

## COLORADO KIDS: WORD BANK

September 11, 2007

### “Bells toll at Ground Zero”

**Ground Zero** – the site where the twin World Trade Center towers fell in the 9/11 attacks on September 11, 2001

**World Trade Center towers** – (WTC) twin towers that had 110 stories and were destroyed in the 9/11 attacks. They were a major landmark in New York City.

**Pentagon** – a five-sided building in Washington, D.C. that is home to headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense, the U.S. military.

**somber** – sad, serious

**9/11** – stands for September 11, 2001 – the day America was attacked by Islamic terrorists. Four planes were hijacked. Two crashed into the World Trade Center towers in New York City, one into the Pentagon in Washington D.C., and one crashed into a field in Pennsylvania. Almost 3,000 innocent people were killed.

**al-Qaeda** - the radical Muslim group that caused the 9/11 attacks

**hijacked** – taken by force

**Freedom Tower** – the 69-story building being built that will stand where the World Trade Center towers stood. It will have offices, restaurants and an observation deck.

**hub** – the center of activity

### “Happy Birthday, Kang-a-new!”

**reticulated** – marked with lines

### “Girl runs across China”

**impose** – force, insist on

**grueling** – extremely difficult or exhausting

**trek** – long, difficult journey

**journalist** – a reporter



### “Boy drives mom’s car into canal”

**seawall** – a cement wall used to separate seawater from living areas

**submerged** – completely under water

### “Kids choose m-m-McDonald’s”

**obesity** – the condition of being very overweight

**savvy** – smart, well-informed

**media** – means of communication, such as television, radio, magazines, digital messages, movies, newspapers, the Internet

**strategy** – a well thought-out plan of action

### “Life goes on two years after Katrina”

**Hurricane Katrina** – the hurricane that pounded the Gulf Coast in America in August 2005. It severely damaged the coasts in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. More than 1,600 people died and 80 percent of New Orleans flooded when the levees broke.

**economy** – the money system of a country or state

**thriving** – doing well, successful

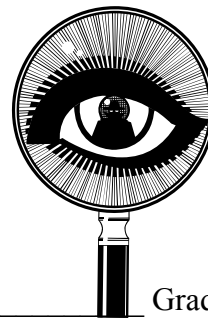
**gutted** – the insides are ripped out

**FEMA** – (Federal Emergency Management Agency) an organization that responds to disasters in the United States

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## MYSTERY WORD



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the missing mystery word with words from the Word Bank.

**hub**                      **grueling**                      **Zero**                      **strategy**                      **savvy**  
**FEMA**                      **al-Qaeda**                      **submerged**                      **reticulated**                      **journalists**

1. "I never impose my will on her," Zhang Jianmin said. He insists that the \_\_\_\_\_ trek was his daughter's desire.
2. On September 11, 2001, Islamic \_\_\_\_\_ terrorists flew planes into the World Trade Center (towers).
3. Both children were trapped inside the bright yellow car, \_\_\_\_\_ under the water.
4. "There are still a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ trailers, but most homes have roofs now."
5. However, the study also suggested that advertising may be a useful \_\_\_\_\_ for improving young children's eating behaviors in a healthy way.
6. "Even with the challenges involved in planning the redevelopment of Ground \_\_\_\_\_, the area's recovery has been far stronger than any of us could have imagined," said New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg.
7. The Denver Zoo welcomes Kang, its newest \_\_\_\_\_ giraffe.
8. She is surrounded by \_\_\_\_\_ after completing a 55-day journey, running about 40 miles a day to celebrate the 2008 Olympics.
9. Sue Summers in Littleton, Colorado, started MediaAlert, a company created to keep kids and teachers \_\_\_\_\_ about the media.
10. The new transportation \_\_\_\_\_ will resemble the wing of a bird taking flight.

### EXTRA! EXTRA!

Write a sentence that makes sense using at least two of the words from the list above or the full Word Bank.

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