

The Tree That Grows Pasta

Practice using *accept* and *except* while learning about hilarious April Fools' Day pranks.

About the Story

Learning Objective: to identify when to use *accept* and *except*

Featured Skill: grammar, usage, and mechanics

Standards:

The article and its suite of support materials support these Common Core Anchor Standards: L.1, L.2

For more standards information—including TEKS—go to Scope Online.



Your Teaching Package

Find your full suite of support materials at scope.scholastic.com.

Video:

- Grammar Hack: Accept or Except?

Audio:

- Text-to-speech

Activities to print, project, or share digitally:

- Accept or Except? Anchor Chart and Practice Activity
- In-Magazine Activity: Interactive Version

Step-by-Step Lesson Plan

1. Prepare to Read (1 minute)

Set a Purpose for Reading

- Direct students' attention to the hint box and directions on page 2 or at the top of the digital story page. Read each aloud.

2. Read and Discuss (5 minutes)

- Have students read the four boxes of text independently or with a partner, circling the correct word in each bolded word pair. Optionally, share the interactive version of this article. Then discuss the answers.
- In your Resources tab, find an anchor chart and an additional skill-reinforcement activity called **Accept or Except?** This activity is also available as a Google Slideshow for projecting.

3. Write (2 minutes)

- Have students practice using this grammar skill in context. Project this Exit Ticket prompt on your board for students to respond to on a sticky note before they leave class:

Choose a line from the list below and rewrite it using either *accept* or *except*:

- My team had a hard time dealing with our loss at the soccer tournament, so I tried to remind them that it was all worth it because of how hard we worked and how much fun we had.
- I love all kinds of chocolate, but not white chocolate. I can't even stand the smell!
- Laura is available to meet Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, or Saturday.
- I am so proud of my brother. He applied to go to space camp and he got in!