

Grade – 3

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A. Comprehension - Read this passage and answer the questions below.

The White House is the oldest **public** building in the District of Columbia, and 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue is the most famous address in the United States. The White House has been the scene of many events in the history of our nation. Here, every president, except George Washington, has managed the government of the nation.

Although President Washington **oversaw** the construction of the house, he never lived in it. It was not until 1800 when the White House was nearly completed that President John Adams and his wife, Abigail, moved in. Since that time, each president has made his own changes and additions.

In the past 200 years, the White House has become the symbol of American presidency throughout the world. The White House stands for the power and **statesmanship** of the chief executive.

The White House itself has been altered, **adapted**, or enlarged to suit the needs of the residents and the demands of a growing nation. Throughout all the changes, the basic structure has been **honored**. After the British burned it down in 1814, the house was rebuilt between 1815 and 1817 within the same walls. The State Dining Room was enlarged and space for presidential staff was created in 1902 in a wing called the West Wing.

The structure of the White House had become very weak over time. It was completely rebuilt within its original walls in 1948-52. Through all of this, it has remained recognizable for more than 200 years.

1. Provide a title for this passage. _____

2. What is the street address of The White House?

3. Why has the White House been altered or changed?

4. What remained original after the rebuilding of the White House in the 1800s?

5-9. Find the meanings of the following words in the dictionary:

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- 5. oversaw: _____
- 6. public: _____
- 7. honored: _____
- 8. adapted: _____
- 9. statesmanship: _____

B. Grammar - Good or Well - Choose the right word to fill in the blank. Also tell whether it is an adjective or adverb.

- 1. Sarah can sing really _____.
- 2. How _____ can you play basketball? _____
- 3. How _____ is your TV trivia? _____
- 4. Lena is a very _____ tennis player. _____
- 5. The food at the school picnic tastes _____.
- 6. She plays the piano very _____.
- 7. I had a _____ time at the party. _____
- 8. He gets along _____ with his friends. _____
- 9. This pasta tastes very _____.
- 10. My mother is not _____.
- 11. _____ things come to those who wait. _____
- 12. Ken knows Violet very _____.
- 13. Abner recites poetry _____.
- 14. Tim always enjoys a _____ game of chess. _____
- 15. I am _____ today, but yesterday I couldn't even get out of bed. _____
- 16. Connie has a _____ feeling about her test results. _____
- 17. Sandy has a _____ appetite. _____