

English Policy – Review September 2010

Our spellings learned by pupils are based on our phonetic scheme as outlined in our English Policy.

At the end of 4th class pupils can spell when writing High Frequency Writing. Words from ‘Improving Children’s Spellings’ Brendan Culligan

Progress depends on attainment.

This work will be supplemented / extended in Rang 5 & 6 with the use of

We aim to keep failure in spelling to a minimum.

Our spelling learning methodology is to take the spellings made in pupils’ writing.

Each pupil has their own personalised spelling dictionary to which they add words which they experienced difficulty with.

‘Corewords’ and Dictation Exercises (Improving Children’s’ Spelling by Brendan Culligan)

Having set out the various methods of teaching spelling in the previous chapter, the value of Corewords and dictation will now be examined and their use explained. Much has been written about the advantages and disadvantages of using dictation sentences or passages. Westwood(1993) states that unless they are used diagnostically that there is little to support the continued use of dictation exercises. This is very valid but it also true to say that dictation may be the bridge between isolated list of learning and the child’s own free writing and is a far more realistic way of assessing spelling ability. In doing dictation, the child gains experience in two elements, firstly, he must recall the sentence and secondly, he must spell each word. It is only when a child can produce a word in written work can we say that the child is improving. It is of little benefit if he gets five out of five in his isolated spelling test and then cannot produce the same words correctly when next he needs them in his written work.

Having diagnosed the child's strengths and weaknesses, dictation is a controlled instrument which enables the teacher or parent to guide the child through these high frequency but troublesome words. Arvidson (1977) states that these commonly used words are not easy to learn and they cannot be learned once and for all in one given week of a child's school life. They must therefore be learned and relearned continually. Roberts (1989) states that the teacher 'must ensure that there is a conscious effort by the learner to remember what has been learned. The child must be required to return to the word after a very short interval and subsequently at frequent intervals, so that his memory of the word is refreshed and his learning reinforced.'

Gulliford (1985) agrees with this and adds that spelling needs to be taken to the point where the correct response is automatic. He argues that this is a point at which much learning of spelling breaks down since it is not easy to arrange for effective revision and to ensure frequent use of words. The dictation exercises which follow, allow for such practice from the beginning of formal spelling.

Dictation Exercises for use in school:

In order to maximise benefit from these exercises it will be necessary to observe the following points:

- These Corewords are not to be used as alphabetical spelling lists.
- Each child will be given a copy of the relevant Corewords at the start of each month
- By giving the child a new copy of the list at the beginning of each month, it gives a fresh start to those who are experiencing great difficulty. If the list has a tremendous amount of words highlighted (it will happen!) it may hinder motivation. It also provides an opportunity for the teacher to file away last month's list and thus build up the child's spelling profile, which is valuable for planning, parent meetings, etc.
- Each child will have a notebook which will be alphabetically ordered and which may be used as a dictionary of personal errors, or if the child is really struggling with spelling it may be used as a positive notebook into which he enters words he knows or controls.

- The teacher dictates sentences(s) ... The number of sentences will obviously depend on the ability of the child/group. Allow time for the child to check and self-correct. By observing these attempts you will get an even better picture of how the child is learning.
- The teacher draws attention to any errors made, by marking the word on the child's list of Corewords (best to use highlighter pens).
- The child compares his effort with the correct one in order to find the 'good parts' and the 'bad spot(s)'.
- The child writes the word into his Personal Dictionary, while teacher moves on to the next pupil.
- This word becomes the child's spelling homework. Be aware of the amount of homework that is given and ensure that the child is taught how to overcome the bad spot(s).
- If many children in the class are inaccurate with the same word it may lead to a troublesome word time, e.g. 'What do you do to remember that word?' Children's listening to other children is a very valuable teaching aid.
- The next time the child meets this word and gets it right, it is highlighted out of the child's personal dictionary; the child sees this progression and his self-esteem rises.
- The user of both sets of dictation is at the discretion of the teacher. Some like to complete Set 1 before moving to Set 2, whereas others like to move freely between both sets for more immediate follow-up.
- If a child is set two or three words for spelling homework, it is better if they are put into a sentence.
- Each child progresses at his own pace dealing with words that are troublesome to him/her.

Dictation Exercises For Use at Home:

- These Corewords are **not** to be used as alphabetical spelling lists.
- Give your child a copy of the relevant Corewords at the start of each month.
- By giving the child a new copy of the list at the beginning of each month it gives a **fresh start** to those who are experiencing great difficulty. If the list has a tremendous amount of words highlighted (it will happen!) it may hinder motivation and self esteem.
- Ensure that your child has a notebook which will be alphabetically ordered and which may be used as a dictionary of personal errors, or if your child is really struggling with spelling it may be used as a positive notebook into which he enters words he knows or controls.
- Dictate a sentence. Do this by calling out the sentence twice before the child starts to write it. If you wish, you may ask ‘What is the sentence you are going to write for me?’ Allow time for the child to check and self-correct. By observing these attempts as you will get an even better picture of how the child is learning.
- Praise the effort that the child has made. Draw attention to the words that are correct and then to any errors made, by marking the word on the child’s list of Corewords (best to use highlighter pens).
- Let the child compare his effort with the correct one in the Corewords list in order to find the good parts and the bad spot(s).
- The child writes the word into his Personal Dictionary.
- The next time the child meets this word and gets it right, it is **highlighted out** of the child’s personal dictionary. By doing this, the child sees a progression and his self esteem will rise.
- The use of both sets of dictation is at your discretion. Some like to complete Set 1 before moving to Set 2, whereas others like to move freely between both sets for more immediate follow up.

- Allow the child to progress at his own pace dealing with words that are troublesome to him/her.

Parents must understand that progress is dependent on attainment and that each child's attainment level differs.

Our strategy is :

- ✓ **LOOK**
- ✓ **SAY**
- ✓ **PICTURE**
- ✓ **COVER**
- ✓ **WRITE**
- ✓ **CHECK**
- ✓ **USE**

Pupils need to be clear that they will be learning more words or fewer words than their peers.

The good spellers can use supplementary material as selected by teacher once their attainment level has been identified.

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This to review by Halloween.

Spelling Strategy

We would also advise that this approach be used at all times when learning spellings.

Step 1

Look: Look for other words within the word itself:
e.g. – **scary** – ‘**car**’
Look for common letter strings:
e.g. - ‘**ain**’, ‘**ugh**’, ‘**ou**’.

Look at how you spelt the word before . . . What was the difficult part? How can I best remember this?

And: e.g. . . **who** - **W**ally **h**ates **o**nions.
Tuesday - **u** eat **s**weets **d**ay.
Could - **o u** love **d**oughnuts.

Say: Pronounce the word correctly. How many syllables?

Step 2

Picture: Close your eyes. Picture the word. How many letters?

Steps 3, 4, 5, 6 are in child’s folder.

Look and Say:

How did I spell it before? Which part was wrong?

Picture: (close your eyes) - words in words

Cover:

Write:

3 Times

Check

Use

Corewords 1

(A)

able
about
ace
after
again
air
along
also
always
another
any
are
around
asked
ate
aunt
away

(B)

baby
back
because
been
before
better
black
boat
bring
brother
buy

(C)

called
came

can't
child
children
close
cold
coming
could

(D)

didn't
do
doesn't
don't
door

(E)

ear
eat
eight
every

(F)

father
feel
few
find
fine
first
for
found
friend
from
film

(G)

garden

gave
getting
girl
give
glad
goes

(H)

happy
having
hear
here
holiday
hope
horse
house
how

(I)

jump
just

(K)

keep
kept
knew
know

(L)

large
letter
like
little
looked
lost
lots

	(Q)	this
(M)	quick	those
made	quiet	thought
make		through
many	(R)	told
minute	rain	too
more	read	tree
morning	round	today
most	right	(U)
mother		uncle
much	(S)	until
must	said	using
(N)	saw	(V)
near	school	very
never	seven	
new	should	(W)
next	sick	wait
night	sister	walked
nothing	something	wanted
now	stayed	wash
(O)	stopped	watch
of	sure	water
off	(T)	went
once	taking	were
one	talk	what
only	teacher	when
other	than	where
our (dog)	thank	which
over	that	while
(P)	their (dog)	white
people	then	who
please	there	why
pretty	these	with
	they	won't
	thing	word
	think	work

would
write

(Y)
year

yourself

Corewords 1

(Dictation Exercises – Set One)

1. Our baby could walk when she was only one year old.
2. I always wash myself after a game.
3. The children thought their dog looked very nice.
4. My friend hopes to get a black horse.
5. What do you think my brother called his teacher?
6. Please don't close the door now, I want it left open.
7. I didn't know that my little sister would do something like that again.
8. Some other people are coming today to cut down the tree.
9. We were going to get a watch for my mother.
10. My father would like to know how much it will cost.
11. They took the table away today without saying a word to anyone.
12. My work is getting better at home and at school.
13. The milkman should bring more milk each morning.
14. I heard that whoever finds the money may keep it!
15. Which way do you want to go to town?
16. How many children got three things right out of eight?
17. Every night I read some of my new book about horses.
18. We will have to put the boat back into the water before we are seen.
19. Are you sure the teacher said we could play in the garden again?
20. The first few words were pretty hard but I got most of them right.
21. My girlfriend bought a white summer dress.
22. I was happy when I found out about my new house.
23. I think it's going to be very cold to-night.
24. Our teacher ran around the school after a little dog.
25. That is the last time I will write t letter to you!
26. Do you have any other things for sale?
27. I wish we were never asked to give away our horse.
28. My mother and father were very glad when I was well again.
29. That child made lots of nice things in school.
30. The teacher is late for school most mornings.
31. I must make sure to get another book today.
32. Do you want to bring the babies for another walk?
33. Who told you that my brother came in through the window?
34. Where is the best place to stay until the rain stops?
35. It will soon be summer and I can take my dog for long walks.
36. I found a large ant here in the garden.
37. Would you like to drink some cold water?

38. I was seven years old before I first went to the seaside.
39. Our baby jumped right over the top of the house!
40. The girls ran along the road on their way to town.
41. Do not walk until you are told.
42. I know these have been taken off before!
43. My watch is nicer than yours.
44. You may play outside while it's fine.
45. Their friend always runs home from school.
46. Which book will we read first?
47. We thought your house looked very pretty.
48. Who is going to give the horse its food?
49. We heard that you were having a good time.
50. I hate getting up for school every morning.
51. Our friend said he would go to the shop for you.
52. Who ate all the sweets?
53. We were sure the robber came through the window.
54. My mother didn't hear the other children asking for something nice to eat.
55. Before I left home I made sure that all the doors and windows were closed.
56. Would you bring back your book before the shop closes?
57. Are there many teachers in your school?
58. Some people are large and some are little.
59. The milkman never came until ten o'clock this morning.
60. After the rain stopped we went out to play again.
61. We hope that you will never fall off the horse.
62. Should we bring something nice to your sick sister?
63. Would you speak a little louder because I cannot hear you?
64. I am feeling much better now, thank you.
65. We are getting a new pet next week.
66. 'What do you know about this?' asked mother.
67. At about eight o'clock my brother and I were coming along the bank of the river.
68. Could you bring these things into the garden?
69. Where would you like to go for your holidays?
70. Who will post my letter when I write it?
71. Most of us couldn't lift the table.
72. Many boys and girls like to make a milk-shake.
73. Every time she races, she comes first.
74. The child called out for help but no one heard.
75. Our house has only five windows.

76. She didn't look where she was going and she broke her leg.
77. We stayed watching T.V. when our mother and father went out.
78. Their dog should be on a lead.
79. Which bus would take me into town?
80. When the teacher goes away we will have a great time.
81. Are there any good books to read?
82. The children came in and found a black coat on the floor.
83. "How can you always be right?" asked Stephen.
84. Each child was given eight sweets.
85. I wish I could get these words right every time.
86. We were fine while we were together.
87. My friends are glad that their dog is better again.
88. I thought her dress looked very pretty.
89. I must find a few more pens to fill another box.
90. Our aunt gave us a drink of cold water.
91. I want to go for another walk with the baby.
92. We could hear every word the woman said.
93. We had to bring the boat through the garden and down to the water.
94. I will write a little story about each teacher.
95. Did you make any mistakes today?
96. Who are you and where are you coming from?
97. I don't know what it's called.
98. We had to find our own way home through the wood.
99. What was the first thing you did in school this morning?
100. The old woman had white hair and a pretty face.
101. Where were you and who was with you?
102. I can't put up with this any more.
103. Some children stood on their coats.
104. I think it's going to be another cold day.
105. The girls were pretty happy until it began to rain.
106. Many people thought it was the right thing to do.
107. You must make sure every horse gets something to eat.
108. You may look through this book while you wait.
109. Our brothers were here before them.
110. Some people never keep off the grass.
111. Next year we will go to another class.
112. There are eight boxes in this room also.
113. The farmer went away with all the horses.
114. I think we will have a new moon to-night.
115. My sister is bigger than your brother.
116. What were you doing with those bags?

117. We would like lots more of these cakes.
118. Who do you think you are?
119. How old will your brother be next year?
120. Would you please tell me why he always asks us these words?
121. I'm not sure how much it will cost.
122. My father never bought a new car before this year.
123. Once my leg is better I will be able to play again.
124. I think that old tree should be cut down.
125. We are cold because the door is open.
126. Have you made any new friends in school?
127. Sometimes he just comes in here and sits at the table.
128. Where did the girls go after that?
129. Thank you for getting me that nice book.
130. Last night my sister had her tea before me because I was late.
131. I wish we could always stay at home from school.
132. We must not forget to post the three letters.
133. They thought they heard some one downstairs.
134. Didn't he bring you anything nice from town?
135. When they ate their food they just went away.
136. Who wants to go for a walk?
137. Please watch what you are doing.
138. We thought the horse would never race again.
139. They were sure they would win the match.
140. Some of the other people might know who he was.
141. I just have to get away from this place.
142. We waited for a long time but nobody came.
143. My friends called for me but I stayed watching T.V.
144. Something will have to be done about this!
145. They just came over here and broke the window.
146. The best part of the day is coming home from school.
147. They must have been here before because they knew where everything was.
148. Don't run down the stairs because you might trip.
149. Which one of you broke down the door?
150. There were many people at the football match.
151. Are you sure we have a day off today?
152. If only I had a few pennies more I could buy something nice.
153. My mother is very pleased with my school work.
154. It's always nice to go home early.
155. We didn't get very much home-work.
156. He stood back from me because he knew I was angry.

157. In summer I'm going to make a large tree-house with my friends.
158. There were no sweets left for the other children.
159. I am so glad that you are getting better.
160. It doesn't matter if you get some words wrong.
161. All of our copies will be taken to the office.
162. Do you know how much money you have left?
163. We waited and waited but they never came.
164. The water didn't seem to be very deep.
165. Something will have to be done about this!
166. I still don't know how to write some of these words.
167. Who told you where to find the money?
168. I hope he doesn't call out any more of these words.
169. When we hid in here before nobody found us?
170. The old woman asked us who we were.
171. Are you sure you are able to get through the window?
172. We had taken off our coats before the bell rang.
173. I don't know what he is talking about.
174. My brother and sister are not well.
175. My mother's friends stayed in our house last night.
176. We will never know who bought the horse.
177. All the men and women were asked to come to the school.
178. Which book did you think was best?
179. They were sure that their dog would win the race.
180. They never waited for me because they thought I was sick.
181. She found a little white ball down near the water.
182. I don't get much money from my mother and father.
183. The tree got too large and it had to be cut down.
184. Their dog came into our garden again last night.
185. Why didn't you write that story for me?
186. I am getting fed up with this place!
187. I must buy the baby something nice because she will be two years old soon.
188. He should never have been asked to do something like that.

Corewords 1

(Dictation Exercises – Set Two)

1. Our friend could only take the baby for a little walk.
2. Always make sure to wash yourself each morning.
3. I thought the children looked after their books.
4. That horse is not very friendly!
5. I think the teacher wants to talk to my mother.
6. Don't you want any of these things?
7. I know my little sister won't go there again.
8. Maybe some other people know who it was.
9. I like to watch T.V. with my brother.
10. Would your father know how much money to bring?
11. My friend took my dog without telling anyone.
12. I know my work is getting better.
13. Each child should bring more things to the party.
14. Teacher said that whoever talks will be heard.
15. Which one do you want to take?
16. How many children got eight sums right?
17. Mother knows that I read every night.
18. We had something to eat before we got into the water.
19. We were sure we could stay in the garden.
20. My friend thought the first few words were pretty hard.
21. I bought some sweets for each of the girls.
22. When did you find out about our new house?
23. Put on your coat because it's very cold.
24. The little children cannot go around to all the houses.
25. Who will write a letter to my friend?
26. Are there any other things left in the van?
27. We never wanted the horse to jump over the wall into our garden.
28. I'm glad my mother and father are well again.
29. They made lots of nice things for the sale of work.
30. Is your teacher ever late for school?
31. Are you sure you want to read another book?
32. When the boys and girls went for a walk the babies stayed at home.
33. My brother would like to know who came in through the window.
34. I thought we could stay here until we found a better place.
35. I love to go for long walks in summer.
36. Did you find any ants under the large stone?

37. Would you like to dive into cold water?
38. Seven years later he went back to the same seaside.
39. Even the baby knows their house is on the right!
40. The girls took their time going to town.
41. Do not walk into class until the teacher comes.
42. They played on while it was fine.
43. Do you think these have been used before?
44. It's nicer to go for a walk than to stay at home.
45. We always meet their friends at the same place every day.
46. Which game do you want to play first?
47. She thought the dress wasn't very pretty.
48. Who gave the horse its food last night?
49. We heard that we will be getting a new teacher.
50. We hate having to get up for school every day!
51. Would your friend mind going to the shop?
52. The robber was sure he could get through the window.
53. Some other children asked my mother for something nice to eat.
54. I heard there were many new houses near your school.
55. Make sure the way is clear, before you cross the road.
56. My brother stayed down by the river with eight other boys.
57. How many teachers are in your school?
58. All of the little people had large hats.
59. Why didn't the milkman come until ten o'clock?
60. When the train stopped all the people got out for a while.
61. I hope all of the horses don't come into my garden again.
62. Who told you that my sister was sick?
63. After a while some of the children got louder and louder!
64. How did you know she was feeling much better?
65. Should we be getting any homework?
66. I asked my mother if she knew anything about it.
67. Would you please put these pots into the garden for me?
68. I don't want to go there for my holiday.
69. He went to watch some people in the deep end of the pool.
70. Who wrote these letters?
71. I'm sure most of you know your tables.
72. We couldn't make out how many girls were at the play.
73. Every time I run in a race I lose.
74. No one heard the children crying.
75. We keep our horse near the house.
76. She didn't care where she went.
77. Our mother and father thought we were still watching T.V.

78. They should put their books away.
79. Which story did you like best?
80. I think the mouse went away because of the cat!
81. Are there any nice things to eat?
82. The children found nothing on the floor.
83. I always ask if it's all right to go out.
84. The eight children each won something.
85. I know that I'll get all of these words right.
86. While the children were together everything was fine.
87. My friends were sad because their dog was sick.
88. Who thought of getting such a pretty card?
89. Did you find another pen to write with?
90. We put cold water down our aunt's neck!
91. I think the baby wants another bottle!
92. Could you hear anything they said?
93. After all the rain the water just rushed through the garden.
94. I hate when the teacher asks us to write a little story.
95. I'm sure I won't make any mistakes today.
96. 'Where has Tom gone and who was with him?' asked mother.
97. I just don't know what to do.
98. I called for him but he had taken off through the wood.
99. Do you know the first thing we will do on our holidays?
100. The old woman has a very pretty garden.
101. Who went into the garden late last night?
102. We don't want to do any more home work.
103. The children stood on their chairs.
104. I think the teacher better have another cup of tea.
105. She had a pretty dress until she fell in the mud.
106. I thought many people would come to see the match.
107. We made sure that everyone had something nice to eat.
108. I had to wait while the teacher went through my work.
109. He got home just before his brother and sister.
110. Some people never cut their grass.
111. Which class will you go to next year?
112. They also said not to go near those boxes.
113. The white horse was pretty fast!
114. When Mum comes home tomorrow we will get a new football.
115. I hope the baby won't keep my little brother and sister awake again to-night.
116. We don't know what he was doing with those bags.
117. If you want more of these cakes, you'll have to buy them yourself.

118. Who does he think he is?
119. Next year she will be eleven years old.
120. If he asks us these words once more, I'll get very angry!
121. Are you sure you know how much the watch will cost?
122. I never thought he would buy another new car.
123. When his leg gets better he hopes to be able to play again.
124. Do you think the grass should be cut?
125. I will be pleased if you keep the door closed.
126. He was feeling sad because his friends were not in school.
127. She sets the table sometimes and that's all she does to help.
128. Where did everyone go after the party?
129. I thanked her for the new school bag she brought for me.
130. Last night my sisters went out for the first time on their own.
131. I wish we could always be on holidays!
132. I hope you didn't forget to write that letter.
133. Did your horse eat everything you gave him?
134. I thought I heard some one walking around downstairs.
135. The horses ate their oats and then ran around the field.
136. Who would you like to bring for a walk?
137. Will you please bring my watch back to the shop because it doesn't work?
138. When she broke her leg, we thought she would never race again.
139. How can you be sure your team will win the match?
140. Do you think those women might know who I am?
141. I need to get away from this place before I go mad.
142. I don't know why he waited there for so long.
143. We stayed at my friend's house until the rain stopped.
144. They haven't done something like that for a long time.
145. Do you know who broke the window?
146. It's not nice coming to school in the rain every morning.
147. They were sure they knew where everyone lived.
148. Have you ever fallen down the stairs?
149. Which door do you want me to close?
150. I never saw so many people at a match before!
151. I would surely love a day off!
152. In a few more days I will be getting a new pair of runners.
153. I just know that everyone will be pleased with that work.
154. He always comes to work very early in the morning.
155. We shouldn't get much home-work because the teacher seem happy.
156. From where I stood I could see she was very angry.

157. I love playing with my friends in our large garden.
158. Stop eating or there will be nothing left for the others.
159. They were so pleased to see me getting better.
160. Does it matter if all of these words are wrong?
161. Do you know when these were taken?
162. How much money do you think he has left?
163. I can never understand why they waited for so long.
164. It didn't seem to matter how cold the water was.
165. Is anything going to be done about that litter?
166. I get angry with myself when I don't know how to write these words.
167. Who gave you that money?
168. We hope he never calls out our marks again.
169. Are you sure no one found out about us?
170. He was asked who the old woman was but he didn't know.
171. I'm not sure if I can cut through this large tree.
172. Wouldn't it be nice if we were all taken to the sea-side?
173. Do you know what he is talking about?
174. I heard that your brother and sister were not well.
175. We had to stay in our friend's house when our mother was away.
176. Did you know that we bought another horse?
177. All the men and women couldn't come to the school.
178. Which of these books did you think was best?
179. I'm sure that their dog wouldn't beat mine in a race.
180. I told them not to wait for me because it might rain.
181. The little white horse ran through the water.
182. Do you get much money from your mother and father?
183. The tree in our garden has got very large.
184. I hope their horse will keep away from me.
185. I will never know why he wouldn't write that story for me.
186. Are you getting fed up with this place?
187. Did you buy anything nice for the baby?
188. Were you ever asked to do something like that?

APPENDIX B

Corewords 2

(A)	church	fire
	circus	fish
across	city	flower
afraid	clean	front
afternoon	clothes	
almost	coat	(G)
answer	colour	gone
anything	country	ground
aren't	cousin	grow
aunt		great
autumn	(D)	guess
	decide	(H)
(B)	die	hair
beautiful	different	half
because	dinner	happen
began	dishes	holidays
behind	done	hour
between	draw	hurt
bicycle	during	
bird	(E)	(I)
both	early	ice
bread	enough	interesting
broke	evening	I've
brought	everything	
building	eye	(K)
buy		kept
(C)	(F)	killed
care	face	kind
catch	family	known
caught	farm	
chance	field	(L)

later	present	together
learn	puppy	tomorrow
leave	(Q)	train
left		tried
light	quick	trying
lorry	quiet	turned
lunch	quite	(U)
(M)	(R)	uncle
magic	rabbit	under
making	reading	used
meat	ready	using
minute	real	(V)
money	riding	visit
music	river	
myself	road	
(N)	running	(W)
near	(S)	warm
need	second	wear
nothing	sheep	weather
(O)	shoe	without
open	since	woman
outside	spring	women
own	started	won't
(P)	stood	working
paint	stopped	world
paper	street	writing
party	such	wrote
pence	swimming	(Y)
picture	(T)	yard
piece	thank	yellow
plant	third	yesterday
	those	young
	tired	

Corewords 2

(Dictation Exercises – Set One)

1. Our aunt is afraid to stay in the house on her own.
2. My cousin gave me a present before she left.
3. Some birds don't come out in bad weather.
4. He kept crying because he had hurt his leg.
5. After half an hour he began to get very tired.
6. Her uncle took beautiful pictures early in the morning.
7. Our pet rabbit was killed by a lorry.
8. Where did you buy your bicycle?
9. My mother couldn't decide what clothes to wear.
10. We got the only goal in the second minute of the match.
11. All their homework is done early in the evening.
12. I knew it wasn't mine because the colour was much different.
13. The book we are reading is not very interesting.
14. I stood behind the door and I hoped the teacher wouldn't see me.
15. My sister hates washing the dishes after dinner.
16. The circus came to the field just outside the town.
17. They visit a lot of places during their holidays.
18. What would happen if you broke your mother's plant?
19. Her leg was caught between the table and the chair.
20. Both my mother and father love music.
21. It never stopped raining yesterday.
22. There was no bread for the woman's lunch.
23. Who brought those sheep into the field?
24. We had a great time swimming in the river.
25. Lots of people have stopped eating meat.
26. I tried to use magic to get rid of the teacher.
27. I ran across the sand to get to the water.
28. The building near the church needs some paint.
29. Tie your coat and don't catch cold.
30. Later on in the afternoon he came to my front door.
31. Does the teacher think we can do all this writing?
32. We used to have a party almost every week.
33. He was caught trying to take the paper.
34. They were too young to go to town on their own.

35. Our family live near a fish farm.
36. I love the colour of the leaves in autumn.
37. There aren't any flowers left for those women.
38. I've spent enough time making these coats for my cousins.
39. I took great care while he turned the lorry.
40. The light was too bright for my eyes.
41. Some one has taken my toy train.
42. We must learn to work together.
43. I really felt great when I had all my answers ready.
44. Those trees won't grow on that kind of ground.
45. It's a long time since those girls bought new shoes.
46. Some people don't like the city air.
47. Why does he think that he knows everything?
48. It cost me eleven pence for that little piece of cake.
49. The weather will be much warmer tomorrow.
50. We had to guess which road their house was on.
51. They saw the rabbit running across the field.
52. My writing has got quite good.
53. The world goes around the sun every year.
54. We need to stay under that tree near our house.
55. She hasn't named the puppy yet.
56. I must thank them for buying me a new bicycle.
57. He knows that their team has a real chance of winning the match.
58. We kept watch on our sick dog during the night.
59. They are going on holiday when all their work is done.
60. The horse started to jump around between the fences.
61. Our little rabbit was killed when he ran out in front of a lorry.
62. We will have to learn those other words later.
63. The children left out bread in the garden for the birds.
64. My mother and father didn't have enough money for new clothes.
65. We were really afraid when the water rushed through the building.
66. The teacher was cross when I brought my pet snake to school.
67. The woman said that she knew everyone in our family.
68. Sometimes it's real quiet in the country.
69. Thank you for giving me those beautiful flowers.
70. When the race began I was left behind!
71. There aren't any fish swimming in that river because the water is too dirty.
72. Only half of the clothes were clean.
73. The stone almost broke the window.
74. Everyone knew that the old building would fall.

75. You need to keep clean before the party starts.
76. They thought we didn't know anything about it.
77. Last autumn it was quite warm.
78. We were waiting for something different for dinner.
79. I couldn't guess what the present was.
80. He was crying when his country cousins went home.
81. His shoe hit me in the eye.
82. What would happen if all the teachers stayed at home?
83. I think it would be very interesting for the children.
84. I don't know why she stopped washing her face.
85. The girl's aunt was too tired to make lunch.
86. We won't go out without our coats.
87. He was using his uncle's rod to catch the fish.
88. We were trying for a long time to turn off the water.
89. I am getting my third train set tomorrow.
90. He was crying because he fell off his chair and hurt his knee.
91. I wouldn't pay any money to hear that kind of loud music.
92. I tried to use some magic but it didn't work.
93. We decided to wait for three hours but my friend thought that was too long.
94. Mother said the baby will wear her out!
95. In the evening the farmer keeps the horse near the house.
96. I could answer everything in the test because it wasn't too hard.
97. Both of the buildings went on fire.
98. I was glad he had taken such good care of our pet.
99. We had to go to the new church in the city.
100. She was using a big car during her visit to the country.
101. It is one hour since your cousin called.
102. Our baby goes to sleep with his shoes on.
103. In spring we always love looking at the sheep in their fields.
104. As soon as the party was over, everyone started to leave.
105. I've never used those dishes because I was afraid they might get broken.
106. It has taken both of them a long time to get ready.
107. The girls knew who was standing under the street light.
108. It was a near thing but nobody was hurt.
109. When I opened the tin of paint it seemed a different colour to the one I wanted.
110. That river water is very clean and it is a very safe place for swimming.
111. Who gave you that piece of cake?

112. Where on the street are they going to plant the trees?
113. We are going across country tomorrow afternoon.
114. Only half of the clothes were dry.
115. They stood talking in front of the flower shop for ten minutes.
116. I knew you could draw a beautiful if you wanted to.
117. There is no need to go working until after dinner.
118. When he tried to open the door of the lorry he broke the key he was using.
119. I am sure that all of my answers are right.
120. The dogs ate their meat in the yard.
121. Keep the legs of your chair on the ground!
122. How do you know that plant won't grow there?
123. We didn't take any cream on our piece of pie.
124. Why does your dog keep running across the road?
125. He was caught coming in through the window.
126. Last winter there was lots of ice in the school yard.
127. We don't have anything to do during the holidays.
128. I have never heard of such a thing!
129. My aunt and uncle gave me a beautiful present.
130. That is the second time I wrote to get a picture of the band.
131. We waited until all the other people had gone before we left.
132. I wasn't afraid because I knew my father was behind me.
133. Last spring while the snow was on the ground, the sheep had nothing to eat.
134. We were sure our teacher would take us on a visit to a farm.
135. After the fight I had with my cousin it was hard to face their family.
136. My teacher thinks that such a building should never have been put there.
137. My aunt and uncle hate having their holidays in spring because it is too cold.
138. We stayed at the party for two hours but the music was too loud for us.
139. If that yellow bicycle is yours, you should try to keep it clean.
140. They couldn't catch him because he was running too quickly.
141. Is there anything nice to be seen in the park during the autumn?
142. There aren't any more dishes left because you broke the last one.
143. Where are you going to buy that present for your sister?
144. I am feeling quite tired after all that running.
145. He just stood in the street and started jumping up and down.
146. Our family had a beautiful picnic in the field near the house.

147. When he brought the fish home, we had no money to pay him.
148. You would never guess who we caught getting into the building.
149. He tried to turn the lorry but the street wasn't wide enough.
150. My cousin thought she could do magic but she was too young.
151. We began to fall behind because we were getting too tired.
152. I knew almost every answer I gave was right.
153. I hurt my hand when it got caught in the door.
154. When the sheep got out of the field, it took us a long time to catch them.
155. It was only at the last minute that I decided to wear my new coat.
156. Please take care when you go into the city on your own.
157. I've never read such an interesting book.
158. No one knew what was different when I got my hair cut.
159. It was really great when we were asked out to dinner.
160. My aunt said that she will buy me a new bicycle.
161. The teacher couldn't read half of my writing.
162. Maybe the weather will be warmer tomorrow.
163. We decided to take a chance.
164. The minute the music stopped they all left the building.
165. When they cleaned the church it was really beautiful.
166. What would happen if you got hurt while on holiday?
167. She caught the paper before it blew away.
168. They kept using the same dishes for dinner.
169. I met three very interesting women when I went swimming.
170. If I had known what would happen I would have stayed hiding behind the wall.
171. The ducks weren't swimming because there was ice on the lake.
172. We had enough work done early in the evening.
173. There aren't many children in third class.
174. I had to draw a picture of a man riding a horse across a field.
175. The dog bit him on the face just under his left eye.
176. Yesterday afternoon my back began to hurt me.
177. She didn't have a chance to get her hair done while she was in the country.
178. There was no way we could have known that the dog would be killed.
179. What kind of a book are you reading?
180. The house between the church and the school went on fire yesterday.
181. When all my friends were gone there wasn't much to do.

182. We were told not to leave the lights on in the building when we left.
183. The birds had nothing to eat because of the icy weather.
184. I used to be very quick on my bicycle before I got hurt.
185. It took a long time to get to the country because the train stopped at each town.
186. He used many interesting colours drawing that picture.
187. Having bought all the presents he had only ten pence left to put in his money box.
188. Everyone was afraid that my pet rabbit would die during the night.

Corewords 2

(Dictation Exercises – Set Two)

1. Is your aunt afraid to stay in the house on her own?
2. We gave a present to our cousin before she left.
3. During the bad weather some of the birds didn't come out to eat.
4. We knew that he really hurt his leg because he kept on crying.
5. The team began to get very tired after a half of the match.
6. I saw the beautiful pictures that her uncle took this morning.
7. Early yesterday morning a big lorry killed our pet rabbit.
8. Where is the best shop to buy a new bicycle?
9. Does your mother take a long time to decide what clothes to wear?
10. There were only two minutes left in the match when we got our second goal.
11. Does your sister do her homework early in the evening?
12. It really wasn't mine because the colour was much different.
13. We are reading a very interesting book.
14. I hoped the teacher wouldn't see me when I stood behind the door.
15. I hate washing the dinner dishes with my sister.
16. The circus never came back again to the field outside the town.
17. During their holidays they spent a lot of time visiting different churches.
18. If your mother's plant got broken, what would happen?
19. She hurt her leg when she got it caught between the table and the chair.
20. My mother and father bought both of the music books.
21. Yesterday seemed very long because it never stopped raining.
22. The woman always takes bread for her lunch.
23. That sheep should never have been brought into class.
24. I think it's great to go swimming in the river.
25. Have your family stopped eating meat?
26. The teacher tried to use a magic spell, but it didn't work.
27. Did you have to run across the hot sand to get to the water?
28. We had to paint the building near the church.
29. You won't catch cold if you keep your coat tied.
30. He won't come to the front door until later on in the afternoon.
31. Why has teacher given us so much writing?
32. We used up almost every bag of sweets during the party.
33. He was trying to take some newspapers when he was caught.

34. They weren't left go to town on their own because they were much too young.
35. Does the family near you own a fish farm?
36. The colours of the leaves in autumn are always beautiful.
37. Did those women buy any flowers?
38. Have you had enough of that yet?
39. When he wanted to turn the lorry he told everyone to take great care.
40. The light was much too bright for our eyes.
41. Someone told me that my toy train has been taken away.
42. Has your class learned to work together?
43. Have you got all your answers ready for me?.
44. That kind of ground won't help those trees to grow very tall.
45. How long is it since you bought yourself a new pair of shoes?
46. The city air made many people sick.
47. Do you think that he knows everything about horses?
48. Which piece of cake costs eleven pence?
49. The weather might be a little warmer tomorrow.
50. We couldn't guess which road led to their house.
51. Did you see my rabbit running across the road?
52. Hasn't my writing got quite nice?
53. It takes a year for the world to go around the sun.
54. Why were they waiting under that tree?
55. I still cannot guess the name of the puppy!
56. I hoped you thanked them for buying you the new bicycle!
57. Do you really think their team has a good chance of winning the match?
58. Who kept watch on the puppy during the night?
59. They have gone on holiday because their work is done.
60. The horse fell at the first fence.
61. You might be killed if you run out in front of a lorry.
62. Will you learn those words later on?
63. The birds ate the bread which we left in the garden.
64. Do you have enough money to buy those clothes?
65. Many people were afraid when the water rushed through the shop.
66. The teacher brought his pet parrot to school.
67. I know everyone in that woman's family.
68. I like to visit the country because it is very quiet there.
69. Are those beautiful flowers for me?
70. As soon as the race started I left everyone behind.
71. The water in the river is very dirty, that's why there are no fish swimming there.

72. We could only clean half of the clothes.
73. He almost broke the window with that large stone.
74. That old building could fall at any time.
75. You need that coat for the party, so keep it clean!
76. I thought you told me that you didn't know anything about this?
77. It was quite warm for most of the autumn
78. While we were waiting for dinner we had different drinks.
79. We had to guess what the present was.
80. My cousins were sad when we went to live in the county.
81. She hit me in the eye with her left shoe.
82. Wouldn't it be great if all the teachers stayed at home?
83. Someone interesting is coming to talk to the children.
84. She stopped washing the clothes when it started to rain.
85. I was too tired to go to lunch with my aunt.
86. Don't go out without putting on your coat..
87. My uncle was using a new rod when he went fishing.
88. It took quite a long time before we could turn off the water.
89. When I was in third class, I got my first train set.
90. He started to cry when he fell off the chair and cut his knee.
91. How much money would you pay to hear that kind of music?
92. Any time I try to use magic it doesn't seem to work!
93. I thought that I had waited long enough, so I left!
94. What will the baby wear for his mother's party?
95. Every evening the farmer brings the horse for a run around the field.
96. I didn't think the test was hard because I knew most of the answers.
97. Both of the buildings between the church and the school went on fire.
98. He had never taken great care of anything before.
99. I went to visit the new church in the city.
100. She wasn't using a map during her visit to the country.
101. It's over an hour ago since your cousin left.
102. As soon as we had taken off his shoes, the baby fell asleep.
103. In spring we love to watch the sheep running around the fields.
104. Everyone started to leave before the end of the party.
105. Have those dishes ever been used before?
106. Why has it taken both of them so long to get ready?
107. When we first caught sight of the girls, they were standing under a street light.
108. The lorry came very close to us but no one was hurt.
109. Every tin of paint I open seems to be a different colour to the one I want.

110. If the river water is not clean it cannot be a safe place for swimming.
111. Who wants another piece of cake?
112. They won't be able to plant trees on this street.
113. Tomorrow afternoon I am running in a cross-country race.
114. We could only get half of the clothes dry before it started to rain.
115. The woman who sells flowers stood talking to me for ten minutes.
116. He always wanted to be able to draw beautiful pictures.
117. I don't need to go back working after dinner.
118. When he tried to open the door he didn't know he was using the wrong key.
119. I am quite sure that all of my answers are going to be right.
120. Make sure that the dogs stay in the yard when they are eating their meat.
121. When the chair hit the ground the legs fell off!
122. I just know that the plant won't grow there.
123. Do you take cream with your piece of pie?
124. Will you keep your rabbit from running across the street?
125. Who caught him coming through the yard?
126. There wasn't any ice in the school yard last winter.
127. We never have anything to do during the holidays.
128. Have you ever heard of such a place?
129. We will give a beautiful present to my aunt and uncle.
130. I wrote to tell her that the second picture was nicer than the first.
131. All the other people waited until we left.
132. My father wasn't afraid because he knew I was behind him.
133. The sheep cannot get anything to eat while the snow is on the ground.
134. When we went to visit the farm our teacher got lost!
135. After the fight we had, my cousin couldn't face my family.
136. My family should never have bought such a large building.
137. We hate having to come back to school after our holidays.
138. We had to put up with that loud music for nearly three hours.
139. Clean that yellow mark off my bicycle.
140. I won't be able to catch him if he runs quickly.
141. There is always something nice about the park during autumn.
142. I broke a dish and there aren't any more left!
143. When will my sister buy me a present?
144. Running around the yard makes me quite tired.
145. He just stood there in the street between the two shops.

146. There is a beautiful place for a picnic in that field.
147. We had no money to pay him so he brought the fish away.
148. He was caught getting into the building.
149. The street isn't wide enough to turn such a big lorry.
150. She was very young and no one thought she could do magic.
151. We got so tired that we began to fall behind the others.
152. Almost all of my answers were right.
153. His leg hurt when he caught the robber.
154. If those sheep get out of the field it will take us ages to get them back.
155. I decided to wear my new shoes for a few minutes each day.
156. He took great care when he went into the city on his own.
157. That book should be very interesting.
158. I was the only one to know that the clothes were different.
159. We were asked out to dinner and we really had a great time.
160. I bought my aunt a new bicycle.
161. I can never read the teacher's writing!
162. The weather might be a little warmer tomorrow.
163. If you decide to take a chance, I will help you.
164. When I stopped in the street I could hear music coming from the building.
165. The school-hall really looked beautiful when it was cleaned.
166. He saw something bad happen while he was on holiday.
167. The paper blew away before I caught it.
168. They kept using the same pens for their writing.
169. When I went out walking I talked to some very interesting women.
170. I stayed hiding behind the wall so I wouldn't see what was going to happen.
171. I broke the ice on the lake so that the ducks could swim.
172. We had enough work done by early afternoon.
173. The children in third class don't have to school today.
174. When I was riding the horse across the field a man took my picture.
175. He was cut just under both of his eyes.
176. My back began to hurt me early this morning.
177. While she was in the country she didn't get a chance to go shopping.
178. How could we have known the horse would be killed?
179. What kind of book are you writing?
180. What would happen if the school went on fire?

181. I had nothing much to do because my friends left.
182. Please turn off the lights when you leave the building.
183. When the icy weather comes, the birds cannot get anything to eat.
184. I used to go everywhere on my bicycle before I hurt my leg.
185. The train was so slow I thought we would never get to the country.
186. I use many different colours when I draw a picture.
187. I had nothing left when I bought a present for everyone.
188. We heard a noise during the night and we were all afraid.