

Avalanche

An avalanche is any amount of snow sliding down a mountain. Suppose that a huge layer of snow has accumulated on a mountainside. The packed snow cannot support its own immense weight. Now the snow is vulnerable to an avalanche. If a person or animal stepped on the shaky layer of snow, the snow would become loose. Consequently, an avalanche could occur, sending snow hurtling down the mountain.

Stranded

Two hours ago, we were happily leaving the dock, looking forward to a peaceful evening watching the sun set. And now? Stranded. The engine had sputtered a few times before its one last choke, belching a cloud of gassy-smelling smoke. We only had one oar, so rowing wasn't possible—unless we wanted to row in the same circle on top of the weedy lake. The sun was setting, and we were being dive-bombed by the hungriest mosquitoes ever. Would anyone arrive to save us?

Plateaus

A flat-topped plateau rises sharply above the land surrounding it. The steep-sided cliffs mark the edges of a plateau. Valley-forming rivers often cut through a plateau.

John Brown

John Brown's entire family was anti-slavery. Brown became a conductor on the Underground Railroad, guiding slaves to freedom. John Brown was controversial, because he believed in using violence to end slavery. He trained a 21-person army to raid the Federal Arsenal at Harper's Ferry. His plan was to arm slaves and use his growing army to attack slave owners in the South. The plan, however, failed. Slaves did not join the raid, and local militia led by Robert E. Lee ended the attack. Many of Brown's men were killed or captured, including his two sons. Brown was tried and found guilty on several counts. Some abolitionists called Brown a hero, but he was executed for treason just a year before the first southern state seceded from the Union.

How Much Time Online?

Parents, are you trying to limit your kids' time online? Well, keep up the good work! Although there is a lot of valuable information online and a lot of fun games to play, most experts agree that too much screen time is harmful. A study in Great Britain showed that kids who spent more than two hours a day online had trouble relating to their peers. They also had trouble paying attention to things. Other studies have shown that looking at screens at night makes it hard to sleep. If your kids are doing homework and research, that's great—but be sure that an hour before bedtime, all screens are off!

Lose Tooth

My younger brother has a lose tooth. Its so annoying! Its more annoying then when he was afraid to sleep without a night light. My brother bit into an apple. We thought the tooth wood come out in the fruit. But it didn't budge. He wiggled it with his tongue, two. But it stayed they're. What can we do to get rid of this pesky tooth?

My Bike

My bike is a magic carpet, taking me to wonderful places. Pedaling hard, I'm as fast as a cheetah! I feel like an explorer, never sure what lies on the road ahead. At the end of the day, the sunset is an artist's palette, with radiant hues of purple and pink. I love where my bike takes me.

Class Newsletter

In music class, we performed our new compositions in the auditorium. Melanie, Osman, and Natasha were soloists. In our science class, we are studying biology. We made an environment for a new class pet, a centipede. In language arts, we are trying to remember the correct spellings of commonly misspelled words. We are also studying autobiographies. And in our art class, we are filled with excitement as we prepare our photography exhibition! We hope everyone will come.

Camping

After a long day on a tough trail, we were hungry! We wanted to construct a big fire to cook our dinner, but it had rained the night before. We realized we'd done a bad job of covering our firewood. It was wet. Now what? I had applesauce and spoons.