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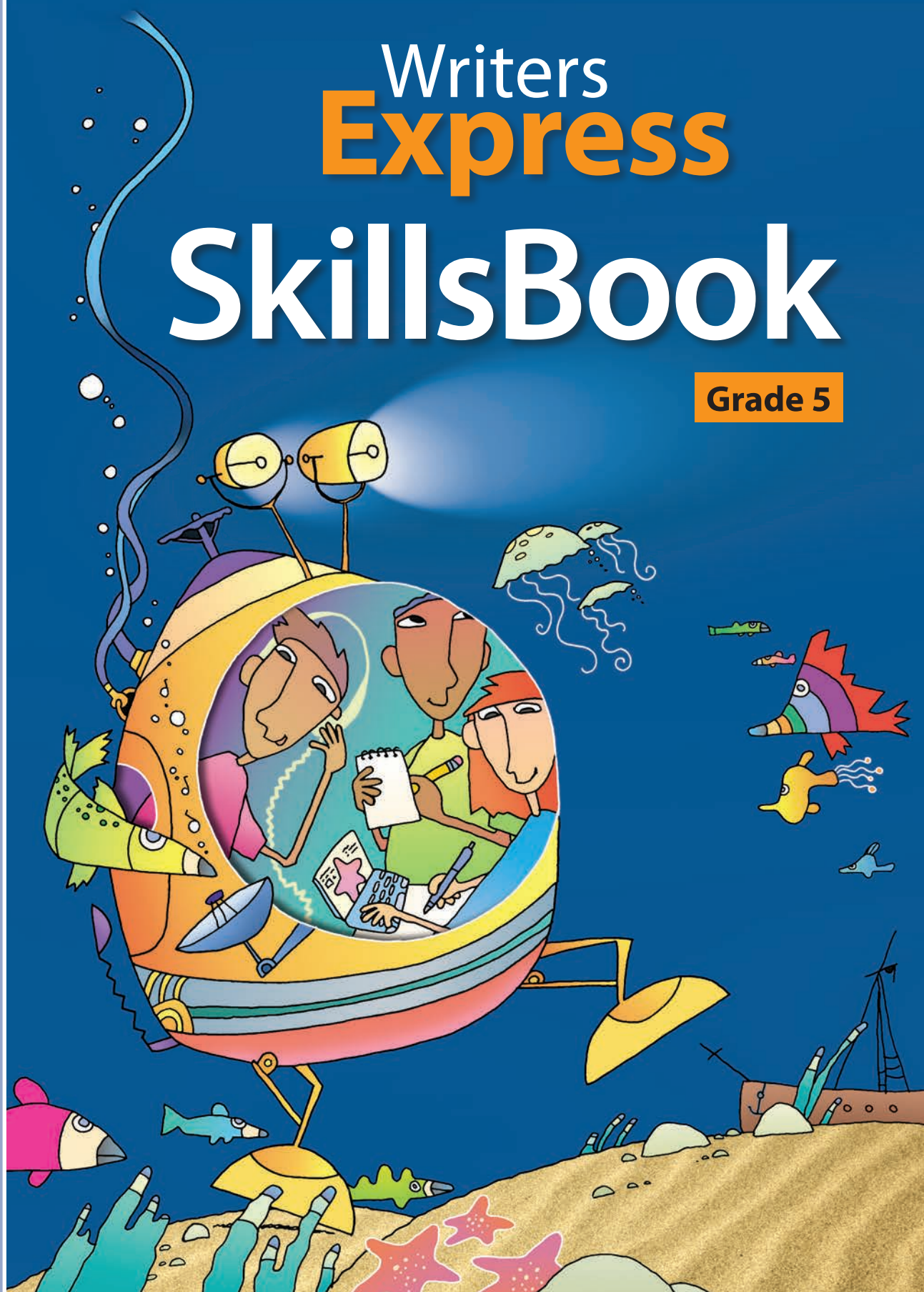


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Examples

When was that?

That was back in 1620!

Put the correct end punctuation—a period, a question mark, or an exclamation point—in the sentences below. Capitalize the first letter of each sentence. The first sentence has been done for you.

Have you ever wondered who the very first Americans were? scientists say they came from Asia thousands of years ago at that time, land connected Asia to the part of North America that is now Alaska imagine that people followed herds of animals across the “land bridge” between Asia and America these people needed to use the animals for food and clothing it was much too cold to grow crops the first Americans slowly moved farther and farther south after thousands of years, their ancestors reached the tip of South America wow that’s a lot of walking

The Next Step Write a paragraph describing your coldest experience. In at least two places, try to use a word, a phrase, or a sentence that would require an exclamation point.

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Using the Right Word 1

Your handbook lists many of the words that are commonly misused in writing. Use that section, pages 456–465, to help you complete this activity.

Example

accept or except

I'd accept the award, except I won't be there.



Directions

Carefully read the following story. If an underlined word is incorrect, cross it out and write the correct word above it. If the underlined word is correct, leave it alone. (Work on this activity with a partner if your teacher allows it.) The first sentence has been done for you.

- 1 In 1849, the Riker family left there home in the East to start a ^{new} ~~knew~~
- 2 life in Oregon. Most pioneers ~~traveled~~ with other families because their
- 3 was safety in numbers. But Janette Riker, her too brothers, and their father
- 4 choose to ~~make the~~ trip alone.
- 5 ~~One~~ day, when they were in Montana, the men went hunting. They
- 6 ~~never came~~ back. Janette was left alone in the wilderness. She new she
- 7 would dye if she tried to cross the Rocky Mountains by herself.
- 8 Since cold whether was coming, Janette built a hut and chopped wood
- 9 four making fires. She even killed an ox so she would have some meet.

Directions

Below are some more “not quite right” things that different people have said. Again, circle all the words used as nouns.

1. “That guy’s out to butter his own nest.” (2)
2. “You are out of your rocker.” (1)
3. “I’d like to have been an eardropper on the wall.” (2)
4. “It’s time to swallow the bullet.” (2)
5. “We both had haircuts, which made our ears stick out like sore thumbs.” (3)
6. “I’m sticking my neck out on a limb.” (2)
7. “That’s a horse of a different feather.” (2)
8. “You buttered your bread, now lie in it!” (1)



The Next Step Can you figure out what these people meant to say? Choose three of the sentences above. Then rewrite them so that they are correct. Circle the nouns in your sentences.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



The Next Step Write three sentences, each using one concrete noun and one abstract noun. An example has been done for you. (You may—but don't have to—use the nouns on the previous page.)

1. The boy asked a question.

2.

3.

4.

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Subordinating Conjunctions

Use a **subordinating conjunction** to connect two clauses to make a complex sentence. (See *Writers Express* pages 469 and 489.)

Example

We didn't have time to go fishing *although* we had poles and bait.



Directions

Choose subordinating conjunctions from the following list and write them on the lines to complete the story.

after, although, as, because, before, if, in order that,
since, so, that, though, unless, until, when, where, while

- 1 We were in art class _____ our principal reminded
2 us that the dress rehearsal for the concert would begin at 6:00 p.m. sharp!
3 _____ Matt missed the rehearsal and arrived just before
4 the concert, the choir director told Matt _____ he
5 would have to miss out on the party. _____ the concert
6 was over, Matt disappeared. We spotted him using the office phone.
7 Later, we were surprised to see that Matt was allowed to be at the party
8 _____ we heard his reason for being late. His new brother
9 had just been born! _____ Matt knew he had a new
10 brother, he wasn't sure what the baby had been named.