

Dear Teacher,

Here's the gig: This is like two weeks of grammar lessons. Basically, I want my kids to learn certain vocabulary words, some science words and concepts, and how to use capital letters and quotations. This is the routine that I use:

Monday: Write the sentence on the board and have kids identify the parts of speech. We use [these magnets](#) and kids put the "proper noun" magnet above the proper noun. Hand each kid magnet and give them team points when they get it right.

Tuesday: Students are now in partners and one kid has a copy of the sentence and the other has the [dictation paper](#). First, one kid reads it while the other kid tries to write it, with help from the first. They coach each other to make sure all the commas, periods and spellings are correct. Then, they switch roles!

Wednesday: We do the cursive page.

Thursday: We do the parts of speech page. For the parts of speech page, I generally follow this format: (1) Read the passage together. (2) Uncap your highlighter (3) Highlight all of one type. (4) re-read the entire piece, looking for verbs or adjectives or whatever the directions call for. You can repeat for nouns, adjectives, if you like..

Friday: We have [a test](#) on the sentence. I read it and the kids write it, just like Tuesday's activity.

WEEK ONE

Directions for the teacher: Cut each sentence box out. There should be one copy for every partner set. I have thirty kids, so I make 15 copies. The other partner has a blank sheet of paper.

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The second partner writing is _____

Cursive Practice

These cursive combinations are going to be tricky!

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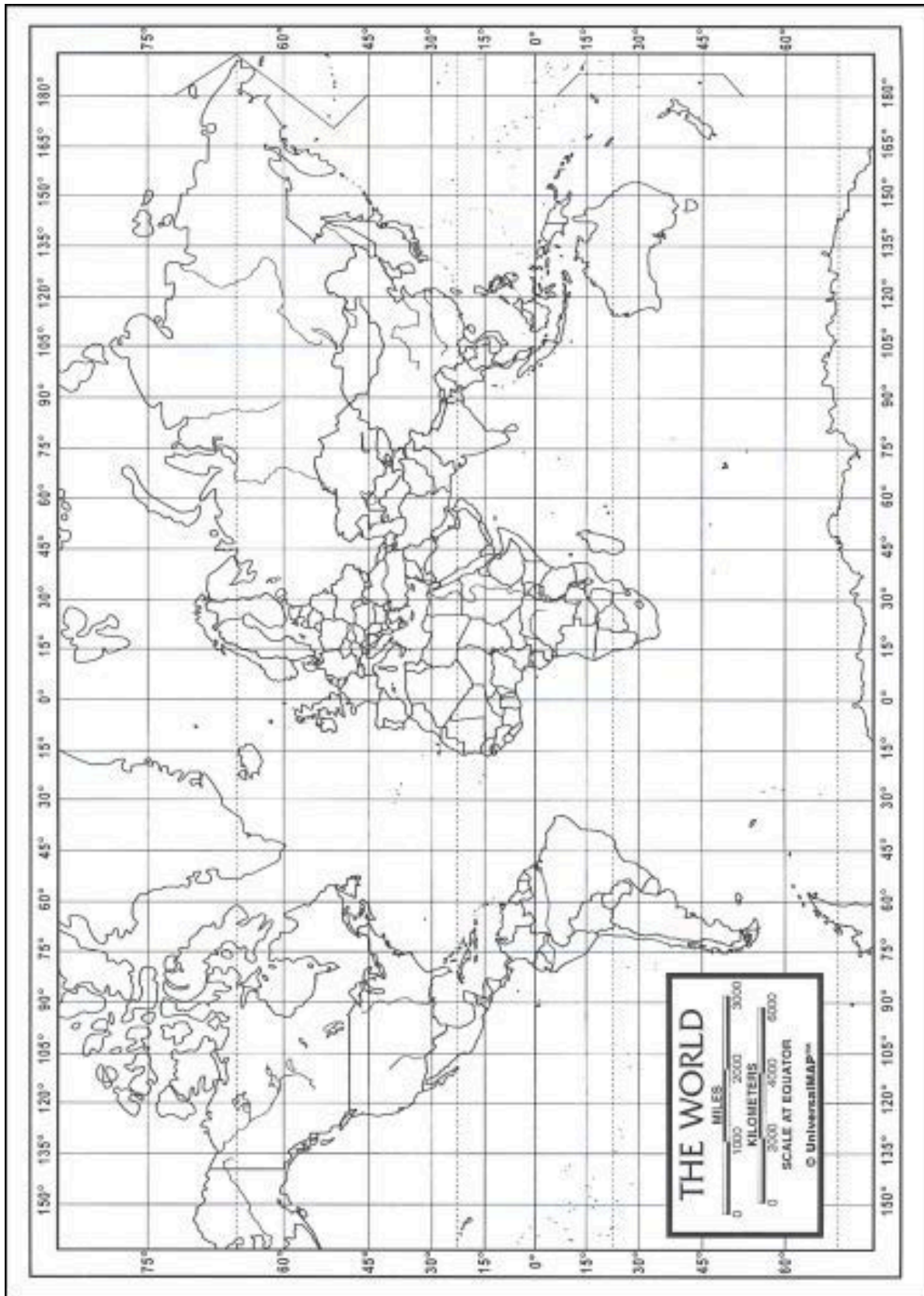
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Dictation Test

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WEEK TWO

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Parts of Speech

Name: _____

Directions: An adverb describes a verb and often ends in -ly. Circle all three adverbs. Then, put a box around each adjective. There are at least four adjectives.

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You know that "fourteen" is an adjective?

Numbers words are adjectives when used to describe the adjective.

Editing

Name: _____

Directions: There are nine mistakes on the page. One mistake is in the directions. The other eight are in the paragraph below.

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