spark (v) 1. flash: flicker, flare, sparkle, glint; 2. stimulate: goad, spur, motivate, inspire, ignite, start, activate. (ant) extinguish, douse.

sparkle (v) 1. with light: glitter, shine, flicker, glint, glimmer, glow, dazzle, shimmer; 2. with intelligence: be lively, be vivacious, be the life of the party, shine, dazzle.

sparse (adj) scanty, meager, slight, scarce, thin, poor, spare, skimpy, few and far between. (ant) thick, abundant, plentiful.

1. How many synonyms are there for **spark** on this thesaurus page? What part of speech are they?

2. Which numbered list of synonyms would you use for **sparkle** as it is used in this sentence: "The crystal candlesticks sparkle brightly with light on the mantle." Why?

3. Look at this sentence: "A spark of understanding appeared in Jeff's eyes as he read the explanation." Would you look at the entries for the noun or the verb **spark** to replace **spark** with a synonym?

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4. Rewrite the following sentence using a synonym for the verb spark. "The teacher's goal was to spark the students' interest in chemistry."

5. Give an antonym for sparse.

6. Use an antonym for the verb spark in this sentence: "A thick, dull-looking textbook will probably _____ a student's interest in any subject."

7. Give three synonyms for soundless. Do they have exactly the same meaning?

8. Where does the entry for soundless indicate you might find more synonyms for the word?

9. How are the two meanings for the verb spark like the two meanings for the noun spark?

10. Why would you use a thesaurus when you write? Explain your answer.



Home Activity Your child learned about using a thesaurus as a resource. Ask your child to use a thesaurus to find synonyms for a word picked at random from a newspaper article.

Consonants /j/, /ks/, and /kw/

Proofread an Ad Ed and the newspaper ad about this gas
ation to be perfect Circle the misspelled words and write
them correctly Circle the word in a capitalization error and
write it correctly

Ed's Ad

We have a new
type of hamburger
called a burger
burger ad

We have a new
burger
burger

We have a new
burger
burger

Our wife is a
burger

Open today

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Proofread Words Circle the misspelled words.
Write them correctly

8. Every one exited when he
circled came to town. 8. _____
9. The class will expand his knowledge
about other continents. 9. _____
10. The big crowd closed for construction. 10. _____
11. There was no admission charge for
students. 11. _____
12. All team members get equal playing time. 12. _____

Spelling Words

village
 except
 explain
 quick
 change
 bridge
 knowledge
 question
 equal
 queen

 excited
 expect
 Texas
 edge
 excellent
 exercise
 quit
 liquid
 quilt
 expect

Frequently Misspelled Words

except
 off
 something



Your child identified misspelled words with the sound /j/, /ks/, and /kw/. Misspell the list words your child did not use on this page, and have your child correct them.

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