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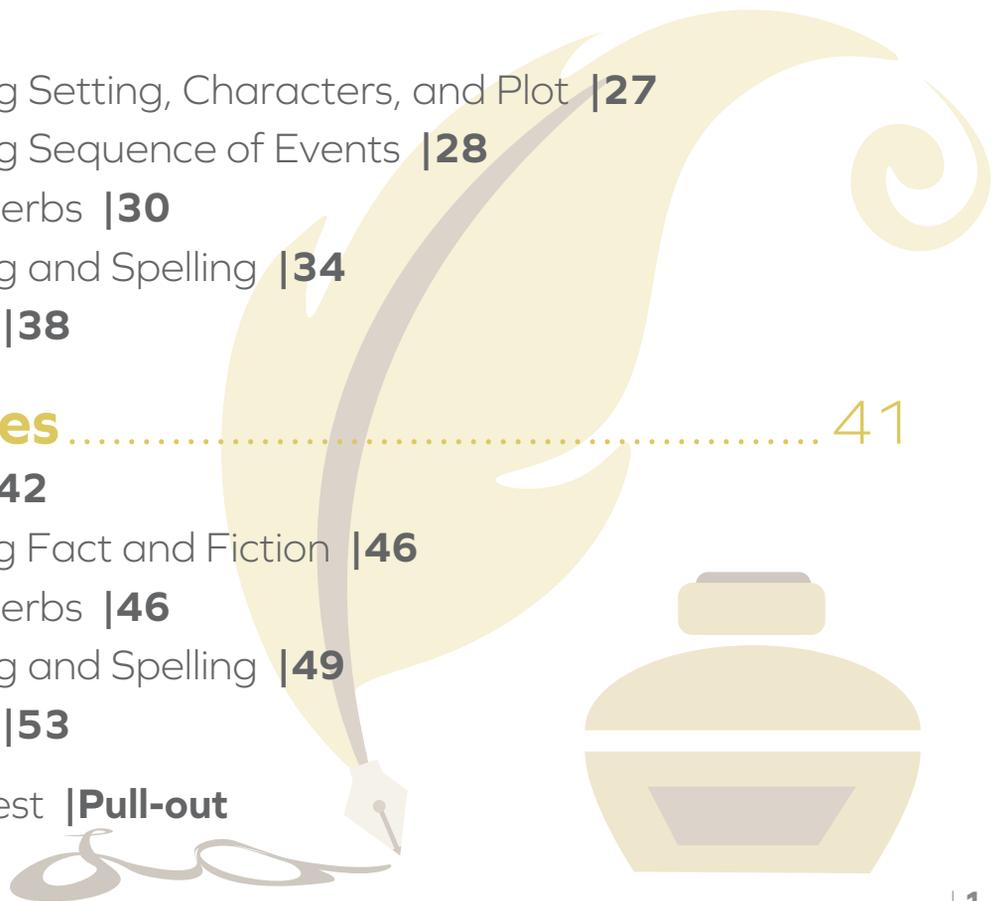
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# FACT AND FICTION

Literature comes in many forms. In this LIFEPAC® you will study three of the forms: *biography*, *fable*, and *tall tales*. You will review how to select the main idea of a story. You will learn to describe the characters, plot, and setting of a story. You will learn to arrange events in the proper order. You will also learn how to write stories like the ones you read in this LIFEPAC.

Learning more about nouns and verbs will help you to write better stories. Learning the meaning and spelling of new words will also help you to be a better writer.

## Objectives

**Read these objectives.** The objectives tell you what you will be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFEPAC. Each section will list according to the numbers below what objectives will be met in that section. When you have completed this LIFEPAC, you should be able to:

1. Recognize different forms of literature.
2. Select the main idea of a story or paragraph.
3. Describe the setting, characters, and plot of a story.
4. Arrange events in the correct order in which they have happened.
5. Recognize fact and fiction.
6. Write a story.
7. Find the subject of a sentence.
8. Define a noun.
9. Recognize common and proper nouns.
10. Form plural and possessive nouns.

11. Define a verb.
12. Learn the kinds of words that are verbs.
13. Recognize present and past tenses of verbs.
14. Recognize helping verbs.
15. Form verb contractions.
16. Practice skills to improve handwriting.
17. Recognize and spell words with open and closed syllables.
18. Learn new words.
19. Spell new words.



# 1. BIOGRAPHY

In this section of your LIFEPAC, you will study the **biography** of Robert Goddard. The biography will help you to see that reading about the lives of people is interesting.

In the grammar part of this section, you will learn several things about nouns. You will improve the shape of your letters as you practice handwriting skills, and you will learn to recognize and spell words with closed syllables.

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## Vocabulary

**Study these vocabulary words.** Learning the meanings of these words is a good study habit and will improve your understanding of this LIFE PAC.

**biography** (bī og' ru fē). The story of a person's life.

**communication** (ku myü nu kā' shun). Giving or exchanging information or news by speaking or writing.

**fiction** (fik' shun). Something imagined or made up; a made-up story.

**launch** (lônch). Push out or put forth into the air.

**lunar** (lü' nur). Of or like the moon.

**novel** (nov' ul). A long story.

**orbit** (ôr' bit). The path of a heavenly body around another heavenly body.

**probe** (prōb). An unmanned spacecraft carrying scientific instruments used to report information about space or other planets.

**rocket** (rok' it). Engine used to make spacecraft leave the earth.

**satellite** (sat' u līt). A heavenly body that travels around a planet.

**thrust** (thrust). Push with force.

**timid** (tim' id). Shy.

**Note:** All vocabulary words in this LIFE PAC appear in **boldface** print the first time they are used. If you are unsure of the meaning when you are reading, study the definitions given.

**Pronunciation Key:** hat, āge, cāre, fār; let, ēqual, tērm; it, īce; hot, ōpen, ôrder; oil; out; cup, pūt, rüle; child; long; thin; /TH/ for then; /zh/ for measure; /u/ or /ə/ represents /a/ in about, /e/ in taken, /i/ in pencil, /o/ in lemon, and /u/ in circus.



## Biography

The story you are about to read is a short biography. The word biography comes from two Greek words: *bio*, which means *life*, and *graph*, which means *write*. Therefore, *biography* means a *written story of a person's life*.

### ***The Moon Is Not Green Cheese***

## 10, 9, 8, 7

When Neil Armstrong stepped onto the moon on July 20, 1969, he found that this natural **satellite** of the earth was made of rocks and dirt and not green cheese.

A **rocket** was used to **thrust** Mr. Armstrong so far away from the earth. Because of the discoveries of Robert Goddard, an American rocket scientist, Neil Armstrong was able to go to the moon and to learn about it. Dr. Goddard is considered the father of modern rocketry.

Robert Hutchings Goddard was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, on October 5, 1882. He was the only child of a bookkeeper, salesman, and machine shop owner. Robert's boyhood was quiet and peaceful.

Early in Robert's youth, he became excited with the factories in his town. These factories were making machines and other goods for a growing America. He read science books and dreamed of great inventions.

In 1898 Robert read *War of the Worlds*, a science-**fiction novel** by H. G. Wells. This story stirred his youthful imagination and set him to dreaming of building a space machine that would fly. One day Robert climbed a cherry tree in his backyard. He imagined how wonderful it would be to



| Space station

build a spacecraft that might possibly fly to Mars. When he climbed down from the tree, he knew the direction his life would take.

## 6, 5, 4,

At Clark University where Dr. Goddard taught, he experimented in his laboratory with rockets. On March 16, 1926, on his Aunt Effie's farm in Auburn, Massachusetts, he **launched** the world's first successful flight of a rocket.

The rocket stayed in the air for two and one-half seconds, rose to a height of 41 feet, went a distance of 184 feet, and traveled an average speed of 64 miles per hour. Many years later, a rocket would speed at 17,000 miles per hour to launch a satellite into **orbit** around the earth.

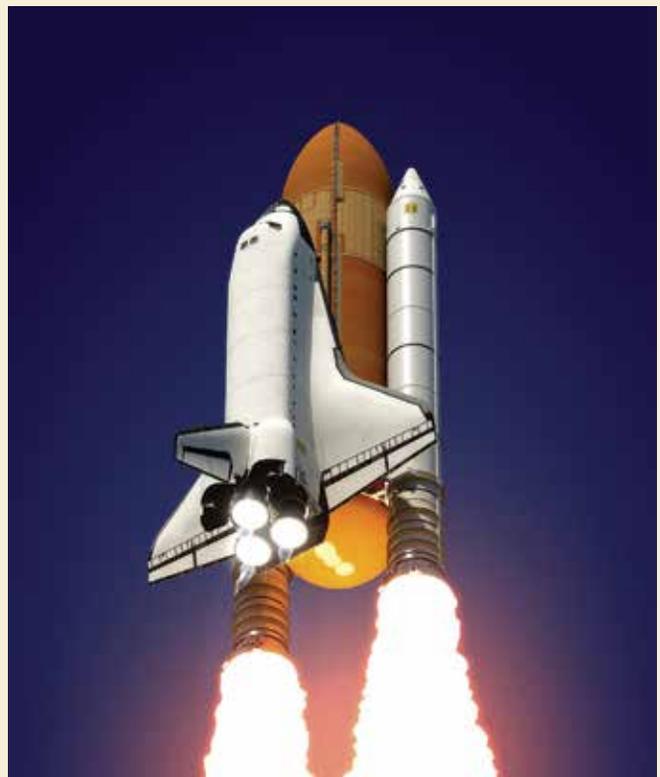
Many other workable ideas came from the mind of this **timid** man. One idea he had was to invent a manned and an unmanned spacecraft that would reach the moon and planets and return to earth. Another idea was the building of a manned station on the moon.

## 3, 2, 1

When America's first manned space shuttle, the *Enterprise*, left complex 39-A from the John F. Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida, scientists used more of this shy man's ideas.

At least thirty orbiting **communication** satellites, half a dozen **lunar probes**, more space shuttles, even "colonies" of spacecraft—all of these began as ideas in the mind of Dr. Goddard. At least two hundred of his ideas are being used by scientists around the world.

Dr. Goddard did not live to see where his work would lead. He died on August 10, 1945, just as the world was entering the "Space Age" of jets and rockets. If Dr.



| Rocket

Goddard had lived a few years longer, he probably would have been quietly delighted when astronauts walked on the moon, when the “Star Trek®” television programs challenged the imaginations of thousands of people around the world, and when scientists sent manned and unmanned spacecraft to other planets and back to Earth. O, the power of ideas and dreams!



### Complete this activity.

- 1.1** List any ideas or dreams you have for space travel. Share your answers with a friend.

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### Answer *true* or *false*.

- 1.2** \_\_\_\_\_ Robert Hutchings Goddard launched a rocket on March 16, 1926.
- 1.3** \_\_\_\_\_ Robert Goddard went to the moon.
- 1.4** \_\_\_\_\_ The first rocket went to the moon.
- 1.5** \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Goddard had many ideas that are being used today.
- 1.6** \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Goddard died in 1945.

## Selecting the Main Idea

Every story has a *main idea*. The main idea tells the most important thing the writer wants you to know from his story.

Every paragraph also has a main idea. The main ideas of the paragraphs will tell you about the main idea of the whole story.

Remember that main ideas are *usually* found in the first sentence of a paragraph. They are sometimes found in the middle or at the end of a paragraph. The main idea of a story is usually found either in the first or in the last paragraph of the story.



### Complete this activity.

1.7

Put an **X** in front of the sentence that best states the main idea of the biography you just read.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ The moon is made of dirt and rocks.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Robert Goddard decided early in his youth what he would do with his life.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Goddard is the father of modern rocketry.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Goddard had many dreams and creative ideas.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ O, the power of ideas and dreams!



### Answer these questions.

1.8

Which paragraph of the biography contains the main idea of the story?

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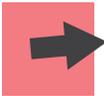
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What is the main idea of the first paragraph?

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## Exploring Nouns

A noun is the name of something. It is the name of a person, place, or thing. Nouns have an important place in sentences. Nouns also have different forms. In this grammar part of Section One, you will learn several things about nouns.



### Complete these activities.

- 1.10** Copy Genesis 2:19 and 20. Notice that one of Adam's jobs was to name the birds and animals. The names he gave them are nouns.

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- 1.11** Underline the nouns in this paragraph. Ask yourself, "Is this word the name of a person, place, or thing?" You will underline 11 nouns.

Many other workable ideas came from the mind of this timid man. One idea he had was to invent a manned and unmanned spacecraft that would reach the moon and planets and return to earth. Another idea was to build a manned station on the moon.

- 1.12** Write a noun in each blank in these sentences:

- The \_\_\_\_\_ is red, white, and blue.
- We live in a \_\_\_\_\_ .
- My pet is a \_\_\_\_\_ .
- On Sundays we go to \_\_\_\_\_ .
- My \_\_\_\_\_ will visit us.
- Adam named the \_\_\_\_\_ .
- On the trees are green \_\_\_\_\_ .

A noun may be the *subject* of a sentence. The subject answers the question, “Who or what is doing something or being something in this sentence?”

Study these examples. The subject is underlined. The subject may be more than one word. *Remember:* Ask who or what is doing something or being something in each sentence.

**Examples:**

Thomas Edison became interested in experimenting with different materials at the age of eleven.

His first laboratory was in his mother’s basement.

Children often visited him there.

Sports held no interest for the young scientist.

The Grand Trunk Railroad hired him as a newsboy.

His parents objected to this job for their son.

The hard-working newsboy became a good businessman.

Edison’s mind helped him to be successful in his work.

A noun is either a common noun or a proper noun. A *common noun* is the name of anything in a group. A common noun begins with a lowercase letter except as the first word of a sentence.

A *proper noun* is the name of a special person, place, or thing. A proper noun always begins with a capital letter.



**Underline the subject of each sentence.**

- 1.13** People of Babylon were ordered to worship King Darius.
- 1.14** Any disobedient person would be thrown into the lions' den.
- 1.15** Three times a day Daniel prayed to his God.
- 1.16** Wicked men reported this act to the king.
- 1.17** King Darius ordered that Daniel be thrown into the lions' den.
- 1.18** All night in the palace, the king fasted and prayed that Daniel would not be hurt.
- 1.19** God's angel closed the mouths of the lions.
- 1.20** The lions did not touch Daniel.
- 1.21** Darius declared that the God of Daniel was the living God.
- 1.22** Daniel enjoyed success in the time of King Darius and King Cyrus.



**Write a proper noun as the subject of each sentence.**

- 1.23** \_\_\_\_\_ is my friend.
- 1.24** \_\_\_\_\_ plays baseball.
- 1.25** \_\_\_\_\_ is my pet.
- 1.26** \_\_\_\_\_ visits us often.
- 1.27** \_\_\_\_\_ wrote a book.



**Write a proper noun for each common noun.**

- 1.28** city \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.29** day \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.30** month \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.31** teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.32** language \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.33** street \_\_\_\_\_

# SELF TEST 1

**Write true or false** (each answer, 2 points).

- 1.01** \_\_\_\_\_ The moon is made of rocks and dirt.
- 1.02** \_\_\_\_\_ Robert Goddard is considered the father of modern rocketry.
- 1.03** \_\_\_\_\_ Neil Armstrong stepped onto the moon in 1869.
- 1.04** \_\_\_\_\_ In a cherry tree, young Robert decided he would build rockets.
- 1.05** \_\_\_\_\_ Later, Goddard taught at Clark University and experimented in his laboratory.
- 1.06** \_\_\_\_\_ Goddard launched the first successful rocket on March 16, 1926.
- 1.07** \_\_\_\_\_ At least two hundred of Dr. Goddard's ideas are being used by scientists around the world.
- 1.08** \_\_\_\_\_ Goddard died in 1945.
- 1.09** \_\_\_\_\_ A biography is the written story of a person's life.
- 1.010** \_\_\_\_\_ The main idea of a story tells the most important thing the writer wants you to know from his story.

**State the main idea of "The Moon Is Not Green Cheese"** (this answer, 5 points).

**1.011** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Write the difference between a common noun and a proper noun** (this answer, 5 points).

**1.012** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Write the meanings of these words about rockets** (each answer, 4 points).

**1.013** launch \_\_\_\_\_

**1.014** orbit \_\_\_\_\_

**1.015** satellite \_\_\_\_\_

**1.016** thrust \_\_\_\_\_

**Draw a line under the subject of each sentence** (each answer, 2 points).

**1.017** Heidi lived with her grandfather.

**1.018** Her friend was named Peter.

**1.019** Peter cared for the goats.

**1.020** The goats ate grass as they climbed the mountain.

**Write a common noun in each blank in these sentences** (each answer, 2 points).

**1.021** At school we play \_\_\_\_\_ .

**1.022** When it rains, wear your \_\_\_\_\_ .

**1.023** For breakfast I eat \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Write a proper noun in each blank in these sentences** (each answer, 2 points).

**1.024** The father of modern rocketry is \_\_\_\_\_ .

**1.025** A newsboy who became a scientist was \_\_\_\_\_ .

**1.026** The man who was thrown into the lions' den was \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Write the plural form of these singular nouns** (each answer, 2 points).

**1.027** rocket \_\_\_\_\_

**1.028** church \_\_\_\_\_

**1.029** bus \_\_\_\_\_

**1.030** child \_\_\_\_\_

**1.031** knife \_\_\_\_\_

**1.032** lady \_\_\_\_\_

**1.033** monkey \_\_\_\_\_

**1.034** deer \_\_\_\_\_

**Write the possessive form of these singular nouns** (each answer, 2 points).

**1.035** horse \_\_\_\_\_

**1.036** tree \_\_\_\_\_

**1.037** wolf \_\_\_\_\_

**1.038** man \_\_\_\_\_

**Write the possessive form of these plural nouns** (each answer, 2 points).

**1.039** sheep \_\_\_\_\_

**1.040** houses \_\_\_\_\_

**1.041** foxes \_\_\_\_\_

**1.042** women \_\_\_\_\_

**1.043** keys \_\_\_\_\_



**Teacher check:**

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