

1 Dish Trouble

Dear Meg,

I have a job. I scrub houses. I dust, mop, and pick up stuff. But, last week, I got a **dish** off a **shelf** to dust. I tried to **catch** the **dish**, but I did not get it. In a **flash**, it broke into a hundred bits! I had to drop the bits in the **trash**. I cannot pay for it. I do not have **much cash**. I am not **rich**. Can I just quit? Help!

Jen in a Jam

Dear Jen in a Jam,

Do not quit. It is just a **dish**. And we all drop a **dish** sometimes. Have a **chat** with your boss. She can help. It is best just to tell.

Meg

Word Count: 118

Science Nonfiction

2 Fresh Water Life

A pond is an area of **fresh**, still water. A pond is not as big as a lake. A pond habitat is **rich** with plants and animals. You can spot a **bunch** of frogs at a pond. You can even spot **fish** and insects that live in ponds as well. Plants, **such** as long grasses and **rushes**, grow in a pond and on its bank.



If you visit a pond, sit still and see what plants and animals you can spot.

Word Count: 81



What can you spot at a pond?



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Fiction

1 No Math for Kat

Kat had **chills** and did not feel well. She left school early. Kat's mom felt her forehead. It felt hot.

"Am I sick?" Kat asked.

"Yes. Just get in bed," said Kat's mom. "Rest **this** wet **cloth** on your forehead. I will bring you hot **chicken broth**."

"But I must **finish** my **math**," Kat said.

"Get a lot of rest, and **then** you can **finish** your **math**," said Kat's mom.

Word Count: 70



Fiction

2 Spelling Champ!

Skip Ash held his breath. He thought, "Just one last word! If I spell it, I will win the big contest!" The Ashes win lots of contests—but not Skip. His twin, Rob, wins big **math** contests. Alex, a tennis nut, wins tennis **matches**. Skip just had to win this!

The man looked at Skip and said, "Spell 'fantastic.'"

"I can spell **that**," Skip thought. "Fantastic: f-a-n-t-a-s-t... Just a sec," said Skip. Skip stopped to **think**. **Then**, Skip said, "f-a-n-t-a-s-t-i-c. Fantastic."

The man nodded at Skip. "Yes! You are the spelling **champ**!"



Word Count: 92



What word does Skip spell? Does he get it right?

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