

Use Words in Context

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Directions Bianca is writing a report about a long race called a marathon. Help her rewrite her sentences. Cross out the words in boldface. Replace them with the right vocabulary word. Write the word on the blank.

1. Long races **hold the attention of** fans for hours. _____
2. Many fans **like much better** to watch these races in person than to watch them on television. _____
3. Hundreds of racers **go against one another** for the glory of winning the marathon.

4. A racer must **keep up** a comfortable speed in order not to get too tired.

5. Racers should be careful not to **get too tired** themselves. _____
6. A racer cannot **fail to take care of** a problem when he or she is racing.

7. They must wear the right running shoes to **take away the problems of** their tired feet.

8. If racers run with a hurt leg or foot, they **risk danger to** themselves.

9. The best racers **move ahead** toward the finish line. _____
10. One racer may **grab or take hold of** the opportunity to pull ahead of the others and win.



Write a Tall Tale Make up a tall tale about a race or competition. Your race doesn't have to be between two people. It could be about two animals or even two things, for instance. Try to make your tale as exaggerated and outlandish as you can. Use at least five vocabulary words and two new verbs in your tale.

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Directions Some verbs show physical activity. Others show mental activity, or actions that go on entirely in your mind. Think about each vocabulary word. Sort the words into these two categories: “Physical Activities” and “Mental Activities.” Some words may fit in both categories if the action is physical but is also something that can go on in your head. List those words under “Both.”

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

MENTAL ACTIVITIES

8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

BOTH

11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____



Illustrate Words Look at your list of words under Physical Activities. Choose five of them. For each, write the word and its definition on one side of a piece of paper. Find a photograph in a magazine or newspaper or draw a picture to illustrate each word. Put the illustration on the reverse side.