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# “Sarah, Plain and Tall” Reading Packet- Gr. 3 (Independent Work- Graded Assignments)

**"Sarah, Plain and Tall"**

Spelling-Words with -ed, -ing - Study words nightly for weekly test.

Test date- Friday

1. coming
2. swimming
3. dropping
4. tapping
5. taping
6. invited
7. saving
8. stared
9. planned
10. changing
11. joking
12. loved
13. gripped
14. tasted

Challenge Words: 15. freezing 16. scared  
Review Words: 17. making 18. stopped

Dictation:

1. We loved yesterday's lunch!
2. Do I hear tapping on the door?
3. We are saving money to help the poor.

Grammar Focus: Adverbs that Compare

Phonics Focus: Base Words and -ed, -ing

Writing Focus: Fictional Narrative Paragraph

UNIT 5 LESSON 21

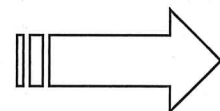
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Vocabulary Definitions- Study words and definitions nightly for weekly test.

Test date- Wednesday

1. slick- having a smooth, glossy, or slippery surface
2. rough- having a bumpy, knobby, or uneven surface
3. fetch- to go after and bring back somebody or something
4. batted- struck at something
5. buzzed- making a low, humming sound
6. rustle- a swishing or soft cracking sound
7. clattered- made a loud rattling noise
8. thumped- hit in a way that made a loud dull sound

More on back!



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Phonics

# Phonics

Answer Numbers 1 through 10. Choose the best answer for each question.

- 1 Which word BEST completes the sentence below?

Sandy and Jake went \_\_\_\_\_ at the new pool.

- (A) swimeing
- (B) swimming
- (C) swimmeing
- (D) swimming

- 2 Which word BEST completes the sentence below?

I am \_\_\_\_\_ that we will be home soon.

- (F) hopeing
- (G) hoping
- (H) hoppeing
- (I) hopping

- 3 Which word BEST completes the sentence below?

Norman \_\_\_\_\_ to call Angela before the game.

- (A) tred
- (B) trid
- (C) tried
- (D) triid

- 4 Which word BEST completes the sentence below?

Dani \_\_\_\_\_ to get out of the rain.

- (F) hured
- (G) hurried
- (H) hurried
- (I) hurried

- 5 Which word BEST completes the sentence below?

The princess \_\_\_\_\_ the peas on her plate.

- (A) countd
- (B) counted
- (C) countied
- (D) countted

- 6 Which word BEST completes the sentence below?

Mom is \_\_\_\_\_ a batch of cookies.

- (F) makeing
- (G) making
- (H) makkeing
- (I) makking

- 7 Which word BEST completes the sentence below?

Victor's paper boat went \_\_\_\_\_ down the stream.

- (A) floateing
- (B) floatening
- (C) floating
- (D) floatting .

- 8 Which word BEST completes the sentence below?

Grandma is \_\_\_\_\_ to visit today.

- (F) comeing
- (G) coming
- (H) commeing
- (I) comng

- 9 Which word BEST completes the sentence below?

The rabbit \_\_\_\_\_ on the carrot.

- (A) nibbld
- (B) nibbled
- (C) nibeled
- (D) nibelled

- 10 Which word BEST completes the sentence below?

Beth and Peter \_\_\_\_\_ to work together.

- (F) agreed
- (G) agreed
- (H) agrred
- (I) agrreed



# Grammar

Answer Numbers 1 through 10. Choose the best answer for each question.

- 1 Which word or words BEST complete the sentence below?

The Conestoga wagon moved \_\_\_\_\_ than the prairie schooner.

- (A) slowest
- (B) most slowly
- (C) more slower
- (D) more slowly

- 2 Which word or words BEST complete the sentence below?

Sarah danced \_\_\_\_\_ than the other girls.

- (F) gracefully
- (G) more graceful
- (H) most gracefully
- (I) more gracefully

- 3 Which word or words BEST complete the sentence below?

Of the three houses, the blue one was built \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) recent
- (B) recently
- (C) more recent
- (D) most recently

- 4 Which word or words BEST complete the sentence below?

He spoke \_\_\_\_\_ when the baby was sleeping.

- (F) quiet
- (G) more quietly
- (H) more quieter
- (I) most quietest

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Grammar

- 5 Which word or words BEST complete the sentence below?

She played \_\_\_\_\_ than the others.

- Ⓐ happy
- Ⓑ happier
- Ⓒ most happily
- Ⓓ more happily

- 6 Which word or words BEST complete the sentence below?

The puppy was \_\_\_\_\_ than the kitten.

- Ⓕ sloppy
- Ⓖ sloppier
- Ⓗ most sloppier
- Ⓘ more sloppier

- 7 Which word or words BEST complete the sentence below?

Jim ran \_\_\_\_\_ than Tom.

- Ⓐ fast
- Ⓑ faster
- Ⓒ fastest
- Ⓓ most fast

- 8 Which word or words BEST complete the sentence below?

Julie finished the test \_\_\_\_\_ than I did.

- Ⓕ quickly
- Ⓖ most quick
- Ⓗ most quickly
- Ⓘ more quickly

9 Which word or words BEST complete the sentence below?

This book was written \_\_\_\_\_ than the last book I read.

- (A) best
- (B) better
- (C) most best
- (D) more better

10 Which word or words BEST complete the sentence below?

The \_\_\_\_\_ I can work on that project is tomorrow.

- (F) soon
- (G) sooner
- (H) soonest
- (I) most soonest



# Vocabulary

Answer Numbers 1 through 10. Choose the best answer for each question.

- 1 What does the word *prairie* mean in the sentence below?

**Years ago, large herds of buffalo roamed the prairie for food.**

- (A) grassland
- (B) highland
- (C) homeland
- (D) marshland

- 2 What does the word *fetch* mean in the sentence below?

**Dad told me to fetch his book from the shelf.**

- (F) bring
- (G) clear
- (H) read
- (I) take

- 3 What does the word *rough* mean in the sentence below?

**The old man's hands were chapped and rough.**

- (A) burned
- (B) coarse
- (C) shiny
- (D) smooth

- 4 What does the word *rustle* mean in the sentence below?

**On the way home, we heard something rustle in the grass.**

- (F) skip
- (G) sleep
- (H) sneeze
- (I) swish



- 5 What does the word *buzzing* mean in the sentence below?

The insects were **buzzing** in the warm night air.

- (A) breathing
- (B) crying
- (C) flying
- (D) humming

- 6 What does the word *nonfat* mean in the sentence below?

Michele likes to drink **nonfat** milk.

- (F) with no fat
- (G) with some fat
- (H) with a little fat
- (I) with a lot of fat

- 7 What does the word *nonfiction* mean in the sentence below?

Ezra read a **nonfiction** book about his favorite sports star.

- (A) true
- (B) funny
- (C) not true
- (D) not funny

- 8 What does the word *nonsense* mean in the sentence below?

What came out of her mouth was **nonsense** to me.

- (F) sad words
- (G) happy words
- (H) words that mean nothing
- (I) words that are full of meaning

- 9 What does the word *nonstop* mean in the sentence below?

**Joy worked nonstop on her homework.**

- (A) with noise
- (B) with breaks
- (C) with no noise
- (D) with no breaks

- 10 What does the word *nonprofit* mean in the sentence below?

**My mother works for a nonprofit company.**

- (F) very large
- (G) successful
- (H) money making
- (I) not money making



# Comprehension

Answer Numbers 1 through 8. Base your answers on the story "Sarah, Plain and Tall."

- 1 What did Caleb and Anna do after they carried wood and water?
  - (A) swept
  - (B) waited
  - (C) fed sheep
  - (D) shoveled stalls
  
- 2 In what ways did Caleb show he was afraid?
  - (F) He hid and cried.
  - (G) He did chores and didn't talk.
  - (H) He took Anna's hand and asked many questions.
  - (I) He played a game of marbles and climbed on the porch roof.
  
- 3 How did Anna and Caleb first know the wagon was coming?
  - (A) They saw a yellow bonnet.
  - (B) The dust rose above the road.
  - (C) The cows and sheep looked up.
  - (D) The dogs came out from under the porch.
  
- 4 Which phrase below BEST describes the narrator of this story?
  - (F) first-person, Anna
  - (G) first-person, Caleb
  - (H) third-person, Sarah
  - (I) third-person, not a story character
  
- 5 How did Sarah think the plains were like the sea?
  - (A) The plains were wet like the sea.
  - (B) The plains were rocky like the sea.
  - (C) The plains had land that rolled like waves in the sea.
  - (D) The plains had plants growing on them that were like those found in the sea.
  
- 6 Which character uses the words *I*, *me*, and *my* to tell the story?
  - (F) Anna
  - (G) Caleb
  - (H) Papa
  - (I) Sarah

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Comprehension

- 7 How does the story's point of view affect how you might understand the events?
- (A) The reader doesn't know what anyone is thinking.
  - (B) The reader knows what everyone is thinking.
  - (C) The reader knows what Anna is thinking.
  - (D) The reader knows what Sarah is thinking.
- 8 Why do you think it was easier for Caleb to talk to Sarah than it was for Papa or Anna?
- (F) He liked her more.
  - (G) He was more curious.
  - (H) He was younger and less shy.
  - (I) He and Sarah had more in common.

Use the story "Sarah, Plain and Tall" and the article "Wagons of the Old West" to answer Numbers 9 and 10.

- 9 Based on what you learned about wagons in the article "Wagons of the Old West," which type of wagon did Papa MOST LIKELY use to bring Sarah home in "Sarah, Plain and Tall"?
- (A) a farm wagon
  - (B) a prairie schooner
  - (C) a Conestoga wagon
  - (D) a motorized wagon
- 10 Which answer best describes how Sarah's trip was DIFFERENT from that of the pioneers?
- (F) She traveled west, and the pioneers traveled east.
  - (G) She traveled on the Oregon Trail, and the pioneers did not.
  - (H) She traveled by train for part of the trip, and the pioneers did not.
  - (I) She rode in a Conestoga wagon, and the pioneers rode on horses.

Mark Student Reading Level:

\_\_\_ Independent \_\_\_ Instructional \_\_\_ Listening

