

announcement

**Introduce** This announcement tells about a baby's birth. An announcement is a public or formal notice. Let's say the word together: announcement.

**Demonstrate** Did you understand that announcement on the train? The principal made an announcement about the assembly. The newspaper published an announcement that Dieter's Café would open in June.

**Apply** Name one kind of announcement your principal would make on the intercom during your school day.

**Display** Now I will write the word on the board. Let's read the word together: announcement.

### **Pencil Talk**

- Imagine you are a member of the Plant Club. What information would you need to put in an announcement for the club's plant sale? List this information. Then write a sentence using the word announcement to tell about the event.
- Look at the announcement on the front of this card. Write two or three sentences telling where the announcement probably appeared and who was expected to read it.





feature

**Introduce** This mobile phone includes a calendar feature. *Feature* means "something that stands out and attracts attention." *Feature* can also mean "a part of the face." Let's say the word together: *feature*.

**Demonstrate** The best feature of this car is its large trunk. I think my eyes are my best feature. The sales clerk explained each feature of the computer to his client.

**Apply** Which feature of the face do you think people notice first when they see someone for the first time?

**Display** Now I will write the word on the board. Let's read the word together: *feature*.

### **Pencil Talk**

- Draw a picture of a game or piece of equipment you would like to buy. Label each feature that is important to you.
   Below your picture, write a sentence explaining which feature is most important and why. Use the word feature in your sentence.
- Complete these sentence frames:

The most i	nteresting feature of the puppy's
ace was i	ts
The most i	mportant feature of a suitcase is
ts	<del>.</del>





harness

**Introduce** Each construction worker is wearing a harness. A harness is an arrangement of straps or bands used to attach two things, such as a horse to a wagon or a parachute to a skydiver. Let's say the word together: harness.

**Demonstrate** Jake put the harness on the horses. To pull a wagon, the oxen must be in harness. A harness held the window washer safely on the platform on the fortieth floor.

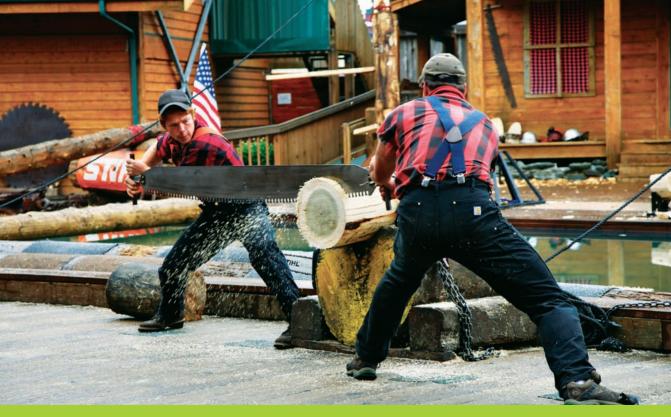
**Apply** Why must a parachute harness be strong?

**Display** Now I will write the word on the board. Let's read the word together: harness.

# Team Talk

- Ask your partner where the straps of a horse's harness are fitted. If necessary, draw a sketch of a horse wearing a harness. Then explain why the harness has these parts.
- Explain to your partner why a person who is rock climbing should wear a harness.
- Write a multiple-choice quiz question that requires your partner to identify the correct definition for harness.





lumberjacks

**Introduce** These lumberjacks are sawing a log. Lumberjacks are loggers, or people whose work is cutting down trees and sending the logs to the sawmill. Let's say the word together: *lumberjacks*.

**Demonstrate** Lumberjacks are usually strong. Lumberjacks must be able to use a saw expertly. We watched lumberjacks cutting down huge trees and loading them onto trucks.

**Apply** What skills do lumberjacks need to do well?

**Display** Now I will write the word on the board. Let's read the word together: *lumberjacks*.

### **Action!**

- Let's imagine we are lumberjacks. Show how you cut down a tree. Show what you do as it falls.
- Lumberjacks need special equipment.
  Think about each of the following pieces of equipment. As I say the word, act out how you would use the object or put it on.

saw

axe

harness





requirements

**Introduce** This boy's mother is following legal seat belt requirements by buckling him in. Requirements are demands or things demanded. Let's say the word together: requirements.

**Demonstrate** What are the requirements for voting? I made a list of my requirements for a tutor. Police officers have passed physical and written tests to meet the city's requirements.

**Apply** What requirements must be met before you adopt a dog?

**Display** Now I will write the word on the board. Let's read the word together: requirements.

# Team Talk

- Imagine you and your partner are forming a reading club. Discuss what requirements you will have for members. Give reasons for your requirements.
- Talk to your partner about the requirements for getting and keeping a library card at your community's public library. If you do not know the requirements, write a list of questions about how to get and use a library card.





thaw

**Introduce** When it began to thaw, this snowman started to melt. *Thaw* means "make or become less cold." Let's say the word together: *thaw*.

**Demonstrate** Ella asked me to thaw some meat for dinner. I got so cold I thought I'd never thaw out. Soon the ground will thaw, and the early flowers will bloom.

**Apply** How would you thaw a stocking cap that was left out in the snow?

**Display** Now I will write the word on the board. Let's read the word together: *thaw*.

### **Action!**

 Let's imagine our hands and feet are very cold from being out in the snow. Show how you do each of the following actions:

Thaw your hands and feet by the fire. Thaw your hands and feet using warm water in a bucket.

Thaw your hands and feet by rubbing them.

 Let's imagine we pick up an ice cube in each hand. Show how you react as the ice cubes start to thaw.





unnatural

**Introduce** It is unnatural to see an animal on a skateboard. *Unnatural* means "not natural, not normal." Let's say the word together: *unnatural*.

**Demonstrate** Pink hair looks unnatural. It is unnatural for a dog to raise kittens. Since Autumn had never prepared dinner before, cooking food seemed unnatural to her.

**Apply** Would swimming in a pond seem unnatural to a duckling? Why or why not?

**Display** Now I will write the word on the board. Let's read the word together: unnatural.

# All Together

 I'm going to describe some actions. If you think an action is unnatural, say "Unnatural." If you think it is natural, say "Natural."

> a chipmunk flying a robin eating a worm a tree that walks from place to place

I'm going to ask you some questions.
 Answer "yes" or "no."

Would it be unnatural for a carpenter to build a wooden car?

Would it be unnatural for a person to have purple skin?

Would it be unnatural for a rose to be pink?





untamed

**Introduce** These horses are untamed. Something untamed is wild or not domesticated. Let's say the word together: untamed.

**Demonstrate** The buffalo were untamed. The rancher kept the untamed horses separate from the trained cowponies. The lion's untamed mane looked as wild as its fierce eyes.

**Apply** Why is it not a good idea to try to keep an untamed animal as a pet?

**Display** Now I will write the word on the board. Let's read the word together: *untamed*.

# All Together

- I'm going to describe some animals. If you think the animal is untamed, say "Untamed." If you think it is tamed, say "Tamed."
  - A wolf trots up to the door of its cage as the feeder arrives.
  - A horse neighs a warning and dashes away when humans appear.
  - A bird sits on a woman's shoulder as she walks around the house.
- I'm going to read a sentence. The ranch hand spoke softly to the untamed horse. Let's say the sentence together. What does untamed mean? What is the opposite of untamed?

