

Unit 1- Reaching Out

September

Lesson 1: Because of Winn-Dixie

Writing: Descriptive paragraph

Target Skills: Story structure, point of view, and flashback

Target Strategy: Summarizing

Spelling: Short a and long a

Grammar: What is a sentence?

Vocabulary Strategies: Prefixes re-, un-, dis-

Lesson 2: My Brother Martin

Writing: Narrative writing

Target Skills: Author's purpose, explaining historical events, and idioms

Target Strategy: Monitor/ clarify

Spelling: Short e and long e

Grammar: Kinds of sentences

Vocabulary Strategies: Prefixes in-, im-, il-, ir-

Lesson 3: My Librarian is a Camel

Writing: Narrative writing

Target Skills: Cause and effect, interpreting visuals, domain-specific vocabulary

Target Strategy: Visualizing

Spelling: Short i and long i

Grammar: Quotations

Vocabulary Strategies: Using context

October

Lesson 4: The Power of W.O.W.

Writing: Narrative writing

Target Skills: Theme, elements of drama, allusion

Target Strategy: Analyze/ evaluate

Spelling: short o and long o

Grammar: Fragments and run-on sentences

Vocabulary Strategies: Prefixes non-, mis-

Lesson 5: Stormalong

Writing: Narrative writing

Target Skills: Understanding characters, point of view, hyperbole

Target Strategy: Infer/ predict

Spelling: Homophones

Grammar: Proper nouns

Vocabulary Strategies: Reference materials

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Unit 2- Tell Me More

Lesson 6: Invasion From Mars

Writing: Informative writing

Target Skills: Story structure, elements of a drama, formal/ informal language

Target Strategy: Infer/ predict

Spelling: Long U

Grammar: Verbs

Vocabulary Strategies: Suffixes -y, -ous

Lesson 7: Coming Distractions

Writing: Informative writing

Target Skills: Fact and opinion, domain specific vocabulary, explain concepts and ideas

Target Strategy: Summarize

Spelling: Vowel sounds -oo

Grammar: Verb tenses

Vocabulary Strategies: Greek and latin word parts phon, photo, graph, auto, tele

November

Lesson 8: Me and Uncle Romie

Writing: Informative writing

Target Skills: Understanding characters, theme, point of view

Target Strategy: Visualize

Spelling: Long o-, ou

Grammar: Progressive verb tense

Vocabulary Strategies: Figurative Language

Lesson 9: Dear Mr. Winston

Writing: Informative writing

Target Skills: Conclusions and generalizations, understanding character, humor

Target Strategy: Questioning

Spelling: vowel + r sounds

Grammar: Compound sentences

Vocabulary Strategies: Antonyms

Lesson 10: Jose! Born to Dance

Writing: Informative writing

Target Skills: Author's purpose, biography genre, simile and metaphor

Target Strategy: analyze and evaluate

Spelling: vowel + r sounds

Grammar: Pronouns

Vocabulary Strategies: Shades of meaning

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Unit 3- Inside Nature

December

Lesson 11: Hurricanes

Writing: Opinion Writing

Target Skills: Text features, explain scientific ideas, text structure

Target Strategy: Infer/ predict

Spelling: Compound words

Grammar: Frequently confused words

Vocabulary Strategies: Suffixes -ful, -less, -ness, -ment

Lesson 12: The Earth Dragon Awakes

Writing: Opinion writing

Target Skills: Sequence of events, conclusions and generalizations, author's word choice

Target Strategy: Visualize

Spelling: Words with -ed or -ing

Grammar: Possessive nouns

Vocabulary Strategies: Synonyms

Lesson 13: Antarctic Journal

Writing: Opinion writing

Target Skills: Sequence of events, domain-specific vocabulary, simile and metaphor

Target Strategy: Summarize

Spelling: More words with -ed or -ing

Grammar: Modal Auxiliaries

Vocabulary Strategies: Greek and Latin word parts spect, struct, tele, vis

January

Lesson 14: The Life and Times of the Ant

Writing: Opinion writing

Target Skills: Text and graphic features, explain scientific concepts and ideas, author's purpose

Target Strategy: Question

Spelling: Final long e

Grammar: Participles

Vocabulary Strategies: Suffixes -able, -ible

Lesson 15: Ecology for Kids

Writing: Opinion writing

Target Skills: Main ideas and details, author's word choice, analyzing an argument

Target Strategy: Monitor/ clarify

Spelling: Changing final y to i

Grammar: Irregular verbs

Vocabulary Strategies: Using context

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Unit 4: Unbreakable Spirit

Lesson 16: Riding Freedom

Writing: Descriptive Paragraph

Target Skills: Compare and contrast, historical fiction genre, personification

Target Strategy: Monitor/ clarify

Spelling: Words with /k/, /ng/, and /kw/

Grammar: Adjectives

Vocabulary Strategies: Figurative language

Lesson 17: The Right Dog for the Job

Writing: Narrative writing

Target Skills: Sequence of events, main idea and details, domain-specific vocabulary

Target Strategy: Summarize

Spelling: Words with final /j/ and /s/

Grammar: Adverbs

Vocabulary Strategies: Suffixes -ion, -ation, -ition

February

Lesson 18: Hercules' Quest

Writing: Narrative writing

Target Skills: Story structure, theme, allusion

Target Strategy: Question

Spelling: Prefixes re-, un-, dis-

Grammar: Prepositions and prepositional phrases

Vocabulary Strategies: Adages and proverbs

Lesson 19: Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez

Writing: Narrative Writing

Target Skills: Conclusions and generalizations, problem and solution, idioms

Target Strategy: Infer/ predict

Spelling: Suffixes -ful, -less, -ness, -ment

Grammar: Relative pronouns and adverbs

Vocabulary Strategies: Reference materials

Lesson 20: Sacagawea

Writing: Narrative writing

Target Skills: Main ideas and details, text structure, onomatopoeia

Target Strategy: Visualize

Spelling: Words with VCCV pattern

Grammar: Abbreviations

Vocabulary Strategies: Shades of meaning

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Unit 5: Change It Up

March

Lesson 21- The World According to Humphrey

Writing: Informative Writing

Target Skills: Theme, point of view, idioms

Target Strategy: Summarize

Spelling: Words with VCV pattern

Grammar: Comparative and superlative adjectives and adverbs

Vocabulary Strategies: Using context

Lesson 22- I Could Do That!

Writing: Informative Writing

Target Skills: Cause and effect, conclusions and generalizations, domain-specific vocabulary

Target Strategy: Infer/ predict

Spelling: VCCV and VCV patterns

Grammar: Negatives

Vocabulary Strategies: Adages and proverbs

Lesson 23- The Ever-Living Tree

Writing: Informative Writing

Target Skills: Text and graphic features

Target Strategy: Monitor/ clarify

Spelling: Words with VCCV pattern

Grammar: Punctuation

Vocabulary Strategies: Prefixes pre-, inter-, ex-

April

Lesson 24- Owen and Mzee

Writing: Informative Writing

Target Skills: Compare and contrast, fact and opinion, author's word choice

Target Strategy: Analyze/ evaluate

Spelling: Words with VCCCV pattern

Grammar: Commas

Vocabulary Strategies: Suffixes -ed, -ly

Lesson 25- The Fun They Had

Writing: Informative Writing

Target Skills: Author's purpose, science fiction genre, formal and informal language

Target Strategy: Questioning

Spelling: Words with VV pattern

Grammar: Proper mechanics

Vocabulary Strategies: Greek and latin word parts meter, therm, aud, fac

Unit 6: Paths to Discovery

Lesson 26- The Girl Who Loved Spiders

Writing: Opinion Writing

Target Skills: Story structure

Target Strategy: Visualize

Spelling: Final Schwa + /r/ sounds

Grammar: Making comparisons

Vocabulary Strategies: Greek and latin word parts

May

Novel Study: Jacob's Rescue

Lesson 27- Amphibian Alert

Writing: Opinion Writing

Target Skills: Main idea and details

Target Strategy: Questioning

Spelling: Final Schwa + // sounds

Grammar: Making comparisons

Vocabulary Strategies: Analogies

June

Lesson 28- Museums: Worlds of Wonder

Writing: Opinion Writing

Target Skills: Fact and opinion

Target Strategy: Monitor/ clarify

Spelling: Three syllable words

Grammar: Possessive pronouns

Vocabulary Strategies: Prefixes con-, com-, in-, im-

Lesson 29- Save Timber Woods!

Writing: Opinion Writing

Target Skills: Understanding characters

Target Strategy: Infer/ predict

Spelling: Words with silent consonants

Grammar: Correct pronouns

Vocabulary Strategies: Word

Lesson 30- Mystery at Reed's Pond

Writing: Opinion Writing

Target Skills: Conclusions and generalizations

Target Strategy: Summarize

Spelling: Unusual spellings

Grammar: Pronoun contractions

Vocabulary Strategies: Suffixes -er, -or, -ist

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