

► Rewrite each sentence. Replace the underlined word(s) with the best Vocabulary Word.

wits wailing advice dreadful faring farewell

Dear Sonya,

1. I will not listen to your smart ideas ever again.

2. You said that I should be nicer to my horrible little brother.

3. You forgot to tell what to do to get him to stop crying.

4. I thought that I would lose my mind!

5. How are you doing with your little brother?

6. Thanks a lot and so long for now.

Yours truly,
Rachel

P.S. If your little brother is really upset, my advice is to give him your best crayons. It works.



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Make up a riddle for each Vocabulary Word. For example: I am what guests say when they are leaving. What am I?

- **Read each paragraph. Then circle the letter of the best answer to each question.**

X Billy Goat and Harry Goat lived in a very crowded house. Billy Goat filled his half of the house with For Real Kids Only games and 379 toy stuffed animals. Harry Goat collected sticks and rocks of every shape and size. The last time Harry Goat counted, he had 973 rocks in his collection.

Y Good manners are very important in a crowded movie theater. The people around you can hear you even when you whisper. In fact, they can hear you every time you tear open a candy wrapper. The person in front of you will get angry if you swing your legs and kick the back of the seat.

Z Too much weight in an elevator can cause it to break. A sign inside every public elevator tells how many people can ride safely at one time. An elevator that can hold 13 adults can carry a weight of 2,000 pounds.

- 1** What is the author's purpose in paragraph X?

A to entertain
B to inform by giving facts
C to inform by telling how to do something
D to persuade

**Tip**

Sometimes an author tells made-up facts for fun.

- 2** What is the author's purpose in paragraph Y?

F to entertain
G to inform by giving facts
H to inform by telling how to do something
J to persuade

**Tip**

Compare this paragraph to the others. How is it different?

- 3** What is the author's purpose in paragraph Z?

A to entertain
B to inform by giving facts
C to inform by telling how to do something
D to persuade

**Tip**

Ignore the choices you know are wrong.



SCHOOL-HOME CONNECTION With your child, look at a newspaper. Discuss the clues, such as the title, pictures, and first paragraph, that tell the author's purpose. Ask your child to clip three articles, each with a different purpose, and label the clippings with the author's purpose.

Skill Reminder

• Adjectives can describe by comparing

people, animals, places, or things.

- Use *-er, more, or less* with adjectives to compare two things.
- Use *-est, most, or least* with adjectives to compare more than two things.



► Read the choices of adjectives in parentheses () in each sentence. Then underline the correct one.

1. Our house is even (**more crowded, the most crowded**) than your house.
2. In fact, our house is (**more crowded, the most crowded**) one in town.
3. Our donkey is (**tallest, taller**) than our goat.
4. The chickens are (**the loudest, louder**) of all our animals.
5. I was (**less pleased, the least pleased**) when the animals came than I was when they left.



► Rewrite each sentence, using the correct form of the adjective in parentheses ().

6. The (**young**) of the eight children was in bed.

7. Our goat is (**small**) than our donkey.

8. Mother is (**unhappy**) than Father about the crowding.

9. Cameron is (**fast**) than we are.

10. Blythe had the (**wonderful**) idea of all.

Skill Reminder • **Words that end with two consonants do not change before you add an -er or -est ending.**

- If a word ends in e, drop the e and add -er or -est.
- If a word has a short vowel and ends in a single consonant, double the consonant. Then add -er or -est.

► Fold the paper along the dotted line. As each spelling word is read aloud, write it in the blank. Then unfold your paper, and check your work. Practice spelling any words you missed.

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SPELLING WORDS

1. faster
2. wisest
3. bigger
4. slowest
5. cooler
6. hottest
7. soonest
8. shorter
9. kindest
10. louder
11. slimmer
12. wildest
13. tamer
14. whitest
15. strangest

