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Words of the Month: “Compound Words”

afternoon
broadcast
carpool
daydream
flashback
homemade
landlord
notebook
outcome
paperback
postcard
railroad
shoelace
thunderstorm
uproot
weekend

Sight Words

Work with the learner to choose 10 words he or she wants to learn. Print the selected words on index cards. If the learner has trouble remembering the word, ask the learner to use it in a sentence/draw a picture of the word. Write the sentence/draw the picture on the back of the flashcard. Use the flashcards to periodically review the sight words.

Phonics: Bingo

Divide one piece of paper into squares (5x5). On the card, write a consonant blend in each of the spaces (ex: br, tw, bl, sn, fl, pr, sn, gl, sw, sm, etc.). Give this card to the learner. Select a word that starts with each blend you wrote. Write these 24 words on separate pieces of paper, then put them in a pile facedown. Ask the learner to pick a word, read it aloud, and select the correct consonant blend.

Phonics: Same or Different?

Select the consonant sounds you want to work on. List the letters in column 1 (P, T, C). In Column 2, write a key word that begins with each consonant sound (Park, Tire, Car). For each consonant, say two words (one that begins with the same sound, and one that does not). Ask the learner if the first sound is the same or different for each word. Repeat the process with other pairs of words.

Word Parts: Compound Words

Select 5 or 6 compound words that are made up of smaller words that the learner can already read (ex: paycheck, airplane, bedroom, grandmother). Put the first half of the word in column 1, and the second half of the word in column 2. Be sure to mix the words up in the two lists. Ask the learner to connect the words that form a compound word, then read the new word.

Writing Prompt Topics

- Write a letter to a friend whom you haven't seen for a long time.
- Describe your family pet/describe the pet you wish you could have.
- If you were trapped in an elevator with a stranger, what would you do?

Day of The Dead



The Day of The Dead (or El Dia de los Muertos) is celebrated on the 1st and 2nd of November every year by Mexican and Latin American people. **The Day of The Dead** is also sometimes called **All Soul's Day**.

The Day of The Dead is a lively and happy **festival**. During the holiday, family members gather together to **pray** for **deceased** family and friends, and to remember them.

Mexican traditions connected with the holiday include building elaborately decorated **altars** or **shrines** (called offrendas) in homes to honor loved ones who have died, and decorating **altars** with photographs, **skulls** made from sugar, scented **candles**, and offerings of favorite foods and drinks for **deceased** relatives and friends.

Graves and **altars** are decorated with orange or yellow **marigolds** during the festival, as **marigolds** are thought to attract the souls of the dead. Many people believe that it is easier for the **souls** of the **departed** to visit the living on the **Day of The Dead**.

1. Which of these is **not** another name for the Mexican Day of the Dead?
 - A. Halloween
 - B. All Soul's Day
 - C. El Dia de los Muertos
2. Which of these do people sometimes leave at altars?
 - A. Chocolate
 - B. Jack O'Lanterns
 - C. Sugar skulls
3. Which of these things are **not** connected with the Day of the Dead?
 - A. shrines
 - B. witches
 - C. offerings
4. Another word for an altar is...?
 - A. a skull
 - B. a grave
 - C. a shrine
5. What type of flowers are connected with the festival?
 - A. roses
 - B. marigolds
 - C. lillies



Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a very American holiday. It is also called Thanksgiving Day. It is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November every year. It used to be a religious holiday to give thanks to God. There are two versions of the origins of this holiday. One is thanks for the early settlers arriving in America safely. On December the 4th, 1619, a group of English pioneers arrived at a place called Berkeley Hundred, in Virginia. The group made a promise that the day of their arrival should be a "day of thanksgiving" to God. The second version is the thanks given to Native Americans for teaching the pilgrims how to catch eels and grow corn in Plymouth, Massachusetts. In 1941, President Roosevelt made Thanksgiving a federal holiday.

The main event of any Thanksgiving is the Thanksgiving dinner. It is traditional to have baked or roasted turkey. This is usually accompanied with mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, fall vegetables, cranberry sauce, and gravy. Pumpkin pie is the most commonly eaten dessert. The Thanksgiving holiday weekend is one of the busiest times of the year for traveling. It is a four-day or five-day weekend vacation for most schools and colleges, and many businesses and government workers get three or four days off. Thanksgiving is also the unofficial signal for Christmas preparations to begin. Once Thanksgiving finishes, stores fill their shelves with Christmas goods. It is also a bad time to be a turkey.

Put the following sentences in order based on the reading:

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