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**Lesson 21**  
 READER'S NOTEBOOK

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**The World According to Humphrey**  
 Independent Reading



# The World According to Humphrey

## A. J.'s Proposal

A. J. may have learned more than what it is like to take care of a hamster for a weekend. Imagine that A. J. wants to tell what he learned about the harmful effects of watching too much television. Write a proposal in which A. J. tells his classmates why they should have a "Weekly TV-Free Night." First, answer the questions below.



Reread pages 628 and 632–633. How have A. J.'s nighttime activities changed?

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Look at the illustrations on pages 628 and 633. How does the family look in each illustration?

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How can too much television affect a family?

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# Using Context

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 Vocabulary Strategies:  
 Using Context

figure	might	cover	racket
block	corner	pet	combination

**Each sentence below contains a multiple-meaning word. Read each sentence. Fill in the circle next to the definition that fits the way the word is used in the sentence.**

- Alma was able to figure out a hard math problem.  
 A. understand  B. a shape
- The two friends lived on the same block.  
 A. get in the way of  B. a section of a street
- He used all his might to pick up the heavy box.  
 A. maybe  B. strength
- I will put my desk in the corner of the room.  
 A. place where two walls meet  B. to trap
- The music was a combination of rock and jazz styles.  
 A. numbers used to open a lock  B. a mix or blend of things
- You should cover your head with a hat when it is cold.  
 A. a blanket  B. to put something on top of something else
- My friend asked if he could pet my dog.  
 A. stroke an animal  B. an animal kept by humans
- I left my racket at a friend's house.  
 A. something used to play tennis  B. a loud noise

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# Words with VCV Pattern

**Basic 1–10.** Read the paragraph. Write the Basic Word that best replaces the underlined word or words in each sentence.

Moving to a new place was an (1) important occasion in my life. I was only a (2) person who studies when my family shot into space. We flew to the (3) heavenly body Zondora. The shuttle flight from Earth to Zondora was very (4) fast. We stayed in a hovering (5) resort. The workers there were (6) respectful and helpful. Zondora has large lava pits and (7) icy plains. It has a large shield to (8) protect against anything that could harm the planet. If the shield is threatened, a (9) device that makes a loud noise blares. The people (10) join together to keep Zondora safe.

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____  |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____  |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____  |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____  |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

**Challenge 11–14.** Your brother and your best friend are on opposing teams of a football game. Write a journal entry that tells how you cheered for both teams. Use four of the Challenge Words. Write on a separate sheet of paper.

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3. rapid
4. music
5. relief
6. planet
7. detail
8. unite
9. frozen
10. figure
11. siren
12. polite
13. hotel
14. protest
15. punish
16. defend
17. relay
18. habit
19. student
20. moment

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# Spelling Word Sort

Write each Basic Word beside the correct heading.

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**Challenge** Add the Challenge Words to your Word Sort.

**Connect to Reading** Look through “The World According to Humphrey.” Find words that have the VC / V and V / CV spelling pattern on this page. Add them to your Word Sort.

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# Proofreading for Spelling

Find the misspelled words and circle them. Write them correctly on the lines below.

What a relief to be back at school! If only I could talk, I would ask Mrs. Brisbane for a moment of her time to protest the weekend's arrangement at the Thomases' house. Don't get me wrong now. The family treated me nicely, and they did not punish me when water spilled inside my cage. They actually thought it was an exciting event! Mr. Thomas thinks he has a great sense of humor, but here's a small detail that I'll only share with Mrs. Brisbane: his jokes are the funniest on the planet. Mrs. Thomas is very polite, but her taste in music is simply awful. She also has a very bad habit of serving frozen pizza that isn't cooked through. "Look at our little hamster go!" Mrs. Brisbane said. "He's running a relay race on his wheel. I think he's glad to be back."

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