

Language Arts Warm-Ups

Accept, Except

Review the meanings of these commonly confused words:

accept: to receive (verb). *I accept the gift.*

except: not including, with the exclusion of (preposition). *We're all going, except Tom.*

Directions: Complete the sentences below by writing **accept** or **except** in the blanks.

1. My new friends _____ me as one of their own.
2. Sheila was happy to _____ the award.
3. I ate everything on my plate _____ the parsley.
4. Tess will _____ the consequences of her actions.
5. He named all the capital cities of U.S. states _____ for Louisiana's capital.

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Flea, Flee

Directions: Decide which of the two word choices completes each sentence. Then, write the corresponding letters in the numbered blanks to spell out a message.

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| 1. He was bitten by a _____. | p. flea | q. flee |
| 2. Because they were scared, they decided to _____. | a. flea | b. flee |
| 3. When the bank robber came in, we had to _____! | d. flea | e. flee |
| 4. The _____ was brown and ugly. | s. flea | t. flee |
| 5. Animals will _____ from danger. | q. flea | r. flee |
| 6. A _____ just hopped across the carpet. | u. flea | v. flee |

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Mane, Main

Review the meanings of these commonly confused words:

mane: long hair growing around the neck and head of some animals (noun).

The horse's scruffy mane needed combing.

main: the most important (adjective). *The main event starts at 8:00 p.m.*

Directions: Underline **mane** and **main** when they are used incorrectly in the sentences below.

1. The mane event was the singing performance.
2. The horses had their mains braided.
3. Lions have beautiful manes.
4. She parked near the mall's mane entrance.
5. I forgot the main reason I walked into the room.

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Your, You're

Review the meanings of these commonly confused words:

your: belonging to you (adjective). *Your pearl necklace is lovely.*

you're: you are (contraction). *You're welcome to join us.*

Directions: Underline **your** and **you're** when they are used incorrectly in the sentences below.

1. Your doing a great job!
2. I like you're new jacket.
3. Eat your vegetables!
4. Study all you're spelling words.
5. You're going to be famous someday.
6. You're a wonderful student!