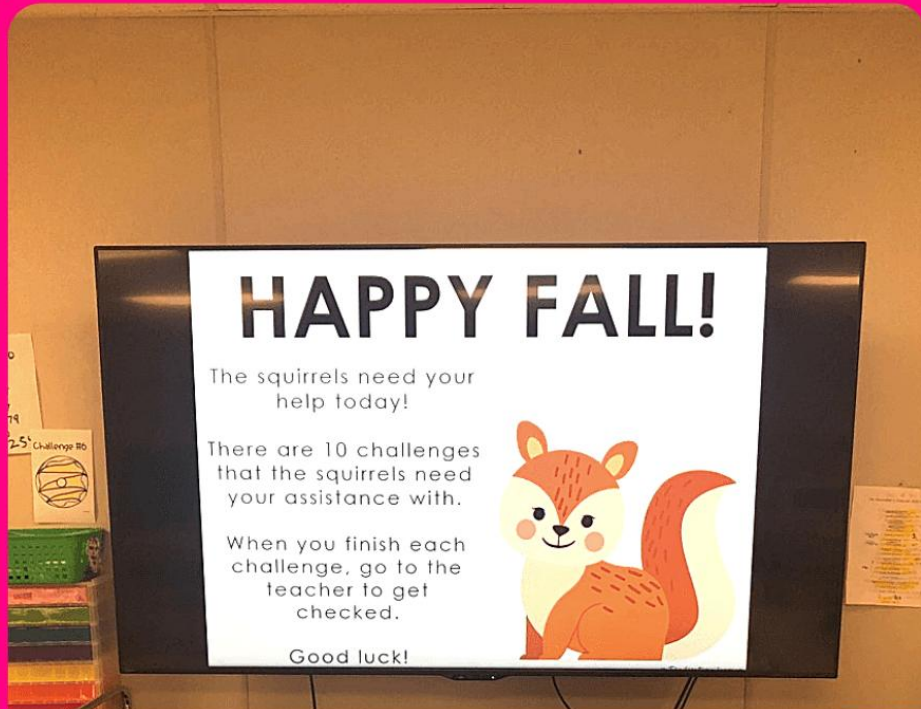


WHAT IS THIS?

It's a low-prep room transformation!



Use the 10 reading stations, included decor, and more for a fun & easy room transformation!

MYSTERY WORD

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Read each definition card. Cross the matching word out. Which word is left at the end? Circle it!

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

This themed learning day has 10 stations that all give reading comprehension practice with a variety of skills! You can use 1, 5, or all 10--it's flexible!

Room transformations can be stress-free and low-prep.

Keep scrolling to learn how!



Let's start with the basics...

What is a classroom transformation?

A classroom transformation changes your room into a certain setting or theme to engage students in their own learning with rigorous content.



Donut Shop Day



Rock Star Day



Camping Day

You don't have to spend hours of your time setting up a room transformation or spend lots of money to make it **SO MUCH FUN!**

STEP 1:

Tell your class it is a fall celebration today!

They will complete a review of many reading comprehension activities set up around the room. You can do this for a day, a few days, or over the course of a week!



Flexibility is key.

Need to modify? No problem! Choose how many centers students will need to complete and what time frame they have to meet YOUR needs.



Set-up is quick and easy.

Simply print the posters, 10 activities, and a recording sheet for each student. Place them around your room and you're ready to begin!



STEP 2:

Let students move around the room and complete each station. They read a passage and then an activity to go with it. They can be completed in any order. All stations include a variety of reading comprehension skills. You can choose just a few for students to complete or use all 10. This is up to the teacher and the amount of time you'd like to fill.

Optional Recording Sheet

When a student finishes a center, you sign that spot on their recording sheet to keep track of what they've completed.

Freedom to choose.

Students can work in partners, rotations, groups, or independently. Your choice!

Fall Day

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Name: _____

WALNUTS AND PECANS

Read each letter and decide where it belongs. Write each letter where it belongs in the diagram.

WALNUTS	BOTH	PECANS
A. There are over 2 species of this nut.	J. These have a smooth, shiny shell with a darker color.	P. When cracked open, these have large, curved halves.
B. The nut is packed with vitamins and minerals like Vitamin E and Zinc.	K. The flour is more bitter, making them great additions to salads and baked goods.	Q. These have large, curved halves.
C. The flour is sweeter, making them great for desserts.	L. They belong to the same family of tree nuts.	
D. These can be eaten raw or roasted, and they are easy snacks.	M. These nuts are nutritious and provide heart benefits.	
E. The trees can grow up to 100 feet tall in the south.	N. These have a rough, wrinkled shell with a lighter color.	
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G. There are over 500 species of this nut.		
H. There are over 500 species of this nut.		
I. The trees can grow up to 60 feet tall in the Midwest.		

WALNUTS AND PECANS

Walnuts and pecans are two popular types of nuts that many people enjoy eating. While they both belong to the same family of tree nuts, they have distinct characteristics that set them apart. First, let's explore what makes each nut unique.

The walnut tree can grow up to sixty feet high. Most walnut trees used for nut production in the USA are found in California. But there are some walnut tree farms found in the Midwest as well. There are twenty-one species of walnut trees in the world, and the most common is the black walnut. Walnuts are known for their rough, wrinkled shells. These are usually a light brown color. They have a strong, slightly bitter flavor, which makes them an addition to baked goods, salads, and even savory dishes. When you crack open a walnut, you will find two halves that resemble a brain in shape. This similarity isn't just a coincidence. Walnuts are full of omega-3 fatty acids, which are important for keeping our brains healthy. They also have antioxidants that help protect our bodies from harmful free radicals.

On the other hand, pecans have a smooth, shiny shell that is generally darker than that of walnuts, ranging from light to dark brown. Their flavor is sweeter and milder, making them a favorite for desserts like pecan pie and pralines. When you crack open a pecan, you will find larger, more curved halves that are buttery and delicious. They are high in healthy fats. They are also packed with vitamins and minerals, such as vitamin E and zinc, which are good for overall health. The pecan tree can grow up to 100 feet tall. Pecan tree farms can be found in several states in the US, but Georgia and Texas are the leading states in pecan growth. There are 500 different varieties of pecans in the world, and the most common is the Cape Fear variety.

Despite their differences, walnuts and pecans share some similarities as well. Both nuts are nutritious and provide health benefits, like heart health support. They are both used in cooking and baking, adding flavor and texture to various dishes. Additionally, walnuts and pecans can be eaten raw or roasted, making them handy snacks for any day.

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

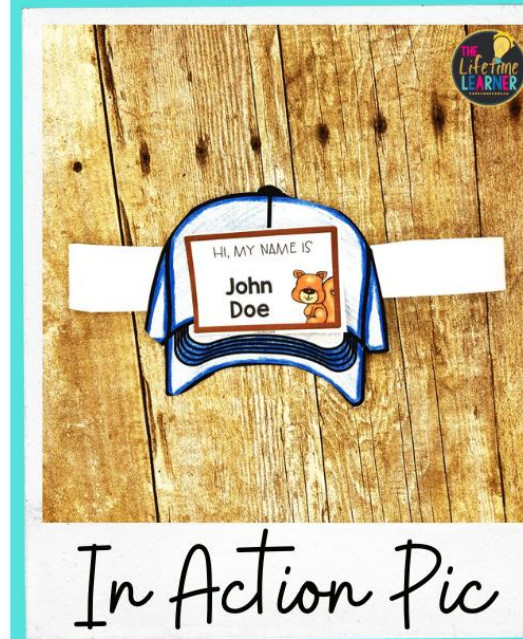
STEP 3:

When students finish all activities you've assigned, they win! You can give them the included certificate, coloring page, or a small prize of your choice.

A shopping guide is also included to give you suggestions of optional "extras" you could add in.

Remember:

Anything different from a "normal" day in the classroom is special to students! A reward at the end isn't required during a classroom transformation.



STEP 4:

Most of the time, there are early finishers. These kiddos get to go around the room and read fun facts about the topic! No one is ever bored.

Choose from 3 versions!

Digital Scavenger Hunt

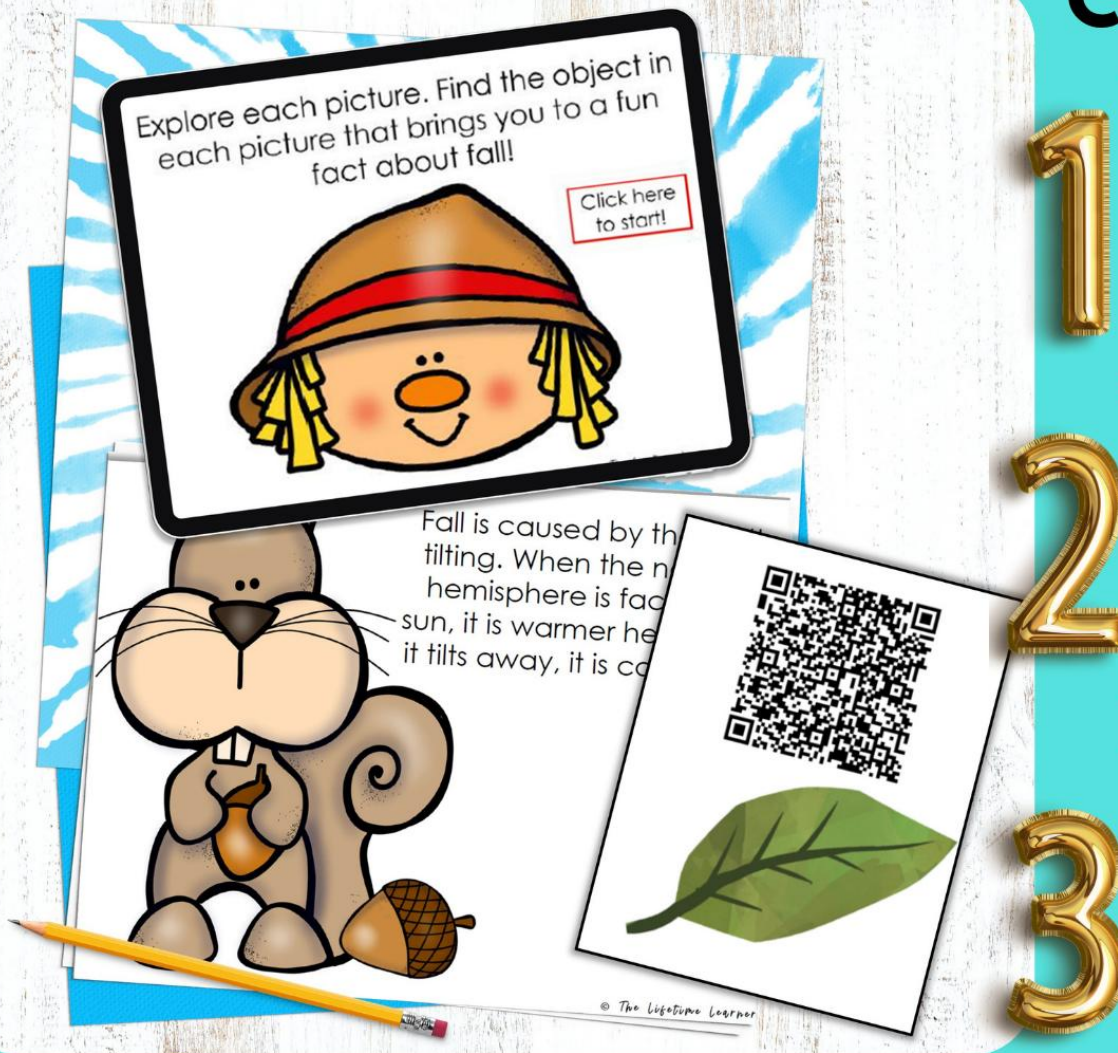
Let students "find" the facts on Google Slides

Printable Facts

Hang facts around room

QR Codes

Students scan to read fun facts



10 READING COMPREHENSION PASSAGES/ACTIVITIES:

THE PECAN RACE

"Good morning, Boomer!" Chip called from across the sturdy oak branch. Boomer glanced over, spotting her best friend enthusiastically waving. She waved back, shifting her weight impatiently from one foot to the other.

"What took you so long?" Boomer demanded. "I've been waiting forever. It must've been at least ten minutes!"

Chip didn't respond with words. Instead, he bounded to the end of the branch and gave Boomer a playful pat on the head as an apology. Together, they descended the tree with anticipation.

"Alright, this is the plan," Boomer pointed across the sprawling field. "If you squint, you can spot a pecan tree by

THE PECAN RACE: WORD SEARCH

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B R A N C H Z W I M



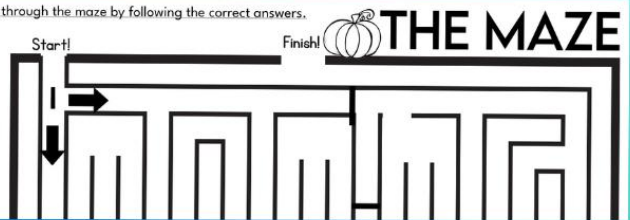
THE PUMPKIN PATCH

Mila and Tye waited for their annual trip to the Bluth's Pumpkin Patch. Every fall, the Hernandez family visited it to choose pumpkins. This year was extra special. Right next to the pumpkin patch was a carnival with rides, candy, and a maze.

When they arrived, Mila was fascinated by the lights of the rides, and Tye loved the

Directions: Answer the questions. Then, color your way through the maze by following the correct answers.

- What was the first thing Mila notice when they arrived?
 - She was mesmerized by the lights of the rides. (go down)
 - She was drawn in by the smells in the air. (go right)
- How did the carnival enrich the family's annual pumpkin patch trip?
 - It gave the family something new to enjoy together. (go right)



FALL SPORTS

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A FALL DAY

A bright blue sky stretches above the tree. The branches reach out their arms, eager to bask in the sun that warms them up. This is the high point of the year for the branches. They observe birds singing, feel the tickle of insects climbing, and enjoy the sun's warmth.

As summer fades into autumn, the birds begin their journey south to a warmer climate. The orange, red, and gold on the leaves signal it is time for the birds to head south.

Name: A FALL DAY: MULTIPLE CHOICE

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| 1. What point of view is the story told from?
A) First person | 2. What does the phrase "the branches reach out their arms" mean? | 3. Which of the following is a synonym for "delve"?
A) Jump | 4. Which of the following is an antonym for "indulge"?
A) Enjoy |
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FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE SORT

Color each match the same color by matching up each figurative language type with the phrase from the story.

Choose a different color for each match.

1. personification	4. simile	D. something sincerely splendid	C. a ball jumped away from the bat
2. personification	5. simile	E. as fast	F. stadium

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2 Versions of Every Passage Included for Students

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When the weather begins to cool, sports fans spend an arm and a leg on sporting event tickets to see their favorite teams. They put on their jerseys that can cost up to several hundreds of dollars, but they are proud to wear. The crowds arrive, dressed in their team colors and ready to cheer their team to victory. Baseball is one of the most popular sporting events to watch. In fact, it has been nicknamed "America's favorite pastime" since the 1800s. The average ticket price for a major league baseball game is about \$35 per person. Yet, the price is worth it when you hear the 'crack' of the bat hitting a ball traveling over 90 miles per hour over the home plate. The atmosphere buzzes with anticipation as the batter drops the bat and runs as fast as a cheetah to all of the bases and then back home. The stadium roars with the shouts of enthusiastic fans. Half the shouts will be encouraging the runner and the other half of the shouts will be encouraging the umpire to call "OUT!"

There is something sincerely splendid about sports in the crisp weather. The cool breeze carries the scent of popcorn and hot dogs, blending with the smell of fallen leaves. It's almost as if the world is having a celebration of fun and sportsmanship before the cold winter comes. As the sun sets each night, the stadium lights flicker on. The field is illuminated like stars shining in the night sky. Nothing could make a fall day better than watching a sporting event, other than maybe playing a sport yourself. One thing is for certain: watching sports in the fall is a tradition that is here to stay. The excitement shared in the stands create memories that last a lifetime.

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

NO NEW SQUIRRELS

The tree was abuzz with chatter about the new family of squirrels moving into the oak. "I heard they were in hot water last winter because they didn't store enough nuts," one squirrel whispered. "I don't want to spill the beans, but I heard they practically begged for food. I'm having second thoughts about sharing our tree with newcomers."

Her companion listened, not quick to judge. She could read between the lines. Her friend wasn't angry about the neighbors, but worried about if there would be enough food for winter. Last year there had been a shortage of nuts. That memory still stung.

"Don't add fuel to the fire," the squirrel cautioned. "More squirrels could mean more help. We're all in the same boat. This could turn out to be a blessing in disguise."

As the squirrels talked, all eyes turned as the new family arrived. They dragged an astonishing stockpile of nuts behind them. The amount they had brought made jaws drop.

"Hello!" the new squirrel father called. "Thank you for letting us join your community. Our old home was bursting at the seams with nuts. We've brought plenty to share."

The gossip had been wrong. Those who had put their foot in their mouth skeptical found

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Her companion listened quietly, not quick to judge. She could read between the lines. Her friend wasn't really angry about the new neighbors, but more concerned about whether there would be enough to go around during the winter months. After all, last year there had been a shortage of nuts for everyone. That memory still stung.

"Now, don't add fuel to the fire," the squirrel gently cautioned. "I know you're worried about food, but think about it...more squirrels could mean more help collecting nuts for the winter. We are all in the same boat. Who knows? This could turn out to be a blessing in disguise."

As the squirrels continued their discussion, the rustling at the base of the tree grew louder. All eyes turned as

Differentiate and give your students the version best for them!

THE CONTENT:

10 high-interest passages & activities in 2 formats: hands-on & no prep!

Hands-On Centers



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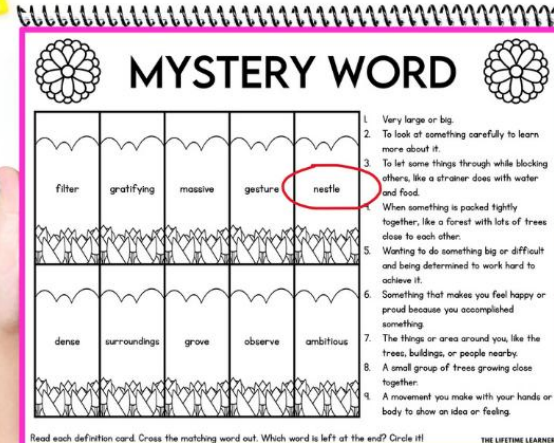
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THE LIFETIME LEARNER

No-Prep Printables



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- The things or area around you, like the trees, buildings, or people nearby.
- A small group of trees growing close together.
- A movement you make with your hands or body to show an idea or feeling.

Read each definition card. Cross the matching word out. Which word is left at the end? Circle it!

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

With this version, students read the passage. Then, they complete a hands-on center activity you can laminate and re-use for years to come.

Or in this version, students read the passage. Then, they complete the activity in worksheet form. This version is NO PREP and PRINT & GO! Just as much fun as the hands-on centers!

CENTER 1

Multiple Choice

FALL DAY

The tree branches reach out their arms, eager to warm up. This is the high point of the year for the branches. They feel the tickle of insects climbing, and enjoy the sun's warmth. As autumn fades into winter, the birds begin their journey south to a warmer climate. The red, orange, and gold on the leaves signal it is time for these animals to depart. For the animals, autumn represents a time when they can experience the thrill of migration. They consider autumn their favorite season. They can devour insects and the birds find a wide variety of food. They find a great material for making nests. Their faces peek through the foliage. The tree appears to drift into a deep slumber. Its branches stand bare, the leaves have fallen off, and animals find hiding spots to rest for the colder months. One might think that autumn is a sorry time for the tree. But beneath the surface, a transformation is taking place. The tree branches rest, the roots underground begin to delve, digging deep into the soil. As winter approaches, fall is a period of awakening and growth. They gather nutrients from the soil and their reach to strengthen the tree for the difficult winter ahead. This is the best time of the year? Dean asks, reclining beneath the tree. "Winter is my favorite...when the snowflakes begin to fall, and we can see the cocoa. I see fall as more of a warm-up to the real fun of winter." Dean corrects with a playful wink.

2. What does the phrase "the branches reach out their arms" mean?

A) The tree branches are waving.
 B) The tree branches are reaching for the sun.
 C) The tree is dancing.
 D) The tree branches are growing arms.



3. Which of the following is a synonym for "delve"?

A) Jump
 B) Escape
 C) Float
 D) Burrow



D) They dry out and prepare for winter.

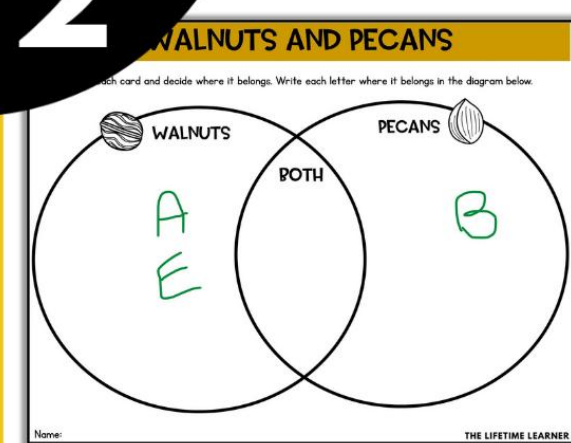
Hands-On Center:
 Students choose A, B, C, or D on each card.



No Prep Printable Worksheet!

CENTER 2

Compare & Contrast



- A. There are over 21 species of this nut.
- B. This nut is packed with vitamins and minerals like Vitamin E and Zinc.
- C. These nuts are commonly used in baking.
- D. The flavor is more bitter, making them great additions to salads and baked goods.
- E. The trees can grow up to 100 feet tall in the south.
- F. These nuts are sweeter, making them great for desserts.
- G. These can be eaten raw or roasted, and they are easy snacks.
- H. There are over 500 species of this nut.
- I. These trees can grow up to 60 feet tall in the south.
- J. These nuts are approximately 3/4 inch in diameter.
- K. The flavor is more bitter, making them great additions to salads and baked goods.
- L. They belong to the same family of tree nuts.
- M. These nuts are nutritious and provide heart benefits.
- N. These have a rough, wrinkled shell with a lighter color.
- O. When cracked open, these have halves that resemble a brain.
- P. When cracked open, these have large, curved halves.

Hands-On Center:
 Students write the correct letter in each part of the graphic organizer.



No Prep Printable Worksheet!

CENTER 3

Pairs Activity

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jumped
away from
the bat C.

personification

3.  'crack' H.

onomatopoeia


2.  spend an
arm and
a leg K.

hyperbole

6.  something
sincerely
splendid D.

alliteration

5.  stadium F.

4.  as fast
as a
cheetah E.

simile

Hands-On Center:

Students put the two sides together to form each word.



No Prep Printable Worksheet!

CENTER 4

Maze

PUMPKIN PATCH

... annual trip to the Bluth's Pumpkin Patch. Every fall, the
... choose pumpkins. This year was extra special. Right next to
... a carnival with rides, candy, and a maze.
... arrived, Mila was fascinated by the lights of the rides, and Tye loved the
... air. "Can we get a corn dog? Or a cone, or cotton candy, or a milkshake..."
... dad chuckled. "All-right, you two can each pick one treat. And we'll hit a few rides
... skin selection when the sunset begins. Just like we do every year, right?"
... "Mila cheered. "You're the best dad ever!"
... and Tye raced to the rides. They decided on the roller coaster and the bumper
... they finished, the sky began to dim. They knew it was time for pumpkins.
... asked to her dad. She shouted, "It's pumpkin picking time!" The kids excitedly
... their ride experiences as they strolled toward the pumpkin patch.
... parents selected a huge pumpkin they had to carry together. Mila chose a pumpkin
... and scratches, declaring it perfect for carving a witch. Tye picked a medium-
... pumpkin. He planned to carve a snake on his.
... leaving, the family decided to get a hot cone to enjoy on the ride home. The trip
... kin patch was fun each time they went, but this time had been even better than
... ed.

Directions: Answer the questions. Then, color your way through the maze by following the correct answers.

1. What was the first thing Mila noticed when they arrived?
A. She was mesmerized by the lights of the rides. (Go down)
B. She was drawn in by the smells in the air. (Go right)
2. How did the carnival search the family's annual pumpkin patch?
A. It gave the family something new to enjoy together. (Go right)
B. It distracted them from picking pumpkins. (Go left)
3. Why did Mila think the pumpkin she picked would be perfect for carving a witch?
A. The pumpkin was smooth and easy to carve. (Go right)
B. The bumps and scratches made it feel more spooky. (Go up)
4. How does the family's decision to end the day with a hot cone reflect their experience of the patch?
A. They were too tired to have any other dessert. (Go left)
B. It shows they wanted a treat to remember the day by. (Go down)
5. What does the family's pumpkin picking process reveal about their personalities?
A. Mila and Tye each chose pumpkins based on their individual tastes and creativity. (Go right)
B. The parents made sure the children followed their directions on how to pick a pumpkin. (Go left)
6. How did the timing of the pumpkin picking affect the rest of the day's activities?
A. It caused them to rush through the carnival. (Go left)
B. It helped them finish up and head home when it was dark. (Go down)

THE MAZE

Start

Finish

1 2 3 4 5 6

Hands-On Center:

Students use their comprehension skills to make it through the maze.



No Prep Printable Worksheet!

CENTER 5

Word Search

THE PECAN RACE: WORD SEARCH

N G M B P E C A N A
 B R A N C H Z W I M
 K Z A C P N W R M A
 X R A C H D V B P S
 S Y E H C I A O A S
 H U C M H I P O T E
 A W U N A H D M I D
 R Z W Z G T N E E Y
 E M P A H N C R N K
 W S U N S E T H T



Find each word in the word search by using the clue cards.

- The squirrels started the race from the oak tree _____.
- Boomer pointed to the pecan tree next to the human house.
- They had to gather pecans before the _____.

- _____ began the countdown for the race.
- After realizing they had been adding pecans to the same pile, the squirrels decided to _____ the nuts equally.
- Boomer was feeling _____ while waiting for Chip to arrive.
- The squirrels collapsed in exhaustion after they _____ a huge pile of pecans.

Hands-On Center:

Students find each word in the word search.



No Prep Printable Worksheet!

CENTER 6

Color by Code

THE NEW NEIGHBORS

Look in the story. Color in two adjectives that describe Momma Squirrel and the proof to go with it.

- Color the answer red.

Momma Squirrel excitedly swept the floor of their nest using her tail. She was happy about meeting the new neighbors. She wanted to make the home cozy so they would feel more comfortable. Momma Squirrel made sure the fire was burning and had smooth fur so they would be ready for the guests.

Papa Squirrel was working hard in the kitchen. He was in charge of dinner, but got home a little late because he was diligent in finishing a task at work. Papa Squirrel was reliable though and would get it done! Because he was stunned, he had accidentally dropped their cooking pot. He also tripped over his own feet. Grey, the son, could smell the roasting pecans. He was hungry and restless. He had skipped lunch, knowing that they would be having a feast. But now, he was regretting that decision. He paced impatiently around the house waiting for the dinner to be ready.

Grey's sister, Daisy, was too busy to notice the smells from the kitchen. Daisy was building a fort with pine cone needles and leaves. She had a huge imagination. Daisy used the needles to hold up the leaves and chatted with her imaginary friend playfully. Daisy brought fun and creativity with her wherever she went.

When Mr. and Mrs. Fluffy arrived, the house looked amazing. Grey yelled that they were here. Momma was worried the new neighbors would upset her, but Mr. and Mrs. Fluffy had no problem getting comfy. Papa was still loosely lugging pot around. Grey came running in to meet the guests, energetic and talkative. Mr. Fluffy shook their paws and made gruff faces that made the kids laugh. He was so friendly and kind that even the new neighbors found him very amusing. Mrs. Fluffy was kind and didn't say much. She admitted that she didn't associate with them, but was thankful she could be there that night even if she was very quiet.

The Squirrel Family had enjoyed meeting their neighbors, the Fluffy couple. Dinner was delicious. They laughed, told stories, and enjoyed each other's company. At the end of the evening, they all agreed to make plans so they could get to know each other even better.

Look in the story. Color in two adjectives that describe Papa Squirrel and the proof to go with it.

- Color the answer light blue.

Look in the story. Color in two adjectives that describe Grey Squirrel and the proof to go with it.

- Color the answer light green.

Hands-On Center:

Students use the coloring task card questions to color in answers in the text.



No Prep Printable Worksheet!

CENTER 7

Mystery Word

MYSTERY WORD

To look at something carefully to learn more about it.

Wanting to do something big or difficult and being determined to work hard to achieve it.

To let some things through while blocking others.

filter

~~gratifying~~

massive

gesture

nestle

dense

surroundings

~~grove~~

observe

~~ambitious~~

A movement you make with your hands or body to show an idea or feeling.

The things or area around you, like the trees, buildings, or people nearby.

Something that makes you feel happy or proud because you accomplished something.

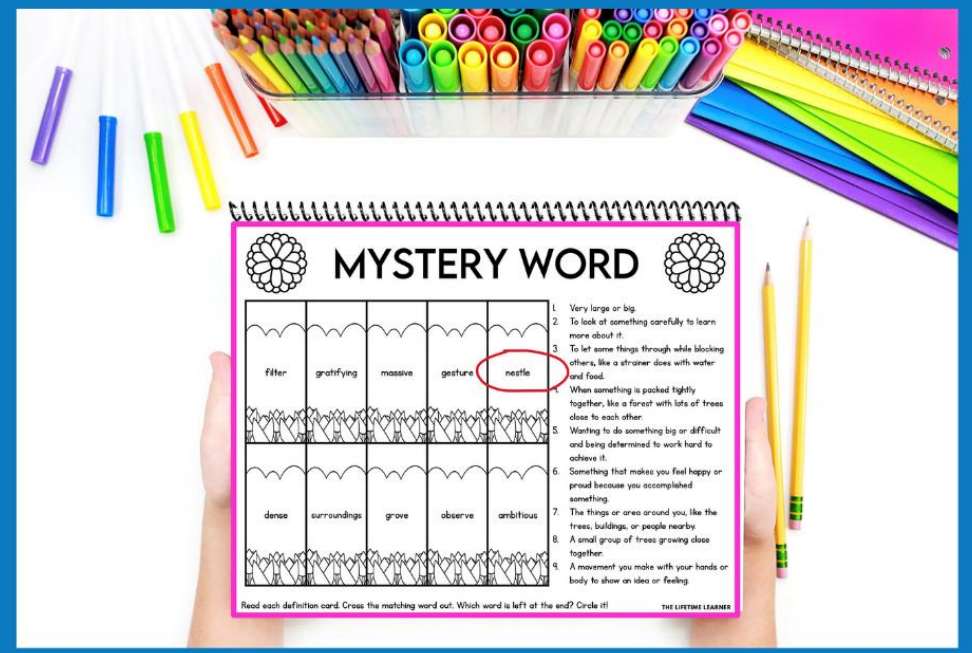
When something is packed tightly together, like a forest with lots of trees close to each other.

Hands-On Center:

Read each definition card. Cross the matching word out. Which word is left at the end? Circle it!

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Read each definition card. Cross the words off to find what word is left at the end!



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Task Cards

Chase the squirrel used to constantly rush through life, always feeling stressed about everything. One day, he made the decision to slow down and enjoy life instead. He started taking time to chat with every animal he met and enjoyed the conversations with new animal friends no matter where he went. In doing so, he realized...

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One summer afternoon, Stripes invited Chase to play a game of Acorn Toss. After just two rounds, Chase became tired and decided to take a nap. At first, Stripes pouted and felt sad because his friend was playing with him anymore. However, after a while, Stripes found another friend to play with and realized...

Name: _____

CHASE THE SQUIRREL

1. Chase realized you should slow down and enjoy life, as rushing can make you miss out on important things like friendships and rest.

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Write what Chase or Stripes realized (the lesson or moral) in each box.

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Hands-On Center:

Students read each task card and write a response.



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Sequencing Puzzles

APPLE CIDER PUZZLE MAT

Place the puzzle pieces in order here on the mat.

Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4
C. Angelica excitedly exclaimed about the beautiful apples from the market and began stacking them on the kitchen counter.	A. Trini wondered what they could do with so many apples and suggested they could bake an apple pie.	B. They decided to give it a try and added 10 apples, 6 cups of water, cinnamon, honey, and cloves to the pressure cooker.	
Event 5	Event 6	Event 7	Event 8

D. Trini realized she needed to leave and asked Angelica to save some cider for her, to which Angelica happily agreed.

F. Angelica proposed making apple cider instead, saying she had all the necessary ingredients.

G. After following the recipe, they sealed the pressure cooker and started the cooking timer while washing the remaining apples.

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E. Trini expressed her uncertainty about making cider, fearing they might not have enough time before she had to leave.

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Hands-On Center:

Students put the puzzle pieces in chronological order.



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Words & Definitions

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Placing a situation.

3. To understand the deeper meaning or the hidden message in something.

2. To reveal a secret or tell someone something that was meant to be kept quiet.

4. A painful memory that still hurts or bothers someone.

E. spill the beans

A. all in the same boat

C. lend a hand

I. put their foot in their mouth

D. bursting at the seams

H. a blessing in disguise

B.

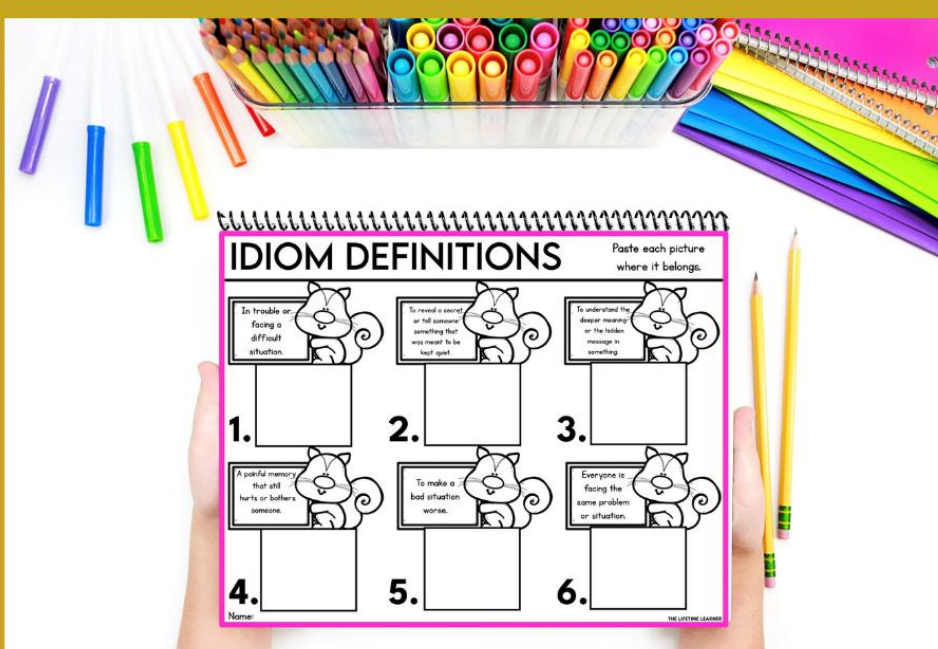
J. add fuel to the fire

F. a hard pill to swallow

G. that memory still stung

Hands-On Center:

Students put the correct idiom next to each definition.



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HOW TO USE THIS:

Ideas for Implementation:

- pick and choose the centers you want to use: do what works best for your class!
- give less than 10 centers to students if you are short on time
- give students the whole day to complete all 10 centers/activities OR spread the room transformation out over a couple of days
- use the hands-on centers during your room transformation and the no-prep printables as a review during your reading block

FALL SPORTS

Some people think of apples, peach cobbler, boots, and crunchy leaves when they think of fall. There are others that see fall as one thing: sports season. Football, soccer, baseball, and softball are all popular sports played in the fall. Sports fans await the fun of sitting in a stadium and watching a ball jump away from a bat with a single touch.

The weather begins to cool and sports fans spend an arm and a leg on tickets to see their favorite teams. Baseball is one of the most popular sporting events to watch. In fact, it has been nicknamed, "America's favorite pastime" since the 1800s. The average ticket price for a major league baseball game is about \$35 per person. The price is worth it when you hear the 'crack' of the bat hitting a ball moving at 90 miles per hour over the home plate. The batter drops the bat and runs as fast as a cheetah to all of the bases and then back home. The stadium roars with the shouts of enthusiastic fans cheering on their team.

There is something sincerely splendid about sports in the crisp weather. It's almost as if the world is having a celebration of fun and sportsmanship before the cold winter comes. Nothing could make a fall day better than watching a sporting event other than maybe playing a sport yourself. One thing is for certain: watching and playing sports in the fall is a tradition that is here to stay.

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1. personification: a ball jumped away from the bat

2. hyperbole: spend an arm and a leg

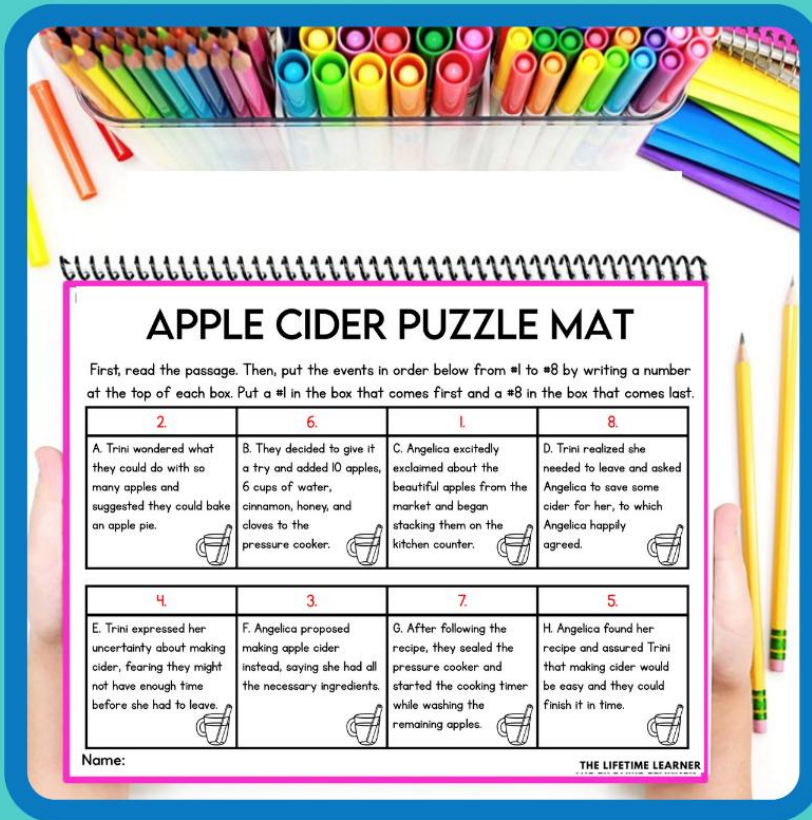
3. onomatopoeia: 'crack'

4. simile: as fast as a cheetah

5. personification: stadium roars

6. alliteration: something sincerely splendid

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Google Slides

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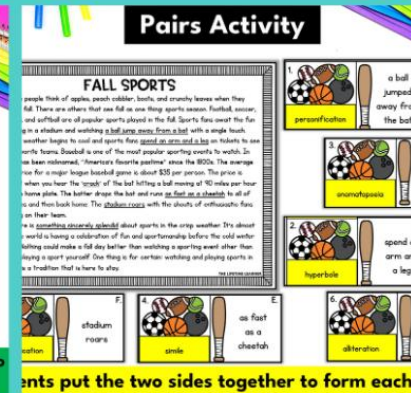


Students find each word in the word search



Remember to bring your recording sheet to the "no-prep printables" file if you'd like to print-and-go page with this activity!

No Prep Printables



Students put the two sides together to form each

2 Versions of 10 Passages



Printable Hats



Name Tags



Coloring Page



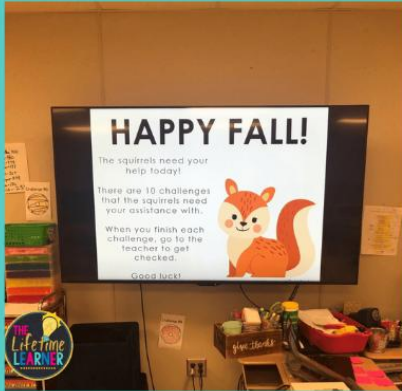
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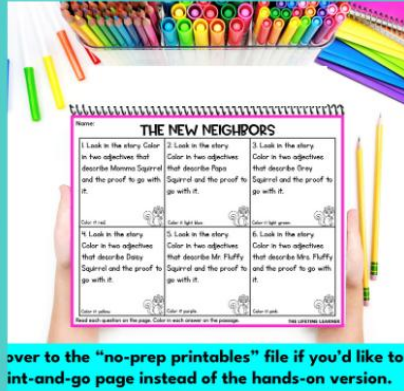
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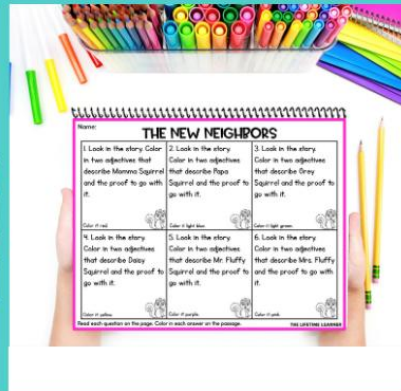
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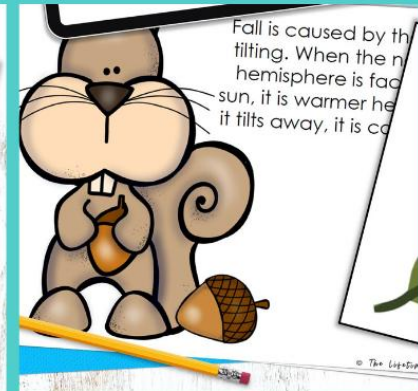
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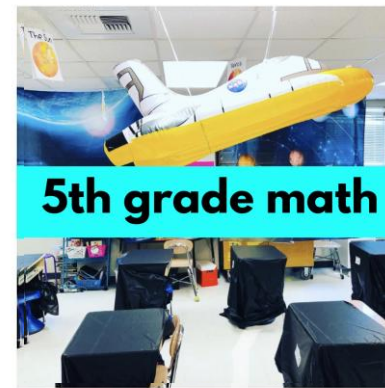
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alphabet letters

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4. Jam-Packed with Content
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6. Easy to Implement
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- **The digital version is provided in Google Slides.**
- **The hands-on centers are not editable. The no prep version is editable (except for the clipart).**
- **Nervous about trying your first room transformation? You'll be hooked once you try one! I promise!**
- **Feel free to contact me if you have questions or want to chat about room transformations! You can email me at lindsaythelifetimelearner@gmail.com**