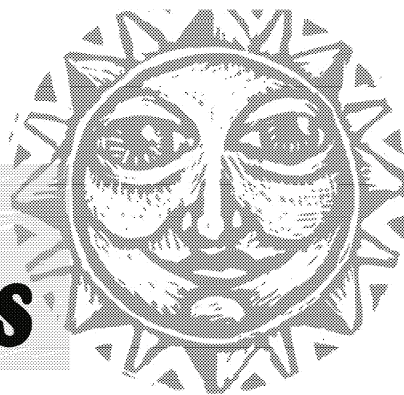


Daily *warm-ups*



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The *Daily Warm-Ups series* is a wonderful way to turn extra classroom minutes into valuable learning time. The 180 quick activities—one for each day of the school year—review, practice, and teach words that are commonly included on standardized tests such as the SAT.

These daily activities may be used at the very beginning of class to get students into learning mode, near the end of class to make good educational use of that transitional time, in the middle of class to shift gears between lessons—or whenever else you have minutes that now go unused.

Daily Warm-Ups are easy-to-use reproducibles—simply photocopy the day's activity and distribute it. Or make a transparency of the activity and project it on the board. You may want to use the activities for extra-credit points or as a check on critical-thinking skills and problem-solving skills.

However you choose to use them, *Daily Warm-Ups* are a convenient and useful supplement to your regular lesson plans. Make every minute of your class time count!



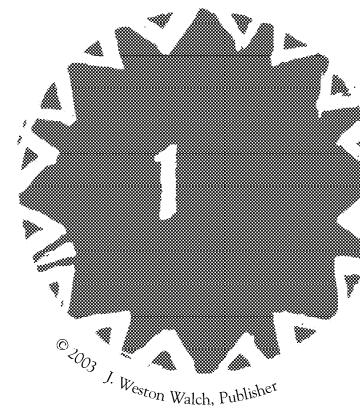
altercation (n)—a noisy dispute

From Latin *altercare* (to wrangle)

The **altercation** between the two teams erupted after the umpire made several bad calls.

Think of three synonyms for *altercation*. Write them below.

Now use *altercation* and two of its synonyms in sentences of your own.



opulent (adj)—demonstrating great wealth; extravagant

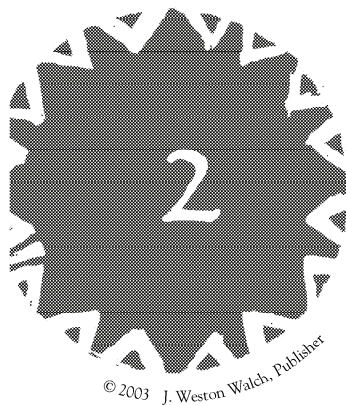
From Latin *ops* (power, help)

The **opulent** lifestyle of the business tycoon was evident in his luxurious mansion on the ocean.

Think of three antonyms for *opulent*. Write them below.



Now think of three items that might be part of an opulent lifestyle.
Write them below.





cryptic (adj)—secret; mysterious

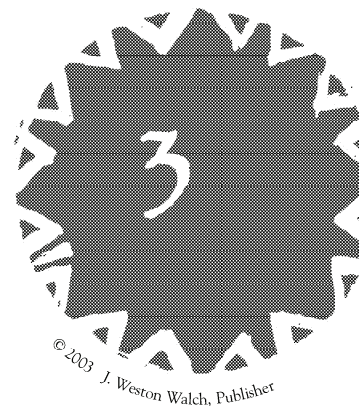
From Greek *kryptos*

The **cryptic** message was read and reread by the detective trying to find the missing child.

Unscramble the following letters to discover a synonym for *cryptic*.

L U C T O C _____

Now use *cryptic* in a sentence of your own.



fiasco (n)—a failure

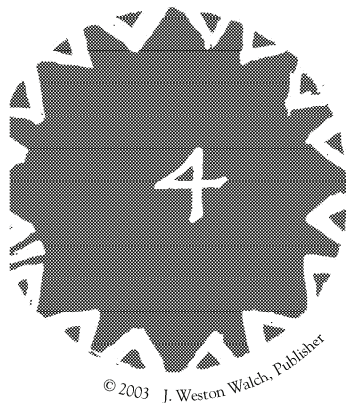
From Italian *fiasco* (a flask or bottle)

This word is associated with bottles because glassblowers, in learning to blow glass properly, made many mistakes and ended up with badly misshapen bottles.

We hoped the school play would be a great success, but it turned out to be a **fiasco**.

Write three synonyms for *fiasco*.

Now use *fiasco* in a sentence of your own.





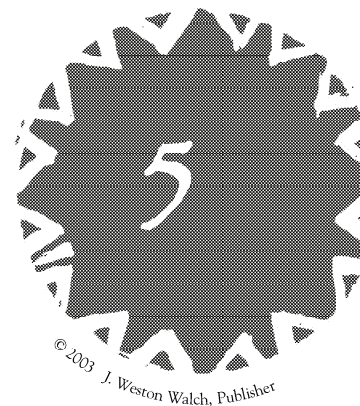
nocturnal (adj)—pertaining to the night; active at night

From Latin *nox* (night)

Owls are **nocturnal** animals.

What is the opposite of *nocturnal*? _____

Use both *nocturnal* and its opposite in one sentence.



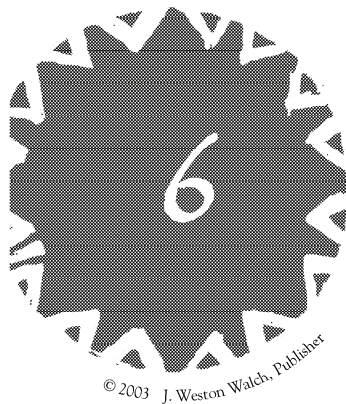
whet (vb)—to sharpen; to stimulate

From German *waz* (sharp)

My brief trip to Europe served to **whet** my appetite for more travel.

Write two examples of things that can be whetted besides your appetite.

Now use *whet* in a sentence of your own.





intrepid (adj)—fearless; bold

From Latin *in* (not) and *trepidus* (trembling; alarmed)

In spite of poor visibility, the **intrepid** explorer continued his climb up the snow-covered mountain.

Write some synonyms and antonyms for *intrepid*.

Synonyms

Antonyms

