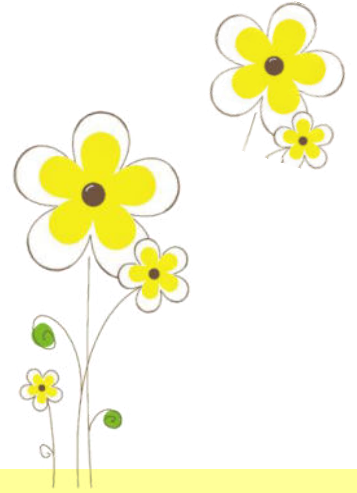


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English Language Arts



# LET'S GET DIGGING



## INSTRUCTIONS

**Let's Get Digging** is an activity designed to give students practice using dictionary skills in a fun way. It can be completed individually or as a small group or team.

This activity consists of 14 questions in which students must use the dictionary to locate words that fit the description or answer a question.

Once students have completed the activity, have them choose 6-10 words from the answers to include in a narrative writing. It is suggested that students use a hard copy dictionary instead of one online so they are not tempted to Google the answers.

**Option for use:** Group students into teams of 3-4 to complete the activity. The winner is the group to complete the activity correctly first.



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### LET'S GET DIGGING

ABSTEMIOUS is a unique word because it contains all five vowels in order - **ABSTEMIOUS**. Use your dictionary to answer the questions below. Start out by defining abstemious. Then choose 6-10 words and write a story.

#### SILENCE, PLEASE!

List four words that begin with silent **G**.

List three words (4-letter words) that start with the letter **W** but sound like they start with letter **R**.

List three words (five or more letters long) that end with a silent **B**.

#### DOUBLE DOWN

What is a word with an **AA** combination?

What is a word with an **ii** combination?

What is a word with a **UU** combination?

#### SINGLED OUT

List a word of five or more letters whose only vowel is **A**.

List a word of five or more letters whose only vowel is **E**.

List a word of five or more letters with none of the vowels (aeiou).



#### SORT IT OUT IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

elephant, eggplant, ellipsis, elegant, earth

vagrant, vacation, vagabond, vaccinate, vacillate

#### UNCOVER MYSTERY WORDS

On what part of your body would you wear a cravat?

Describe the color chartreuse.

How are a unicycle and monocle alike?



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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#### SILENCE, PLEASE!

List four words that begin with silent **G**. **gnu, gnat, gnarl, gnome**

List three words (4-letter words) that start with the letter **W** but sound like they start with letter **R**.

**wrap, writ, wren**

List three words (five or more letters long) that end with a silent **B**

**plumb, climb, thumb, crumb**

#### DOUBLE DOWN

What is a word with an **AA** combination?

**bazaar**

What is a word with an **ii** combination?

**Hawaii**

What is a word with a **UU** combination?

**vacuum**

#### SINGLED OUT

List a word of six or more letters whose only vowel is **A**.

**attack**

List a word of five or more letters whose only vowel is **I**.

**strict**

List a word of five or more letters with **none** of the vowels (aeiou).

**gypsy**



#### SORT IT OUT IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

elephant, eggplant, ellipsis, elegant, earth  
**earth, eggplant, elegant, elephant, ellipsis**

vagrant, vacation, vagabond, vaccinate, vacillate  
**vacation, vaccinate, vacillate, vagabond, vagrant**

#### UNCOVER MYSTERY WORDS

On what part of your body would you wear a cravat?

**Neck**

Describe the color chartreuse.

**lime green, green/yellow**

How are a unicycle and monocle alike? **Answers will vary**

**Both a unicycle and monocle have one major feature – Both have a version that includes two major features (bicycle/spectacles or glasses)**

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