



# Xinmin Private Elementary School

Grade 6, Week 14– The Skunk Ladder, 2024

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## Part A: Spelling – Spell the words that you hear.

1) \_\_\_\_\_

6) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

7) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

8) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

9) \_\_\_\_\_

5) \_\_\_\_\_

10) \_\_\_\_\_

## Part B: Definition matching – Match the words to their definitions.

- |                   |       |                                                                                   |
|-------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Purely         | _____ | A strong feeling of excitement or interest.                                       |
| 2. I bet          | _____ | Giving a happy or satisfying feeling.                                             |
| 3. Engineering    | _____ | Only; nothing else.                                                               |
| 4. Pleasing       | _____ | The work of designing and building machines, roads, or buildings using science.   |
| 5. Enthusiasm     | _____ | To focus your attention on something.                                             |
| 6. Stump          | _____ | The part of something (like a tree, tooth, or leg) left after most of it is gone. |
| 7. Fairly         | _____ | To pull something slowly, usually on the ground.                                  |
| 8. Drag           | _____ | In a way that is related to beauty or art.                                        |
| 9. Concentrate    | _____ | Only; nothing else.                                                               |
| 10. Aesthetically | _____ | In a way that is not too much or too little.                                      |

**Part C: Fill-in-the-blanks – Fill-in-the-blanks with the correct word.**

|               |               |                    |                    |                      |
|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| <u>purely</u> | <u>I bet</u>  | <u>engineering</u> | <u>pleasing</u>    | <u>enthusiasm</u>    |
| <u>stump</u>  | <u>fairly</u> | <u>drag</u>        | <u>concentrate</u> | <u>aesthetically</u> |

1. She was so excited about the project that her \_\_\_\_\_ was contagious to everyone around her.
2. After the tree was cut down, only the \_\_\_\_\_ remained in the ground.
3. The dog had to \_\_\_\_\_ the heavy log across the yard to the pile of firewood.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ the team will win the championship this year; their performance has been amazing.
5. The design was \_\_\_\_\_ simple, with clean lines and no unnecessary decoration.
6. The scientist used \_\_\_\_\_ methods to design the new bridge.
7. The chef made the dish \_\_\_\_\_ spicy, just enough to enjoy the flavor without overwhelming the taste buds.
8. The artist arranged the colors \_\_\_\_\_ to create a visually pleasing painting.
9. The museum's new exhibit was \_\_\_\_\_ a masterpiece, attracting many visitors.
10. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ on his work despite the distractions around him.

**Part D: Choose the correct prefix.**

|             |           |            |            |            |
|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| fascination | tuxedo    | meteorite  | curiosity  | vehicle    |
| mosaic      | miniature | centennial | literature | substitute |

1. car \_\_\_\_\_
2. tiny \_\_\_\_\_
3. replacement \_\_\_\_\_
4. books and writing \_\_\_\_\_
5. pattern \_\_\_\_\_
6. formal suit \_\_\_\_\_
7. space rock \_\_\_\_\_
8. great interest \_\_\_\_\_
9. 100th anniversary \_\_\_\_\_
10. desire to know \_\_\_\_\_

**Part E: Story Comprehension – Circle the best answer.**

**Read:** Both of us stood there silently for a moment, thinking of Mr. Muldoon staring down into the hole at one of his milk cows. It was unpleasant to think about. "Tomorrow we'd better fill the hole back in," Eddie said. "How about tonight? Maybe a cow will fall in tonight." Eddie pondered this possibility for a moment. "I got it," he said. "There's a big ol' door out behind the barn. We'll drag that down here and put it over the hole."

**1. What were Eddie and the narrator thinking about?**

- A) Mr. Muldoon getting angry.
- B) A cow falling into the hole.
- C) The possibility of a storm.
- D) A door behind the barn.

**2. What was Eddie's idea for the next day?**

- A) Fill the hole back in.
- B) Get more cows.
- C) Build a new barn.
- D) Wait until it was safer.

**Read:** A cloud of dust puffed up out of the hole when Mr. Muldoon hit the bottom. Next there were a lot of earthy scrabbling sounds, and Mr. Muldoon came clawing his way up the side of the hole, but the dirt gave way and he fell back in, saying something like "Ooofff!" It is important, perhaps, to realize that all the activity so far had taken place in a span of no more than four seconds. Eddie had meanwhile charged forward, yelling, "Pa, Pa, don't hurt him!"

**1. What happened when Mr. Muldoon hit the bottom of the hole?**

- A) He climbed out of the hole.
- B) A cloud of dust puffed up.
- C) He yelled loudly.
- D) He fell deeper into the hole.

**2. How long did all the activity in the passage take?**

- A) One minute
- B) Four seconds
- C) Ten seconds
- D) Thirty seconds

**3. What did Eddie yell?**

- A) "Get out of the hole!"
- B) "Pa, Pa, don't hurt him!"
- C) "Help him, Pa!"
- D) "Don't fall in!"