

BUSY WORK.**AN EXERCISE ON "BUT"**

Dispose of *but* as used in each of the following sentences:

1. He did nothing *but* find fault.
2. They came *but* to return.
3. The longest life is *but* a day.
4. They found him all *but* dead from the effects of the gas.
5. There's not a white hair on his head *but* tells of grief.
6. There is no hearthstone, howso'er defended, *but* hath one vacant chair.
7. No one *but* he came.
8. No one *but* him came.
9. Summer has gone *but* it will return again.
10. Not a leaf flutters to the ground *but* God orders it.

Write original sentences using *but*—

1. As a co-ordinate conjunction.
2. As a subordinate conjunction.
3. As a preposition.
4. As an adverb.
5. As a relative pronoun.

—*Educational News.*

A PRACTICAL SPELLING LESSON.

Lay aside for a day the spelling book, and try an exercise like the following:—

Let the pupils take their slates and write their own names in full.

Write the teacher's surname.

Write the name of the county in which they live, the state, their post-office address.

Tell where a Scotsman came from.

Tell how old a boy is who was born in 1879.

Write the names of four winter amusements; of four summer amusements.

Write how many days in this month.

Write what we plant to get potatoes.

Write a definition of a druggist.

Write the name of six pieces of furniture.

Write the names of six kinds of tools.

Write the names of the seven days.

Write the names of the year, month, and day of the month.

Write a verse of poetry and a verse of Scripture from memory.

NUMBER WORK WITH THE SAME PITCHER.

1. If the pitcher holds a pint, how many times can you fill a gill from it? Have a real pitcher and show this.

2. How many times would you have to fill it to make a gallon?
3. A quart? Construct "tables from above work."
4. If vinegar is three cents a pint, how many times can you get the pitcher filled for 12 cents?
5. If milk is eight cents a quart, how much would it cost to fill the pitcher?
6. If you have eighty cents to spend for a gallon of molasses, how many times can you have the pitcher filled with molasses?
7. How many pitcherfuls of water would it take to fill a six-quart pail?
8. To fill a gallon-and-a-half crock?
9. To fill a three-quart basin?
10. To fill a ten-quart pan?

BUSINESS TESTS.

1. Write a telegraphic dispatch, not exceeding ten words, and containing three distinct statements.
2. You are shortly to move into a new store some distance from your present stand. Prepare a circular to be sent to your customers apprising them of the change.
3. You have lost a valuable gold watch. Prepare a notice of your loss to be put up in your village post-office.
4. Write five short reading notices of your goods, to be printed in the local columns of your village paper.
5. You are in want of a situation as clerk in a grocery business. Prepare an advertisement for the paper, setting forth your desires.—*Teachers' Gazette.*

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MEMORY GEMS—OCTOBER.

- a October turned my leaves to gold;
The most are gone now; here and there one lingers;
Soon these will slip from out the twig's weak hold,
Like coins between a dying miser's fingers."
T. B. ALDRICH—*Maple Leaves.*
- b And close at hand, the basket stood
With nuts from brown October's wood.
WHITTIER—*Snow-bound.*
- c The sweet calm sunshine of October, now
Warms the low spots; upon its grassy mould,
The purple oak-leaf falls; the birchen bough
Drops its bright spoil like arrow-heads of gold.
BRYANT, *October, 1866*
- d Bending above the spicy woods which blaze,
Arch skies so blue they flash, and hold the sun
Immeasurably far; the waters run
Too slow, so freighted are the river-ways
With gold of elms and birches from the maze
Of forests.
HELEN HUNT JACKSON—*Verses October.*
- e October's foliage yellows with his cold.
RUSKIN—*The Months.*