

Poem

Read this poem aloud.

This Is the Place!

by Devon Penny

Every city and town that exists today
was once a piece of wild land.
Then one person came along and said,
“This is the place!”

Why did they choose it? What did they see?
Did it have fresh water for fishing and drinking?
Did it have good soil for growing crops?
Did it have lots of animals to hunt?
Did mountains protect it from enemies?
Was it near a safe harbor for boats?
Could you get there by river?
Was it a good place to trade?
Think about the place you live today.
It was once a piece of wild land.
Then someone came along and said,
“This is the place!”
What was the reason? What did they see?



How well did you read? Circle your answer.



Play

Read this play aloud.

Almost Moving Day

by Pat Barclay



Mom: Are you excited about moving to a new town? I think you will like the school.

Sammy: I heard there is a park by the river. It has a big playground!

Lindsay: I think there is a library with a story hour for kids.

Dad: I am excited about the train. No more traffic!

Sammy: You could ride your bike, too!

Dad: We can ride our bikes together when the weather is nice.

Lindsay: It is very rainy here. The weather will be nicer in our new town.

Mom: I'm glad you are happy about moving.

How well did you read? Circle your answer.



Verbs

A **verb** is a word that tells what someone or something is or does. These are verbs.

jump

sing

eat

kick

write

In a sentence, the verb describes the action of the subject.

Kelly **kicks** the ball. Tom **eats** the pizza.

Circle the verb in each sentence. Then write it on the line.

1. We walk to our town center.

walk _____

2. My dad talks to his friends.

3. My sister looks through the window.

4. We go to the bakery.

5. Dad buys food in the grocery store.

Using Verbs with Subjects

Use the correct verb form with subjects that mean one and subjects that mean more than one.

The **cat** **purrs**.

The **subject** is **cat**.

The **verb** is **purrs**.

Cats **purr**.

The **subject** is **cats**.

The **verb** is **purr**.

Choose a verb from the box to use in each sentence.

builds

teach

takes

fixes

sell

1. Teachers teach students to read.
2. A factory worker _____ cars.
3. Store owners _____ goods.
4. A car mechanic _____ broken cars.
5. A taxi driver _____ people home.

Journal Entry

Read this journal entry aloud.

My First Job

by Chris Budrick

Some days it's hard to think of something to write about in my journal. That is not true today! Today, I got my very first job.

Earlier, the neighbors knocked on our door. They need someone to feed their cat while they are out of town. The cat eats twice a day. I also have to give it clean water.

I am trying to save up for a used guitar. I was planning to save up my allowance and birthday money for a year. Now it may not take that long.

This is really the perfect job for me. I love cats. Plus, they are going to give me five dollars a day for a whole week! It is a dream come true.



How well did you read? Circle your answer.



Speech

Read this speech aloud.

Our Town

by Terry Shapiro

We are celebrating the anniversary of our town. More than 60 years ago there were no houses or streets. Back then it was all farmland.

Our town began when Mr. Levitt bought a big piece of land. He put up a lot of houses quickly. His houses didn't cost very much.

At first, there were not many trees. Most of the houses looked the same. World War II vets bought the houses for their young families.

After a while, people fixed up their houses their own way. Trees grew tall. Now the houses look unique. Many different kinds of people live here.

Our town has really changed over the years. It is hard to imagine what it was like before. I love living here.



How well did you read? Could you tell that the speaker liked his town? Circle your answer.

