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#### WRITING

Category	C.C. Reference	Standard	Night Zookeeper Reference
Text Types and	LITERACY.W.6.1: Write	e arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.	
Purposes	LITERACY.W.6.1.A	Introduce claim(s) and organize reasons and evidence clearly.	NZK.G6.S6
	LITERACY.W.6.1.B	Support claim(s) with clear reasons and relevant evidence, using credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.	NZK.G6.S12
	LITERACY.W.6.1.C	Use words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among claim(s) and reasons.	NZK.G6.S16
	LITERACY.W.6.1.D	Establish and maintain a formal style.	NZK.G6.S10
	LITERACY.W.6.1.E	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the argument presented.	<u>NZK.G6.S6</u>
		e informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, an , and analysis of relevant content.	d information through the
	LITERACY.W.6.2.A	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.	<u>NZK.G6.S10</u>
	LITERACY.W.6.2.B	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.	NZK.G6.S10 NZK.G6.S11 NZK.G6.S12
	LITERACY.W.6.2.C	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.	NZK.G6.S13
	LITERACY.W.6.2.D	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.	NZK.G6.S10
	LITERACY.W.6.2.E	Establish and maintain a formal style.	NZK.G6.S1
	LITERACY.W.6.2.F	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.	NZK.G6.S10

		LITERACY.W.6.3: Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.				
	LITERACY.W.6.3.A	Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.	<u>NZK.G6.S7</u>			
	LITERACY.W.6.3.B	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.	NZK.G6.S8			
	LITERACY.W.6.3.C	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.	NZK.G6.S2			
	LITERACY.W.6.3.D	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.	NZK.G6.S9			
	LITERACY.W.6.3.E	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.	<u>NZK.G6.S7</u>			
Production and Distribution of Writing	LITERACY.W.6.4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)	Our lessons give children the opportunity to show their understanding of how to organize their writing across a range of text types.			
	LITERACY.W.6.5	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 6 here.)	Our tutors provide regular feedback on student writing. They encourage children to revisit their work and make revisions to it.			
	LITERACY.W.6.6	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of three pages in a single sitting.	Night Zookeeper is an online creative writing community, therefore, we provide students with an excellent platform to achieve this standard.			
Research to Build and	LITERACY.W.6.7	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.	NZK.G6.S11 NZK.G6.S12			
Present Knowledge	LITERACY.W.6.8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.	NZK.G6.S11 NZK.G6.S12			
	LITERACY.W.6.9: Drav	w evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and r	esearch.			

	LITERACY.W.6.9.A	Apply <i>grade 6 Reading standards</i> to literature (e.g., "Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres [e.g., stories and poems; historical novels and fantasy stories] in terms of their approaches to similar themes and topics").	NZK.G6.S15
	LITERACY.W.6.9.B	Apply <i>grade 6 Reading standards</i> to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").	NZK.G6.S11 NZK.G6.S12
Range of Writing	LITERACY.W.6.10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.	Children build up a portfolio of writing during their time on Night Zookeeper. We encourage them to write in a range of styles and for a range of audiences.

#### LANGUAGE

Category	C.C. Reference	Standard	Night Zookeeper Reference
Conventions of	LITERACY.L.6.1: Demo	nstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage whe	en writing or speaking.
Standard English	LITERACY.L.6.1.A	Ensure that pronouns are in the proper case (subjective, objective, possessive).	<u>NZK.G6.S7</u>
	LITERACY.L.6.1.B	Use intensive pronouns (e.g., myself, ourselves).	
	LITERACY.L.6.1.C	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person.	
	LITERACY.L.6.1.D	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).	
	LITERACY.L.6.1.E	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.	Children have regular opportunities to read their own and others' writing when on Night Zookeeper. They are encouraged to provide feedback to their peers on a regular basis.
	LITERACY.L.6.2: Demo	nstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation	on, and spelling when writing.

	LITERACY.L.6.2.A	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.	NZK.G6.C5 NZK.G6.C6		
	LITERACY.L.6.2.B	Spell correctly.	NZK.G6.C16 NZK.G6.C18 NZK.G6.C45		
Knowledge of	LITERACY.L.6.3: Use k	nowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or list	ening.		
Language	LITERACY.L.6.3.A	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.	<u>NZK.G6.S2</u>		
	LITERACY.L.6.3.B	Maintain consistency in style and tone.	NZK.G6.S13		
Vocabulary Acquisition and LITERACY.L.6.4: Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and physical acquisition and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.			based on grade 6 reading and		
Use	LITERACY.L.6.4.A	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	NZK.G6.C17 NZK.G6.C30		
	LITERACY.L.6.4.B	Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., <i>audience, auditory, audible</i> ).			
	LITERACY.L.6.4.C	Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.	Our tutors provide feedback on spelling errors, regularly encouraging students to check dictionaries to correct their errors and uplevel their vocabulary.		
	LITERACY.L.6.4.D	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).			
	LITERACY.L.6.5: Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.				
	LITERACY.L.6.5.A	Interpret figures of speech (e.g., personification) in context.	<u>NZK.G6.S9</u>		
	LITERACY.L.6.5.B	Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category) to better understand each of the words.	NZK.AP7 NZK.G6.S6 NZK.AP9		
	LITERACY.L.6.5.C	Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., <i>stingy, scrimping, economical, unwasteful, thrifty</i> ).	NZK.G6.C17 NZK.G6.C36 NZK.G6.G2		

	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.	<u>NZK.G6.S9</u> NZK.AP10

### Night Zookeeper Lesson Content

NZK Ref.	Series Name	Learning Goals	Text Type	Key Vocabulary	Learning Outcome
NZK.G6.S1	Igloo City Instructions	<ul> <li>Use imperative verbs in instructions.</li> <li>Use adverbs of time.</li> <li>Use adverbs to add description to - verbs.</li> <li>Use verbs correctly.</li> <li>Use common adjectives.</li> </ul>	Instructions	Sketch, spread, draw, write, consider, add, carefully, neatly, correctly, precisely, before long, immediately, after a while, ultimately, before, eventually, initially, slippery, alternative, sturdy, steaming, important, extreme, slowly, quickly, hurriedly, thoughtfully, neatly, wildly, freely, gracefully, quietly, sweetly, loudly, large, steaming, bright, funny, velvety, quiet, warm	To write instructional texts using imperative verbs.
NZK.G6.S2	Building Tension with the Sea Lion General	<ul> <li>Identify tension and use it in a story.</li> <li>Use adjectives to describe settings.</li> <li>Use short sentences to build tension.</li> <li>Use verbs in sentences</li> <li>Use adjectives to describe people or animals.</li> <li>Use frequently occurring action verbs.</li> <li>Use common prepositions.</li> <li>Use frequently occurring conjunctions.</li> </ul>	Narrative	Bubbling, cracking, howling, rattling, thumping, salty, fruity, bitter, sour, nutty, citrusy, acrid, pungent, earthy, smooth, rough, sharp, slimy, after, whenever, until, since, whereas, Oh no! He can't swim! She's under! I'm coming! He's disappeared! Help! I'm going in! Hold this! Tossed, churned, smashed, hurled, whirled, torrential (rain), disorientating (fog), howling (wind), ferocious (storm), dusky (shadows), hopeless, exhausted, defeated skidded, slid howled, whispered, screamed, drummed, hammered, ran,reached, wrapped, crept, chased, danced, threatened, In the middle of the night, Before he could reach his friend, All of a sudden, In the depth of the night, When the moon was high in the sky, Before the time ran out, Just as time was running out	To write narratives that build suspense and tension.
NZK.G6.S3	Electro Spike Spelling	- Spell words with the suffix -able and -ible. - Vocabulary definition practice	Narrative, Report, Diary	Replace, replaceable, wash, washable, notice, noticeable, change, changeable, knowledge, knowledgeable, autograph,	To write a story including specific spelling patterns.

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		- Vocabulary definition practice - Using homophones and other words that are often confused.		paragraph, biography, choreograph, telegraph, geography, photograph, photocopy, photojournalist, photosynthesis, photometer, to, too, two, isle, aisle, assent, ascent, dissent, descent	
NZK.G6.S4	Poetry with Riya	<ul> <li>Identify rhyming words to create a poem in alternate rhyme.</li> <li>Identify rhyming words.</li> <li>Identify adverbs and create a poem.</li> <li>Identify rhyming words to create a limerick.</li> </ul>	Poetry	Creative, wonderful, inventive, fearless, magical, roar, snore, alight, delight, song, gong, beak, peak, nightingale, tale, night, light, kind, find, whale, tail, lazily, excitedly, clumsily, brightly, carefully, quickly, quietly, angrily, bee, flee, jam, lamb, ben, ten, stone, bone	To write poems using rhyming words. To write a poem using a specific rhyming scheme.
NZK.G6.S5	Wonderful Words With Will	<ul> <li>Use common and proper nouns to describe characters.</li> <li>Use adjectives to describe characters.</li> <li>Use verbs to describe actions.</li> <li>Use adverbs to describe actions.</li> <li>Use words to express dialogue.</li> </ul>	Narrative	Flashlight, hat, shorts, jacket, Riya, Will, boy, girl, Sam, blue, small, red, shoes, tie, scrambled, clambered, leapt, vaulted, dashed, galloped, barrelled, loyal, trustworthy, creative, kind-hearted, quickly, slowly, loudly, quietly, incredibly, declared, asked, whispered, replied, suggested, advised, proposed, recommended, muttered, squeaked, challenged, enquired, responded, acknowledged	To write a detailed character description. To write a story featuring specific characters.
NZK.G6.S6	The Persuasive Professor	<ul> <li>Use exclamations and questions to write persuasively.</li> <li>Use phrases to express beliefs and opinions.</li> <li>Write persuasively using connectives.</li> <li>Identify and use facts, stats &amp; opinions.</li> </ul>		Time: meanwhile, firstly, finally, then; Cause and effect: because, so that, therefore; Difference: although, but, however; Adding information: and, also, furthermore	To write a persuasive text using facts and opinions. To write a letter from the point of view of a story character.
NZK.G6.S7	Sam's Story Writing	<ul> <li>Use facts to describe characters.</li> <li>Identify and use adverbs.</li> <li>Identify and use contractions.</li> <li>Use past tense verbs.</li> <li>Use adverbials correctly.</li> <li>Use commas in lists.</li> <li>Identify and use proper nouns.</li> <li>Use a range of pronouns.</li> </ul>	Narrative	Invisible, mischief, carefree, clumsy, Dangerous - dangerously Courageous - courageously Slow - slowly Careful - carefully, They're - they are Couldn't - could not Should've - should have Can't - can not I'm - I am I've - I have Shouldn't - should not	To write a description of a character. To write a story including great character descriptions.

				Wouldn't - would not Doesn't - does not, Hide - hid see - saw fight - fought run - ran feel - felt, time - firstly, next, soon place - underneath, nearby, here, invisible, mischief, carefree, clumsy (explained), proper nouns, New York, Lego	
NZK.G6.S8	Dialogue With Grudge	<ul> <li>Understand what dialogue is.</li> <li>Use names and reporting clauses in dialogue.</li> <li>Use verbs to describe the dialogue of characters.</li> <li>Use punctuation correctly when writing dialogue.</li> <li>Use adverbs to describe characters using dialogue.</li> </ul>	Narrative	Reporting clauses - excitedly, growled, bitterly, warned, shouted, roared, shouted, cried, giggled, cheered, chuckled, sobbed, groaned, blubbered, quietly, angrily, lazily	To write a story using dialogue and a range of speech verbs.
NZK.G6.S9	Figurative Language with Florence	<ul> <li>Understand and create similes.</li> <li>Understand and create metaphors.</li> <li>Understand and create sentences using personification.</li> <li>Use onomatopoeia in poetry.</li> </ul>	Narrative	Like, as, moon, pearl, sky classroom - zoo, desert - furnace, wind whispered, moon played, alarm clock yelled, zoom, whoosh, rumble, croak, plop, buzz, flutter, pitter-patter, clip-clop	To write poetry and stories using figurative language.
NZK.G6.S10	Bertie's Explanations	<ul> <li>Use how and why questions in an explanation text.</li> <li>Write step by step sequences using time connectives.</li> <li>Use facts to create explanations.</li> <li>Learn about the life cycle of a butterfly to write an explanation.</li> </ul>	Explanations	Because, therefore, so that, as a result, firstly, finally, then, continue, each time, after a while, nectar, hive, hexagonal, honeycomb, fanning, wax, illustration, life cycle, egg, caterpillar, cocoon (pupa/chrysalis), hatch	To write an explanation text using sequential points. To write an explanation about the life cycle of a butterfly.
NZK.G6.S11	Writing Animal Reports 2	<ul> <li>Use facts to write a story.</li> <li>Use facts to write a report.</li> <li>Use facts to write a newspaper article.</li> </ul>	Reports	Tall, herbivore, plants, leaves, tongue, acacia tree, tower, Africa, savannas/savannahs, ossicones, fast, flippers, camouflage, huddle, marine mammals, flippers, snouts, field mouse, nocturnal, complex underground tunnels, tribe (troop), mountainous, mandrill, baboon, spider monkey, flamboyance, lakes, lagoons, plankton, shrimp, algae, seagrass,	To learn facts about animals. To write reports based on facts and knowledge acquired.

				crabs, clutch, hatchling, carnivore, shed, venomous, venom, fangs, reptiles, scales, cold-blooded, prey, forked, flexible	
NZK.G6.S12	Writing Animal Reports	- Use facts to write a report. - Learn new animal facts.	Reports, Narrative	Arctic, habitat, endangered, species, black skin, carnivores, thick fur, food chain, protecting, melting, camouflage, big cat, furry manes, carnivore, Africa, pride, diet, hunt, zebra, antelope, buffalo, species, Asia, continent, grass, plants, fruit, land, habitat loss, poaching, tusks, ivory, harvesting, nectar, pollen, colonies, hives, honey, sense of smell, five eyes, six legs	To learn facts about animals. To write reports based on facts and knowledge acquired.
NZK.G6.S13	Monster Text Types	<ul> <li>Use adjectives and nouns to describe characters and actions in stories.</li> <li>Use headings and sub-headings in reports.</li> <li>Answer questions based on a text.</li> <li>Use persuasive vocabulary to write articles.</li> </ul>	Narrative, Letter	Evil, enemy, aggressive, wonderful, hideous, devious, cruel	To write a report about a character. To write a letter in the role of a character.
NZK.G6.S14	Describing Characters with Maji	<ul> <li>Describe character appearance.</li> <li>Describe the personality of a character.</li> <li>Describe character actions.</li> <li>Use different speech verbs.</li> <li>Describe character skills.</li> <li>Identify character motives.</li> </ul>	Narrative	Majestic, grand, smooth, beautiful, lengthy, straight, interesting, curved, slim, pointy, gentle, wise, knowledgeable, helpful, supportive, mischievous, encouraging, generous, confident, patient, glimpsed, peeked, examined, warned, shouted, exclaimed, whispered, demanded.	Write stories including great character descriptions using skills acquired throughout the series.
NZK.G6.S15	The Night Zookeeper Show	<ul> <li>Use and understand vocabulary about the Night Zoo.</li> <li>Answer questions about a story plot to show understanding.</li> </ul>	Report, Narrative, Letter writing, Poetry	Lord Nulth, Will, Riya, Void monster, The Whispering Woods, Green Guardian, panda, Monkey Mountain, volcano, Grand Master, gong, Voids, shape-shifting, Campfire of Creativity, stories, Guardian of Orange, Endless Ocean, Grand Master, Gigantic Garden, magical butterfly, Guardian of Red, dance, Maji, orb, Guardian of Blue, bubbles, Guardian of Grey/Gray, imagination, lonely, colour/color	To write story predictions. To write letters from the point of view of a character. To write poems about characters in stories.
NZK.G6.S16	Ninja Leaf Opinions	<ul> <li>Introduce an opinion text.</li> <li>Give reasons to support an opinion.</li> <li>Provide reasons that are supported</li> </ul>	Opinion Writing	first, to start, to begin with, next, most importantly, another reason, in addition	To write opinion pieces based on extracts from Night Zookeeper texts.

by facts and details. - Use linking words to join opinions and reasons. - Include a concluding statement.	In my opinion, I think, I believe safe, worried, exciting, quick light, dark, important, urgent for example, in addition, magical (entrance), glowing (gates), giant (shapes), (leaves) rustling, (strange) portal because, therefore, since in order to, consequently, specifically	To introduce an opinion piece. To give reasons for their opinion, use linking words, and include a concluding statement.
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### Night Zookeeper Skills Challenges

NZK Ref.	Learning Goal	Challenge Example	Learning Outcome
NZK.G6.C1	Use hyphens to add description	Absent-minded half-eaten open-air	To unscramble the mixed up hyphenated word. To group together the hyphenated and compound words.
NZK.G6.C2	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb tense	The bridge was open. / The bridge is opening right now.	To group together the past, present and future tense sentences. To write a sentence using the past tense.
NZK.G6.C3	Use commas to set off the words 'yes' and 'no'	Yes, thank you!	To match the beginning of the sentence to its end. To unscramble the mixed up sentence.
NZK.G6.C4	Use commas to set off a tag question from the rest of the sentence	It's true, isn't it?	To write a sentence that ends in a question. To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly.
NZK.G6.C5	Use commas to indicate a direct address (e.g., Is that you, Steve?)	Is that you, Riya?	To group all the sentences that directly address a character. To write a question to a character.
NZK.G6.C6	Use commas to add more details to sentences	Will's torch, powerful and bright, illuminated the forest.	To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly. To group the sentences together that use the comma correctly.
NZK.G6.C7	Use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis	Will - never one to give up - was determined.	To unscramble the mixed up sentence. To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly.
NZK.G6.C8	Use semi-colons, colons or dashes	"The teacher's not going to be happy with you; everyone else is doing it right."	To pick out the word that best completes the sentence. To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly.
NZK.G6.C9	Use a colon to introduce a list	You'll find the following in Will's bag: a torch, a notepad, and a pencil.	To unscramble the mixed up sentence. To answer multiple choice questions

			on the subject correctly.
NZK.G6.C10	Proof-read for punctuation errors	Where would you like to go! / Where would you like to go?	To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly.
NZK.G6.C11	Proof-read to identify grammar errors	We go to the Night Zoo. / We went to the Night Zoo.	To write a sentence, making sure to check for grammatical errors. To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly.
NZK.G6.C12	Use words to ensure your paragraphs flow well	then, after that, this	To unscramble the mixed up conjunctions. To write a sentence using a conjunction.
NZK.G6.C13	Link ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time	later, after, every day	To match the adverbial to its definition. To unscramble the mixed up sentence that includes an adverbial.
NZK.G6.C14	Link ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of place	nearby, around, everywhere	To match each adverbial of places to its antonym. To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly.
NZK.G6.C15	Use correlative conjunctions correctly	either / or, neither / nor, both / and	To match the correlative conjunctions to its pair. To write a sentence including correlative conjunctions.
NZK.G6.C16	Spell words with 'silent' letters	knight, psalm, solemn	To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly. To unscramble the mixed up word that includes a 'silent' letter.
NZK.G6.C17	Identify words that have a similar meaning	rich, wealthy, prosperous	To match words with their synonyms. To unscramble the mixed up sentence that includes synonyms.
NZK.G6.C18	Proof-read for spelling errors	Will wasnt shure what she ment. / Will wasn't sure what she meant.	To unscramble the mixed up, frequently misspelt word. To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly.
NZK.G6.C19	Convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using the	formalise, serialise, advertise	To unscramble the mixed up

	suffix –ise		sentence that includes an -ise word. To write a sentence that includes an -ise word.
NZK.G6.C20	Understand that the suffix –cial is common after a vowel letter	official, special, artificial	To unscramble the mixed up sentence that includes a -cial word To write a sentence that includes a -cial word.
NZK.G6.C21	Understand that the suffix -tial is common after a consonant letter	partial, confidential, essential	To unscramble the mixed up sentence that includes a -tial word. To write a sentence that includes a -tial word.
NZK.G6.C22	Spell words ending in –able and –ible	adorable, applicable, legible	To unscramble the mixed up -able and -ible words. To group together words that end in -able and words that end in -ible.
NZK.G6.C23	Spell words ending in –ably and –ibly	terribly, visibly, considerably	To unscramble the mixed up -ably and -ibly words. To group together words that end in -ably- and -ibly.
NZK.G6.C24	Add suffixes to words ending in –fer	refer: referring, referred	To match together all the words with the same base. To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly.
NZK.G6.C25	Use the hyphen correctly	co-ordinate, co-operate, co-own	To unscramble the mixed up compound adjective. To group together the compound adjectives and compound words.
NZK.G6.C27	Use the sound 'ough' when spelling words	ought, bought, thought	To pick the -ough word that best completes the sentence. To unscramble the mixed up sentence that includes a -ough word.
NZK.G6.C28	Understand the use of similes in context	As big as an elephant., As cool as a cucumber., As gentle as a lamb.	To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly. To match the beginning of each simile to its end.
NZK.G6.C29	Understand the use of metaphors in context	My teacher is an angel., He is a night owl., The	To unscramble the mixed up

		ocean is a raging bull.	metaphor. To group together all the metaphors and all the similes.
NZK.G6.C30	Explain the meaning of common idioms	I'm all ears / You have my attention, Get cold feet / Feeling nervous	To unscramble the mixed up idiom. To match each idiom with its definition.
NZK.G6.C31	Use the perfect form of verbs	Present: I have finished my homework. / Past: He had finished his homework. / Future: I will have finished my homework.	To group the phrases into perfect past and perfect present. To unscramble the mixed up perfect past tense sentence.
NZK.G6.C32	Show possibility using modal adverbs	really, surely, likely	To unscramble the mixed up sentence that includes a modal adverb. To write a sentence that includes a modal adverb.
NZK.G6.C33	Use formal and informal vocabulary	find out / discover, ask for / request, go in / enter	To match the formal language to its informal pair. To unscramble the mixed up formal word.
NZK.G6.C34	Use word endings which are spelt with –cious or –tious	vicious, precious, ambitious	To group together the words that end in -cious and -tious. To unscramble the mixed up sentence that includes -cious or -tious words.
NZK.G6.C35	Identify and use opposite words.	Fantastic / terrible, gigantic / tiny, higher / lower	To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly. To match the words to their antonyms.
NZK.G6.C36	Identify and use similar words.	great / wonderful , humiliate / embarrass , applaud / clap	To match the words to their synonyms. To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly.
NZK.G6.C37	Use relative clauses beginning with who, which, where	Do you know the boy who started school last week?	To group together all the words that could start a relative clause and those that cannot. To unscramble the mixed up sentence that includes a relative clause.

NZK.G6.C39	Use adjectives to describe settings in stories	narrow, winding, sprawling	To match each adjective to the place it describes. To unscramble the mixed up sentence.
NZK.G6.C40	Use adjectives to describe characters in stories	adventurous, noisy, respectful	To match each adjective to the character it describes. To write a sentence using an adjective.
NZK.G6.C41	Using homophones and other words that are often confused	advice / advise, device / devise, practice / practise	To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly. To match the homophones.
NZK.G6.C42	Use expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely	The girl. / The tall girl over there.	To unscramble the mixed up expanded noun phrase. To write an expanded sentence.
NZK.G6.C43	Use a range of words and phrases to link paragraphs together	furthermore, moreover, additionally	To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly. To unscramble the mixed up sentence that uses a linking phrase.
NZK.G6.C45	Spell words with the prefix pre-, re-, sub-, mis-	prevent, prewash, presume, review, redeem, repair, subside, sublime, subsided, miscue, mistake, misdated	To group together the words that begin with pre- and words that begin with per To unscramble the mixed up pre- word.
NZK.G6.C46	Spell words with the suffix -ful, -less, -able, ible	gainful, restful, tearful, hapless, lawless, useless, mixable, fixable, edible	To pick the -ful word that best completes the sentence. To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly.
NZK.G6.C48	Use pronoun-verb contractions	you're, they'll, we'll	To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly. To unscramble the mixed up sentence that includes a pronoun-verb contraction.
NZK.G6.C49	Use contractions including 'not'	doesn't, weren't, won't	To match each contraction with its base word. To unscramble the mixed up base

			word.
NZK.G6.C50	Learn vocabulary to use in opinion writing - Level 3	I think, Firstly, Finally	To match each sentence with its order. To pick out the opinion words from the paragraph.
NZK.G6.C51	Use the regular plural possessive	boys' club, clocks' hands, parents' books	To match each group of items with its possessive noun. To use the regular plural possessive in a sentence.
NZK.G6.C52	Use the singular possessive apostrophe.	Will's torch is very powerful.	To match each person or animal to the thing that belongs to them. To unscramble the mixed up singular ownership word.
NZK.G6.C53	Use the irregular plural possessive apostrophe.	people's beliefs, children's toys, mice's feet	To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly. To unscramble the mixed up sentence that includes an irregular plural possessive apostrophe.
NZK.G6.C54	Use the correct word 'a', 'an' or 'the'.	She wrote an article. / She wrote the best article. / She wrote a great article.	To unscramble the mixed up sentence that uses 'a', 'an' or 'the'. To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly.
NZK.G6.C55	Identify and use abstract nouns correctly.	joy, bravery, brilliance	To identify the abstract nouns in the paragraph. To group together the abstract nouns and the proper nouns.
NZK.G6.C56	Use interjections to exclaim your feelings within a sentence.	Indeed!, Oh!, Phew!	To group together the exclamations and questions. To identify the interjections in the paragraph.
NZK.G6.C57	Use rhyming words.	A destiny to fulfill/ he's ready for a thrill.	To group together the rhyming words. To write a sentence that uses rhyme.
NZK.G6.C58	Use alliteration correctly.	Florence Flamingo, buzzing bee, bouncing bear	To match the words that start with the same letter. To write a sentence that includes an

			alliterative phrase.
NZK.G6.C59	Use personification correctly.	The toy bear smiled as the boy hugged him.	To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly. To group together the sentences that include personification and sentences that include hyperbole.
NZK.G6.C60	Answer questions about unknown words.		To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly.
NZK.G6.C61	Make inferences by reading between the lines of a story.		To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly.
NZK.G6.C62	Answer questions about characters and events in a story.		To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly.
NZK.G6.C63	Explain the meaning of figurative language used by the author.		To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly.
NZK.G6.C64	Explain and discuss your understanding of a text.		To answer multiple choice questions on the subject correctly. To write a sentence based on the story read.
NZK.G6.C65	Identify the difference between fact and opinion		To group together facts and opinions. To unscramble the mixed up opinions.
NZK.G6.C66	Turn adjectives into adverbs using the suffixly.	mysteriously, confidently, officially	To pick out the -ly adverbs from the paragraph. To match each adverb with its definition.
NZK.G6.C67	Build reading comprehension skills.		To place the correct words into the paragraph.
NZK.G6.C68	Correctly identify vocabulary.		To match the correct word with the picture shown.
NZK.G6.C69	Vocabulary definition practice.		To place the correct vocabulary into the paragraph.

## Night Zookeeper Vocabulary, Spelling & Grammar Games

NZK Ref.	Game Name	Learning Goal	Game Explanation	Learning Outcome
NZK.G6.G1	Volcano Word Hop	Identify words that are correctly spelled.	Students work on their spelling skills by selecting the correctly spelled words on the volcano platforms before they sink into the lava.	To increase confidence and accuracy when spelling common words.
NZK.G6.G2	Forest Word Climb	Identify and use similar words.	The objective of the game is to help your animal climb as high up the tree as possible by selecting the synonyms that appear on the branches.	To build and broaden vocabulary for use when writing a variety of text types.
NZK.G6.G3	Word Wings	Spell common words correctly.	In this game, children are challenged to spell words by collecting letters in the correct order.	To increase confidence and accuracy when spelling common words.
NZK.G6.G4	Torch Type in Nulth	Develop proficient typing skills.	Students develop their keyboard skills in this game by typing the words as they fall from the top of the screen.	To increase speed and stamina when typing stories and reports.
NZK.G6.G5	Waterfall Word Jumble	Construct sentences using correct grammar.	The objective of this game is to construct sentences using the words available. Students collect the words as they fall down the waterfall and need to place them in the grammatically correct order to help their animal run around the mountain.	To develop an understanding of grammatical structure when writing sentences.
NZK.G6.G6	Word Void Wrecker	Spell common words correctly.	Children complete words by filling in the missing letters that have been stolen by the void monster. The objective is to spell as many words correctly as possible to defeat the monster and send them back to Nulth.	To increase confidence and accuracy when spelling common words.
NZK.G6.G7	Underwater Word Hunt	Identify verbs correctly.	In 'Word Hunt', students need to correctly identify the verbs that are floating in the water in front of them. They score points of every verb collected.	To gain an understanding of grouping words into categories, whilst also growing a broader vocabulary.
NZK.G6.G8	Sentence Dash	Proof-read to check for errors in punctuation, spelling and grammar.	In this live game, students compete against other users to spot the mistakes in the sentences as quickly as possible. The first player to 20 mistakes identified wins the game.	To develop skills in proof-reading in order to check draft work before publishing.
NZK.G6.G9	Night Zoom	Identify and use similar and opposite words. To identify rhyming words.	Night Zoom is a live racing game where children increase the speed of their vehicle by answering quiz questions correctly. They also score points for accuracy so it is not all about answering quickly.	To build and broaden vocabulary for use when writing a variety of text types.

NZK.G6.G10	Night Zoo Card Battles	Identify and use similar and opposite words. To identify rhyming words.	Night Zookeeper students collect points for their animals by completing English Language Arts challenges. These points are then used to help them increase their performance in this game. They also answer quiz questions relating to vocabulary.	To build and broaden vocabulary for use when writing a variety of text types.
NZK.G6.G11	Word Woods	Identify and use similar and opposite words.	This platform game challenges children to run through the Whispering Woods with their animal answering questions as they progress. The questions test their knowledge of synonyms and antonyms.	To build and broaden vocabulary for use when writing a variety of text types.
NZK.G6.G12	Word Pairs	Identify and use similar and opposite words.	In this game, children use their memory and knowledge of synonyms & antonyms to find matching pairs of words.	To build and broaden vocabulary for use when writing a variety of text types.

### Night Zookeeper Printable Activity Packs

NZK Ref.	Activity Pack Name	Learning Goals	Example Content	Learning Outcome
NZK.AP1	Storytelling and Spelling with Electro Spike	<ul> <li>Turn adjectives into adverbs using the suffix -ly.</li> <li>Use the /l/ sound spelt -le at the end of words.</li> <li>Use different settings in stories.</li> <li>Use the prefix un</li> <li>Structure a story using a beginning, middle, and end.</li> </ul>	suffix -le: temple, castle suffix -ian: electrician, magician prefix un-: unwell, unlucky suffix -ly: suddenly, slowly	To write a story using the story mountain structure, adding prefixes and suffixes to words to develop characters and plot.
NZK.AP2	Writing Skills with Sam	<ul> <li>Identify past and present tense verbs.</li> <li>Turn adjectives into adverbs using suffix -ly.</li> <li>Identify contractions.</li> <li>Use fronted adverbials in sentences.</li> <li>Use commas to create lists.</li> <li>Capitalize letters of proper nouns.</li> <li>Correctly place speech marks in a text.</li> </ul>	Past and present verbs: listens vs listened, draws vs drew, explained vs explains Suffix -ly: quietly, kindly Fronted adverbials: quickly, thankfully Contractions: would've. Can't Capital letters: Christmas, Florence, Wednesday	To write a story that uses fronted adverbials, speech marks, past tense and commas.
NZK.AP3	Using Adjectives with Night Zookeeper Will	<ul> <li>Use adjectives to describe characters.</li> <li>Use sensory adjectives to describe places.</li> <li>Write a story using the adjectives learned.</li> </ul>	Appearance: sparkly, beautiful Shape: round, square Actions: annoying, caring Size: tiny, small Sounds: quiet, loud Quantity: few, couple	To write a story using a variety of adjectives.
NZK.AP4	Using Adverbs with Riya	<ul> <li>Turn adjectives into adverbs using the suffix -ly.</li> <li>To identify and use adverbs of time and place.</li> <li>To identify adverbs in a passage of text.</li> </ul>	Suffix -ly: recklessly, thoughtfully How: happily, gracefully Where: nearby, outside When: soon, yesterday	To write a story using adverbs of time and place.
NZK.AP5	Poem Writing with Riya	<ul> <li>Use the ABAB rhyme scheme.</li> <li>Identify adverbs used in a poem.</li> <li>Identify and write an acrostic poem.</li> <li>Finish the lines to form a limerick.</li> </ul>	Rhyming words: half, calf ABAB: sky, dark spy, bark	To write a poem using what has been learned.
NZK.AP6	Describing Characters with Maji	<ul> <li>Use adjectives to describe characters and places.</li> <li>Use dialogue to create a character's voice.</li> <li>Read character descriptions and answer comprehension questions.</li> <li>Illustrate characters and label their key features.</li> <li>Sort words into categories.</li> </ul>	Describing phrases: white tusks, strong legs Adjectives that describe personality: friendly, fearless	To describe characters associated with particular settings, using relevant adjectives. To write a character description based upon the content learned.

NZK.AP7	Persuasive Writing with the Penguin Professor	<ul> <li>Identify and use facts, statistics and opinions.</li> <li>Identify the conditional statements.</li> <li>Identify cause, time and affect, and contrasting connectives.</li> <li>Use rhetorical questions in a paragraph.</li> </ul>	Cause and effect connectives: therefore, so Time connectives: eventually, finally Contrasting connectives: however, but Conditionals: If	To write a persuasive letter including the key criteria (facts and statistics, rhetorical questions, connectives, conditionals).
NZK.AP8	Speech Marks with Grudge	<ul> <li>Use speech marks correctly.</li> <li>Identify action words used to describe speech.</li> <li>Use action words to create dynamic dialogue.</li> <li>Identify direct and indirect speech.</li> </ul>	Speech verbs: laughed, whispered, asked, replied, mumbled, snapped, explained, shouted	To write a conversation between characters using speech marks
NZK.AP9	Explanation Writing with Bertie Bee	<ul> <li>Use linking words to write an explanation.</li> <li>Identify cause and effect words in a piece of text.</li> <li>Use formal language in explanation texts.</li> <li>Read explanation texts and answer targeted questions correctly.</li> </ul>	Linking sentences: To begin with, as a result Cause and effect words: consequently, therefore	To write a detailed explanation of how honey is made.
NZK.AP10	Using Figurative Language with Florence Flamingo	<ul> <li>Identify and use similes correctly.</li> <li>Identify metaphors and understand their meaning.</li> <li>Identify onomatopoeic words.</li> <li>Identify and use personification correctly.</li> </ul>	Similes: As brave as a lion. Metaphors: The classroom was a zoo. Personification: My bed is calling my name. Onomatopoeia: The door slowly creaked open.	To write a story using the figurative language explained.
NZK.AP11	Writing Reports with the Sea Lion General	<ul> <li>Identify the features of a good report.</li> <li>Match the correct subheadings to the paragraphs.</li> <li>Use the correct tense in a report.</li> <li>Write titles for reports.</li> <li>Use paragraphs correctly.</li> </ul>	Present tense words: eat, use Vocabulary: diet, habitat, appearance, omnivore, herbivore, carnivore.	To write a report using an introduction and subheadings.
NZK.AP12	Writing Instructions with Eek the Eskimouse	<ul> <li>Identify verbs in a set of instructions.</li> <li>Sort instructions into chronological order.</li> <li>Add imperative verbs to instructional sentences.</li> </ul>	Verbs: stir, put, walk, Adverbs: carefully, slowly, quickly	To write a set of instructions using verbs to tell the reader what to do and adverbs to tell the reader how to do it.
NZK.AP13	Orblympics - Activity Pack	<ul> <li>Use connectives to write compound sentences.</li> <li>Create labelled diagrams to support explanations.</li> <li>Identify adjectives and use them correctly.</li> </ul>	Adjectives: fast, speedy, swift, rapid, quick Connectives: and, also, because	To write sentences using specific adjectives. To write a story with a beginning, middle and end.

		- Structure a story including a beginning, middle and end.		To invent a new character and write a report about it.
NZK.AP14	Opinion Writing with Ninja Leaf	<ul> <li>-Identify the features of a good opinion piece.</li> <li>-Identify facts and opinions.</li> <li>-Match opinions with linking words and reasons.</li> <li>-Give reasons to support opinions.</li> <li>-Use linking words to connect opinions and reasons.</li> <li>-Add supporting details to reasons in opinion writing.</li> </ul>	Linking words: because, for example, also, therefore, and Adjectives: shady, restful, reassuring, peaceful, quiet Opinion openers: I think, I believe, In my opinion, I feel	To write facts based on an image. To write sentences giving reasons for an opinion using adjectives. To state an opinion on a given topic. To write an opinion piece on a given topic giving reasons, supporting details, and a concluding statement.

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NZK.B1AP	The Giraffes of Whispering Woods - Reading Activity Pack	<ul> <li>Read a text with fluency, intonation and accuracy.</li> <li>Identify descriptive adverbs.</li> <li>Identify facts about characters in a story and pick out reasonings based upon sentences in a text.</li> <li>Use adjectives within a text.</li> <li>Identify different characters and understand their role in a story.</li> </ul>	Vocabulary: symbol, magical, glowing,trap, teleport, explore Adverbs: carefully, firmly, powerfully Adjectives: strong, brave, dark	<ul> <li>To answer comprehension questions based on a text.</li> <li>To write a narrative using characters from a story.</li> <li>To write explanation texts.</li> <li>To write in full sentences when answering questions about a text.</li> </ul>
NZK.B2AP	The Fire Desert - Reading Activity Pack	<ul> <li>Read a text with fluency, intonation and accuracy.</li> <li>Identify facts about characters and objects in the text.</li> <li>Place a series of events in chronological order.</li> <li>Draw inferences from a passage of a text.</li> <li>Identify adjectives used to describe characters.</li> <li>Use evidence from a text when answering questions.</li> </ul>	Vocabulary: lake, fangs, tar, distract Speech verbs: cried, snapped, asked Alliteration: perfectly prickly, leaping lizards Adjectives: croaky, young, bright, terrible	<ul> <li>To answer comprehension questions based on a text.</li> <li>To write a narrative using characters from a story.</li> <li>To write descriptions of characters using adjectives.</li> <li>To order the events in a story.</li> <li>To write a letter from the point of view of a character.</li> </ul>
NZK.B3AP	The Penguins of Igloo City - Reading Activity Pack	<ul> <li>Read a text with fluency, intonation and accuracy.</li> <li>Identify antonyms and synonyms for specific words.</li> <li>Identify and use rhyming words in poetry.</li> <li>Identify and use speech verbs.</li> <li>Place events in chronological order.</li> <li>To find specific words and sentences in a text.</li> </ul>	Adjectives: hot, comforting, luxurious, Rhyming words: snow, dough, blow, show, know Speech verbs: replied, muttered, shouted, screamed Opinion words: I think, I believe, in my opinion Synonyms: gloomy, dark, silent, quiet	<ul> <li>To answer comprehension questions based on a text.</li> <li>To write a narrative using characters from a story.</li> <li>To write a letter from the point of view of a character.</li> <li>To write a newspaper article.</li> <li>To write an opinion piece based on a text.</li> </ul>
NZK.B4AP	The Elephant of Tusk Temple - Reading Activity Pack	Coming Soon		
NZK.B5AP	The Bear of Flying Mountain - Reading Activity Pack	Coming Soon		