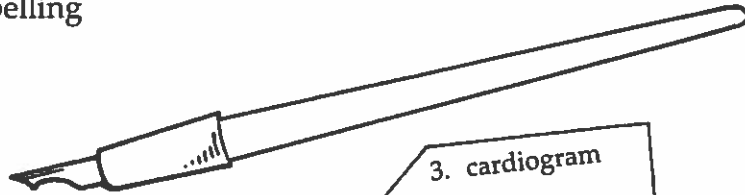


Top Secret



Which is more powerful, the pen or the sword? When you consider the number of words that include the idea of writing, the pen wins by an ink barrel! All of the words below share the root *graph* or *gram*, "to write." Match each word with the correct definition. Use a dictionary to check your answers.

- a. story of one's own life written by oneself
- b. a person's own handwriting
- c. the tracing (writing) made by a heart monitor
- d. a saying written on a building or statue
- e. rules for using the written word
- f. anything written, drawn, or printed
- g. the study of handwriting and what it reveals about a person
- h. writing words with correct spelling
- i. a division of a written work
- j. a story of a person's life



1. grammar

2. paragraph

3. cardiogram

4. autograph

6. biography

7. epigraph

5. graphology

8. orthography

9. autobiography

10. graphics

Now send some secret messages. For each vocabulary term, create a sentence of seven words or more. Dip a toothpick (or other pointed tip) in lemon juice and write each sentence on a strip of notebook paper. When the juice dries, your writing will be almost invisible! To reveal the message, hold the strip of paper over a glowing light bulb. The heat will make your words turn brown. (Note: Do not wait too long to "develop" the invisible writing. After several hours, paper absorbs the acid of the lemon juice so that it will not turn dark when exposed to heat.)



Last Will and Testament

It is never too early to get your affairs in order. The will below contains two types of blanks. In the numbered blanks, write the correct vocabulary words. In the starred blanks, add personalized information to make this will your very own!

I, * _____, being of sound mind and body, record these instructions as my last will and testament before I depart this life.

To * _____, * _____, and * _____
I leave (1) _____ copies of my (2) _____ so you will never forget one moment of my fascinating life.

To my teachers, * _____ and * _____ at
* _____ School, I leave free (3) _____ at
* _____ Hospital. Having me has been such an electrifying experience, you deserve to get your hearts checked.

To * _____, I leave my favorite pen. Now all those personal notes you pass in class can be written in style, worthy of examination by students of (4) _____.

With gratitude and appreciation to * _____ School, I hereby set aside funds for the engraving of this (5) _____ on the side of the building:
* _____.

To * _____ and * _____, who always corrected my (6) _____ and split my long papers into short (7) _____ I leaves two dozen reports, so you can have the pleasure of making all them little red squiggles which shows everything I never wanted to know about (6) _____ and (7) _____.

To * _____, who drew great (8) _____ on the bathroom walls, I leave a bottle of cleaner and a scrub brush so you can clean up your act!

To * _____, who always copied answers (usually wrong) from my spelling tests, I leave an (9) _____ book and a dictionary.

To * _____ and * _____, I leave my (10) _____ of great world leaders. It never hurts to read about success. Who knows? Some of it just might rub off on you!

Signed: * _____

With Pen in Hand



Here are books written for every interest—all you have to do is look! Match each title below with the correct description.

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| _____ 1. Graphology in Police work | a. the autobiography of a self-centered snob |
| _____ 2. Grammar in the Slammer | b. an easy-to-use guide to dividing your written words into sensible units |
| _____ 3. Painless Paragraphing | c. raise your children's children to be gifted in drawing and printing |
| _____ 4. I Kant Spel Gud | d. for detectives cracking down on check forgery |
| _____ 5. Earnest Epigraphs | e. the biography of John Hancock |
| _____ 6. ME! ME! ME! | f. a traveler's guide to the serious slogans written on America's buildings |
| _____ 7. Heartbeats & Hammers | g. a study of the written word as used in America's prisons |
| _____ 8. The Graphic Grandchild | h. confessions of an orthography drop-out |
| _____ 9. Beastly Biographies | i. the cardiograms of carpenters and what we learn from them |
| _____ 10. Autograph of a Great Man | j. true-life tales of real animals |

