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Unit 4.5.1 Sailing Home — Genre: Historical Fiction

Vocabulary Words:

1. bow – the forward part of a ship, boat, or aircraft
2. cargo – load of goods carried by a ship, plane, or truck
3. celestial – of the sky or outer space
4. conducted – directed; managed
5. dignified – having dignity; noble; stately
6. navigation – skill or process of finding a ship's or aircraft's position and course
7. quivered – shook; shivered; trembled
8. stern – the rear part of a ship or boat

More Words to Know:

1. nautical – of or about ships, sailors, or navigation
2. plush – luxurious; expensive; stylish
3. blasts – strong, sudden gusts of wind or air
4. tempest – a violent windstorm or a violent disturbance
5. tide – rise and fall of the ocean about every twelve hours, caused by the gravitational pull of the moon and sun

Spelling:
Multisyllabic Words

Grammar:
Adjectives and Articles

Writing Trait of the Week:
Focus/Ideas

Vocabulary Strategy:
Context Clues

Comprehension Skill:
Author's Purpose

Comprehension Strategy:
Predict

Science Standards:
Oceanography
Ecosystems
Climatology

Spelling Words:

1. reaction
2. prerecorded
3. incorrectly
4. incredibly
5. disobedient
6. disagreeable
7. refreshment
8. unbreakable
9. declaration
10. retirement
11. misdialed
12. undefined
13. unhappily
14. watchfully
15. gleefully
16. sportsmanship
17. repayment
18. questionable
19. displacement
20. midshipman
21. multicultural
22. universally
23. understatement
24. outlandish
25. inflammable

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Unit 4.5.2 Lost City — Genre: Narrative Nonfiction

Vocabulary Words:

1. curiosity – an eager desire to know or learn
2. glorious – magnificent; splendid
3. granite – a very hard gray or pink rock that is formed when lava cools slowly underground
4. ruins – what is left after a building, wall, etc., has fallen to pieces
5. terraced – formed into a flat, level land with steep sides; terraces are often made in hilly areas to create more space for farming
6. thickets – bushes or small trees growing close together
7. torrent – a violent, rushing stream of water

More Words to Know:

1. remote – out of the way; secluded
2. rugged – covered with rough edges; rough and uneven
3. ventured – dared to come or go (to a new or unknown place)
4. adobe – built with bricks made from clay baked in the sun
5. highland – related to a region that is higher and hillier than the neighboring countryside
6. terraces – flat, raised levels of land with straight or sloping sides

Spelling:
Syllable Patterns

Grammar:
Comparative and Superlative Adjectives

Writing Trait of the Week:
Word Choice

Vocabulary Strategy:
Word Structure: Greek and Latin Roots

Comprehension Skill:
Compare and Contrast

Comprehension Strategy:
Visualize

Social Studies Standards:
Ancient Civilizations

Spelling Words:

1. basic
2. vacant
3. secret
4. honor
5. local
6. novel
7. olive
8. tiger
9. spinach
10. second
11. donate
12. locust
13. beware
14. emotion
15. cabin
16. tripod
17. dragon
18. habit
19. tribute
20. lizard
21. icicles
22. lemonade
23. momentum
24. economy
25. isosceles

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Unit 4.5.3 Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride — Genre: Historical Fiction

Vocabulary Words:

1. aviator – person who flies an aircraft; pilot
2. brisk – keen; sharp
3. cockpit – place where the pilot sits in an airplane
4. daring – bold; fearless; courageous
5. elegant – having or showing good taste; gracefully and richly refined; beautifully luxurious
6. outspoken – not reserved; frank
7. solo – without a partner, teacher, etc.; alone

More Words to Know:

1. escorting – going with another to give protection, showing honor, providing companionship
2. miniatures – things represented on a small scale
3. determined – firm; resolute
4. independence – the condition of not being influenced by others; thinking or acting for yourself
5. military – of or about armed forces or war

Spelling:
Greek Word Parts

Grammar:
Adverbs

Writing Trait of the Week:
Focus/Idea

Vocabulary Strategy:
Context Clues for Unfamiliar Words

Comprehension Skill:
Sequence

Comprehension Strategy:
Story Structure

Social Studies Standards:
Biography

Spelling Words:

1. telephone
2. biography
3. telescope
4. photograph
5. microwave
6. diameter
7. barometer
8. microscope
9. headphones
10. microphone
11. autograph
12. microchip
13. telegraph
14. perimeter
15. paragraph
16. phonics
17. symphony
18. saxophone
19. periscope
20. megaphone
21. stethoscope
22. xylophone
23. cacophony
24. microorganism
25. microbe

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Unit 4.5.4 Antarctic Journal — Genre: Journal

Vocabulary Words:

1. anticipation – act of anticipating; looking forward to; expectation
2. continent – one of the seven great masses of land on Earth. The continents are North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, and Antarctica.
3. convergence – act or process of meeting at a point
4. depart – to go away; leave
5. forbidding – causing fear or dislike; looking dangerous or unpleasant
6. heaves – rises; rises and falls alternatively
7. icebergs – large masses of ice detached from glaciers and floating in the sea. About 90 percent of an iceberg's mass is below the surface of the water.

More Words to Know:

1. abundance – quantity that is much more than enough
2. exposure – condition of being without protection; condition of being uncovered
3. splendor – magnificent show; glory
4. supply – quantity ready for use; stock
5. survived – continued to exist; remained alive
6. wily – using subtle tricks to deceive; crafty; cunning; sly

Spelling:
Latin Roots

Grammar:
Comparative and Superlative Adverbs

Writing Trait of the Week:
Voice

Vocabulary Strategy:
Word Structure: Greek & Latin Roots

Comprehension Skill:
Main Idea

Comprehension Strategy:
Text Structure

Science Standards:
Earth Science
Adaptations
Geology

Spelling Words:

1. dictionary
2. abrupt
3. predict
4. import
5. locally
6. verdict
7. locate
8. portable
9. transport
10. bankrupt
11. dictate
12. location
13. erupt
14. passport
15. export
16. contradict
17. rupture
18. interrupt
19. disrupt
20. dislocate
21. vindictive
22. portfolio
23. jurisdiction
24. corruption
25. interruption

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Unit 4.5.5 Moonwalk — Genre: Science Fiction

Vocabulary Words:

1. loomed – appeared dimly or vaguely as a large, threatening shape
2. rille – a long, narrow valley on the surface of the moon
3. runt – animal, person, or plant that is smaller than the usual size. If used about a person, *runt* is sometimes considered offensive.
4. staggered – became unsteady; wavered
5. summoning – stirring to action; rousing
6. taunted – jeered at; mocked; reproached
7. trench – any ditch; deep furrow
8. trudged – walked wearily or with effort

More Words to Know:

1. conscious – aware of what you are doing; awake
2. feebly – weakly; without strength
3. rift – a split; break; crack
4. astronomers – experts in the science that deals with the sun, moon, planets, stars, and so on
5. crater – a bowl-shaped hole on the surface of Earth or the Moon
6. launch – to send into the air or into outer space
7. probes – spacecraft carrying devices to record and report information

Spelling:
related Words

Grammar:
Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases

Writing Trait of the Week:
Word Choice

Vocabulary Strategy:
Context Clues for Synonyms

Comprehension Skill:
Draw Conclusions

Comprehension Strategy:
Monitor and Fix Up

Science Standards:
Astronomy
Physics

Spelling Words:

1. please
2. pleasant
3. breath
4. breathe
5. image
6. imagine
7. product
8. production
9. heal
10. health
11. triple
12. triplet
13. relate
14. relative
15. meter
16. metric
17. compose
18. composition
19. crumb
20. crumble
21. origin
22. original
23. academy
24. academic
25. inspire
26. inspiration