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Language Arts WWW Study Guide: 1st Quarter

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Section 1: Past-Tense Verbs & Memory Root

Past-tense verbs tell about actions that already happened in the past.

Word List: said, flung, rode, struck, swung, swore, sprang, clung, wanted, **went, was, were**, yesterday, remember, memories



Grammar Rule: Irregular past-tense verbs do not end in **-ed**. Their spelling changes completely!

Present Tense	Irregular Past Tense
swing	swung
cling	clung
spring	sprang
fling	flung
go	went
be → is / are	was / were



Root Word Anchor: The root **mem-** means **mind** or what happens in the brain (e.g., *remember, memories*).

1. Circle the correct verb: Yesterday, the small monkey (**clung** / **clinged**) tightly to its mother.
2. Complete the rule: The root **mem-** refers to things that happen in the _____.

Section 2: Homophones

Homophones sound identical when spoken, but they have different spellings and different meanings.

Homophone Pair	Meaning 1	Meaning 2
there / their / they're	there: a location or place	their: belongs to them they're: short for <i>they are</i>
through / threw	through: passing inside something	threw: past tense of throw
wear / where	wear: to put on clothes	where: asking about a place
weather / whether	weather: sun, rain, temperature	whether: choosing between options
flour / flower	flour: powder used for baking	flower: a blooming plant
one / won	one: the number 1	won: finished in 1st place
peace / piece	peace: calm, quiet, no conflict	piece: a slice or part of a whole

3. Choose the correct words: (**They're** / **Their**) packing _____ bags to head over (**there** / **their**).

4. Choose the correct word: May I please have one (**peace** / **piece**) of cake?

Section 3: Contractions, Sight Words & Affixes (Fused 1.4 + 1.5)

1.4 & 1.5 Core Contractions, Target Words & Morphology

A **contraction** joins two words using an apostrophe (') to replace missing letters.

A **prefix** goes at the beginning of a base word to change its meaning. A **suffix** goes at the end of a base word.

Core Contractions: don't, doesn't, isn't, wasn't, weren't, haven't, hasn't, hadn't

Target Vocabulary: actor, inventor, illegal, overpower, prehistoric, nonliving, biologist

Prefix and Suffix Quick Reference:

Word Part	What It Means	Example
il-	not	illegal = not legal
over-	too much or above	overpower = power above another
pre-	before	prehistoric = before recorded history

non-	not or without	nonliving = not alive
bio-	life	biologist = a person who studies life
-or	a person who does an action	actor, inventor
-ist	a person who studies or specializes	biologist

1. Write the two words that form the contraction *wasn't*: _____ + _____
2. Add the correct suffix: A person who invents new tools is an invent_____.
3. If an event is *prehistoric*, it took place _____ history was recorded.

Section 4: Question Words, Relative Pronouns & Affixes 1.6 Question Words, Relative Pronouns & Word Parts

Relative pronouns (*who, whose, which*) help connect a clause to a noun to add detail.

Word List: what, who, where, when, how, with, whose, which, antisocial, impossible, conversation, why, because, unhappy, misunderstood

Additional Word Parts to Know: **anti-** → against / not (*antisocial* = not wanting to socialize); **im-** → not (*impossible* = not possible); **-tion** → act of / state of (*conversation* = the act of talking together).

Extra word part: **un-** means **not** or the opposite of something. For example, *unhappy* means **not happy**.

4. Choose the correct relative pronoun: The pencil (**who** / **whose** / **which**) is on the desk belongs to Miss Hammock.
1. Circle the correct pronoun: The teacher (**who** / **which**) helped us with science was very kind.
2. What does the prefix **im-** mean in the word *impossible*? _____
3. If someone is feeling *unhappy*, the prefix **un-** means _____.

Section 5: Context Clues Strategy & Practice

Context clues are words around an unfamiliar word that help you figure out its meaning. Look for definitions, synonyms, examples, or other helpful details.

1. Read the sentence: "The dinosaur fossil was *prehistoric*, meaning it existed thousands of years before written history was recorded." Underline the context clue phrase. What does *prehistoric* mean?

2. Read the sentence: "Because he was *misunderstood*, Leo felt like nobody truly listened to or understood his ideas."

What context clue helps explain *misunderstood*?

Section 6: Cumulative Review & Exam Practice

Read the passage and complete the questions.



Yesterday, Maya sprang out of bed early. She was excited because her class was visiting the natural history museum with Mr. Rivera, who is their science teacher. At the museum, they saw prehistoric dinosaur bones from ancient times. Maya bought one souvenir notebook to write down her memories of the trip.

1. Circle the correct past-tense verb: Maya (**sprang** / **springed**) out of bed.
2. Circle the correct relative pronoun: Mr. Rivera, (**who** / **which**) is their science teacher.
3. Circle the correct adjective: They saw (**prehistoric** / **nonliving**) dinosaur bones. What prefix does it contain? Prefix:

4. Circle the correct homophone: Maya bought (**one** / **won**) souvenir notebook.
5. Circle the correct noun: She wrote down her (**memories** / **remember**) of the trip. What root does it contain? Root:

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Answers

1. clung

2. mind (or brain)

3. They're, their, there (Full sentence: *They're packing their bags to head over there.*)

4. piece

Section 3, 1. was + not

Section 3, 2. -or: inventor

Section 3, 3. before

Section 4, 1. who

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Section 5, 1. Prehistoric means existing before written history was recorded.

Section 5, 2. The clue is that nobody truly listened to or understood Leo's ideas.

Section 6, 1. sprang

Section 6, 2. who

Section 6, 3. prehistoric; prefix: pre-

Section 6, 4. one

Section 6, 5. memories; root: mem-