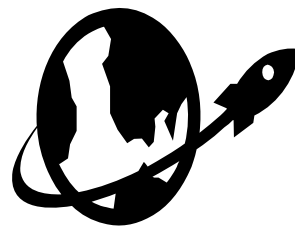


## COLORADO KIDS: WORD BANK

December 16, 2008

### “Happy Birthday, International Space Station!”

**modules** – a section of something that can be changed or added on to  
**microgravity** – gravity so low that weightlessness occurs (zero gravity)  
**dock** – tie up, connect together  
**humanity** – all of the human race  
**international** – having to do with two or more nations

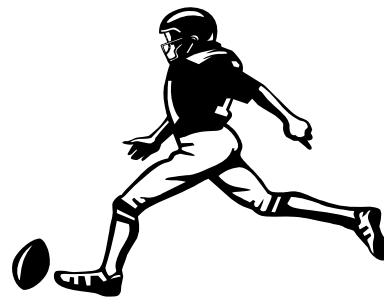


### “Kids make ‘jingle bills’ this holiday”

**expo** – short for ‘exposition,’ which means a collection of things for public display  
**entrepreneur** – someone who starts a business  
**medieval** – relating to the time in European history from about 476 AD to the 15<sup>th</sup> century, called the Middle Ages  
**splurging** – spending a lot of money  
**donate** – to give without expecting anything back  
**charity** – an organization with a purpose of helping others  
**percent** – how many out of 100  
**UNICEF** - United International Children’s Emergency Fund - an organization that helps improve children’s health, education, equality, and safety in more than 156 countries  
**Rafiki** – Christian charity that helps orphan children in Africa

### “NFL rookies looking like veterans”

**NFL** – National Football League  
**veteran** – an expert with years of experience  
**professional** – somebody who gets paid for a job  
**rookie** – first year player  
**draft** – chosen to be on a professional team  
**pro** – short for professional  
**franchise** - professional sports team that is a member of a league  
**spiraling** – going down  
**verge** – at the very edge  
**postseason** - the period after the end of a regular season to determine the champion  
**AFC division** – American Football Conference  
**offensive** – the players who try to score the points  
**defensive** - the players who try to stop the other team from scoring  
**beneficiary** – one who benefits from something or gets something from someone  
**hamstring** - a muscle at the back of the thigh



### “Tag! You can catch happiness”

**contagious** – likely to spread and affect others  
**sociology** – the study of community  
**emotional** – having to do with feelings  
**transfer**– give ownership to someone else  
**eligible** – qualified to do something

Word game below ▼

## FILL IN THE BLANK

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

Fill in the blanks using the correct Word Bank word.

contagious  
humanity  
eligible  
emotional  
transferred

franchise  
drafted  
docked  
rookies  
offensive

modules  
international  
defensive  
donate  
charity



splurging

1. A couple of thoughtful business owners said that instead of saving or \_\_\_\_\_, they would \_\_\_\_\_ their money to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Researchers at Harvard University in Boston published the results of their study in early December showing that happiness is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Offensive tackle Ryan Clady has been a wall on the \_\_\_\_\_ line, protecting quarterback Jay Cutler from nasty \_\_\_\_\_ linemen.
4. “\_\_\_\_\_ states can be \_\_\_\_\_ directly from one individual to another.”
5. New players are called \_\_\_\_\_ (first-year NFL players).
6. Matt Ryan of the Atlanta Falcons has turned around a \_\_\_\_\_ that has been spiraling downhill.
7. Astronauts have delivered laboratory \_\_\_\_\_, added on living quarters, and worked on hundreds of science experiments aboard the orbiting wonder.
8. Because the United States and Russia have done the most work in designing and building the space station, the \_\_\_\_\_ crew of three people usually consists of one American and two Russians, or two Americans and one Russian.
9. The 2008 \_\_\_\_\_ rookies have made a huge difference in the pros this year.
10. Whether the space station is used as a living laboratory for astronauts, used to grow crystals for medicine on Earth, or used as a stepping stone for flights beyond, \_\_\_\_\_ has learned valuable lessons about international cooperation from 220 miles overhead.
11. “Every friend increases the probability that you’re at the center of a network, which means you are more \_\_\_\_\_ to get a wave of happiness,” Fowler said.
12. Astronauts from the U.S., Canada, Europe, Japan, Israel, and Russia have lived on board, generally for six months at a time, but also for shorter periods as shuttles full of astronauts will spend about 10 days \_\_\_\_\_ to the space station.