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Student answer sheet

Name _____ Date _____

Listen to the reader. Write one spelling on each numbered line.

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After checking, circle the two spellings you want to try again.

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Say the word, read the sentence, then repeat the word. Use the meaning if the speller asks for a clue.

1. brief

Lasting only a short time.

A brief shower darkened the stone path.

2. field

An open area of land, often used for crops or sports.

The team crossed the grassy field to reach the gate.

3. chief

The person who leads a group.

The fire chief checked the station roster.

4. shield

An object held up for protection.

The actor painted a silver star on the wooden shield.

5. receive

To be given something.

Each runner will receive a map before the race.

6. ceiling

The inside surface at the top of a room.

A paper moon hung from the ceiling.

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7. receipt

A record showing that someone paid for something.

The cashier tucked the receipt into the shopping bag.

8. deceive

To cause someone to believe something false.

The painted stage doorway can deceive the eye.

9. seize

To take hold of something quickly or forcefully.

The climber reached out to seize the loose rope.

10. protein

A substance made of amino acids that living things need.

Lentils add protein to the soup.

11. caffeine

A stimulant present in coffee, tea and some other drinks.

This tea contains caffeine even after it cools.

12. vein

A blood vessel that carries blood toward the heart.

The diagram showed a vein returning blood to the heart.

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13. reins

Straps a rider uses to guide a horse.

The rider loosened the reins as the pony slowed.

14. freight

Goods carried in bulk by truck, train, ship or plane.

The train carried freight to the coastal port.

15. height

The distance from the bottom of something to its top.

The carpenter measured the height of the bookcase.

16. science

The study of the natural world through observation and investigation.

Our science class compared the shapes of fallen leaves.