

Daily Language Station

Grades 1-3

Designed to meet these objectives:

Language

- Students will isolate and substitute phonemes.
- Students will identify vowel sounds, syllables, and rhyming words.
- Students will analyze words and identify prefixes, suffixes, antonyms, synonyms, compound words, and contractions.
- Students will apply rules of grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.
- Students will understand reference materials.

With 150 engaging questions to answer, this kit helps strengthen essential language skills every day! The color-coded cards are grouped by topic:

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| • Word Analysis & Spelling | • Correct the Sentence |
| • Reference & Study Skills | • Vocabulary |
| • Punctuation & Capitalization | • Grammar & Usage |

Before You Begin

Setting up your Daily Language Station is easy! Simply cut apart the cards along the dotted lines and group them by topic. (The cards are color-coded to make this task easy.)

Note: Be sure to use only dry-erase markers on the write & wipe cards. To prevent ink from beading, prime the cards by drawing on them with a dry-erase marker, and then erase by rubbing vigorously with a dry textured cloth or paper towel. Repeat if necessary. Remember to wipe away any markings left on the cards before putting them away. Do not allow markings to remain overnight.

Getting Started

We suggest you begin by responding to a card with the whole class. Display a card and invite a volunteer to read the question. Then discuss the concept involved.

Encourage students to share their ideas on the board or chart paper. The cards are write & wipe, so you can also circle key words or information to help students understand the concept.

Once students understand how the cards work, there are many ways to use the Daily Language Station in your classroom. For example:

- Set the station in your language center with a question to be answered. Have students rotate through the center during the day.

- Display a question for the whole class to answer. Have everyone work on it together, or have students work independently or in small groups. Set a time to share and discuss students' responses.
- Put 5 different cards in the pocket chart. Have students answer the questions as a morning warm-up, or prompt them to respond to the questions when they have finished their work.
- Encourage students to respond to the questions in their journals. Review the journals periodically for assessment purposes, or have students respond on separate pieces of paper and hand them in. (An answer key begins on page 4 of this guide.)

Meeting Individual Needs

ELL: In a small group, discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary from the question card. Prompt students to write the words in their journals and add illustrations or definitions for reference. Invite them to respond to the questions in their native languages if necessary.

Reteach/Extra Support: Have students work with partners, taking turns reading and responding to preselected questions.

Challenge: Once students are familiar with a concept, invite them to create additional question cards to add to the set.

Answer Key

Grammar & Usage

1. tiny; clear; new; soft (or new); thirsty
2. here; gently; quickly; tomorrow; happily
3. plant (or tree); lemon (or grapefruit); bicycle
4. she; he; they; I; your
5. buses; snakes; roses; dishes; brushes; dresses; dogs; papers; boxes; legs
6. bag; flowers; deer; bikes; wolves
7. Nouns: ocean, tree, cake, car, table, computer; Verbs: arrive, run, swim, sweep, is, drive
8. Proper nouns: Colorado, Gerald, Main Street, Friday, Lake Erie; Common nouns: mug, bed, crayon, book, garden
9. He; We; her; She; him
10. She, her; I, my; I, his; He, his; their
11. I don't have any homework. They don't want anything on their hamburgers. I don't have basketball practice tonight. Stacy could not find anywhere to sit. My sister doesn't like salt on her food.
12. ran, have, is, crawled, play, ate, read, did come
13. favorite; slippery; comfortable; juicy; white
14. monkeys; knives; halves; men; valleys; loaves; potatoes
15. sat; mopped; raked; painted; slipped; made; hit; baked; called; taught
16. were; is; am; was; are
17. tallest; easier; happiest; better; warmer
18. flock of sheep; colony of bats; deck of cards; stack of pancakes; team of soccer players; herd of cattle; swarm of bees; school of fish
19. Answers will vary.
20. an orange; a bag; a loose tooth; an umbrella; A new girl
21. I; me; I; I; me; me
22. Cathy and I; Jake and me; Sam and me; My dad and I; My neighbor and I; Mark and me
23. do not/don't; is not/isn't; would not/wouldn't; are not/aren't; you have/you've; will not/won't; I am/I'm; you are/you're; we will/we'll; I will/I'll
24. We're; its; they're; shouldn't; doesn't
25. run; sang; bring; wrote; eat; catch

Punctuation & Capitalization

1. My grandma lives in Seattle, Washington.
I was born on May 24.
My friend Maria goes to Oak Park School.
We always eat bagels on Fridays.
The Mississippi River is over 2,000 miles long.
2. That is exciting news!
We will eat lunch together.
What time is the party?
Please wash the dishes.
What a surprise!
How did you learn to draw?
Can she find her shoes?
3. The big, red balloon floated up in the air.
I walk to school with Janie, Brian, and Tonya.
My grandma was born on May 16, 1953.
The store is in Dallas, Texas.
We are growing tomatoes, peas, and carrots in our garden.
4. I will see my doctor on Monday.
Parkview Elementary School is on Arbor Lane.
His family vacation will be in Boulder, Colorado.
My friend Megan broke her leg in June.
Is your cousin going to see Raffi in concert?
5. "Ethan, what time is it?" asked Mom.
The pool opens at 8 o'clock on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.
"Are you going to the beach?" Andrea asked.
There were big, white clouds in the sky.
6. mom, baby; library; birthday party; school year; city, next
7. How far away is the library?
Watch out for that big wave!
That was the best fireworks show ever!
The library book is due tomorrow.
Does the show begin at noon?
She walked onstage.
8. Why did Dr. Sanchez miss work today?
My family just moved to 262 Dover Street last month.
Mrs. Barnes just won tickets to the concert(! or .)
The circus came to Sarasota Avenue last month.
"I like to play at the park in Tustin," said Mai Lin.
9. Jamie; park; Saturdays; Mom
10. I went to Miami Beach last summer with my family. We had so much fun! My Aunt Kim and Uncle Rich met us there. My aunt and uncle also brought their dog with them. I hope we can go there again!

11. Dear Aunt Karen, I'm having a great time in Hawaii. We swim and snorkel every day. Tonight we are going to a Hawaiian luau! I'm sure there will be a lot of dancing and good food. I'll be sure to take pictures for you. I wish you were here. Love,
Sophia
12. Please don't forget the milk, bread, and napkins.
Neil Armstrong walked on the moon on July 20, 1969.
The Blue Jays play baseball in Toronto, Canada.
His cold, wet dog was clean.
Ginny twirled, leaped, and landed on one foot.
13. Directions to my house are easy. Follow Old Oak Road through the stop sign. Turn left on Jasmine Street. I live in the third house on the right. We have a blue car sitting in the driveway.
14. Dear Cindy, How are you? I'm fine. Right now, I'm at soccer camp. We've learned a lot of things. Today, I learned a better way to defend the goal. Coach Carter said we'll have to get some good sleep tonight because tomorrow we have a big practice game. Your friend, Bobby
15. My friends and I made cookies after school.
- Lisa's favorite book is The Cat in the Hat.
Bonnie's mom got her a new jacket.
Her Aunt Michelle plans to visit the Grand Canyon.
My dog Otis loves to run with Dad on Sundays.
16. Dear Ms. Jensen, Thank you for taking our class to the Greenfield Zoo last Monday. I had never been to that zoo before. My favorite part was seeing the monkeys. Next time, I hope we have time to talk to Mr. Barnes, the zookeeper.
Sincerely, Jane
17. Uncle; Monday; Grandma; Chan
18. I have never been to Maine.
Sally just fell off the swingset!
What time does the show start?
We will leave at 5 o'clock this afternoon.
How should we fix the door?
I just won the spelling bee!
19. Dr.; Jan.; Mon.; Ave.; Fri.; Sept.; Mr.; Mrs.; St.; Jr.
20. 788 Walnut St.
Chicago, IL 60689
489 W. Palm Beach Dr.
Jacksonville, FL 32201
333 Bear Blvd.
Anchorage, AK 99503
5926 Garden Rd.
Pismo Beach, CA 93449

21. 569 Edwards Ave.
Erie, PA 16505
26 W. Tomahawk Dr.
Wheaton, IL 60187
395 Pearl St.
Parker, CO 80138
5926 Garden Rd.
Dallas, TX 75201
22. I've, teacher's; It's, Sonya's;
they'll, tonight's; Sam's, you're
23. Dear Rosa, How are you? Did
you know I am coming to visit
you? I will be there on June 23. I
hope we can go to the zoo, the
library, and the park. We'll have
lots of fun together. Your friend,
Christy
24. My new, red wagon was in the
garage. "How do you like it?"
John asked. "I like it a lot," I
said to John. The next day, John
came over, and we loaded
water, oranges, and sandwiches
into the wagon. Then, we met
up with our friends at the park.
I'm glad I had my wagon.
25. That's amazing!
Where is my backpack?
I'm going to the library after
school today.
Did you finish your math home-
work?
May I have a cookie?
I hope you find your book.

Word Analysis & Spelling

1. Soft C: city, circus, cent, cider,
celery; Hard C: cake, cart,
cookie, color, cup
2. Soft G: general, giant, gem,
giraffe, gym; Hard G: goose,
good, garden, gate, galaxy
3. queen; cook; teach; coat; wheel;
hook; goat; leave; beach; knee
4. Answers will vary.
5. joy; boil; point; toy; choice; boy;
coin; oil; enjoy; join; destroy;
royal
6. 1 Syllable: test, guest, twist,
jump; 2 Syllables: action, parent,
volume, follow; 3 Syllables:
interrupt, official, opposite,
octopus
7. /ōō/: hoop, food, choose,
school, boost; /ōō/: book,
cookie, look, foot, took
8. /ow/: flower, cow, owl, brown,
clown, crowd; /ō/: slow, low,
grow, know, show, arrow
9. 1 Syllable: bark, bike, hand, cape;
2 Syllables: solid, sprinkle,
surface, alive; 3 Syllables: possi-
ble, principal, opinion, elephant
10. blast, plant, plum, cliff, flea (or
plea), blanket, plane, closet, blue
(or clue), flower (or blower), fly,
clam
11. bread; towel; saw; join; train; tree

12. tide/take; catch/came; near/none; over/oat; single/sound; eagle/ease; insect/igloo
13. she will/she'll; you will/you'll; it is/it's; they would/they'd; let us/let's; did not/didn't; I would/I'd; had not/hadn't
14. room/choose; chance/pants; faint/tray; stung/bus; bread/chef; boat/most; mind/line
15. scrub, splash, sprint (or splint), split, scrape, straw, scream (or stream), spread, strange, stripe, sprinkle, street
16. lamp/chimp; car/star; jam/comb; brick/truck; gain/men; float/part; maze/rose
17. isn't, wasn't, weren't, don't, I'm, I'll, they'll, let's, there's, couldn't
18. unknown; unhappy; review; misspell; dislike, unlike; mistake, retake; unlock, relock; disagree; rehear; unfair
19. slowest, slowly, slowed; breathed; hopeful; lately; graceful, talked; walked; playful, played; quickest, quickly; lovely
20. cheer, long, help, read, view, sweet, teach, cover, bright, write
21. Answers will vary.
22. eyelid, lipstick, doghouse, ladybug, weekend, bedtime
23. Answers will vary.
24. couch, brown, their, spring, enjoy, easy

25. cupboard, cupcake; milkshake; baseboard, baseball; newspaper; sandbox, sandpaper; birthday; skateboard; butterfly, butterball

Vocabulary

1. Possible answers: sad, cool, small, sour, quickly
2. Possible answers: scared, peculiar, happy, small, exhausted
3. sea, here, break, mane, choose, no, threw, road, way, sew
4. blew, right, made, stair, to (or too), night, roll, knew, hare, flower, knot, ate
5. 1. a; 2. a
6. point, light, watch
7. cow; student; beach; car; flower
8. You're, Let's, won't, don't, wasn't, I'll
9. swimsuit, cupcake, playground, grasshopper, classroom, newspaper
10. Plants, Furniture, Clothing, Insects
11. blue whale, boat, clam, crab, dolphin, fish, lobster, octopus, seal, shark, wave
12. Answers will vary.
13. high, stare, rain, by, to
14. might/mite; not/knot; reel/real; where/wear; wring/ring; four/for

15. preview: to view before; unhappy: not happy; redo: to do again; misspell: to spell incorrectly
16. hopeful: full of hope; agreeable: able to agree; cooking: making food; kindness: state of being kind
17. melt, dirty, night, rainy
18. shorter, smaller, warmer, softer
19. open, morning, less, generous
20. Fruit, Types of Transportation, Things to Read, Birds
21. bear; foot; sleep; coins; queen
22. wake, closed; quiet (or soft); thin (or watery), slowly; weak, inside (or indoors)
23. fair, lap, rest
24. wet/dry; under/over; apart/together; rough/smooth; excited/calm; backward/forward; true/false; blame/forgive
25. Answers will vary.

Correct the Sentence

1. "I have never been to that play before," Amy said.
"Do you want something to eat?" my mom asked me.
The Cat in the Hat is my favorite book.
My sister and I will visit Denver, Colorado, on April 23.
2. "Thanksgiving falls on November 23 this year," said my mom.

We eat turkey, stuffing, and mashed potatoes with gravy.
"What is your favorite holiday?" my dad asked.

"I've always liked the Fourth of July the best," I answered.

3. We will buy bread, milk, and eggs at the store.
"How do you know the answer?" the teacher asked.
"Where should I get the paint for the project?" I asked.
Lisa couldn't believe her eyes when the fireworks started.
4. My birthday is on June 6, and this year it is on a Friday.
"I've always wanted to go to that park," I told Mary.
Nate's brother lives at 222 Forest Drive in Chicago, Illinois.
It was sad when Betty moved to Canada last May.
5. Mr. Lane ate at a place called Betty's Bakery.
The boys aren't coming to the football game on Sunday.
We walked down the street and got ice cream.
I always have an apple with my lunch.
What time are we going to the park?
6. We're going to the Rocky Mountains for Labor Day this year.

Some countries celebrate Chinese New Year.
I think my aunt will come to Thanksgiving dinner this year.
I hope my Uncle Sam gets to Colorado by Friday.

7. Cassie will go to Yellowstone National Park in August.
She and her family will camp, fish, and hike.
"It's going to be warm and beautiful," Cassie said to her grandma.
They'll drive along Highway 68 to get there.
8. Jane is running in the big race on Saturday.
We saw a whale while we were out on our boat.
I looked for my warm sweater and mittens under my bed.
I hurt my wrist when I swung my tennis racket.
9. I hope I know the answers to all the questions.
I had some wrinkles on my shirt after our game.
A queen wears a crown on her head.
My dad cooked the raw fish and potatoes for dinner.
10. "Let's go golfing," my Grandpa John said to us.
"I've never gone golfing," John, Jr., replied.
"I wouldn't worry about that,"

Grandpa told him.
That's when we planned a golfing trip in Palm Springs, California.

11. We bought tickets to fly to Maui, Hawaii, on August 17.
I visited Alex so I could meet his new cat, Bobo.
Laura found her favorite book, A New Coat for Anna, in the Jamestown Public Library.
Dance class starts Tuesday at the Keller Dance Center.
12. "Watch out for that falling tree branch!" Sharon yelled.
"What time do you think you'll arrive?" Mom asked.
"We need juice, crackers, and milk," said Dad.
"Wow, I can't believe what a pretty day it is!" Grandma said.
13. Lily visited Mexico when she was a baby.
Ben and Jill have been friends since they were four years old.
"We don't have any snacks, so we're hungry," said Grace.
The pink flowers looked better after they got some rain.
14. I dropped the books on my toe and had to go to the doctor.
I also cut my heel when I fell down on the ground.
I know I have too many cuts on my feet.
I will be more careful next time.

15. The new park will be at 575 Gordon Lane.
"We should go to the beach for Labor Day," said Uncle Jim.
"I don't know what time the party starts," said Aunt Rita.
"We give out cards on Valentine's Day," said Ava's teacher.
16. "I was born on February 7, 1967," said Jessica's mom.
"I won't ever be late to school again," said David.
Mrs. Lenson asked if we could please pick up our toys.
"Wait, there's a car coming!" Frank yelled to his friend.
17. Mr. Hill taught English at North Hill School.
We thought it was funny that he had the same name as the school.
One year, he had us read The Wind in the Willows.
I liked reading Sam the Minute-man by Nathaniel Benchley.
18. Richard scored better on the test than Charlie did but not better than Jean did.
The plant was brown and needed water.
I was writing my name when my pencil broke.
Gina's mom received her new magazine on Tuesday.
19. Liddie was the prettiest dog at the Greenville Dog Show.
"Liddie belongs to my cousin Krista," I told my friend.
Sophia's dog barked a lot and ran away.
"I can't believe I won the contest!" Krista shouted.
20. "Please write your names on your papers," said Miss Ramos.
"It's too bad we are having a test on the day after New Year's Day," I said.
I didn't do badly on the test, so I was happy.
21. The book was written by a man named A. J. Jones.
We had to write a book report on it for our class.
I checked the book out of the Washington School Library.
I just wish I hadn't forgotten to return it to the library.
22. We were standing there when the package was delivered.
Donna was crying because she fell down the stairs.
Sue had a fever and didn't go to school yesterday.
Mr. Hudson was driving his new car around the block.
23. "I've always wanted to go to Spain," I told my sister.
"I'd like to visit our relatives in Madrid," my sister replied.
"We'd also love France, Germany, and Italy," I said.

- "Let's pick just one for now," my sister said.
24. Oregon is known to get a lot of rain every year.
My brother Joe and I don't care, though.
We like to go to the Youth Fishing Day at Garden Lake Park even when it's raining.
One year, I caught three big fish. They were rainbow trout.
25. Mom and Ruby walked to the dance studio.
"Do I have to dance?" said Ruby with a frown.
They both noticed the karate studio next door and smiled.
"Let's sign up for that class instead," Mom said happily.

Reference & Study Skills

1. under, whale, win, yard, yes; grass, joke, jump, leap, light; hammer, hen, hill, insect, island
2. pan, pencil, picnic, pot, puppy; bake, blast, boost, break, bun; favor, feast, feather, food, found
3. thesaurus; newspaper; dictionary; phone book; encyclopedia
4. junk, jam, giant, job, jelly
5. cover, glossary, index, table of contents
6. dictionary; road map; encyclopedia; thesaurus; phone book
7. pretend, press, pretty, price, pressure
8. 37: fade, fact; 48: gave, gate, garbage; 76: large, land; 77: loud, love, look
9. dictionary; newspaper; encyclopedia; atlas; thesaurus or dictionary
10. 101; 2; 3; 5
11. 24-26, 33; 22; 27-32, 34; 35-38
12. 5; "Our Planet Earth"; 3; 4
13. fiction; biography; nonfiction; biography; fiction; nonfiction
14. biography; fiction; nonfiction; fiction; nonfiction; biography
15. 2; 45; 5; "How Food is Grown"
16. 5; 20; 1; 4
17. "Major Snowstorm Hits Northeast"; "Giants Defeat Yankees, 5-1"; the mayor
18. "Why Our City Needs More Firefighters"; Mexico; "City Council Debates Parking Meters"
19. dictionary; atlas; almanac; newspaper; encyclopedia
20. firm, first, French, fresh, front; umbrella, umpire, uncle, until, unwise; ticking, tickle, tiles, timer, tired
21. 5; 2; 7; 4; 3
22. 8; 10; 13; 12; 11
23. 17; 19; 18; 14; 16
24. 24; 22; 25; 23; 26
25. 39-47; his childhood; 6-12, 17; 18