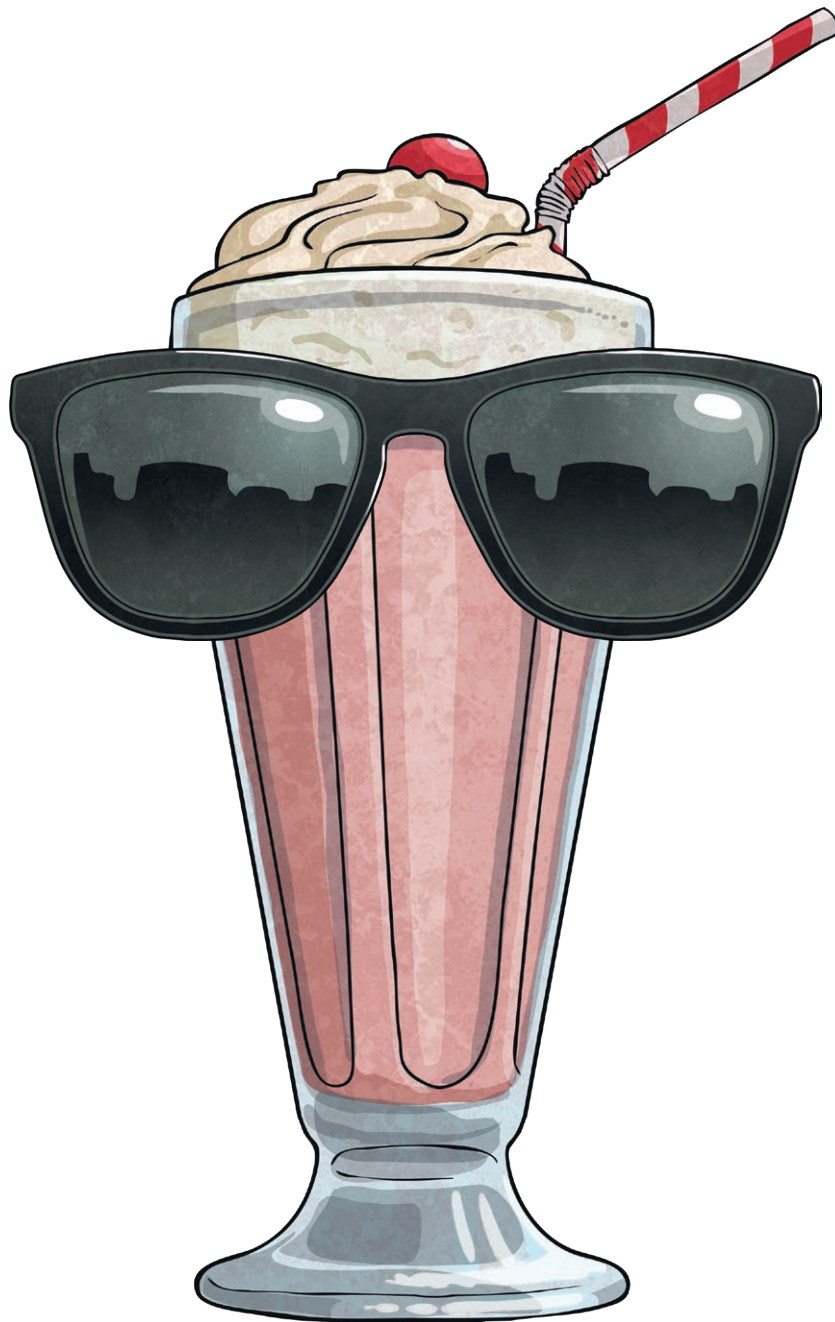


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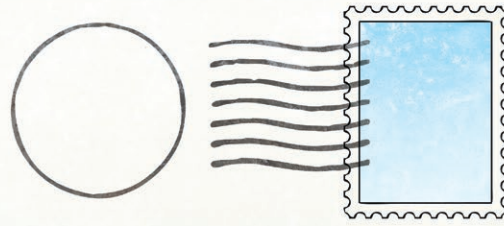


Postcards from Around the World

Hello class,

Well what can I say about Egypt? It is extremely hot and sunny here in Cairo. Yesterday I sailed down the Nile on an old fashioned Rivership and even saw huge Nile crocodiles relaxing on the riverbank - as you can imagine, we weren't able to swim despite the heat! Today I went on a camel ride and saw the pyramids and the sphinx. The sphinx looks like a big cat or a lion but it has a human face! Tomorrow I'm going to the Egyptian Museum - I might see some statues of the Pharaohs if I'm lucky.

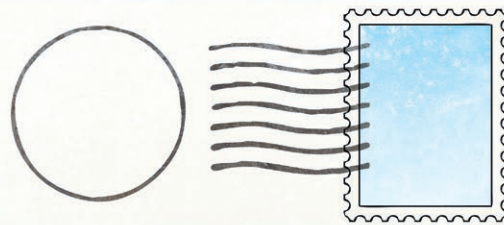
Love from Summer



Hello class,

France is such an interesting place to visit. I'm staying in the capital city (Paris). Yesterday I went up to the top of the Eiffel Tower - it was very tall so took a long time to climb but the views were stunning. Then I went to the Louvre and saw lots of legendary paintings including the Mona Lisa (which looked a bit like my mum!). I can't wait until tomorrow because I'm going to Disneyland Paris - I wonder which characters I'll see.

Love from Summer



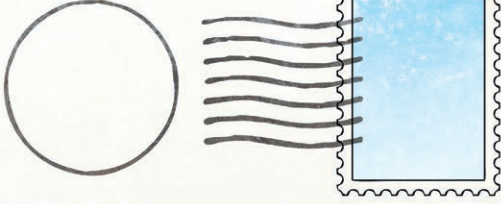


Hello class,

I'm having a great time here in Scotland! I've been doing lots of travelling around and have even been to Loch Ness to look for the Loch Ness monster - I thought I saw it but my mum said it was just a log floating in the water! Now I'm staying in the capital city (Edinburgh) and tomorrow I'm going to look around Edinburgh Castle - I might even hear them firing the cannons if I'm lucky!

Wish you were here,

Love from Summer



1. Who is writing the postcards? _____

2. Circle all of the cities that she has been to visit?

Paris London Madrid Edinburgh Cairo

3. Why was she not allowed to swim in the Nile? _____

4. Find and copy the phrase that tells you she was excited about Disneyland. _____

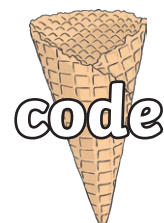
5. ...and saw lots of legendary paintings...

Tick the word closest in meaning to 'legendary'.

beautiful famous unknown exquisite

Ice-Cream Match-Up!

Can you draw lines to match each prefix to the correct root word to make each ice cream into a verb? Each prefix belongs to two different root words.



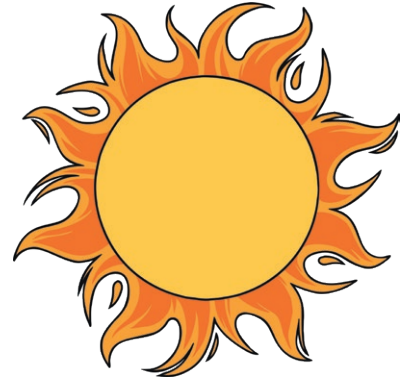
Could you use some of the words in summer themed sentences?

Summer Sun

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Robert Louis Stevenson

(from *A Child's Garden of Verses*, 1885)



Great is the sun, and wide he goes
Through empty heaven with repose;
And in the blue and glowing days
More thick than rain he showers his rays.

Though closer still the blinds we pull
To keep the shady parlour cool,
Yet he will find a chink or two
To slip his golden fingers through.

The dusty attic spider-clad
He, through the keyhole, maketh glad;
And through the broken edge of tiles
Into the laddered hay-loft smiles.

Meantime his golden face around
He bares to all the garden ground,
And sheds a warm and glittering look
Among the ivy's inmost nook.

Above the hills, along the blue,
Round the bright air with footing true,
To please the child, to paint the rose,
The gardener of the World, he goes.



1. Who is the 'he' in this poem? _____

2. What does 'slip his golden fingers through' mean? _____

3. Find and copy a phrase that shows that the sun is comforting. _____

4. 'Among the ivy's inmost nook'
Tick the word that is closest in meaning to 'nook'?

wall

barrier

crevice

enclosure

Summer Sentence Scramble

Use your super sentence writing skills to create sentences with a relative clause. Read the main clause, add an appropriate relative pronoun from the list below and then add your own relative clause. The first one is done for you as an example.

Relative pronouns - who, which, where, when, whose, that

1. We often visit the seaside **when the sun shines**.
2. The girl jumped into the pool, _____

3. We went on a long plane journey _____

4. The boy sprayed his friend with the water pistol, _____



This time, read the main clause. Then re-write the sentence, adding an appropriate relative pronoun and embedded relative clause in the middle of each sentence. Don't forget your commas if you need them! The first one is done for you as an example.

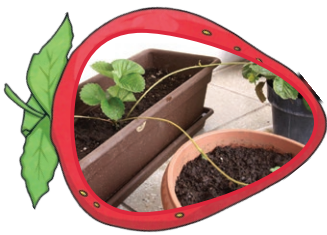
1. We went to the beach, **which was on the east coast**, to go surfing.
2. The ice-cream melted quickly. _____

3. Our dog dug a deep hole in the sand. _____

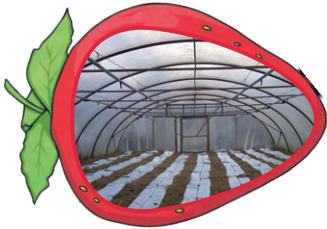
4. My dad paddled the dinghy out to sea. _____

Strawberries

This succulent, fragrant fruit is as beautiful as it is flavourful. Traditionally the strawberry season is quite short with a six-week season from early May until late August. The use of polytunnels and glass houses has extended the strawberry season. Although strawberries will be in plentiful supply throughout May the season will reach its peak in June and July. If good weather continues from July you can expect to see British strawberries until the end of September.



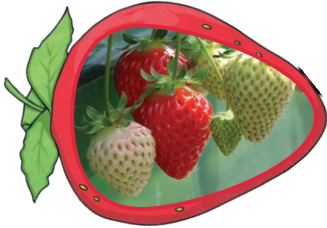
Strawberries grown on farms in the UK grow on runners from a parent plant. It's quicker than growing from a seed. It takes five to six months for the baby strawberry plants to grow roots of their own and be ready to go to their own polytunnel.



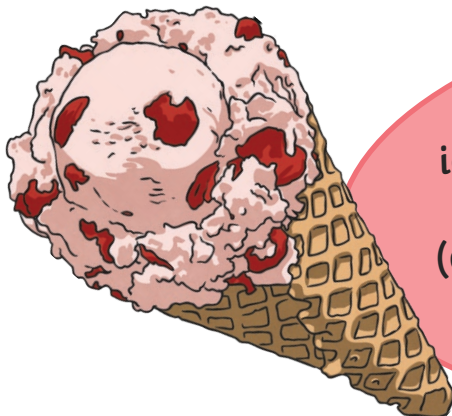
Polytunnels are like big plastic greenhouses in the shape of a tube. Giant glass houses are also used. They let in lots of light but they keep the strawberries protected from the weather and help stop pests and diseases. Once the strawberries are planted they need to be watered every day. A special method called irrigation is used to water the soil using special pipes.



The following year the strawberry plants are mature enough to start to flower. Each flower can become a strawberry, but it needs to be pollinated by an insect. The insect pollinates the flower by crawling on it to get the nectar. At the same time it rubs the yellow pollen on to the inside parts of the flower. This is what makes the fruit start to grow.

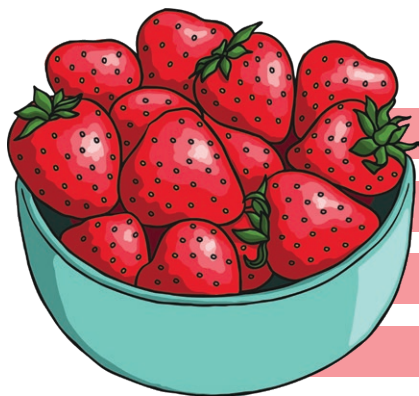


Thirty days after being pollinated, the baby strawberries start to form. To start with they are small and green. As time passes and they get more water and sunshine the fruits begin to grow and turn red. The polytunnel stops the birds from eating the young fruits.



Strawberry ice-cream is the third most favourite ice-cream in the world at 5% (after vanilla 29% and chocolate 9%)
(Info from <http://www.derinice.com>)

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Strawberries are the best!

- Many children say that strawberries are their favourite fruit.
- Strawberries are a great source of vitamin C.
- Strawberries are low in calories.
- There is a museum in Belgium dedicated only to strawberries!

Is strawberry the favourite flavour of ice-cream in the world?

yes

no

Explain how you know. _____

1. Find and copy two reasons why strawberries are good for you.

1. _____

2. _____

2. 'The following year the strawberry plants are mature enough to start to flower.'

Circle the word closest in meaning to 'mature' in this sentence.

large

old

young

ripe

Why are all strawberries picked by hand rather than with machinery? _____

The Water Fight



Use this picture as inspiration to carefully think and write a short paragraph about the water fight.

Sentence 1: Include a relative clause.

Sentence 2: Use brackets to indicate parenthesis.

Sentence 3: Include a modal verb.

Sentence 4: Ensure cohesion in your paragraph with the inclusion of an adverb of time.

Sentence 5: Include an adverb of possibility.

Summer Spelling Challenge

Ask a helper to cut off the sentences on the bottom of this sheet and then read them out to you one by one. Can you spell the words that fill the gaps in these sentences?

1. The chocolate chip ice-cream was _____.
2. I was excited to be going on a _____ trip.
3. We're _____ going to visit the water park this summer.
4. We went on a camel trek across the _____ in Egypt.
5. I am sure that the sun will _____ up tomorrow.
6. There will be a _____ if we don't get some rain soon.
7. The view from our hotel was _____.
8. I was very _____ of the shade that was cast by the beach umbrella.
9. I can't wait for our holiday to visit a _____ island!
10. The _____ at the ice cream van was so long.



Read each sentence out twice:

1. The chocolate chip ice-cream was **delicious**.
2. I was excited to be going on a **yacht** trip.
3. We're **definitely** going to visit the water park this summer.
4. We went on a camel trek across the **desert** in Egypt.
5. I am sure that the sun will **brighten** up tomorrow.
6. There will be a **drought** if we don't get some rain soon.
7. The view from our hotel was **beautiful**.
8. I was very **appreciative** of the shade that was cast by the beach umbrella.
9. I can't wait for our holiday to visit a **tropical** island!
10. The **queue** at the ice cream van was so long.