

1. The Great Black Horse of the African plains have been hunted down, since the beginning of time, by the Hadza people. The Hadza seek out the Great Black Horses because of their midnight black hides, and their short legs makes them easier to hunt than regular horses. One day, the leader of the Great Black Horses had an idea to protect his people – the sand. So, one morning, bright and early, the band of Horses rose and began a pilgrimage to the Western beaches. There, they rolled in the white sands, cutting their manes and tails short in the process. Two days later, the Hadza people watched as a black and white stripes filled the plains. Their Great Black Horses were gone, and had been replaced with a striped horse that was seemingly impossible to hunt due to the confusion the stripes caused! That is how the Zebra got its stripes.
2. **The Bully**
 - a. Mr. **Octopus** had always been known as a bit of a **cowardly** guy – always camouflaging to **hide**, and lurking about in the shadows of the **ocean**. It's no wonder Miss **Eel**, known for her **dangerous** personality, began to bully him. Miss Eel would **silently slither** up behind Mr. Octopus and chomp down in the **water** next to his head. "You almost **bit** me!" He'd protest, so fearful because not only was it scary, but everyone knew that Miss Eel's saliva was **poisonous**. But Miss Eel would just laugh and **swim mysteriously** away. One day, Mr. Octopus was organizing his **shells** in the **sand**, lining them up by size and color, when he heard a rustling in the sand next to him. It was Miss Squid, a good friend, **awkwardly** making her way over. "I think I know how to stop Miss Eel from bullying you!" exclaimed Miss Squid with excitement. So then, Mr. Octopus and Miss Squid formed a plan to get Miss Eel to leave him alone for good. The next time Miss Eel came to bully Mr. Octopus, he was ready – a rock **flew** through the air at her! It missed her but kept soaring through the **water** until it landed **hard** in the sand. She turned to seek out who had thrown the rock: it was Miss Squid! Miss Eel **swam** over to her, but before she could get too close, Miss Squid squirted her ink all over Miss Eel! Miss Eel **swiftly** retreated, covered in the **stinky, smelly** substance. From that day on, Miss Eel never bothered anyone again.
3. Sentences:
 - a. As the **sun** set behind the trees, I wondered if I would ever see her again.
 - b. The dog raced up and down the beach, nipping at the **ocean's** tide rolling in and back out.
 - c. I could hear my sister **playing** in the other room: "Oh miss Marsha, that is *such* a nice dress" she said, as she tossed her dollies about the room.
 - d. **Apples** are said to be where the shape of the pentagram comes from.
 - e. I recently watched a video online that featured an elephant **petting** a dog – how precious is that?!
4. **The Cafeteria Thief**
 - a. Trevor sat in the lonely hospital cafeteria. He had been there every day for the past week, waiting for the doctors to tell him and his family that his little brother could come home. For the first time in 5 days, Trevor had some foresight and decided to bring his own lunch, instead of enduring yet another "Meatloaf Special." He plopped it out onto the table – turkey sandwich, a banana, and an oatmeal cookie. He stood and walked to the condiment bar for some napkins, but upon returning... his sandwich was gone! The

distress of his brother, and now the dumb sandwich, began to form tears in his eyes. As he looked in the bag for it again, he heard some munching under the table. He slowly bent down to take a look: a chunky, Golden Retriever puppy was enjoying Trevor's sandwich! "Oh my goodness, I'm so sorry! We're here for training, not to steal food," a young woman said, snatching the puppy from under the table. The woman continued to explain that her puppy was a service dog in training, and because of his polite temperament the hospital would allow them to tour there. "Is it possible that you could come see my brother... to cheer him up??" Trevor asked anxiously. And so, Trevor left the cafeteria with the woman and her puppy, hoping to bring some joy to his brother.

5. Flappy the penguin was lost in the zoo. He didn't know what to do. So he asked the lion "Have you seen my family?" He answered sharply, "absolutely not. If I did they would have been my dinner!" So Flappy wobbled away as fast as he could, still on the hunt for his family. Flappy encountered then encountered the Puffins. He asked them, "Do you know where my family is?" The biggest of the Puffins replied, "Well, what do they look like?" Flappy said, "They're about... your size, black and white, they have beaks and wings, and they like to swim!" "Hmmm..." said the large Puffin. "They sound a lot like Puffins... can they fly?" "Oh no," said Flappy. "Their wings are much too small, and they are much too large." "Oh, I know where they are!" said the large Puffin. So the large Puffin took Flappy the penguin to be with his family.
6. Write an informational, research paragraph on the statistics of shark attacks. Include why they may happen, how often they happen, and where they often happen. Include one question you may have about sharks that we can discuss during class.