

Name _____ Date _____ Class _____

INVENTORY OF BASIC ENGLISH SKILLS

1. Write the English alphabet.

Uppercase Letters A – Z:

lowercase letters a – z:

Write the five (sometimes six) **vowels** here:

Write the twenty-one **consonants** here:

2. Distinguish between long and short vowels.

Circle the words with **long vowels**, and underline the words with **short vowels**:

hat hate cat kite make map cap cape like lake fan joke give

3. Distinguish between diphthongs and digraphs.

Circle the words with **diphthongs**, and underline the words with **digraphs**. Remember that diphthongs are **two vowels** that make **two** sounds, and digraphs are **two letters** that make **one** sound.

phone house chase please coin spouse head teacher cheese can

4. Write one sentence for each of the following words: home school you me us

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

5. Draw a picture for each word, and on a separate page write a sentence for at least two.

father	mother	grandmother	family
dinner	dog	school	house
hospital	sun	moon	winter
spring	summer	fall	potato
bicycle	tricycle	basketball	friend
car	train	English teacher	computer
_____	_____	_____	_____
(choose your own)	(choose your own)	(choose your own)	(choose your own)

6. On a separate page, write a short paragraph describing last night's dinner experience.