

# COLORADO KIDS: WORD BANK

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## “Denver tops U.S. wish list”

**surge** – sudden increase or rise

**poll** – a survey in which many people are asked the same questions or asked for their opinions

**target** – to aim for

**professional** – somebody who gets paid for a job

## “You jump, I jump; we all jump at Jump Street”

**inflatable** – designed to be filled with air

## “Save energy, save money”

**resource** – materials found in nature, such as coal, oil, and minerals

**consumption** – using up resources

**energy** – usable power

**electronics** – something that uses electricity

**faucet (FAH – set)** – the spout that allows water to run into the sink or tub

**console** – electronic machine designed to play video games

**idle** – not being used, but still turned on



## “Stars line up for 2009 NBA All-Stars Game”

**NBA** – National Basketball Association – the main basketball players’ organization

**Football League**

**multiple** – more than one

**showcases** – displays

**rookie** – first-year player

**format** – way of doing something

**competition** – contest

**obstacle** – difficulty to overcome

**agility** – ability to move quickly with ease and skill

**competitor** – someone who takes part in a contest

## “Stores close as economy suffers”

**economy** – the money system of a country or state

**chain stores** – identical stores that are owned by one company

**unemployed** – without a job

**lay off** – to fire an employee, but not because of poor performance

**employee** – a person who works for another

**estimate** – a guess based on facts

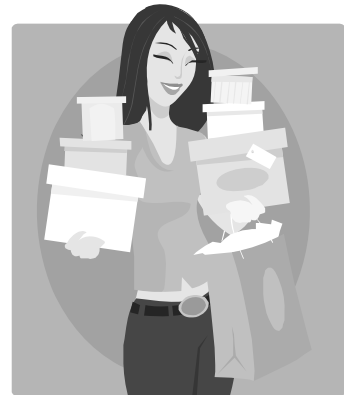
**retail** – stores that sell to the public

**decade** – ten years

**latte (LAH – tay)** – a strong, black coffee served with a frothy milk topping

**capital** – resources that a company owns, such as money or stocks

**Chief Financial Officer (CFO)** – the person at a company in charge of dealing with the money



Word game below ▼

## FILL IN THE BLANK

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the blanks using the correct Word Bank word.

inflatable	professional	resources	consumption
energy	electronics	faucet	consoles
idle	multiple	showcases	Rookie
agility	chain stores	unemployed	lay off
employees	retail	capital	estimated

1. I think it is the best sports city because it is not way too crowded, but it has all the \_\_\_\_\_ sport teams a city could need.
2. Players bob and weave through the course showing off their dribbling skills, passing ability, and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. For the 7 and younger crown, there is an \_\_\_\_\_ court and play house.
4. When you leave your house, turn off all \_\_\_\_\_, including computers.
5. On Friday night, the first All-Star event \_\_\_\_\_ the NBA's top young players in the \_\_\_\_\_ Challenge.
6. More \_\_\_\_\_ closed their doors, leaving thousands of U.S. workers \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Work together to lower your electricity use, your water \_\_\_\_\_, and other \_\_\_\_\_ bills.
8. Compared to other all-star sport festivities, the NBA All-Star weekend tops them all because of the \_\_\_\_\_ events.
9. You can save the earth's precious \_\_\_\_\_ while saving your family a precious resource – money!
10. Businesses have to \_\_\_\_\_ (fire) \_\_\_\_\_ because not enough money is coming into their stores, and they can't afford to pay their workers.
11. Turn off the \_\_\_\_\_ when brushing your teeth.
12. Many huge \_\_\_\_\_ chains are scrambling to survive.
13. Video game \_\_\_\_\_ use a surprisingly huge amount of electricity. Instead of leaving yours \_\_\_\_\_ when you aren't playing, turn your box off.
14. In 2008, an \_\_\_\_\_ 2.6 million Americans lost their jobs.
15. "We believe we still have opportunities to open new locations with strong returns on \_\_\_\_\_," said Pete Bocian, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Starbucks.