

SPELLING CONTRACT LESSON No.: 1a

It is your responsibility to earn at least **100 points** on the spelling contract **each week**. Choose how to earn those points by selecting a combination of activities listed below. **Only activities 8, 12, 14, 18, and 19 may be done using a computer. COMPLETE ALL ACTIVITIES BEFORE REPEATING!*

25 Point Activities:

1. ~~List all of the words in alphabetical order.~~
2. Rainbow spelling - each word three times in different colors
3. Divide all of the words into syllables.
4. Illustrate at least one half of the words.
5. Draw a picture and hide all of the words in the picture.
6. Write all of the words as many times as there are syllables.
7. Using all of the words, pair two words having one common letter so they criss-cross.
8. *Make a crossword puzzle using all of the words (include answers).
9. Make a word search using all of the words (include answers).

50 Point Activities:

10. Write each word six times in cursive.
11. Make up a code and write all of the words in a code.
12. *Write a complete, **complex** sentence for each word.
13. Write your words adding or subtracting one letter at a time. The result will be a pyramid shape of words.
14. *Write a story using all of the words.

75 Point Activities:

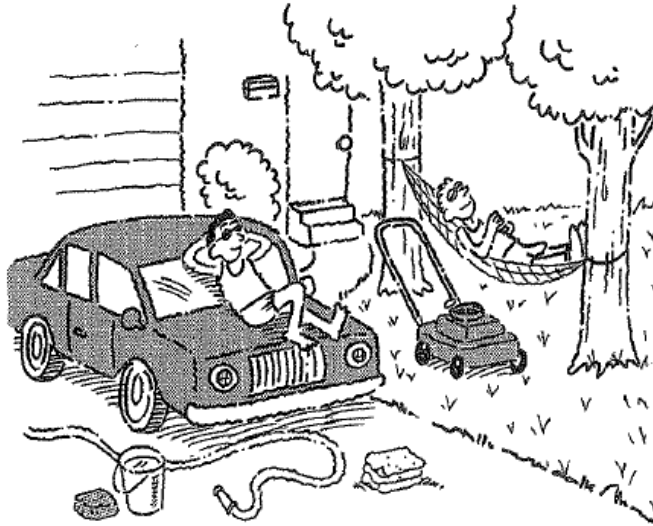
15. Make a dictionary including the definition and syllables for each.
16. Cut letters from a magazine or newspaper and glue words on a paper.
17. *Write a song or poem using all of the words (100 points if you sing your song in class).
18. *Write and illustrate a television commercial using at least half of the words.
19. Look up each word and draw and label the country of origin for the word.

WORD LIST: 1A

1. abhor
2. abominate
3. abridge
4. abstruse
5. abut
6. abyss
7. accolade
8. adjunct
9. affidavit
10. affinity

ABHOR
(ab HOR) v.
to hate very much, to detest utterly

Link: **CHORE**



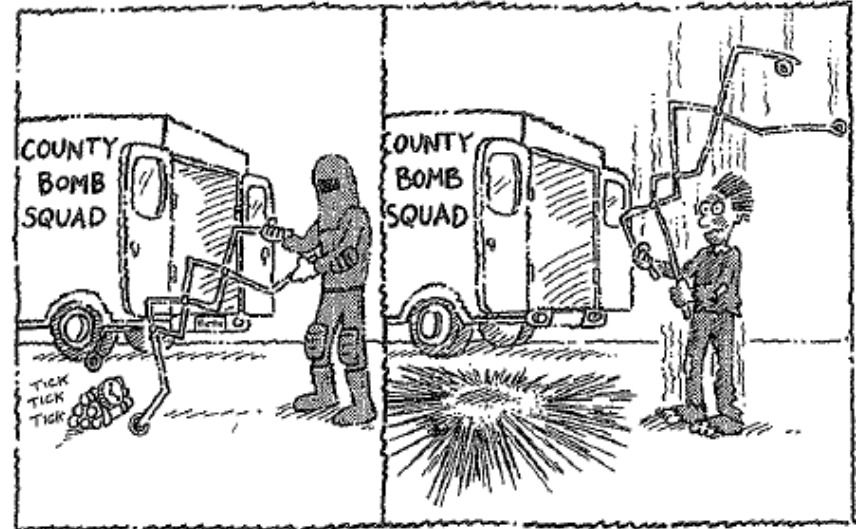
"The Booker boys **ABHORRED** doing **CHORES**."

- To **ABHOR** insects is to find them **ABHORRENT**.
- It is generally believed that most women have an **ABHORRENCE** of mice.
- It is a fact that most people **ABHOR** the thought of public speaking.

ABOMINATE

(uh BOM uh nate) v.
to dislike strongly, to regard with
intense aversion or loathing

Link: **A BOMB HATE**



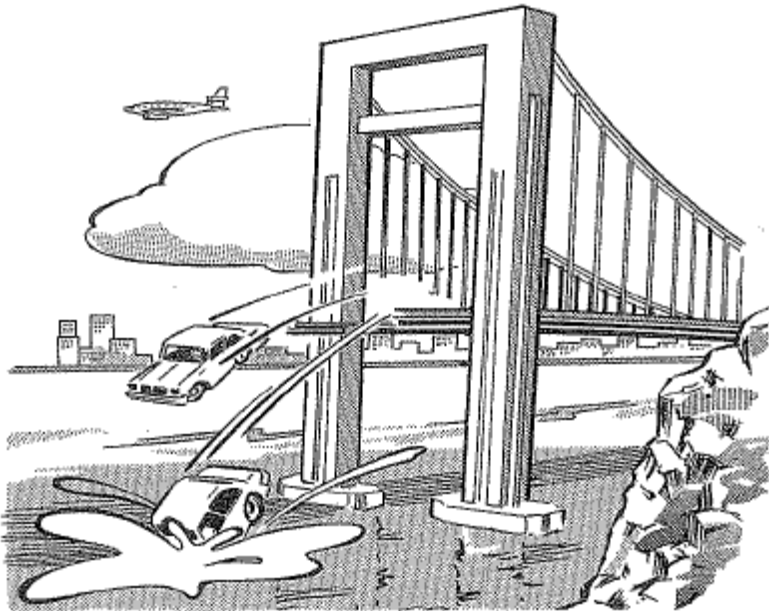
"I **ABOMINATE BOMBS**."

- David **ABOMINATES** vegetables, he doesn't even want them of his dinner plate.
- Sylvia **ABOMINATED** her relatives when they came to visit and tracked mud on her new white carpet.
- Sam loves traveling with his family to the mountains for vacation each year, but he **ABOMINATES** the twelve hour drive.

ABRIDGE

(uh BRIJ) v.
to shorten; to condense;
to diminish; to curtail

Link: **BRIDGE**



"An ABRIDGED BRIDGE"

- ❑ If you don't want to read an entire newspaper to learn the latest daily news, there are clipping services that will **ABRIDGE** news stories to your specifications.
- ❑ An **ABRIDGED** dictionary is one that has been shortened.
- ❑ We saw an **ABRIDGEMENT** of the movie *Gone With the Wind* on TV last night; it only lasted two hours whereas the original lasted four.

ABSTRUSE

(ab STROOS) adj.
hard to understand

Link: **MOOSE**



"His friends consider Mike, the MOOSE, to be very ABSTRUSE."

- ❑ Chemistry is an **ABSTRUSE** subject of study for many students.
- ❑ The scientists had many **ABSTRUSE** theories about atomic interactions.
- ❑ Elizabeth's directions to the party were very **ABSTRUSE**.

ABUT
(uh BUT) v.
to border upon; to adjoin

Link: **BUTT**



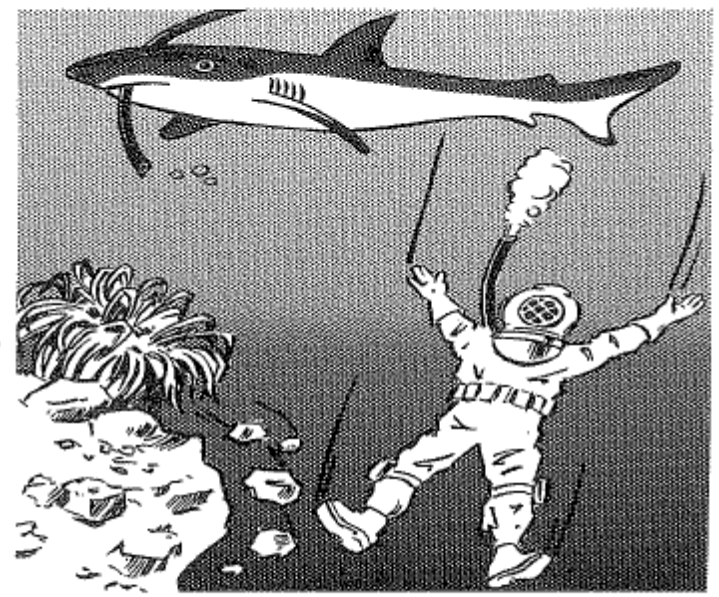
"ABUTTING BUTTS"

Use this word in a sentence.

- ❑ In Hong Kong the skyscrapers so closely **ABUT** each other, in some cases they touch sides.
- ❑ Texas **ABUTS** Mexico on its southern border.
- ❑ The **ABUTTING** rocks formed a perfect wall for riflemen to defend the castle.

ABYSS
(uh BISS) n.
bottomless pit; a yawning gulf;
a profound depth or void

Link: **MISS**



"The diver MISSED the ledge and sank deep into the ABYSS."

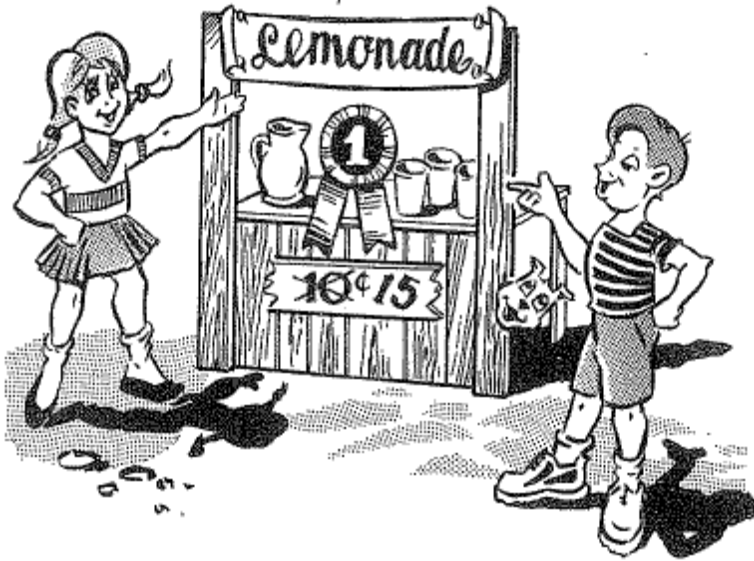
Use this word in a sentence.

- ❑ The lost spaceship wandered endlessly in the vast **ABYSS** of the galaxy.
- ❑ After the rescuers dug without success for three days through the snow of the avalanche in search of the missing skier, they were disheartened and faced an emotional **ABYSS** of despair.
- ❑ Staring down the **ABYSS** of the mine shaft we were uncertain of how deep it really was.

ACCOLADE

(AK uh layd) *n.*
an award, an honor; approval, praise

Link: **LEMONADE**



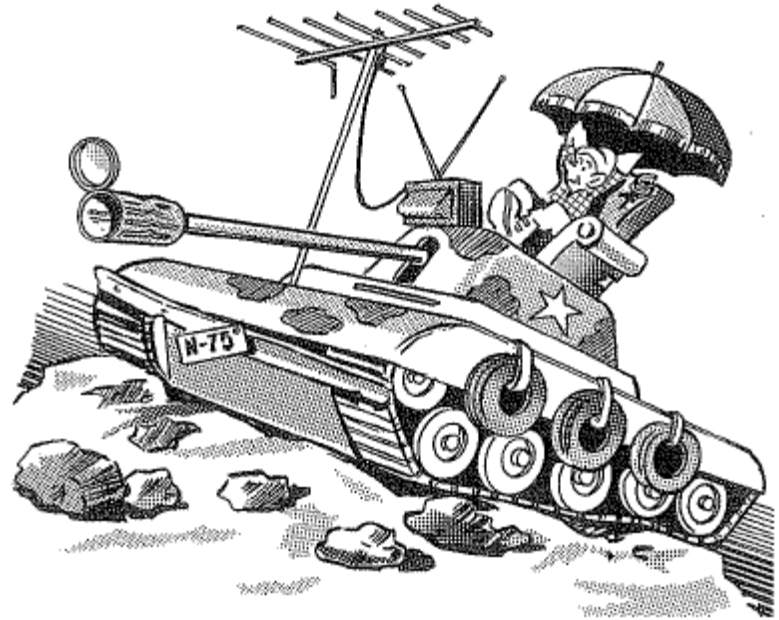
*"Jane and Jack received **ACCOLADES** for their **LEMONADE**."*

- Laura received **ACCOLADES** from her parents when she brought home her report card with straight As.
- The **ACCOLADES** she received for making the varsity swim team quickly went to her head.
- After running in his first marathon, Mike said he didn't do it for the **ACCOLADES**, he just wanted to get back in shape.

ADJUNCT

(AJ unkt) *n.*
something connected or added to another in a subordinate position; an assistant

Link: **ADD JUNK**



*"The tank driver **ADDED JUNK** as an **ADJUNCT** to his tank."*

- Hang gliding is only an **ADJUNCT** to Roseanna's real love, which is skydiving.
- The library was an **ADJUNCT** to the Blakemores' original home.
- The general's adjutant was not an **ADJUNCT**, but a permanent part of his staff command.

AFFIDAVIT

(af uh DAY vit) *n.*
a sworn written statement

Link: **AFTER DAVID**



"AFTER DAVID slew Goliath, he made out an AFFIDAVIT not to further hurt any big guys."

- ❑ The defense lawyer had a sworn **AFFIDAVIT** from witnesses claiming his client was innocent of the crime charged against him.
- ❑ Roseanne had an **AFFIDAVIT** from her neighbor giving her permission to cut down the tree on their mutual property line.
- ❑ The chairman accepted an **AFFIDAVIT** from the claimant, who was too ill to appear before the county commission.

AFFINITY

(uh FIN uh tee) *n.*
a natural attraction; kinship; similarity

Link: **FIN TEA**



"The Chinese have an AFFINITY for shark fin soup and shark FIN TEA."

- ❑ Max had an **AFFINITY** for sports and excelled at football, basketball, and tennis.
- ❑ Monkeys have an **AFFINITY** for climbing, birds for flying, and fish for swimming.
- ❑ A natural **AFFINITY** exists between monkeys and apes.