

Choosing the right word

Grade 3 Vocabulary Worksheet

Improve each sentence by crossing out the words in bold with writing in better words. Use the word bank for clues!

attic

rattle

elect

paste

belong

suffer

offer

protect



1. The monkey grabbed the bars of his cage and **shook** _____ them.
2. She mixed the powder in water to make a thick **substance** _____.
3. Her classmates **chose** _____ her president of the student council.
4. This store has **been the property of** _____ to our family for three generations.
5. The children were wearing heavy jackets, hats and wool mittens to **insulate** _____ themselves from the severe cold.
6. The store **presents** _____ a 25% discount on all clothing bought before midnight tonight.
7. Hundreds of excited teenagers **endured** _____ cold wind and rain to attend the concert.
8. Tom climbed the stairs up to the **room below the roof** _____.

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topic hire mammal coffee
steel blossom factual private pie



1. We talked about a variety of **subject matters** _____.
2. Our business is doing well so we are going to **employ** _____ more staff.
3. Why don't we go and see the cherry **flowers** _____?
4. The sink in our kitchen is made of hard, **strong metal** _____ and washing dishes in it makes quite a lot of noise.
5. The man was drinking a **drink** _____ and eating his **food** _____.
6. A bat is not a bird, but a **warm-blooded animal** _____.
7. We aim to correct **certain** _____ errors as soon as we can.
8. I'd like to speak with Boris in **confidence** _____ for a moment.

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brief	stare	spread	stream
pleasure	rinse	behave	relief



1. The singer was on stage at the outdoor concert for only a **quick** _____ period before the rain started.
2. Aspirin can provide quick **remedy** _____ for a headache.
3. Her notes were **placed** _____ all over the desk.
4. People **came** _____ into the hall.
5. Angelina **looked** _____ at her computer screen, wondering what to do next.
6. Albert **cleaned** _____ out his mug and then refilled it with coffee.
7. The experiment tested how various metals **act** _____ under heat and pressure.
8. The children grinned with **cheer** _____ when I gave them the candy.

Paragraph

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Read the paragraphs and fill in the missing words from the word list.

belong	attic	brave	elect	suffer	rattle
offer	vegetable	paste	protect	understand	

We heard a _____ upstairs in the _____. I would never _____ to go up there on my own, but I _____ to go because my little brother was scared. I had to _____ him. Even if I had to _____ through it, I put on a _____ face for him. He told me my face looked as white as _____, though.

I climbed the ladder then slowly pushed open the attic door and stood still. I heard something. Something didn't _____. Suddenly, our puppy, Fluffy ran right up to me! She had been rooting around up there. "You silly dog, you had us scared!" I told her.

When I came downstairs, my brother and I looked in the _____ drawer and got out some carrots for a snack. We felt a lot better, but we couldn't _____ how Fluffy had climbed the ladder?



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blossom	mammal	private	topic	addition	factual
hire	steel	field	feather	earth	balance

We got a _____ tour of the zoo because my uncle works there. First, we went to the _____ section to see the bears, lions, and monkeys. We leaned on the _____ fence as we stood there watching the animals eat, play and rest.

Next, we visited the flamingos. They lived near a pond which was beside a big, grassy _____ where beautiful plants were starting to _____. The tour guide knew a lot about the _____ of flamingos. He told us that flamingos are pink because they eat so much yellow and orange food.

In _____, he gave us a lot of _____ information about hippos, which are my dad's favorite animal. He told us that hippos are the third largest mammal on _____. I can't remember what the two biggest ones were, though.

I got a peacock _____ from the shop and tried to _____ it on my

finger. I love to learn about animals, so maybe someday I will learn enough for the zoo to _____ me!



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spread stare peach brief cheerful laughed
behave stream relief rinse embarrassed pleasant

It was a sunny morning, and my family was going out to breakfast. There was a steady _____ of people walking into the restaurant, so we thought it would be a long wait. To our _____, it was a _____ surprise when we were seated after a _____ five-minute wait.

We sat down to _____ at our menus and decide what we wanted. Our waiter was _____ as he said good morning and took our orders. When our food came, I asked politely for some _____ jam to _____ on my toast. He brought some over and said to my parents, "Wow, your children _____ so nicely!" Just then, I dropped some jam on my shirt. I was so _____! The waiter just _____, and my mom took some water to _____ it out. The food was delicious!

