

DAN CROW  
"WORD PLAY"  
Student Activities

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## I. VOCABULARY

Below are some words related to the program and their definitions. Study them carefully and write a complete sentence for each of them in the lines provided.

**NOUN** - A word that is the name of something (as a person, place, or thing) that can be talked about.

**PALINDROME** - A word, phrase, verse, or sentence which reads the same backward or forward, as *A man, a plan, a canal, Panama!*

**HOMONYM** - One of two or more words spelled and pronounced alike but different in meaning (red, read).

**ETYMOLOGY** - The history of a word shown by tracing it or its parts back to the earliest known forms and meanings both in its own language and any other language from which it may have been taken.

**ALLITERATION** - The repetition of a sound at the beginning of two or more neighboring words (as in "wild and woolly" or "babbling brook").

**METAPHOR** - A figure of speech in which a word denoting one object is used in place of another to suggest a likeness between them.

**MYTHOLOGY** - A collection of legendary stories that describe a supernatural being or event or explains a religious belief or practice.

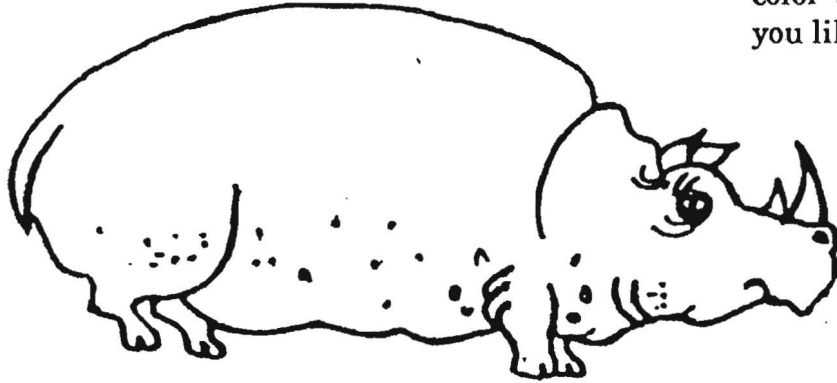
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II. COLLECTIVE NOUNS MATCH

Draw a line from the animal's name to the collective term for that group of animals. Next, color the picture of the Rhino any color/colors you like! Compare your work with the class.



GEESE

A SLOTH OF

TOADS

A PACK OF

JELLYFISH

A SKULK OF

BEARS

A GAGGLE OF

DOGS

A CRASH OF

FISH

A KNOT OF

RHINOS

A SMACK OF

FOXES

A SCHOOL OF

# PALINDROMES

(the following words and phrases are the same forward and backwards)

- 1) Race Car
- 2) Radar
- 3) Never odd or even
- 4) May a moody baby doom a yam
- 5) Sit on a potato pan, Otis
- 6) Madam, I'm Adam
- 7) A man, a plan, a canal, Panama

**\*try to think of some other words or phrases that are palindromes**

## ANIMALS MAKE GREAT STORYTELLERS!

Many years ago, actually in ancient Greece to be precise, there lived a man whose name was Aesop. Aesop was a writer of fables, stories in which animals speak and act like people. Aesop wrote many different stories some of which are the Tortoise and the Hare, the Wolf in Sheep's Clothing, Androcles and the Lion, and the Fox and the Grapes. Each of these stories tells a moral tale, that is, it teaches a lesson. Perhaps you are familiar with Aesop's Fables.

Using animals familiar to you, write a short fable which has a moral and that teaches a lesson. Use complete thoughts and sentences and be as creative as you can be!



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IV. Read the paragraphs, then fill in the blanks below.

ECHO



There once was a young beautiful girl in Greek mythology who talked too much. The Queen of the Greek gods, Hera, wife of Zeus, couldn't stand this girl's constant chatter. So, Hera used her powers to cast a spell over the girl. The girl could then repeat only what she heard.



One day, as the girl sat at the base of Mt. Olympus, she saw a handsome young man named Narcissus. Narcissus loved only himself, but the girl didn't know this. She fell in love with him, but could repeat only what he said to her. Narcissus became angry and left, never to return. The girl was so sad, she faded away until there was nothing left of her but her voice. The girl's name was, and is, Echo.



1. \_\_\_\_\_ was the Queen of the Greek Gods.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ was the King of the Greek Gods.
3. Mt. \_\_\_\_\_ was the home of the gods of Greek
4. \_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ was a handsome young man who was in love with himself.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ was a girl who could only repeat what she heard.