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ABOUT *USING LANGUAGE WELL, BOOK 1*

Using Language Well, Book 1, Second Edition, offers a full school year of language arts studies.

- Complete two lessons per week.
- Each lesson should take about 5–10 minutes.
- The lessons are designed for the parent and student to do together.
- Most of the questions can be answered orally, leaving only the transcription and spelling components to be written.
- The *Using Language Well, Book 1, Second Edition, Teacher Book* contains details for the parent to use in customizing the transcription and the spelling to best fit the student, as well as all the answers to the lessons.

Motto for Students

by Charlotte Mason

LESSON 1

I am;
I can;
I ought;
I will.

1. Read the motto.
2. Now look carefully at the first two-word phrase. Try to picture the two words in your mind with each one spelled correctly.
3. Try to write the phrase from memory below.

4. Check to make sure you spelled each word correctly.
5. Do the same process with the other two-word phrases, being careful to write them correctly, two words at a time, in your best handwriting. Be sure to include the punctuation.

6. Choose one word from the motto that you know how to spell correctly. Turn to page 93 and write it from memory.

A Proverb on Safety

LESSON 2

Better be safe than sorry.

1. Read the proverb.
2. Now look carefully at the first three words. Try to picture the three-word phrase in your mind with each word spelled correctly.
3. Try to write the phrase from memory on the lines below.
4. Check to make sure you spelled each word correctly.
5. Do the same process with the last two words in the proverb, being careful to write them correctly in your best handwriting. Be sure to include the punctuation.

When you look carefully at a word or two and try to write it from memory, you are *transcribing*. Transcribing is a good way to learn how words are spelled. Give careful attention when you transcribe a lesson, and you will soon know how to spell hundreds of words.

6. Choose one word from the proverb that you know how to spell correctly. Turn to page 93 and write it from memory.

Daily Work

LESSON 30

Wash on Monday;
Iron on Tuesday;
Mend on Wednesday;
Churn on Thursday;
Clean on Friday;
Bake on Saturday;
Rest on Sunday.

1. Read the poem.
2. Notice which words start with capital letters. Do you see any patterns that can help you explain why they are capitalized?
3. Add the English Point that you just discovered about capital letters to page 106 in the back of this book.
4. Transcribe the poem in your best handwriting. Do your best to write the days of the week correctly from memory.

5. Choose two words from the poem to write from memory on page 98, then your teacher will choose two words.

Average Speed

from Amusements in Mathematics by Henry Ernest Dudeney

LESSON 71

In a recent motor ride it was found that we had gone at the rate of ten miles an hour, but we did the return journey over the same route, owing to the roads being more clear of traffic, at fifteen miles an hour. What was our average speed? Do not be too hasty in your answer to this simple little question or it is pretty certain that you will be wrong.

1. Read the passage.
2. Tell what types of sentences you find in the passage.
3. Have you noticed which type of sentence seems to be the most used? the least used? Look back through several lessons to refresh your memory.

It is interesting that in good writing, the exclamatory sentence will rarely be used.

4. Find seven words in the passage with only one syllable each. Find five words with two. Are there any with three syllables?
5. Transcribe the passage in your best handwriting.

6. Choose four words from the passage to write from memory on page 105, then your teacher will choose four words.
7. Can you answer the math riddle?