

# Resource Pack updates

Additional materials for teaching new concepts were added as of March 12, 2018. Teacher's Manuals were updated to reflect the changes. There is no need to purchase updated manuals. The materials needed to teach are included in this packet.

Use the "Rules for" sheets to introduce concepts by simply reading through the rules with students. Practice sheets are included to be done over subsequent lessons. The lesson numbers show where the lessons were added in teacher's manual updates, but the lessons could be taught at any time.

Rules for Forming Possessives: Lessons 7, 19, 35

Rules for Commas in Addresses: Lesson 30. This lesson can be repeated by simply asking students to write real or fictional addresses in sentences following a similar format as the practice sheet.

Rules for Capitalizing Titles: Lessons 64, 69, 74, 89

Rules for Writing Dialog: Lessons 114, 122, 129

Fables: Lessons 15, 20, 25, 55, 60, 70, 90. Students will read the fable and complete the short writing assignment. Instructions are on the fable pages.

Sheets have been arranged in the order they are used.

# Rules for Forming Possessives

**The possessive form of a noun shows belonging**

**Add an apostrophe and s to make a noun possessive.**

**cat: The cat's paw is fuzzy.**

**If a proper noun ends with s add just an apostrophe.**

**Thomas: Thomas' book is on the table.**

**To make plural nouns that end with s possessive, add just an apostrophe.**

**dogs: The dogs' barks were very loud.**

**All other nouns that end with s, add 's**

**bus: The bus's tire is flat.**

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2. The path taken by the scout

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3. The glue that belongs to Bess

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4. The designs of the snowflakes

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5. The twinkling of the stars

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# The Tortoise and the Ducks

The Tortoise, you know, carries his house on his back. No matter how hard he tries, he cannot leave home. When he saw how gaily the birds flew about and how the Hare and the Chipmunk and all the other animals ran nimbly by, always eager to see everything there was to be seen, the Tortoise felt very sad and discontented. He wanted to see the world too, and there he was with a house on his back and little short legs that could hardly drag him along.

One day he met a pair of Ducks and told them all his trouble.

"We can help you to see the world," said the Ducks. "Take hold of this stick with your teeth and we will carry you far up in the air where you can see the whole countryside. But keep quiet or you will be sorry."

The Tortoise was very glad indeed. He seized the stick firmly with his teeth, the two Ducks took hold of it one at each end, and away they sailed up toward the clouds.

Just then a Crow flew by. He was very much astonished at the strange sight and cried:

"This must surely be the King of Tortoises!"

"Why certainly——" began the Tortoise.

But as he opened his mouth to say these foolish words he lost his hold on the stick, and down he fell to the ground, where he was dashed to pieces on a rock.

*Foolish curiosity and vanity often lead to misfortune*

What does this fable mean?

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## The Dog, the Rooster, and the Fox

A Dog and a Rooster, who were the best of friends, wished very much to see something of the world. So they decided to leave the farmyard and to set out into the world along the road that led to the woods. The two comrades traveled along in the very best of spirits and without meeting any adventure to speak of.

At nightfall the Rooster, looking for a place to roost, as was his custom, spied nearby a hollow tree that he thought would do very nicely for a night's lodging. The Dog could creep inside and the Rooster would fly up on one of the branches. So said, so done, and both slept very comfortably.

With the first glimmer of dawn the Rooster awoke. For the moment he forgot just where he was. He thought he was still in the farmyard where it had been his duty to arouse the household at daybreak. So standing on tip-toes he flapped his wings and crowed lustily. But instead of awakening the farmer, he awakened a Fox not far off in the wood. The Fox instantly had rosy visions of a very tasty breakfast. Hurrying to the tree where the Rooster was roosting, he said very politely:

"A hearty welcome to our woods, honored sir. I cannot tell you how glad I am to see you here. I am quite sure we shall become the closest of friends."

"I feel highly flattered, kind sir," replied the Rooster slyly. "If you will please go around to the door of my house at the foot of the tree, my porter will let you in."

The hungry but unsuspecting Fox, went around the tree as he was told, and in a twinkling the Dog had seized him.

*Those who try to deceive may expect to be paid in their own coin.*

Retell the order of events. Use words that tell order (first, second, next, last).

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# Belling the Cat

The Mice once called a meeting to decide on a plan to free themselves of their enemy, the Cat. At least they wished to find some way of knowing when she was coming, so they might have time to run away. Indeed, something had to be done, for they lived in such constant fear of her claws that they hardly dared stir from their dens by night or day.

Many plans were discussed, but none of them was thought good enough. At last a very young Mouse got up and said:

"I have a plan that seems very simple, but I know it will be successful. All we have to do is to hang a bell about the Cat's neck. When we hear the bell ringing we will know immediately that our enemy is coming."

All the Mice were much surprised that they had not thought of such a plan before. But in the midst of the rejoicing over their good fortune, an old Mouse arose and said:

"I will say that the plan of the young Mouse is very good. But let me ask one question: Who will bell the Cat?"

*It is one thing to say that something should be done, but quite a different matter to do it*

Write about this moral with people.

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## Rules for Commas in Addresses

When writing an address on an envelope the only comma needed is between the city and the state for US addresses.

**Ruff McRuffy  
123 Woof Rd  
Pupville, MO 64003**

When writing an address in a sentence, use commas between the street address, city, and state or country. If a zip code is used, the two letter state abbreviation is used for addresses in the United States.

**Ruff lives at 123 Woof Road, Pupville, MO 64003.**

**Ruff was born at 456 Barker Lane, Growler, Missouri.**

**His grandfather once visited London, England.**

**Ruff's mother grew up in Rover, California.**



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My friend \_\_\_\_\_ lives at \_\_\_\_\_  
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If I visited a city in another country, I would go to \_\_\_\_\_  
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The address of my favorite place to visit is \_\_\_\_\_  
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The best place to eat is located at \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. The poem written by Mr. Jones

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5. The ripeness of the avocados

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# The Eagle and the Crow

An Eagle, swooping down on powerful wings, seized a lamb in her talons and made off with it to her nest. A Crow saw the deed, and his silly head was filled with the idea that he was big and strong enough to do as the Eagle had done. So with much rustling of feathers and a fierce air, he came down swiftly on the back of a large Ram. But when he tried to rise again he found that he could not get away, for his claws were tangled in the wool. And so far was he from carrying away the Ram, that the Ram hardly noticed he was there.

The Shepherd saw the fluttering Crow and at once guessed what had happened. Running up, he caught the bird and clipped its wings. That evening he gave the Jackdaw to his children.

"What a funny bird this is!" they said laughing, "what do you call it, father?"

"That is a Crow, my children. But if you should ask him, *he* would say he is an Eagle."

*Do not let your vanity make you overestimate your powers.*

# The Kid and the Wolf

A frisky young Kid had been left by the herdsman on the thatched roof of a sheep shelter to keep him out of harm's way. The Kid was browsing near the edge of the roof, when he spied a Wolf and began to jeer at him, making faces and abusing him to his heart's content.

"I hear you," said the Wolf, "and I haven't the least grudge against you for what you say or do. When you are up there it is the roof that's talking, not you."

*Do not say anything at any time that you would not say at all times.*

Which fable do you like best and why?

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# The Donkey and Her Driver

A Donkey was being driven along a road leading down the mountain side, when he suddenly took it into his silly head to choose his own path. He could see his stall at the foot of the mountain, and to him the quickest way down seemed to be over the edge of the nearest cliff. Just as he was about to leap over, his master caught him by the tail and tried to pull him back, but the stubborn Donkey would not yield and pulled with all his might.

"Very well," said his master, "go your way, you willful beast, and see where it leads you."

With that he let go, and the foolish Donkey tumbled head over heels down the mountain side.

*They who will not listen to reason but stubbornly go their own way against the friendly advice of those who are wiser than they, are on the road to misfortune.*

Write a story or fable that could have the same moral.

A series of horizontal lines for writing, consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed midline.

**Rules for capitalizing titles of books, magazines, poems, movies, newspapers, stories, paintings, and other artistic works**

**Less significant words are only capitalized if they are the first or last word of a title:**

**articles: a, an, the**

**prepositions less than 5 letters such as:**

**in, on, of, to**

**conjunctions less than 5 letters such as:**

**and, but, or, for**

**A word after a colon in a title is capitalized.**

**The Bobcat Cowboys: A Cat Tale**

## Answers: Book titles to practice capitalization\*

### Lesson 64

My Side of the Mountain  
Bridge to Terabithia  
The Watsons Go to Birmingham  
Island of the Blue Dolphins  
The Sign of the Beaver  
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh  
I Am the Ice Worm  
Baseball in April and Other Stories

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### Lesson 69

The Pepins and Their Problems  
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry  
Little House on the Prairie  
The Last of the Mohicans  
James and the Giant Peach  
The Indian in the Cupboard  
The Wheel on the School  
Lad: A Dog

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### Lesson 74

The Boy in Striped Pajamas  
Everything on a Waffle  
The Princess and the Goblin  
The Cheshire Cat: A Dickens of a Tale  
Binky to the Rescue  
On the Banks of Plum Creek  
Casey at the Bat  
Falling Up

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### Lesson 89

Judy Moody Was in a Mood  
If Dogs Were Dinosaurs  
Blizzard of the Blue Moon  
The Diary of a Young Girl  
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory  
The Facts and Fictions of Minna Pratt  
That's What Friends Are For  
How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World

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\*McRuffy Press is not necessarily endorsing books in this list.  
They were simply chosen for the practice of capitalizing the titles.

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2. bridge to terabithia

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3. the watsons go to birmingham

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4. island of the blue dolphins

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## The Farmer and the Stork

A Stork of a very simple and trusting nature had been asked by a cheerful party of Cranes to visit a field that had been newly planted. But the party ended dismally with all the birds entangled in the meshes of the Farmer's net.

The Stork begged the Farmer to spare him.

"Please let me go," he pleaded. "I belong to the Stork family who you know are honest and birds of good character. Besides, I did not know the Cranes were going to steal."

"You may be a very good bird," answered the Farmer, "but I caught you with the thieving Cranes and you will have to share the same punishment with them."

*You are judged by the company you keep.*

## The Two Goats

Two Goats, frisking happily on the rocky steps of a mountain valley, chanced to meet, one on each side of a deep chasm through which poured a mighty mountain torrent. The trunk of a fallen tree formed the only means of crossing the chasm, and on this not even two squirrels could have passed each other in safety. The narrow path would have made the bravest tremble. Not so our Goats. Their pride would not permit either to stand aside for the other.

One set her foot on the log. The other did likewise. In the middle they met horn to horn. Neither would give way, and so they both fell, to be swept away by the roaring torrent below.

*It is better to yield than to come to misfortune through stubbornness.*

Which fable's lesson was most helpful to you and why?

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3. the princess and the goblin

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4. the cheshire cat: a dickens of a tale

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5. binky to the rescue

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5. charlie and the chocolate factory

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# The Fox and the Goat

A Fox fell into a well, and though it was not very deep, he found that he could not get out again. After he had been in the well a long time, a thirsty Goat came by. The Goat thought the Fox had gone down to drink, and so he asked if the water was good.

"The finest in the whole country," said the crafty Fox, "jump in and try it. There is more than enough for both of us."

The thirsty Goat immediately jumped in and began to drink. The Fox just as quickly jumped on the Goat's back and leaped from the tip of the Goat's horns out of the well.

The foolish Goat now saw what a plight he had got into, and begged the Fox to help him out. But the Fox was already on his way to the woods.

"If you had as much sense as you have beard, old fellow," he said as he ran, "you would have been more cautious about finding a way to get out again before you jumped in."

*Look before you leap.*

Write a story or fable that could have the same moral.

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## Rules for Writing Dialog

**Use commas and quotation marks to write dialog.**

**Only the exact words said are in quotation marks. Commas set off the dialog and the rest of the sentence.**

**Dialog begins with a capital letter.**

**My mom said, “I will go to the store.”**

**Unless it is interrupted.**

**“I will go,” said Mom, “to the store.”**

**If more than one sentence is in the dialog, only one set of quotation marks is needed.**

**“I will go to the store. Then, I will go to the park,” said Mom.**

**A question mark or exclamation mark may take the place of a comma.**

**“May I go to the store?” asked my brother.**

# Writing Dialog Practice Sheet Answers

## Writing Dialog Answers Lesson 114

“The lawnmower just needs gas,” said his father.

“Did the astronaut walk on the moon?” asked the child.

Jessie yelled, “Turn off the faucet!”

“The auction,” said the lady, “is next week.”

“I am exhausted. I had to crawl under the house,” said the old man.

## Writing Dialog Answers Lesson 122

“The leopard is not tame,” said the zookeeper.

“Did someone frighten the kitten?” asked my cousin. “It ran away.”

“The building is not safe. It could collapse,” warned the fireman.

“The recipe,” said my grandfather, “is a family secret.”

“Friendship is worth the effort,” explained the teacher. “You should keep trying.”

## Writing Dialog Answers Lesson 129

“Look, the candy,” giggled my sister, “turned my tongue purple.”

“I would love to go to that island!” said my mother.

“I would like spaghetti for breakfast. I want waffles for dinner,” said Joe.

The plumber said, “The pipes should be replaced.”

“Was the astronaut weightless in the skyrocket,” asked the student.

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2. Did the astronaut walk on the moon asked the child.

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2. Did someone frighten the kitten? asked my cousin It ran away.

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3. The building is not safe. It could collapse warned the fireman.

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4. The recipe said my grandfather is a family secret.

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5. Friendship is worth the effort explained the teacher you should keep trying.

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