

# Not in a Thousand Years

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 Colloquialisms are *sayings* that have become part of our everyday language. Some are *comparisons* and some are *exaggerations*, such as 'We're all in the same boat', which means we are all in the same situation. Read each of the following colloquialisms and write down what they mean.

a As mad as a hatter.

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b Licked to death.

\_\_\_\_\_

c He has a sweet tooth.

\_\_\_\_\_

d He has a smile like a Cheshire cat.

\_\_\_\_\_

e Not in a thousand years.

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- 2 Sort the following words into the chart below. Group them according to common sounds and underline the letters that make the common sound.

*exciting, sounded, occasionally, famous, sausage, collection, hours, national, obviously, station, visiting, bridge, astonishing, gadgets, thousand*

'shn'	'ing'	'dj'	'us'	'ow'
as in <u>ocean</u>	as in <u>sing</u>	as in <u>juice</u>	as in <u>bus</u>	as in <u>now</u>

Looking back and making connections

The national park had a sign up saying 'No Dogs Allowed', therefore Monster had to stay with a friend of Pop's. National parks contain many treasures that need to be protected. On the back of this page make a sign that outlines conditions for visitors camping in the park.

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- 1 Ellipses ( ... ) are used to indicate that words have been left out, or to show a break in thought, or to build up suspense. Read the sentences written below. If you think the ellipsis indicates a pause, write 'pause' in the space provided. If you think that the ellipsis represents missing words, write what you think has been left out.

Page 4 I couldn't wait ...

I had been thinking about the trip and the surprise for the last two weeks!

Page 6 I ordered chocolate, biscuits, cakes ... and some fruit, too.

Page 14 He waved his arms madly, one leg in the air, and ... *SPLASH!*

Page 16 You'll never guess ... not even in a *million* years.

Page 24 I couldn't believe what I saw ...

Page 29 Here ... on the walls, you can see pictures of men and women.

Page 30 The air of the cave seemed heavy ... heavy with history and something else.

- 2 How did Marg, Pop and Jack solve the following problems? Write the solutions on the back of this sheet.

- a Marg liked variety in her life.
- b The car became bogged.
- c No dogs were allowed in the national park.
- d Trout prefer small flying insects to white bait.
- e Visitors to parks can't see nocturnal animals during daylight hours.
- f Snakes can make their way into tents.

