**Activity: Greek Gods and Goddesses**

**What to do:** Cut out the question and answer cards and place the cards face down by the scoreboard below. Player 1 picks up the first card and reads the point value and the question to Player 2. If Player 2 answers correctly, he/she signs the card and places the card under the matching point heading on the scoreboard. If the answer is incorrect, the card goes back into the pile for another try. You'll notice that help pronouncing the Greek names are in parenthesis after the answer. Take turns playing until the question and answer cards are gone. Then total both players’ points to see who the winner is!

### Scoreboard

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<td><strong>100 points</strong>&lt;br&gt;Question: Who was the goddess of wisdom and work? <strong>Answer:</strong> Athena (uh THEE nuh).</td>
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New fact: A homophone is a word that sounds the same as another word but has a different meaning and spelling (for example, sun/son).

Activity: Homophone Word Search

What to do: First write the homophone for each word below. Then write those words on the word search board. Fill in the rest of the blank squares with letters. Give the word search to someone at home. Can they find all the words? One is done for you.

Use these words to fill in the squares.

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<td>idle →</td>
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<td>flee →</td>
<td>poor →</td>
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Activity: Word Jumble

What to do: Unscramble the mixed up letters to make a vocabulary word and write the unscrambled word on the lines below. Not all of the vocabulary words have been used. (Hint: Some letters are already filled in to help you!)

Vocabulary words: devour, wrath, subside, agreeable, exchange, collapse, abroad, tenant, mirage, nourishment, dainty, pneumonia, gnarled, contempt, persistent

b a a d r o        a e e g r b a l e        t h a r w

1) a b _ _ _ _  2) a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _  3) _ _ _ _ h

a n n t t e      s o u r m t h n l i e n      d o u v r e

4) _ _ n _ _ _ _ _  5) _ _ _ r _ _ h _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _  6) _ e _ _ _ _ _

s l a p l e c o      e m p t c t o n      g a i r m e

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10) _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
Find the vocabulary words in the word search. Words can go horizontally, vertically, and diagonally in all eight directions.

ADORN
CRIMSON
DETAIN
EMERGE
EXCESSIVE
FRIVOLOUS
GARRET
ILLUMINATED
INHERIT
MELANCHOLY
PLUMES
SUBSCRIBE
THRESHOLD
TRIUMPHANT
WILT
WILT
Similes

What to do: Use what you know about similes to fill in the sentences below. When you're done, share them with someone at home!

*Remember, similes compare two things using the words like or as. For example, if you wanted another way to say you are very busy, you could say “I’m busy as a bee!” Similes and other types of figurative language help to make your writing more interesting.

1. His beard was like ________________________.
2. Her eyes were as blue as ____________________.
3. The city was busy like ______________________.
4. The man ran like __________________________.
5. The ice was as ___________ ______ as ___________________.
6. My feet were as heavy as ____________________.
7. I was as hungry as _________________________.
8. The mesa was like _______________________
9. His hair was as curly as _________________.
10. Write one of your own:

________________________ ___________________________________
________________________ ___________________________________
Each of the statements below is a definition for one of the 15 vocabulary words in Home Letter 6. Circle the vocabulary word in the word search that matches the definition. Words can go horizontally, vertically, and diagonally in all eight directions.

1. Extreme pain or sorrow
2. A hook that holds objects together
3. A tuft of feathers on top of a bird’s nest
4. Something that pulls your attention away
5. To erase something
6. Brave and noble
7. Really embarrassing
8. An easily recognized feature of a landscape
9. Move skillfully
10. A light umbrella used for shade
11. Relates to something
12. Take something out of hiding and show it or tell it
13. Three
14. No doubt about it
15. Has never happened before
**New fact:** Idioms are sayings that use colorful language and give us another way to say something.

**Activity:** Using Idioms and their Meanings

**What to do:** For each idiom below, use the lines to write a 2–3 sentence paragraph using the idiom and its meaning. When you’re done, share your sentences with someone at home. The first one is done for you!

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<td>1. Give somebody the slip.</td>
<td>Escape or hide from that person.</td>
<td>Thelma wanted to get away from her little brother. She tried to <strong>give him the slip</strong> by hiding from him in the closet.</td>
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<td>2. Horse around.</td>
<td>Aimlessly playing around.</td>
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<td>3. Cat got your tongue?</td>
<td>Keeping quiet.</td>
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<td>4. Smell a rat.</td>
<td>Convinced that something very wrong is happening.</td>
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<td>5. Pull someone's leg.</td>
<td>Try to fool someone with a ridiculous story.</td>
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- POISED
- FORGE AHEAD
- VENGEANCE
- SHOW PROMISE
- RECEPTION
- DESPISE
- UNHEEDED
- SCORNFUL
- WRETIE
- PLANTATION
- RUTS
- FIT
- LICKING
- SNICKER

m s u m t i  c p t e r i n o e  p s d i e s e

1) s_____ 2) _e_______ 3) _______e

k s n c i e r  l p a a t n t i n o  d o i s p e

4) _i____ 5) _a____t___ 6) ___s___

s r f n l u c o  e u h n e d e d  h t i r w e

7) ____r____ 8) _______e_ 9) ___i___

g i k i l c n

10) _______
Review facts: A dictionary gives facts about words, an atlas gives facts about places, and an encyclopedia gives facts about plants, animals, history, and many other topics!

Activity: Reference Review

What to do: Select the best reference book for the following questions. Write dictionary, atlas, or encyclopedia on the line below.

1. How many states border Missouri?

2. How is perplexed spelled?

3. What are William Shakespeare’s most famous poems?

4. What does dispute mean?

5. What is the capital of New Mexico?

6. Where does poison ivy grow?

7. How many people live in Africa?

8. How do you pronounce the word dominion?
**Activity:** Vocabulary Word Hunt

**What to do:** Use the log below to collect evidence of hearing, seeing, or using your vocabulary words outside of school. Write down the vocabulary word, where you heard it, saw it, or how you used it in a sentence. Use the following vocabulary words for your hunt: perplexed, vicious, tranquil, fragment, contemplate, lapse, logic, ailment, wistful, lull, critical, scuffle, blunder, pathetic, and oath.

**Don't stop there!** If you hear, see, or use other vocabulary words write them down too!

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AMID
ANATOMY
ANTIC
ATMOSPHERE
CRESTFALLEN
ETERNITY
GHASTLY
HAGGARD
INDIFFERENT
INTERFERE
ISOLATED
THRONG
TRIFLE
UTTERLY
VILLAIN

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Activity: Venn Diagram

What to do: Think about two fictional characters you’ve read about (for example, Persephone, Sara Crewe, Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn, and so on). Use the Venn Diagram below to explore how the characters are the same and how they are different. First write the names of the characters on the lines above the diagram. Next write how each character is different under the boxes labeled “Different.” Last write how the characters are the same under the box labeled “Same.” Share your findings when you’re finished!

Comparing and Contrasting Fictional Characters

[Diagram with overlapping circles labeled “Different” and “Same”]