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The U.S. National Debt

The national debt is all of the money that the government _____
borrowed for this _____, plus the money it _____
for past years. As of August 1, the _____ debt of the U.S. government is 14.5
trillion dollars. That's \$14,500,000,000,000. The debt *per* _____ is \$130,000!

The _____ on the national debt last year was
\$413,954,825,362.17.

The debt keeps growing because of the _____ each year.

The U.S. government's deficit for this year will be about \$2.2 _____
dollars (\$2,200,000,000,000).

The government's total spending this year will be about \$3.7 trillion (\$3,700,000,000,000).

That means that the government will _____ \$1,400,000,000,000
more than it will take in. That _____ is this year's deficit.

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trillion	deficit	money	owes	interest
year	total	taxpayer	spend	government

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Immigration

The United States has _____ immigrants since the early days of this country. People come to the U.S. from other _____. They have a dream of making a better life for their _____.

The Immigration Act of 1990 let Congress **set** the _____ of people who can come to the United States legally. Last year the _____ was 700,000 new immigrants for the year. The U.S. also _____ 50,000 winners of a “diversity lottery ,” 40,000 permanent job-related _____ and 65,000 **temporary** workers. The government also allows _____, special workers, and business people with _____ to **invest** to enter. Students, tourists, and visitors may come on _____ visas.

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temporary	welcomed	lands	number	money
refugees	children	allows	limit	visas

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Hurricane Season

A hurricane is a very strong _____ storm . It forms in warm ocean waters near the _____. Hurricanes usually _____ in a west, northwest direction. A hurricane can bring very strong _____, rains, and floods.

The Atlantic hurricane season is from June 1 to _____ 30. The average number of hurricanes is _____ per year. On the average, two or more of these hurricanes hit the United States _____.

People on the _____ Coast and the Gulf Coast may be in the path of a hurricane. They must stay tuned to the _____. They may have to evacuate their homes. They have to prepare for the loss of _____ power.

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move	tropical	electric	November	six
mainland	East	winds	Equator	news

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Everyone but Me

When I came to the United States I was _____ about going to school in a strange country. I walked into the _____ with my schedule. I sat in my seat for about 45 minutes. I did nothing because I couldn't _____ any English.

Finally, the _____ rang. I waited in my seat for the next _____ to come in for the next class. I was confused because all the _____ students were leaving the class and new students were coming in. I _____ what was going on. In Korea only the teachers move from class to class. The students stay in the _____ room. The teacher _____ the list of names of students in the class. My name wasn't on the list. Then I understood that I had _____ something wrong.

Estelle Lim

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called	wondered	class	nervous	done
same	understand	other	bell	teacher

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A Good Night's Sleep

We all _____ sleep. During sleep, our bodies repair our cells, and fight _____ and infection . A good night's sleep helps our _____ the next day. We can learn better and _____ more. A good night's sleep _____ our coordination . Our reflexes are _____.

Unfortunately, many people do not get a good night's sleep. **Stress** , _____, anger, low blood sugar and _____ disease can make it difficult to get to sleep. People who work night shifts may not sleep well in the _____. Sleep is a complex process. Our body chemistry changes in the _____ and lets us fall asleep. Hours later, other changes in chemistry wake us up.

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improves	evening	daytime	chronic	need
disease	concentration	faster	worries	remember

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Dr. Jonas Salk and Polio

Jonas Salk was the _____ of poor Russian Jewish immigrants.

He was _____ in 1914 in New York City. He went to a school for gifted _____. He entered the City College of New York at the _____ of 15.

After City College, Salk went to _____ school at New York University. He wanted to do medical _____. He wanted to help all of mankind , not just one _____ at a time.

In those days, most research laboratories would not hire _____ doctors. Salk _____ for jobs at many labs, but was not able to get a job. Finally, he got a job at the _____ of Michigan in 1942.

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applied	University	age	medical	patient
Jewish	born	son	research	children

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September: Which Word Does Not belong?

Three words in each row go together. One word does not belong with them. Draw a circle around the word that does not belong. Be ready to explain your reasons.

	A	B	C	D
1.	national	deficit	debt	owe
2.	students	tourists	temporary	visitors
3.	hurricane	storm	heritage	flood
4.	Texas	El Salvador	Colombia	Cuba
5.	marker	pen	pencil	eraser
6.	sleep	night	rest	nap
7.	Head Start	kindergarten	nursery school	college
8.	high school	freshman	junior	sophomore
9.	infantile paralysis	vaccine	polio	disease
10.	World Trade Center	Freedom Tower	Pentagon	White House
11.	mosque	holy	synagogue	temple
12.	gold	money	trillion	silver