

UNIT 1: WEEK 1

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7. substantial—of a great amount or size
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Essential Question:

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Spelling Words

1. flat
2. cash
3. band
4. bell
5. left
6. shelf
7. wealth
8. grim
9. mill
10. hint
11. plot
12. dock
13. blot
14. odd
15. sum
16. plum
17. bluff
18. crunch
19. build
20. gym

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3. stray
4. today
5. bail
6. rail
7. drain
8. faint
9. claim
10. pale
11. face
12. graze
13. cane
14. slate
15. ache
16. steak
17. break
18. eight
19. they
20. obey