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Focus Trait: Elaboration

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Writing: Narrative Writing

Good writing is based on good ideas. You can express your ideas more vividly with figurative language. Similes, metaphors, and personification can help make your ideas come alive for a reader.

Simile The iceberg crackled and popped like a fire.

Metaphor The Arctic is an adventure waiting to happen.

Personification The gulls chattered about the events of the day.

Rewrite each of the following sentences to use figurative language.

Idea	Figurative Language to Use	New Sentence
The seal made its way into the water.	simile	
The arctic fox chased its prey.	simile	
There were migratory birds as far as the eye could see.	metaphor	
The sky was blue and looked very peaceful.	metaphor	
The tree looked old and broken.	personification	
There were many walrus on the icy shore.	personification	

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Connect to Writing

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Grammar: Connect to Writing

Using direct quotations in combination with careful word choice can help vary sentence structure and create a lively, strong voice.

Sentence with Indirect Quotation	Sentence with Direct Quotation
Quinn said that all dogs should get special food.	Quinn stated emphatically, "All dogs should get special food."

Activity Rewrite each indirect quotation as a direct quotation. Change the verb that tells what the speaker is doing if you think it improves the sentence.

1. The ranger told us that the dogs eat a special food rich in protein, fats, and vitamins.

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2. Nicolo said that no one is allowed to take cars into the park.

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3. Andy said that the park feels like an ancient wilderness.

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4. Our guide told us not to walk on the ice because it could be thin.

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Easily Confused Words

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Grammar: Spiral Review

Confusing Pairs	Difference in Meaning	Sentence
sit set	to rest in an upright position to put or place an object	I always sit in this chair. Mom set her cup down.
lie lay	to rest or recline to put or place an object	I lie down every afternoon for a nap. I lay down my heavy load.
rise raise	to get up or go up to move something up, to grow something, or to increase	Rise early and watch the sun rise. Raise your hand if you raise vegetables. They raised the price.
accept except	(<i>v.</i>) to take something offered or given (<i>prep.</i>) leaving out	I accept your kind offer. You may have any color car except pink.
affect effect	(<i>v.</i>) to influence (<i>n.</i>) a consequence or result	Advice may affect a decision. The effect of the ice was devastating.

1–6. Underline the correct word in parentheses to complete each sentence.

- The cold (affects, effects) every living thing in Denali National Park.
- The sled dogs like to (lay, lie) in a cave in the snow to keep warm.
- The sun will (raise, rise) low on the horizon.
- The musher may (set, sit) on the sled or stand next to it.
- Mountain climbers (raise, rise) a flag at the top of the peak.
- They (accept, except) any challenge in their quest.

7–10. Correct the errors in these sentences. Underline each incorrect word and write the correct word on the line. There is one incorrect word in each sentence.

- The cabin is sit deep in the woods. _____
- A friendly curl of smoke raises from its chimney. _____
- You may lie your backpacks on the floor by the door. _____
- The warmth of the fire has a soothing affect on cold, weary travelers. _____

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Question Marks and Exclamation Points

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Grammar: More Quotations

Question marks and exclamation points, like commas and periods, are always placed inside quotation marks in dialogue.

“You can do it!” cried the cheerleader.

“Are you sure?” he asked.

Thinking Question
Which words are being spoken by someone, and where does the punctuation go?

Activity Rewrite each sentence correctly.

1. Mary asked when will we reach the mountain peak

2. John cried I think I see the top

3. Is that step slippery I wondered

4. Whose backpack is this our guide asked

5. We'll never make it Mary exclaimed

6. Who's giving up so soon asked Fred

7. Not me John called out

8. I asked myself can I make it

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Grammar: More Quotations

Divided Quotations and Dialogue

- A **quotation** may be divided in the middle.
- Place **quotation marks** around both parts of the divided quotation.
- Use **commas** to separate the quotation from words that tell what the speaker is doing.

Thinking Question
What direct quotation is interrupted?

“What on earth,” asked Will, “is making that noise?”

Dialogue is a written conversation between two or more people. Start a new paragraph each time the speaker changes. Be sure the reader knows who is speaking.

“Oh, what an eerie sound!” exclaimed Cam.

“I think that is a wolf howling,” said Inez.

1–3. Rewrite each sentence correctly.

1. I wonder said Cam how tall that mountain is.

2. It is 20,320 feet tall said Will and it is called Mount McKinley.

3. Do you think asked Inez that many people climb to the top?

4–7. Read the following dialogue. Rewrite it with correct punctuation and paragraph breaks.

I'm getting really cold said Inez. There should be a cabin up ahead, replied Will.

Great cried Cam will it have heat?

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Writing Direct and Indirect Quotations

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Grammar: More Quotations

A **direct quotation** tells a speaker's exact words. The speaker's words are set off with **quotation marks**.

- Place quotation marks around the speaker's words.
- Capitalize the first word of the quotation.
- Use a comma to separate the speaker from the quotation.
- Place punctuation marks inside the ending quotation mark.

I said, "I have never ridden on a dog sled."

An **indirect quotation** paraphrases, or tells in other words, what the speaker said. Quotation marks are not used.

John said that he had a lot of homework to do.

Thinking Question

Which words are being spoken by someone?

Activity Rewrite each sentence, using correct punctuation and capitalization.

1. We are going to Denali National Park today said Luca.

2. Ms. Turner told us "To take warm clothing."

3. Will we be able to hike in the park asked Leshau.

4. Ms. Turner replied The snow is too deep for that.

5. Luca wondered, "if it would be a good day for skiing."

6. Luca asked Could we use cross-country skis?

Proofreading for Spelling

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Spelling: Greek Word Parts

Find the misspelled words and circle them. Write them correctly on the lines below.

I love writing to my Internet pen pal, Mei. She lives in China and is my age. Mei is very curious about what American students learn in school. It's so great that tecknology allows us to chat, despite the giography that separates us.

I told her that we have been reading an anthology about Greek mythology in our reading class. Mei told me that her favorite subjects are math and science, specifically geomatry and micro-biology. I told her that in science, we are studying geology and thirmal energy. We did an experiment using a thermoneter and the lab's thermestat.

In reviewing the cronology of our chats, I realized that I forgot to tell her that I would like to study psychology when I'm older.

It sure would be great to meet Mei in person one day!

Spelling Words

1. geography
2. democracy
3. microbiology
4. technology
5. thermos
6. automatic
7. mythology
8. democratic
9. thermometer
10. chronology
11. automobile
12. aristocrat
13. thermal
14. geology
15. aristocracy
16. geometry
17. anthology
18. apology
19. thermostat
20. psychology

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Spelling Word Sort

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Spelling: Greek Word Parts

Write each Basic Word beside the correct heading.

Words with <i>geo-</i>	
Words with <i>-crat</i> or <i>-cracy</i>	
Words with <i>-logy</i>	
Words with <i>therm-</i>	
Words with <i>auto-</i>	

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11. automobile
12. aristocrat
13. thermal
14. geology
15. aristocracy
16. geometry
17. anthology
18. apology
19. thermostat
20. psychology

Challenge

archaeology
geographic
bureaucracy
etymology
autocrat

Challenge Add the Challenge Words to your Word Sort.

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Greek Word Parts

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Spelling: Greek Word Parts

Basic Write the Basic Word that best fits each clue.

1. the study of what makes up the earth _____
2. a container that keeps liquids warm _____
3. a request to be forgiven _____
4. a list of events in time order _____
5. study of stories that try to explain beliefs or natural events, usually with imaginary characters _____
6. another name for a car _____
7. the study, creation, and use of machines and devices _____
8. a collection by one or more authors of various stories, books, or poems _____
9. a member of the upper class _____
10. self-activating _____
11. the math of points, lines, surfaces, and shapes _____

Challenge You are part of a group of archaeology students on a dig looking for ancient artifacts in another country. Write a letter to your parents describing your experience. Use at least three of the Challenge Words. Write on a separate sheet of paper.

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Independent Reading

Use the activities from the ranger report to help you write a job description for a park ranger at Denali National Park.

Park Ranger Job Qualifications

Qualified applicants should have the following skills:

Qualified applicants should have knowledge in the following subjects:

