

OC READ NEWSLETTER



Literacy Fact: People who read a book before bed report having a better night's sleep.

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VOCABULARY

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As we enter into the shortest month of the year, did you know the word February is one of the most misspelled *and* mispronounced words in the English language? In 2015, even the White House sent out five different press releases with the word "February" misprinted!

If the spelling wasn't hard enough, most people pronounce February with a dropped r, mistaking the month as "Feb-you-air-ee." In actuality, the /r/ is not silent and should be correctly pronounced as Feb-roo-air-ee. But don't worry, even President Obama admitted to having a hard time using the word February in a [speech](#)!

Source: [Washingtonpost.com](https://www.washingtonpost.com)



LEARNER SUCCESSES



Nazifa is making steady progress on her goal of reading a book.

Teresa is reading more books from the Friends of the Library.

Adrian joined the Chapter-A-Week book club.

Hanieh made progress on her goal to read a work-related manual.

Nice work, everyone!

TUTOR CLASSES

To register for a class, follow the "To RSVP" instructions below.

TUTOR ONGOING LEARNING

Beyond Boundaries Tutoring (BBT) **Next Meeting in March, Date TBA** **Virtual Event**

BBT meetings are your space to share, collaborate, and learn from your fellow tutors. All tutors are welcome, regardless of if you are meeting, matched, or waitlisted.

The topic for March's BBT will be **Goal Setting**. Questions to ponder before the meeting are:

- How do you and your learner measure progress on a goal?
- How would you explain to a new learner why goals are important?

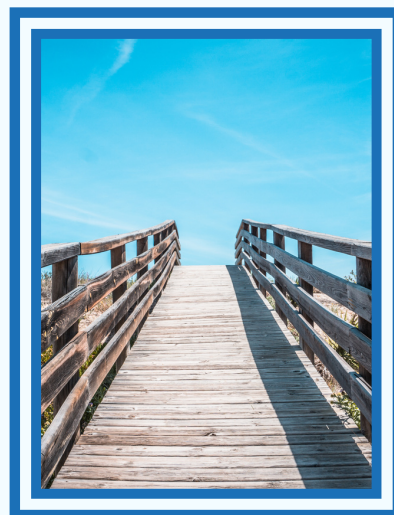
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Tutor Writing Workshop **Wednesday, March 9 at 2 PM** **Virtual Event**

This workshop counts towards your 2-hour tutor training commitment. We encourage all tutors to join in! If you attend, don't forget to add the time to your monthly report. For waitlist and unmatched tutors, OC Read staff will make sure your time is noted.

Please use the following link to register through CLLS

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErdU2oqTsrEtYW84jyCUm8n0aGiTr-HphM>



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READING PRACTICE

Readers' Club Tuesdays at 6 PM Virtual Event

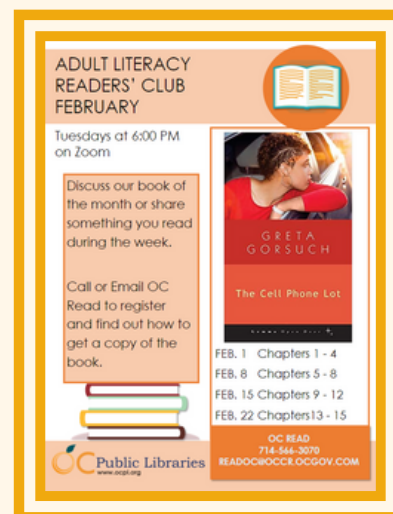
Discuss our book of the month or share something you read during the week. February's book is *The Cell Phone Lot* by Greta Gorsuch. A copy of the book will be provided.

Total pages: 78

The Readers' Club will meet:

- February 1 - Chapter 1-4
- February 8 - Chapters 5-8
- February 15 - Chapters 9-12
- February 22 - Chapters 13-15

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News For You Saturday, February 26 at 11 AM Virtual Event

OC Read staff and participants will read current news articles to practice our reading skills and strategies. Tutors, please encourage your learners to attend.

This class focuses on building vocabulary, reading fluency, and reading comprehension.

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LITERACY EVENTS

Taste Buds

Tuesday, February 1

Kit Pick Up

Cook with your family using natural herbs and spices to create more flavorful dishes together. Pick up your spice kit a week early at the following locations, while supplies last.

- Cost Mesa Donald Dungan
- Garden Grove Chapman
- Garden Grove Main
- La Habra
- Tustin
- Mobile Library Locations

The Spice of the month is sage, in celebration of National Soup Day on February 4.

No RSVP is needed.



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BOOK NOOK

**Title**

Missing

Author

Frances Itani

Text Difficulty

3

Lexile Measure

710

[*Click here for Lexile measure chart](#)



Missing is based on a true story. Luc Caron lives in northern France during World War I. One day, he sees three airplanes fighting in the sky. Luc watches in horror as a plane flips over and the pilot falls to his death. Luc is the only witness. The Greenwoods own an apple farm in Canada. Their son, a pilot, has been missing for 11 years. In 1928, they receive a package from England. The package contains a letter and three objects found at the site of a plane crash. How is the mystery of the missing pilot solved, bringing peace to Luc and to the pilot's parents?

This is an ebook. You can find it here:

<https://ocpl.overdrive.com/media/686650?cid=1084450>

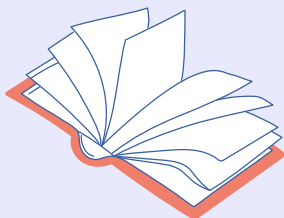


FAMILY LITERACY

You don't have to read perfectly
in order to share a book with a child!
Follow the child's lead and talk about
what they see on the pages.

Ask questions like, "What is this?" while pointing
to the illustrations, or "What do you think is
happening here?" Let the child turn the pages—
they don't even have to go in order from
beginning to end!

For young children, this helps them understand
how books, written words, and talking
connect to each other. For older children,
you can get them thinking about
how stories work and making guesses
for what will happen in the book.



Tutoring Tip: What Makes a Sentence "Good"?

When thinking about how to explain what makes a sentence "good", it's helpful to ditch the grammar [jargon](#) and instead focus on patterns. Steve Peha, who wrote the blog post *Teaching Grammar: There Has to Be a Better Way (And There Is!)* suggests using a system where sentences are made up of parts.

1. **Main parts:** Contain the main action of the sentence
2. **Lead-in parts:** Lead into other parts, especially main parts
3. **In-between parts:** Fall between parts and feel like a slight interruption
4. **Add-on parts:** Convey additional information about other parts

Notice how we are not labeling things like the "main clause" or "indirect object". As a tutor, your goal is to help someone become a stronger language user, not a grammarian. Using this system, learners can create any number of sentences by combining different parts in different ways.

For a more in-depth look at how to present grammar, see:
eslbase.com/teaching/grammar-important-second-language-learner

To read the full blog post about how to explain writing without grammar jargon, see:
edutopia.org/blog/teaching-grammar-a-better-way-steve-peha

Writing Prompt

Write a short letter to a family member or friend about a favorite memory you have of them. Where did this memory happen? What made it special?

Send in your letters by **February 20** for a chance to be featured in next month's newsletter!

Email your work to: readoc@occr.ocgov.com



Word Search

Guess the song!

All of these words are from the lyrics to a song.
Do you know the name of this song?

V	Q	F	R	N	G	G	A	Z	S	W	G	R	B	L
C	J	A	J	S	H	R	A	A	M	M	A	I	T	A
B	I	M	L	M	W	E	W	G	M	E	A	H	F	H
N	Z	I	Z	V	A	B	E	U	H	K	T	E	M	T
F	W	L	Z	O	K	M	D	N	N	E	C	F	R	U
Q	J	Y	Z	Q	R	W	D	Y	B	O	Z	D	P	D
A	D	K	E	K	O	S	I	D	W	H	K	M	G	B
T	N	A	M	E	H	G	N	E	M	A	R	F	D	W
R	G	L	Z	Y	Y	D	G	R	X	Y	C	Q	E	P
B	W	T	L	Q	Z	C	U	D	I	D	X	A	S	H
T	M	W	F	V	X	G	T	N	K	V	J	O	I	T
S	F	R	O	H	K	K	E	J	D	C	L	W	M	X
D	X	T	T	Y	Z	T	I	E	N	L	O	S	O	X
I	R	R	Q	Z	H	P	N	D	I	Q	D	M	R	I
X	B	J	P	J	L	S	I	X	H	X	N	F	P	G

dreams

gift

promised

family

hear

rain

frame

name

wedding

Hint: This is a song from a Disney movie. It's also quite popular right now!

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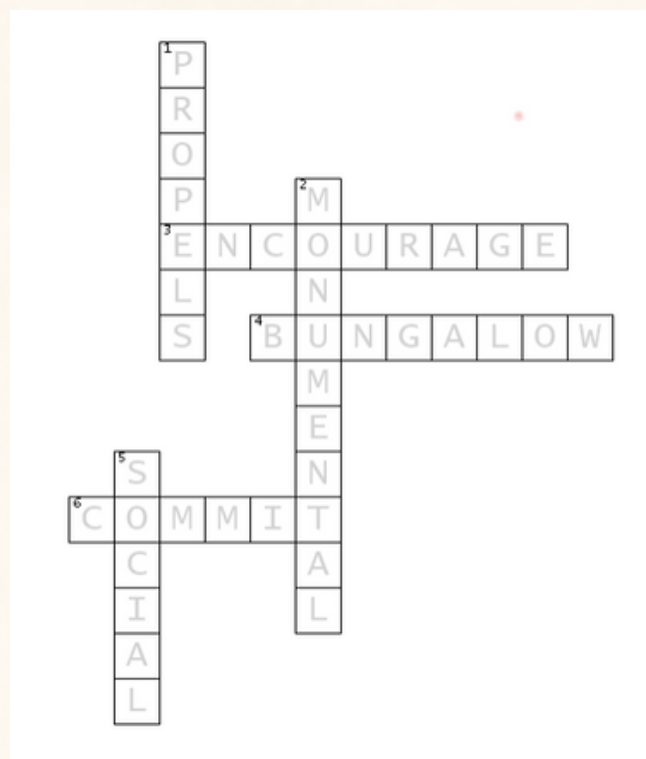
Puzzle Answer Keys

January Crossword - Down

1. set in motion
2. impression
5. communal

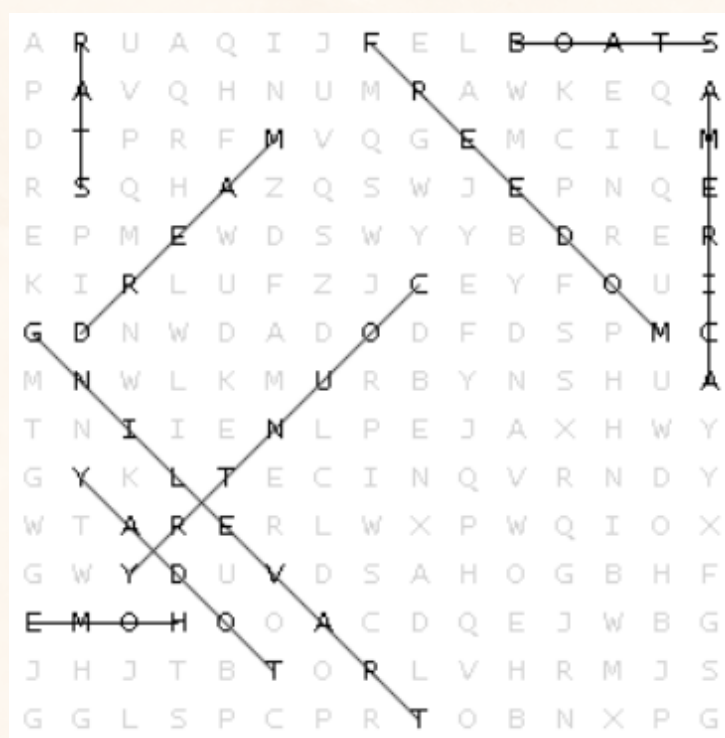
January Crossword - Across

3. motivate
4. cottage
6. execute



January Word Search - Guess the Song

The song was "America" by Neil Diamond. You can listen to it on YouTube by going to this link: <https://youtu.be/wTSLRbm8L9E>



Trivia:

This song was a hit single in 1981, but it was first released on the 1980 soundtrack album for *The Jazz Singer*!

[Click here to find the DVD at an OCPL branch.](#)