

Handwriting sheet - Year 3 and 4 Common Exception Words

Dictation Activity 1

George **heard** his Grandma muttering under her **breath** in the front room. He had had **enough** of the evil **woman** and had a **surprise** in store for her. **Occasionally**, George stirred the **special** pot of super **strength medicine** that he had brewed. He couldn't have the liquid look any **different** to normal or Grandma would be sure to **notice** something **strange** was going on.

Dictation Activity 2

The Olympic Games will be a **popular** and **important** event in this year's summer **calendar**. Many athletes are currently **busy** training to try and gain their place in Olympic **history**. The **pressure** to perform at their best during the games is **extreme**. **Imagine** how it feels to **experience** walking out to **appear** in an Olympic final- your **heart** racing and you barely being able to **breathe**.

Dictation Activity 3

Although she never meant to do **naughty** things, people would always **describe** Kelly as **probably** the clumsiest girl on **Earth**. Today Kelly had just **accidentally** broken her mum's **favourite possession**: the ugly vase that stood on top of the fireplace. **Therefore**, she wasn't looking **forward** to mum coming home as Kelly was **certain** she would get the telling off of the **century**!

Dictation Activity 4

On 7th **February** each year, we celebrate the work of Charles Dickens as it is the day that the **famous** writer was born in 1812. Many people **believe** that Dickens was the finest writer of the 19th **century**. To mark the **occasion**, why not visit your local **library** and borrow one of his books. **Though** the language within them is sometimes **difficult** to understand, reading one his novels will surely help you to **learn** more about **grammar** and gain **knowledge** on complex **sentence** structures.

Dictation Activity 5

Richard Branson is **perhaps** one of the richest men in the world. His success didn't happen by **accident** - without **question** he has worked very hard to be in his **position**. Branson **actually** left school at 16 with no **particular** skills. In fact, his old head teacher, Mr Drayson, **thought** it was very **possible** that he would end up in prison! Richard made a **promise** to himself to prove Mr Drayson wrong. Which he did! **Through** **various business** ventures, he is now a happy and successful billionaire!

Dictation Activity 6

A recent study suggests that one **quarter** of the world's population still live without any electricity. **Often**, this is within the world's poorest countries or if you live on a very remote **island**. The UN are trying to **increase** the number of people who have access to power but it will take many years to **build** up the supply. Just **consider** what your **ordinary** life would be like if you didn't **possess** electricity at your home **address**. Why not conduct an **experiment** and try to live electricity-free for a day? How would you cope if your TVs, tablets and computers were to **disappear** for a whole 24 hours?

Dictation Activity 7

The Trooping of the Colour parade is held every year to honour The Queen's **actual** birthday, celebrate Her Majesty's **reign** and to help us **remember** that she is one of the most important **women** in the world. On the day of the parade, the **centre** of London is brought to a **complete** standstill when a **group** of royal **guards** **guide** the royal family through the busy streets. When they **arrive** back, a number of RAF planes perform a flyby **exercise** and pass **straight** over the skies of Buckingham Palace.

Dictation Activity 8

Early one morning, Handa set off to visit her friend with **eight** delicious pieces of **fruit** in a basket, which she carried above her head. In the **height** of the sun, Handa was tired but she knew that she must **continue**. So she walked on with **purpose** and felt thankful that she wasn't carrying heavy **potatoes**. Just then, Handa noticed something **peculiar**. With every passing **minute**, the **weight** of the basket was getting lighter and lighter. What was happening? Handa suddenly knew the **answer** when she **caught** sight of the naughty animals behind her, who were all chomping on her fruit!

Dictation Passage 9

From being very young, Joe had always had a **natural** talent for riding a **bicycle**. On his **eighth** birthday, he wasn't just given a **regular** kid's bike but a five-star stunt bike made from a lightweight **material** perfect for doing his flips and jumps. Luckily, just **opposite** his house was a skate park so he trained at **length** to become the best rider he could be. Over the years, he had many injuries, which included many cuts and bruises, five **separate** broken bones, not to **mention** the time he lost his front teeth! I **suppose** that's what can happen when you **decide** to attempt a full **circle** somersault in mid-air!