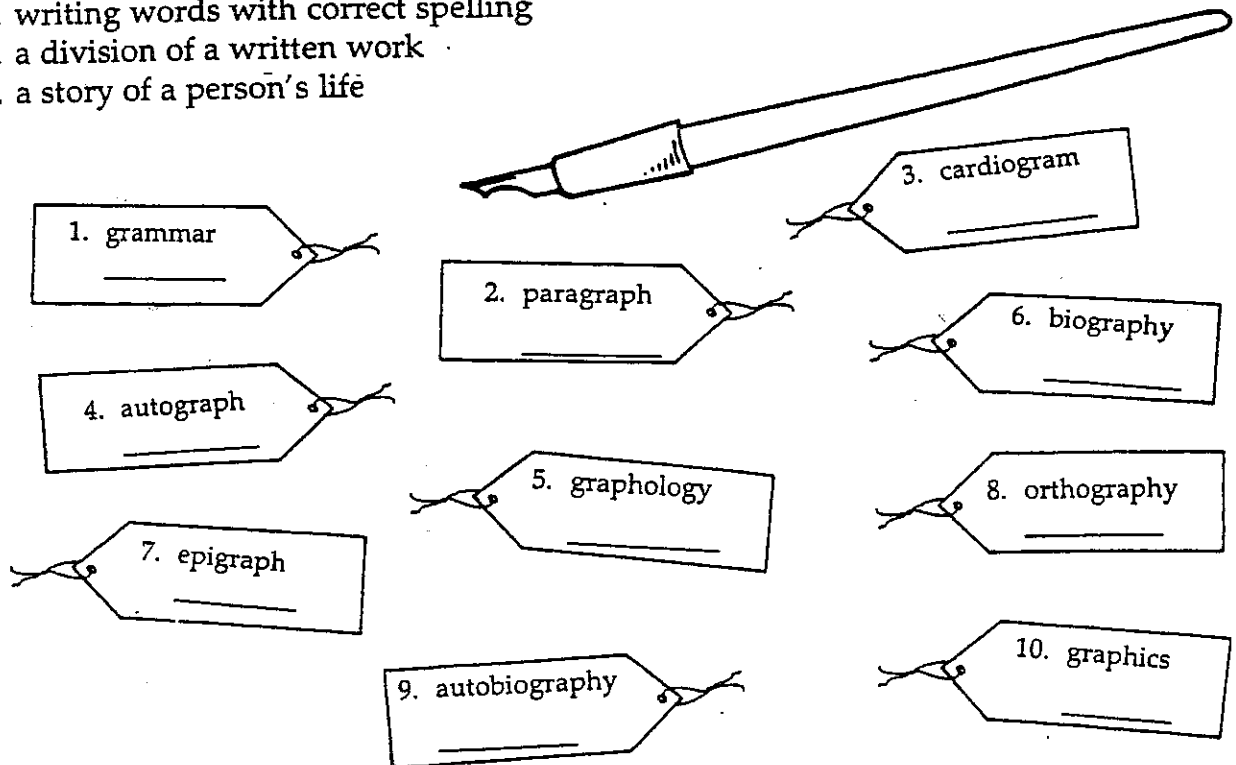


Top Secret



Which is more powerful, the pen or the sword? When you consider the number of words that include the idea of writing, the pen wins by an ink barrel! All of the words below share the root *graph* or *gram*, "to write." Match each word with the correct definition. Use a dictionary to check your answers.

- a. story of one's own life written by oneself
- b. a person's own handwriting
- c. the tracing (writing) made by a heart monitor
- d. a saying written on a building or statue
- e. rules for using the written word
- f. anything written, drawn, or printed
- g. the study of handwriting and what it reveals about a person
- h. writing words with correct spelling
- i. a division of a written work
- j. a story of a person's life



Now send some secret messages. For each vocabulary term, create a sentence of seven words or more. Dip a toothpick (or other pointed tip) in lemon juice and write each sentence on a strip of notebook paper. When the juice dries, your writing will be almost invisible! To reveal the message, hold the strip of paper over a glowing light bulb. The heat will make your words turn brown. (Note: Do not wait too long to "develop" the invisible writing. After several hours, paper absorbs the acid of the lemon juice so that it will not turn dark when exposed to heat.)

With Pen in Hand



There are books written for every interest—all you have to do is look! Match each title below with the correct description.

- _____ 1. Graphology in Police work
- _____ 2. Grammar in the Slammer
- _____ 3. Painless Paragraphing
- _____ 4. I Kant Spel Gud
- _____ 5. Earnest Epigraphs
- _____ 6. ME! ME! ME!
- _____ 7. Heartbeats & Hammers
- _____ 8. The Graphic Grandchild
- _____ 9. Beastly Biographies
- _____ 10. Autograph of a Great Man

- a. the autobiography of a self-centered snob
- b. an easy-to-use guide to dividing your written words into sensible units
- c. raise your children's children to be gifted in drawing and printing
- d. for detectives cracking down on check forgery
- e. the biography of John Hancock
- f. a traveler's guide to the serious slogans written on America's buildings
- g. a study of the written word as used in America's prisons
- h. confessions of an orthography drop-out
- i. the cardiograms of carpenters and what we learn from them
- j. true-life tales of real animals

