

Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor

mentor text unit

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From daily health checks to
diligent surgeries, her
dedication and talent could
never match.

Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor

Monday - possibilities of things to notice

*abstract nouns – check, dedication, and talent

adjectives – descriptive details

prepositional phrases

introduction of a main idea set off with commas

simple sentence with compound subject

irregular plural – surgery: surgeries

Tuesday - label the sentence

from, to – prepositions

daily, health, delicate, matched – adjectives

checks, surgeries, dedication, talent – nouns

her – possessive pronoun

and – conjunction

could be – linking verb

not – adverb

From daily health checks to delicate surgeries, her dedication and talent could not be matched.

complete subject
simple subjects

complete predicate
simple predicate

Wednesday - possibility of revised sentence

From daily health checks to delicate surgeries, Joan's endless dedication and remarkable talent could not be matched.

(check for correct possessive nouns, adjectives)

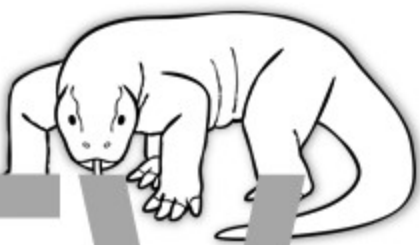
Thursday - possibility of introduction

From beautiful watercolor portraits to crisp photographs, his creativity and artistic ability could not be mistaken.

Name: Answer Key

Date: _____

Editing Assessment



From daily health checks too delicate surgeries her dedication and talent could not be matched.

PREVIEW

1. Circle 4 mistakes in the sentence. Rewrite the sentence correctly:

From daily health checks to delicate surgeries, her dedication and talent could not be matched.

2. Circle all of the nouns in this excerpt from *Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor*. If it is an abstract noun, write an A above that noun you circled. Remember, abstract nouns are not **physical** things.

Scientists all over the world read about Joan's research, her clinical skills, and the success of a new dentile. She became an international sensation.

PREVIEW

3. Choose two abstract nouns and use them in one sentence below.

dreams

excitement

adventure

fear

accept reasonable answers

Joan was a fearless woman excited when she realized her dreams were coming true.

PREVIEW

Never let fear stop you from going on an adventure.

ABSTRACT NOUNS

Abstract nouns are qualities or ideas that can't be detected by your five senses- you can't see them, hear them, taste them, touch them, or smell them. They have no physical existence. Often times though, you might feel them in your heart (emotions or feelings). Cut out the activity and glue it into your notebook, cutting across so there are four flaps. Under each flap, write a sentence Joan Procter might say using the abstract noun.

PREVIEW

bravery

PREVIEW

success

PREVIEW

curiosity

Abstract Nouns

Name: _____ Date: _____

Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor

Provide evidence from the book that shows Joan was probably an introvert.

Text Evidence
PREVIEW

Text Evidence

Text Evidence
PREVIEW

Inference:

Joan did not
like to be the

PREVIEW
evidence of
content

Name: _____ Suggested Responses _____ Date: _____

Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor

What key details did the author share about Joan Procter?

What was the main idea?

PREVIEW

As a little girl, Joan studied reptiles, and even played with them.

Joan received a book on Komodo dragons as a sixteenth birthday gift.

Joan visited with the curator of reptiles at the National History Museum rather than going to parties and dances.

PREVIEW

Main Idea:

Joan Procter's passion and dedication to reptiles led her to a career where she became a respected female scientist.

Joan began working at the museum during the war, and soon became the curator.

The Zoological Society of London asked Joan to present her Komodo dragon research.

Joan cared for all of the animals in the reptile house.

The director of the London Zoo asked her to design a reptile house for the animals.

PREVIEW

Name: _____ Date: _____

Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor

List the vivid verbs you hear in the story.



PREVIEW

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PREVIEW

Name: _____ Date: _____

Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor

Joan had a passion for reptiles even as a child.

What is your passion? Describe it, what you love about it!



PREVIEW

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PREVIEW

retreated

smuggled



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mimicked

emerged



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morveled

flocked



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Name: _____ Date: _____

WHAT DO YOU THINK?



Use the text and picture clues to help you infer the meaning of these words.

WORD PART OF SPEECH BOOK CLASS YOUR DEFINITION

retreated

smuggled

mirrored

emerged

marveled

flocked

Name: **ANSWER KEY** Date: _____

VIVID VERBS

Vivid verbs are more exciting versions of boring verbs. Match the synonyms.



s... d... gathered
 c... ne ou... hid
 copied were amazed
 ... oke... imitated
 ... withdrew... ed
 appeared moved back

1. Not feeling well, Hector retreated to his bed.withdrewmoved back2. The thief smuggled diamonds in his suitcase.3. The diamond imitated the color of the original.imitatedcopied4. After twelve hours of sleep, Lia emerged from her room.came outappeared5. We marveled at the colors of the beautiful sunset.lookedwere amazed6. The Argentine gathered to a mass after thousands of people flooded the...gatheredgrouped

Name: _____ Date: _____

ANALOGIES



Analogies show relationships between two words. Think of how the words

are related. One word is to the other as the other is to the second word.

Example: brave is to courage as coward is to fear. Brave is to courage as coward is to fear.

(Someone who is brave has courage while someone who is a coward has fear.)

PREVIEW

flocked : gathered :: several : _____

_____ : illegal :: purchased : legal

departed : _____ :: disappear : appear

mimicked : a parrot :: slit : _____

PREVIEW

squinted : sun :: _____ : rainbow

come : go :: arrived : _____

Create your own analogies using vocabulary words.

PREVIEW

Name: **ANSWER KEY** Date: _____**SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW**

1. Name the three things that _____.

answers will be things - should be something they enjoy looking at2. The parrot mimicked the car. Describe below what the parrot likely did:**He probably made a honking noise or an engine noise**3. The raccoons flocked to the trash can that had been turned over. Draw it:**drawing should show multiple raccoons (group) gathered around a trash can that is turned over**4. On Coronation Day, the princesses emerged. What is the synonym?

a. hid away

b. went in

c. came out5. What would someone likely smuggle into a movie theater?**a. candy**

b. movie

c. movies

6. Which word is the ANTONYM of create?

a. smuggled

b. emerged

c. mimicked



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