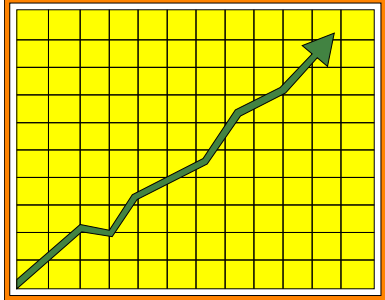


High School Writing Prompts

The words in bold appear on our list of 10th grade spelling words. Encourage your students to use these words in their responses to the prompts.



1. Suppose the rates of **absenteeism** have increased dramatically during the past month at your high school. In one paragraph, explain why this may have happened. Write a second paragraph with your solutions to this problem.

2. **Fallacious** rumors about your best friend have been spreading rapidly at your school. Write a paragraph explaining how you can encourage your friend at this time.

Write another paragraph about how you hope to stop these rumors.

3. Your graduation is a **convivial** event. What conversation will you have with your principal as s/he hands you the diploma?

4. Make a list of at least five words that seem to be **unpronounceable**. Write the meaning and a sentence for each of your words. Also write the correct pronunciations. Then practice those words and say them correctly to a friend or teacher.

5. There was an eruption of **ballyhoo** after your high school principal made a special announcement. What was the announcement, and why did it create such an uproar?



6. Do you believe the **corollary** of good sleep habits in a teenager is good academic performance? Why or why not?

7. If you could have any **sobriquet**, what would you like it to be? Why?

8. It's late at night and your little sister is **surreptitiously** creeping around the house. Why do you think she's doing this? Do you think you should join her? Why or why not?

9. One **recalcitrant** student in your history class is making it difficult for everyone to learn. What can you do?

