



Activities reinforce Colorado Content Standards using this month's e-editions of the Denver Post.

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ACTIVITY

Article: **Spoiled system**, *Sun., Sept. 5, Main, p. 1A*

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- Read the article
- Select the main idea expressed in the story.
 - o Fresh peaches are more expensive, per serving, than macaroni and cheese.
 - o The food production infrastructure is such that it is more cost effective to produce foods higher in calories, but less nutritional, than fruits and vegetables.
 - o Food in the U.S. is cheaper than any place else in the world.
 - o There are not enough dark green vegetables available in the U.S. to meet the demand if everyone wanted to eat the recommended servings .

Article: **Animals lend a paw in therapy**, *Sun., Sept. 5, Inside & Out, p. 1D*

- The following paragraphs are from the article. Underline verbs and verb phrases.

Sasha is a 7-year-old rescued shelter dog. She lies calmly on the floor as these kids show a visitor how things are done at Animal Assisted Therapy Programs of Colorado. The professional counseling practice is one of the first in the nation to provide animal-assisted therapy as its focus, its founder says.

Research has shown that contact with animals can lower human anxiety, stress and blood pressure, help children be more open about their problems, and help defuse anger.

Clients at this practice have the option of having traditional therapy or animal-assisted therapy, Chassman says. Increasingly, they are choosing to have animals present.

- Which of these words is a verb that means “to make less dangerous, tense, or hostile”?
 - o professional
 - o anxiety
 - o defuse
 - o traditional

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ACTIVITY

- Write a complete sentence correctly using each of the words in the preceding answer selection.
- On a separate sheet of paper write a story about a pet. Provide a description of the animal and explain how you met.

ACTIVITY

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Article: **Should helmets be required kids?**, *Thurs., Sept. 2, Main, p. 1A*

Rewrite the following selections from the article editing capitalization, punctuation and spelling (there are 5 corrections to make in each selection).

- California and new jersey are poised to adopt the nations first-ever laws requiring all kids under 18 years old to where helmet's while skiing.
- “Too me, this is the law catching up to where people allready are. Very few kids dont have helmets these days,' said rob Katz.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

- Write your opinion. Do you support or oppose mandatory helmet laws requiring all kids under 18 to wear helmets while skiing or riding bikes?



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R E A D I N G & W R I T I N G



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Students will need additional writing material to complete the activities. If you print the activities, the back of the printout can be used. As an alternative, this might be a good time to implement a writing journal. Students can record their answers in one section; they can have another section dedicated to new words.

ACTIVITY 1:

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ACTIVITY 2:

- Which of these words is a verb that means "to make less dangerous, tense, or hostile"?
 - o defuse

ACTIVITY 3:

- California and New Jersey are poised to adopt the nation's first-ever laws requiring all kids under 18 years old to wear helmets while skiing.
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Reading and Writing Standard 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Colorado Model Content Standards for CSAP assessment

Reading and Writing Standard 1: Students read and understand a variety of materials.

Reading and Writing Standard 2: Students write and speak for a variety of purposes and audiences.

Reading and Writing Standard 3: Students write and speak using conventional grammar, usage, sentence structure, punctuation, capitalization and spelling.

Reading and Writing Standard 4: Students apply thinking skills to their reading, writing, speaking, listening, and viewing.

Reading and Writing Standard 5: Students read to locate, select, and make use of relevant information from a variety of media, reference, and technological sources.

Reading and Writing Standard 6: Students read and recognize literature as a record of human experience.

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