

Key to Hazardous History

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Three centuries **ago**, people had much shorter lives. In 1700, insurance companies put the **average** life expectancy of a new-born baby at only fourteen years! The average life expectancy in the world **today** is sixty-six years, and in some **countries** it is much higher: in Japan or France, for **example**, the average is more than eighty. This is mainly because of better diet, better hygiene and better healthcare. Even in the olden days though, it is **interesting** that if people survived to be an adult they often **lived** to be sixty or seventy.

Having children was much more dangerous in **those** days: one in every nine women died in childbirth. Even so, women **used** to have many more children than they do today: in 1800 the average **American** family had seven children - today the average is **less** than two. Perhaps the reason for this was that so many babies died: even a hundred years ago, 20% of children died **before** they were five.

One reason that there were so many diseases was that people **knew** much less about hygiene: even rich people didn't use to wash much - many people thought that it was **dangerous** to take a bath, so they often bathed only once or twice **a** year. Instead they used perfume to cover **body** odours. Poor people didn't even have toilets or clean water and most had lice in **their** hair, bodies, clothes and beds.

There was no toothpaste in those days **either** and only rich people used toothbrushes. Of course, toothache was very **common**, but there were no professional dentists until the **middle** of the nineteenth century. Before that, if you had a toothache, you had to go to the barber's. He not only cut hair, but also used to take out **teeth** and perform other small operations.

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1. average	2. today	3. countries	4. example	5. interesting
6. lived	7. those	8. used	9. American	10. less
11. before	12. knew	13. dangerous	14. a	15. body
16. their	17. either	18. common	19. middle	20. teeth

Distracters: *rats, often, change, contagious*

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Relative pronouns

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1. The new movie is about a boy **who** has lost his parents in a car accident.
2. He is the young man, **whose** wife left him for someone else.
3. The DVD recorder **which** I bought at this store a few days ago is not working.
4. That's the book **that/which** I recommended reading in class.
5. Is this the hotel **where** you are staying for the tournament?
6. My dad, **who** travels a lot on business, is in Australia at the moment.
7. It was midnight **when** the first rescue team arrived at the scene of the accident.
8. There are several reasons **why** I am not allowed to give you any information.
9. We stayed at the famous Rockstar hotel, **which** also had an indoor swimming pool.
10. Did you write back to the person **who** offered you a job?
11. The story is about a young woman **whose** 5-year old son suddenly disappears.
12. The tennis court **where** they usually play is currently not available.
13. My sister was born at a time **when** my dad was out of work.
14. Where is the money **that** I gave you yesterday?
15. That's the man **who** I spoke to the other day.
16. Mr. Fields, **whose** sister is one of the leading experts in this country, talked about the dangers of the virus.
17. He didn't tell us **why** he made such an irresponsible decision.
18. The present **that** I got from my boyfriend was really fantastic.
19. I have to buy a present for my mother, **whose** birthday is next week.
20. The youth hostel **where** we stayed last week was really big.

PREPOSITIONS

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1. She was **at** university when she heard about the death of her father.
2. We usually go on holidays **by** plane but this year we are going to Italy **by** car.
3. Let's go **for** a walk. The weather is so great!
4. The train was travelling **at** a speed of over 150 km an hour.
5. She got **on** the bus at Oxford Street and got off five stops later.
6. Despite the bad weather all trains are running **on** time.
7. Bats are mammals that are highly active **at** night.
8. This village isn't even **on** the map. It's so small.
9. We usually go to dance class **on** Mondays.
10. **By** nightfall over 10 inches of snow had fallen.
11. Doctors hope that the spread of the virus will slow down **in** the summer.
12. Dad always reads his daughter bedtime stories **in** the evening.
13. Let's meet **at** noon. We can have lunch and sort things out.
14. The cat was playing with a ball **in** the corner of Michael's room.
15. She has been a member of the committee **for** 6 years.
16. What are we having **for** dinner today?
17. **On** average, the unemployment rate has been going up 1 per cent a year.
18. Take a seat. I'll be with you **in** a minute.
19. We decided to meet **at** the station.
20. The boss would like to have the report **by** the end of the day at the latest.



3rd Grade Spelling Challenge

Grade 3 Spelling Worksheet

For each question only one is spelled correctly and matches its clue.
Write the letter of the correctly spelled word in the space.

D A. CHIDHOOD B. CHILDHOWD C. CHELDHOOD
D. CHILDHOOD

youth

A A. LABEL B. LABBEL C. LLABELL D. LABEB

stamp

A A. FREE B. FREA C. FREEE D. FRAE

complimentary

D A. BELEIVE B. BELIERE C. BLIV D. BELIEVE

think

C A. PEICEFUL B. PEACEFULL C. PEACEFUL
D. PECEFUL

serene

B A. HARMFUQ B. HARMFUL C. HORMFUL

D. HARMFULL

damaging

C A. JUMMP B. JUMPE C. JUMP D. JEMP

bounce

A A. COAST B. KOAST C. COASTE D. COASST

shore



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B A. ROD B. RODE C. RODDE D. ROCE
carried

D A. BAREFOOTE B. BAREFOT C. BOREFOOT
D. BAREFOOT
shoeless

D A. KAREFUL B. CAREFULL C. CATEFUL
D. CAREFUL
attentive

C A. FREEEZE B. FREAZE C. FREEZE D. FRZ
chill

B A. KAN B. CAN C. KAN D. KAN
jar

B A. BIRTHDAI B. BIRTHDAY C. BIRTHDAYE
D. BIRTHDAE
anniversary

C A. CHOUT B. SHAUT C. SHOUT D. SHOT
scream

C A. CENNTS B. CENTN C. CENTS D. SENTS
coins