

WHAT IS THIS?

It's a low-prep room transformation!



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

PARTY FAVORS

"Why do I have to make these goodie bags, Mom?" Sabrina asked, holding a bag filled with candy and small toys, her fingers fidgeting with the ribbon she was tying.

Her mom smiled. "Well, it's your birthday tomorrow. You've been looking forward to this for weeks. I bet your friends are just as excited. I was talking to Elizabeth's dad, and he mentioned she spent a long time trying to pick out the perfect present for you."

"That's sweet of her," Sabrina said. "Elizabeth is always so considerate. I wonder what she picked out. But, Mom...what does that have to do with me making goodie bags?"

Her mom paused for a moment. "Elizabeth spent a lot of time thinking about what would make you happy. I'm sure the rest of your friends did the same when they chose their gifts. Birthdays aren't just about getting older or receiving presents. They're about appreciating the people who care about us and have been there for us. The party favors you're making for your guests are a way of showing them your gratitude."

Sabrina furrowed her brow. "So, the goodie bags are like little gifts to say thanks for coming to my party?" Her mom nodded. Sabrina thought for a few seconds. "I guess I never thought about it like that before. I thought they were a fun part of the party. Maybe I should start making goodie bags for more than my birthday. Maybe for other events too."

Her mom beamed at her daughter's newfound perspective. "That's a great idea, Sabrina. It shows how much you're maturing."

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Students put the two sides together to match.

This themed learning day has 10 stations that practice finding fiction text evidence in a variety of ways. You can use 1, 5, or all 10--it's flexible!

1.  **C.** 
According to Sabrina's mom, what is the main reason for making goodie bags?

2.  **K.** 
What does Sabrina ask her mom at the beginning of the story?
She asks why they need to make goodie bags.

3.  **H.** 
What does Sabrina realize about the goodie bags after talking to her mom?
She realizes that goodie bags are a way to say thank you to her friends.

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 they are at a party today!

They will complete fiction text evidence 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 complete an activity to go with it. They can be completed in any order. All stations include a variety of fiction comprehension activities. 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!

Party Day

Center #1 Center #6

Center #2 Center #7

Center #3 Center #8

Center #4 Center #9

Center #5 Center #10

Name: _____

RED VELVET CUPCAKES

Ryan couldn't contain his excitement. His best friend, Anthony, was coming back from scout camp after a week away. The two usually spent the summer shooting hoops, racing their bikes, and gaming late into the night. This year had been different with Anthony going to scout camp. While Ryan was happy for his friend, he couldn't help but feel a little lonely. Ryan had planned a surprise welcome-back party for Saturday. He invited some neighbors over for a game of basketball. Ryan also baked a treat from the past: red velvet cupcakes. Ryan made a face, remembering how they had eaten too many last year and felt sick afterward. He knew it would make Anthony laugh.

Saturday dragged on as Ryan prepared for the party. By the time everyone arrived, it was all ready. The basketball game kicked off, with laughter and excitement in the air. Anthony arrived, grinning from ear to ear as he reunited with them all. He shared a joke. The game lasted until sunset, and Ryan and Anthony. Then, Ryan good chuckle as they indulged. Each protested.

ky. Not only had he had a blast at a friend like Ryan. His friend had sbrated.

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Name: _____

RED VELVET CUPCAKES: MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. Why did Ryan feel conflicted when Anthony went to scout camp?
A. He was excited.
B. He secretly enjoyed going to camp too.
C. He was glad for Anthony but wanted him to go.
D. He thought Anthony would be gone for longer than a week.

2. What was the primary reason Ryan decided to host a party for Anthony?
A. To show off his baking skills.
B. To celebrate Anthony's return.
C. To impress the neighborhood friends.
D. To make Anthony feel guilty for leaving.

3. What detail about the cupcakes serves as a reminder of Ryan and Anthony's past?
A. They served the cupcakes last year.
B. They ate too many cupcakes and got sick.
C. Ryan had a cupcake-eating contest.
D. The cupcakes had the wrong frosting.

4. What role did the basketball game play in the party?
A. It was a game to entertain the guests.
B. It was a way for Ryan and Anthony to compete.
C. It was a game to pass the time while Anthony arrived.

5. Why did Ryan make red velvet cupcakes for the party?
A. He wanted to impress his friends.
B. He wants to remind Anthony of a fun memory they shared last summer.
C. Anthony's favorite color is red.
D. Ryan wanted to compete with a local bakery.

6. How did Ryan feel about the week he spent at camp?
A. He was excited and decided not to speak to Anthony.
B. He was too tired but felt lonely.
C. He didn't care because he was busy with other friends.
D. He went to camp with Anthony but left early.

7. What did Ryan and Anthony do during the week they were apart?
A. They learned new basketball skills.
B. They only ate two cupcakes instead of overeating.
C. They both attended scout camp.

8. How did Ryan feel about the week he spent at camp?
A. He was excited and decided not to speak to Anthony.
B. He was too tired but felt lonely.
C. He didn't care because he was busy with other friends.
D. They played basketball more seriously.

9. Which of the following best describes the overall mood of the story?
A. Competitive and tense.
B. Dull and uneventful.
C. Joyful and celebratory.
D. Nervous and awkward.

10. What did Ryan and Anthony learn from their week apart?
A. They can be friends even more special.
B. Scout camp is more entertaining than basketball games with friends.
C. Parties aren't as fun when there's a surprise.
D. He's more carefree when he's with his best friend.

Write A, B, C, or D in each box.

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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!

1 Digital Scavenger Hunt
Let students "find" the facts on Google Slides

2 Printable Facts

Hang facts around room

3 QR Codes
Students scan to read fun facts

10 READING COMPREHENSION PASSAGES/ACTIVITIES:

THE CAKE WALK

The school carnival was finally here, and Emily was thrilled. Colorful lights strung between the trees lit up the night sky. The smell of cotton candy wafted through the air. Children ran from booth to booth as laughter echoed all around. There was one attraction Emily was eager to see: the cake walk.

Emily had heard so much about the cake walk from her friends. It was a fun game where participants walked around a circle of numbered squares while music played. When the music stopped, everyone would stand on a number. A cake would be given to the lucky person whose number was drawn. Emily was determined to win a delicious cake!

Name:

THE CAKE WALK: PUZZLES

Which number did Emily stand on when the music stopped?



What kind of cake does Sam hope to win?



What game does Emily want to participate in at the carnival?



What kind of cake did Emily win?



THE HISTORY OF THE CANDLE

Stephanie carefully placed the last candle on the cake, admiring her work in preparation for her sister's birthday. "Mom," she asked, tilting her head in curiosity, "have you ever thought about when people first started putting candles on cakes for birthdays? It's kind of strange when you think about it...who decided that putting fire on a dessert was a good idea?"

Her mother, Cassi, chuckled in response. "It is a peculiar tradition when you put it that way," she admitted. "Why don't we look it up? Maybe we can uncover the history behind birthday candles." Together, Stephanie and her mother settled in front of the computer, intrigued by the idea of learning something new.

After scrolling through various articles, Stephanie's mom exclaimed, "Here's something! It says that the Ancient

THE CANDLE

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Across:

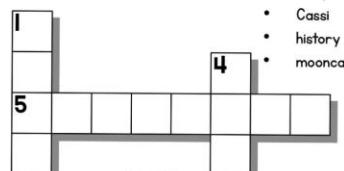
5. What did they call the birthday cake at the end?
7. What did the candles on the Greek cakes symbolize?
8. Which Greek goddess was honored with cakes that resembled the moon?
9. What shape were the cakes made into by the Ancient Greeks to represent the moon?

Down:

1. What did they use to look up articles about the history of the candle?
2. Stephanie's mother said many of our customs are rooted in ancient

WORD BANK:

- candles
- Artemis
- round
- moonlight
- Germany
- computer
- Cassi
- history
- mooncake



THE MISSING PRESENT

It was Clara's eleventh birthday. Her living room was transformed into a party wonderland. Brightly colored streamers hung from the ceiling, and a giant cake was on the table waiting to be sliced. Her friends from school were buzzing with excitement as they eyed the colorful gifts piled high in the corner. Clara could hardly wait to open them all, especially the one from her best friend, Ava. Ava knew her so well that Clara knew it would be her favorite.

After games and laughter, it was finally time for the presents. Clara clapped her hands, eager to dive into the

Name:

THE MISSING PRESENT

1. How did Clara feel about the present from Ava before she opened it, and why did she expect it to be her favorite?

2. What did Clara's brother Lucas say about Pancake when they heard him barking in the next room?

PARTY FAVORS

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PARTY FAVORS

Match up each question with the correct answer by coloring each match a different color.

1.	4.	D.	C.
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**focuses on:
fiction text evidence**

2 Versions of Every Passage Included for Students

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After games, it was time for the presents. Clara clapped her hands, eager to dive in. "Let's see what we've got!" she called over the loud barking of her puppy in the next room.

"Pancake must be excited about your presents too," her brother Lucas joked.

As they sat down to begin, Ava frowned. "Wait! Where's my present? It's not here."

"I saw it right here earlier. It had a pink bow on it," said Mia, one of the guests.



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The group began searching under the table, behind the couch, and in the kitchen. Ava went outside, thinking she had dropped it. But the gift couldn't be found. Just then, Clara's puppy ran into the room, his tail wagging. Clara knelt to pet him but noticed something odd.

"Pancake, what's in your mouth?" She saw he was chewing on something shiny. "Drop it!" Pancake released a pink ribbon from his mouth, which dropped to the floor with a soft thud.

"That's it!" Clara shouted. "Ava's gift had a pink ribbon on it!"

She followed Pancake, who ran to the backyard. When Clara opened the door, she gasped.

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After games and laughter, it was finally time for the presents. Clara clapped her hands, eager to dive into the pile. "Let's see what everyone got me!" she called over the loud barking of her puppy in the next room.

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As they started to unwrap the gifts, Ava frowned. "Wait! Where's my present? It's not here."

Panic swept through the group. "I saw it right here earlier. It had a pink bow on it," said Mia, one of the guests.

The group began searching the room frantically. They looked under the table, behind the couch, and checked the kitchen. Ava even went outside to check for it, thinking she had dropped it. But the gift was nowhere to be found. Just then, Clara's puppy ran into the room, his tail wagging furiously. Clara knelt to pet him but then noticed something odd.

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"That's it!" Clara shouted. "Ava's gift had a pink ribbon!"

The friends exchanged puzzled glances as Clara began to investigate. She followed Pancake, who trotted toward the backyard. When Clara opened the door, she gasped. Ava was kneeling in the dirt, pulling at a stuffed animal of some sort that was stuck in a freshly dug hole.

"Pancake must have thought it was a toy and carried it outside!" Mia exclaimed.

With a quick tug, Ava pulled the stuffed animal free, brushing off the dirt. "I can't believe you took my present, you silly pup!" she said, giving Pancake a playful scratch behind the ears. Ava walked over to Clara and handed her a stuffed unicorn. "It was supposed to be for you, but I think it's your dog's present now."

"It's the thought that counts," Clara replied with a laugh. "Pancake says thank you!"



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RSVP

Jason stared outside glumly. It was his birthday, but no one had RSVP'd to his party. The limo his parents had rented sat in the driveway, waiting for the fun that wasn't going to happen. He sighed, imagining himself cruising around town...alone.

His mom poked her head in. "Cheer up, Jason! It's not too late. Maybe they'll show."

Jason shrugged. "I doubt it."

But, a few minutes later, the doorbell rang. He ran to the door. It was his best friend, Max, holding a gift bag. "Surprise! Sorry I didn't RSVP. I totally forgot."

Jason's heart lifted a little. "That's okay! I'm just glad you came!"

As they climbed into the limo, another friend named Latasha showed up. Then, a girl named Emily opened the door. The door opened again, and this time, it was Alex, then Ricardo, followed by two more pals. People kept arriving. Jason was speechless. Soon, the limo was packed with friends. The music was blasting, and laughter filled the air.

Just as Jason thought they couldn't fit anyone else, the driver let him know there were more. Jason's jaw dropped. His entire soccer team stood outside. They piled in.



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As they climbed into the limo, another friend named Latasha showed up and jumped in with them. As they started chatting inside the car, a girl named Emily opened the door and took a seat. The door opened again, and this time, it was Alex, then Ricardo, followed by two more classmates. One by one, people kept arriving. Jason was speechless. Every time the limo door opened, another person climbed in. Soon, the limo was packed with friends. The

Differentiate and give
your students the
version best for them!

THE CONTENT:

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

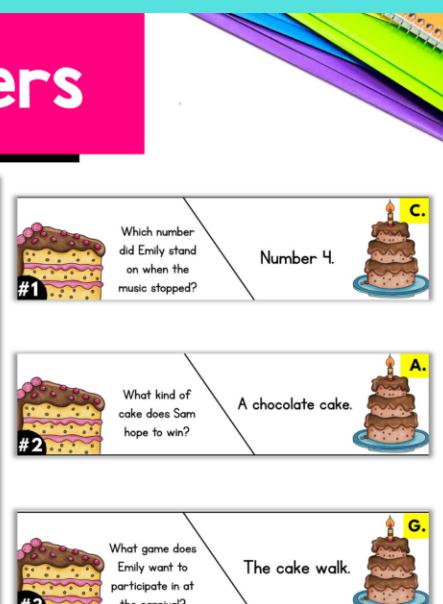
Hands-On Centers

THE CAKE WALK



The school carnival was here, and Emily was thrilled. Children ran from booth to booth as the music rang out. There was one booth Emily was eager to see: the cake walk. It was a fun game where participants walked around a circle of numbered squares as the music played. When the music stopped, everyone would stand on a number. A cake was given to the lucky person whose number was drawn. Emily was determined to win! As she arrived at the cake walk booth, she noticed a long line of kids with tickets. Emily stood behind Sam, who had a big grin. "I hope I win a chocolate cake!" he said. Emily nodded, her mouth watering at the thought. Finally, it was Emily's turn. She handed Mrs. Thompson, the cheerful teacher in charge of the booth. Then, she waited for the music to start. A peppy melody filled the air, and she began to walk with the music. She felt a surge of anticipation. When the music stopped, Emily found a square. "Number 6!" Mrs. Thompson called. Emily's heart sank. She was on number 4. But then she remembered her mom's words: "Winning isn't everything; it's about having fun." So, she cheered for her friends. After a few rounds, Emily heard Mrs. Thompson say, "Number 4!" "That's me!" she shouted, rushing to claim her cake. She chose a vanilla cake decorated with blue frosting and colorful sprinkles. It was the best cake she had ever seen. As she walked away with her prize, Emily couldn't stop smiling. And later, as she shared her cake with Sam and the others, she knew this was a night she would remember.

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No-Prep Printables

THE CAKE WALK: PUZZLES

Name: _____

Which number did Emily stand on when the music stopped? 1. C. 	What kind of cake does Sam hope to win? 2. A. 	What game does Emily want to participate in at the carnival? 3. G. 	What kind of cake did Emily win? 4. B. 
What happens when the music stops during the cake walk? 5. F. 	What does Emily do with her cake after she wins it? 6. H. 	What lesson does Emily remember from her mom during the cake walk? 7. E. 	What does Emily do while the music is playing during the cake walk? 8. D. 
A chocolate cake. A. 	A vanilla cake decorated with bright blue frosting and colorful sprinkles. B. 	Number 4. C. 	Emily walks around the circle in time with the music. D. 
Emily remembers that winning isn't everything; it's about having fun. E. 	Participants must stand on a number, and a cake is given to the person whose number is drawn. F. 	The cake walk. G. 	Emily shares her cake with Sam and the others. H. 

Write the correct letter on each cake.

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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!

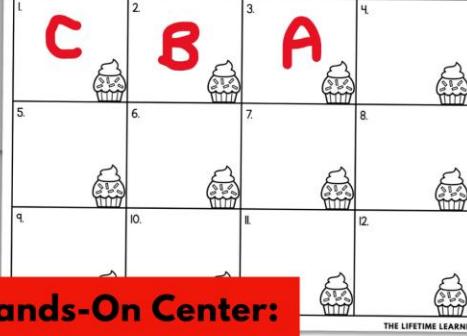
CENTER 1

Multiple Choice

RED VELVET CUPCAKES

Ryan was so excited. His best friend, Anthony, was coming back from camp for a week away. The two usually spent the summer shooting hoops, racing around, and gaming late into the night. This year had been different with Anthony going to camp. While Ryan was happy for his friend, he couldn't help but feel a little lonely. Ryan had planned a surprise welcome-back party for Saturday. He invited some neighbors over for a game of basketball. Ryan also baked a treat from the past: red velvet cupcakes. Ryan made a face, remembering how they had eaten too many last year and felt sick afterward. He knew it would make Anthony laugh.

Name:

RED VELVET CUPCAKES: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Why did Ryan feel conflicted when Anthony went to scout camp?

- He disliked camping.
- He secretly desired going to camp too.
- He was glad for Anthony but missed his friend.
- He thought Anthony would be gone for longer than a week.



1.

What was the primary reason Ryan decided to host a party for Anthony?

- To show off his baking skills.
- To celebrate Anthony's return and have fun together.
- To impress the neighborhood friends.
- To make Anthony feel guilty for leaving.



2.

Hands-On Center:

Students choose A, B, C, or D on each card.

CENTER 2

Crossword Puzzle

THE HISTORY OF THE CANDLE

Stephanie lit a candle on the cake for her sister's birthday. "Mom," she asked, "why do we light candles on cakes? I mean, I don't get it. I mean, I don't understand about when people first started putting candles on cakes for their birthday. I mean, I don't understand about why it's strange when you think about it... who decided that putting fire on a cake was a good idea?"

Other, Cassi, agreed.

"What do we look it up? Maybe we can find out more about it."

After scrolling through a few things, Stephanie said, "It's something I say the Ancient Greeks did."

"They put candles on the moon."

"They put candles on the moon?"

Stephanie giggled. "Now I know why we do certain things."

Her mom replied, "Many times, we do certain things without knowing why. It's the same with history."

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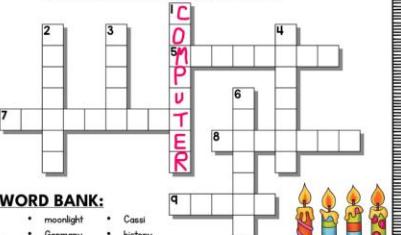
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Her mother smiled and said,

"I know that history lesson for a

THE CANDLE

Do not put spaces in your answers when you fill them in.



1 DOWN

What did they use to look up articles about the history of the candle?

5 ACROSS

What did they call the birthday cake at the end?

4 DOWN

What did Stephanie place on the cake for her sister's birthday?

Hands-On Center:

Students use the clue cards to fill in the crossword puzzle.



Name:

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- What was the primary reason Ryan decided to host a party for Anthony?
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- To celebrate Anthony's return and have fun together.
- To impress the neighborhood friends.
- To make Anthony feel guilty for leaving.

- What can we infer about Ryan's personality based on his actions?
- He is envious of Anthony's new camping friends.
- He prefers his friends to Anthony.
- He is considerate and values his friends.

- What was Anthony's reaction when he arrived at the party?
- He felt embarrassed by all the people there.
- He was disappointed that the basketball game had already started.
- He was enthusiastic and excited to see his friends.

- What was the overall mood of the party?
- Competitive and friendly.
- Relaxed and celebratory.
- Nervous and awkward.

- What lesson does Anthony learn by the end of the story?
- Being away from friends can make you feel lonely.
- It's important to have a hobby.
- It's important to have friends.

- How did Ryan feel about the week Anthony was away?
- He was annoyed and decided not to go to the basketball game.
- He was excited and decided not to go to the basketball game.
- He was surprised but felt lonely.

- How do Ryan and Anthony show they're matured since last summer's basketball game?
- They have more advanced skills.
- They have more advanced skills.
- They have more advanced skills.

Write A, B, C, or D in each box.

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No Prep Printable Worksheet!

**THE CANDLE**

Do not put spaces in your answers when you fill them in.

Across:

- What did they call the birthday cake at the end?
- What did the candles on the Greek cakes represent?
- What Greek goddess was honored with a candle?
- What did the Greeks use to represent the moon?

Down:

- What did they use to look up articles about the history of the candle?
- Stephanie's mother sold candles at the moonlight market.
- What is the name of the candle?
- What did Stephanie place on the cake for her sister's birthday?
- Which country had a tradition of placing a large candle in the center of a cake for each year of life?

Name:

WORD BANK:

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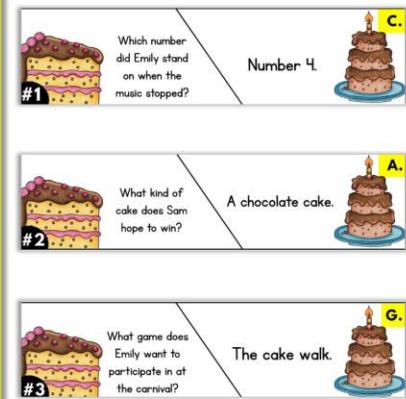
CENTER 3

Puzzles

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Hands-On Center:

Students put each 2-piece puzzle together.

CENTER 4

Sentences Mixed Up

SURPRISE STREAMERS

streamers in all the colors of the rainbow because Angela loved colorful streamers. She knew the surprise birthday party was going to be a hit. She was in charge of organizing the party games and activities. She had to get the cake and snacks. Her mom had to get the frosting. He also picked up soda, pretzels, chips, and candy. Jeff and Holly were responsible for getting everything. They took her bowling while the party needed to stop by his house to feed his dog. When they arrived, then they had a great idea. The three walked up to the door, Jeff bent down to flip it on. Instantly, everyone "Surprise!" everyone. "Happy Birthday," Angela said. Her friends were kind enough to bring cake, and the food. But he

Name:

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SURPRISE STREAMERS

Michelle was responsible for organizing the games and the activities.

2.

What task was Michelle responsible for at the party?

Michelle was responsible for organizing games and the activities.

1. activities.

Hands-On Center:

Unscramble the words and write them in the correct order on the lines to write a full sentence.

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Students unscramble the words and write the sentence.

No Prep Printable Worksheet!

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CENTER 5

Color by Code

Who won the most colorful hat award?

1. Color the answer red.

THE PARTY HAT COMPETITION

"Class," Mr. Miller announced. "Everyone will design a party hat. For an upcoming party!" He gave blank hats to them all. "We'll hold a competition and vote on the best in these categories: most colorful, most unique, and overall fanciest! Good luck!" The class excitedly gathered supplies from the craft box to decorate their hats.

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Color the answer light green.

Who won the fanciest hat award?

4. Color the answer yellow.

Hands-On Center:

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

CENTER 6

Mystery Word

RSVP

It was his birthday, but no one had RSVP'd to his party. The birthday boy sat in the driveway, waiting for the fun that wasn't going to happen. He was imagining himself cruising around town alone.

He shook his head in. "Cheer up, Jason! It's not too late. Maybe they'll show."

He shrugged. "I doubt it."

But, a few minutes later, Max, holding a gift bag. "Surprise!"

Jason's heart lifted a little.

As the named Emily opened the door, Ricardo, followed by two more limos was packed with friends.

Just as Jason thought more, Jason's jaw dropped.

"Who knew we could fit?"

"This is wild!" Emily said.

By the time the limo stopped, he had a car full of

RSVP MYSTERY

Max	speechless	Jason	presents
soccer team	Emily	gift bag	RSVP
limousine	cupcakes	Latasha	music

Who was the second friend to show up at Jason's party?



What was playing in the limo while everyone was inside?



Who was the first person to show up to the party?



Which character showed up to the party third?



Hands-On Center:

Read each card. Cross the answers off to find which box is left at the end!

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RSVP MYSTERY

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

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CENTER

7

Write a Sentence

THE MISSING PRESENT

Clara's 11th birthday. She couldn't wait to open the presents, especially the one from her friend, Ava. Ava knew her so well that Clara knew it would be her favorite.

After games, it was time for the presents. Clara could see what we've got!" she called over the loud barking.

"Pancake must be excited about your presents too!"

As they sat down to begin, Ava frowned. "Wait! Wait!"

"I saw it right here earlier. It had a pink bow on it."

The group began searching under the table, behind outside, thinking she had dropped it. But the gift could into the room, his tail wagging. Clara knelt to pet him b-

"Pancake, what's in your mouth?" She saw he was

Pancake released a pink ribbon from his mouth, which

"That's it!" Clara shouted. "Ava's gift had a pink ribbon!"

She followed Pancake, who ran to the backyard. When

Ava was kneeling in the dirt, pulling something out of a

"Pancake must have thought it was a toy!" Ava said.

"Ava, you took my present, you silly pup!" Ava walked over to

"It was supposed to be for you, but I think it's you!"

"It's the thought that counts," Clara replied with a

1. How did Clara feel about the present from Ava before she opened it, and why did she expect it to be her favorite?



Clara felt very excited about Ava's present because Ava knew her well, and Clara was confident that it would be her favorite.

Write the answer on the blank lines.

2. What did Clara's brother Lucas say about Pancake when they heard him barking in the next room?



Lucas joked that Pancake must be excited about Clara's presents too when they heard him barking loudly in the next room.

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Hands-On Center:

Students write the answer to each prompt on the lines.



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3. What did Mia notice about Ava's missing present, and where did she remember seeing it?
Answer: Mia noticed that Ava's present had a pink bow on it and remembered seeing it in the room earlier before it went missing.

4. What clue led Clara to realize that Pancake might have taken Ava's gift?
Answer: Clara noticed that Pancake was chewing on something shiny, and when he dropped the pink ribbon from his mouth, Clara realized it matched the bow that had been on Ava's present.

5. Where did Pancake hide the missing present, and what did Ava find when she dug it up?
Answer: Pancake had hidden the missing present in a freshly dug hole in the backyard, and Ava found her stuffed unicorn gift when she pulled it out of the dirt.

6. Now that you've read the story, what clues show that Pancake took the missing gift?
Answer: The clues that show Pancake took the missing gift are when Clara noticed Pancake chewing on the pink ribbon, Pancake leading Clara to the backyard, and Pancake barking in the other room when they began opening presents.

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8

Matching

TEN BALLOONS

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She slipped out of bed and into the hall. She made a beeline for the living room.

Family, it was tradition to place gifts on the coffee table. But when Hattie entered the room, there were no presents. Her eyes darted around. Streamers were hung up, and balloons floated around, but there wasn't a single gift. Confusion filled her. What was going on?

As Hattie tried to figure it out, her dad entered the room. He noticed the look of disappointment Hattie was trying to hide. "Happy birthday, sweetie!" he said warmly.

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Hands-On Center:

Students match up the task cards that go together.



TEN BALLOONS: MATCHING ACTIVITY

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A. adventures	B. surprise	C. chess set	D. picnic	E. tenth	F. disappointment	G. presents	H. movie theater	I. sleepover	J. tickets	K. balloons	L. coffee table

Write the correct number on each balloon.

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CENTER 9

Pairs Activity

PARTY FAVORS

"I have to make these goody bags, Mom?" Sabrina asked, holding a bag filled with candy and small toys, her fingers fidgeting with the ribbon she was tying.

Her mom smiled. "Well, it's your birthday today. You've been looking forward to this for weeks. I bet your friends are just as excited. I was talking to Elizabeth's dad, and he mentioned she spent a long time trying to pick out the perfect present for you."

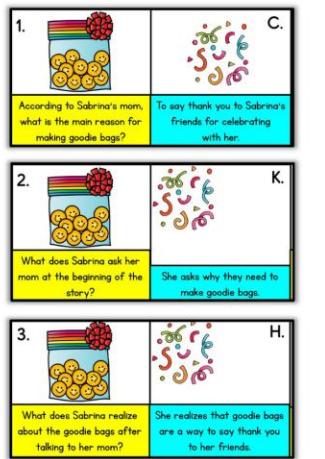
"That's sweet of her," Sabrina said. "Elizabeth is always so considerate. I wonder what she picked out. But, Mom...what does that have to do with me making goody bags?"

Her mom paused for a moment. "Elizabeth spent a lot of time thinking about what would make you happy. I'm sure the rest of your friends did the same when they chose their gifts. Birthdays aren't just about getting older or receiving presents. They're about appreciating the people who care about us and have been there for us. The party favors you're making for your guests are a way of showing them your gratitude."

Sabrina furrowed her brow. "So, the goody bags are like little gifts to say thanks for coming to my party?" Her mom nodded. Sabrina thought for a few seconds. "I guess I never thought about it like that before. I thought they were a fun part of the party. Maybe I should start making goody bags for more than my birthday. Maybe for other events too."

Her mom beamed at her daughter's newfound perspective. "That's a great idea, Sabrina. It shows how much you're maturing."

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Hands-On Center:

Students put the two sides together to match each cause and effect.

CENTER 10

True or False

SUNDAYS ON SUNDAY

"What is it?" Jeff asked his father, Mark, his eyes excited.

"It must be the day you ask puzzling questions," Mark said with a teasing grin.

Jeff shook his head. "It's a holiday! We need to celebrate!"

"I raised an eyebrow. "A holiday? Today's a regular Sunday. No holidays I know of," I said." Jeff said. "It's Sunday, so we should celebrate with the other kind of sundae!"

Mark chuckled. "I see now. Because it's Sunday, we should have ice cream sundae!"

Jeff nodded. "Yup! I want one with chocolate ice cream, bananas, caramel, and pecans!"

"Well, that's a bold request, but... that's not going to work." His dad replied seriously.

"Oh, I get it." Jeff turned to leave disappointed. He headed to his room to read.

A few minutes later, Mark knocked on Jeff's door. "Mind if I come in?" he asked softly.

Jeff shrugged. "I guess. I was just trying to make today special, but I'll read instead."

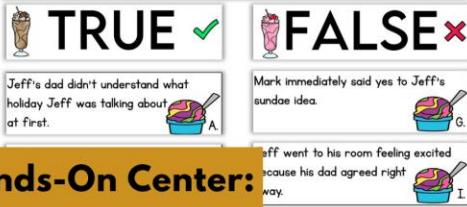
Mark stepped inside. "About that sundae..." He paused for effect. "You left before I could finish my sentence. When I said it wouldn't work, it's because you forgot something."

Jeff looked confused. "You forgot the whipped cream?" Mark blurted out with a laugh.

"You can't have a sundae without it. We've got everything we need to make the best sundae ever. How about we make this 'Sunday a real celebration'?"

Jeff's eyes widened. "Seriously? You're the best! This'll be our new Sunday tradition, right?" Mark smiled but shook his head playfully.

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Hands-On Center:

Students decide if each card is true or false.

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PARTY FAVORS

Match up each question with the correct answer by coloring each match a different color.

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A. He felt embarrassed by all the attention.
B. He was distraught that the basketball game had already started.
C. He was enthusiastic and pleased to see his friends.
D. He didn't appreciate the cupcakes.

7. What role did the basketball game play in the party?
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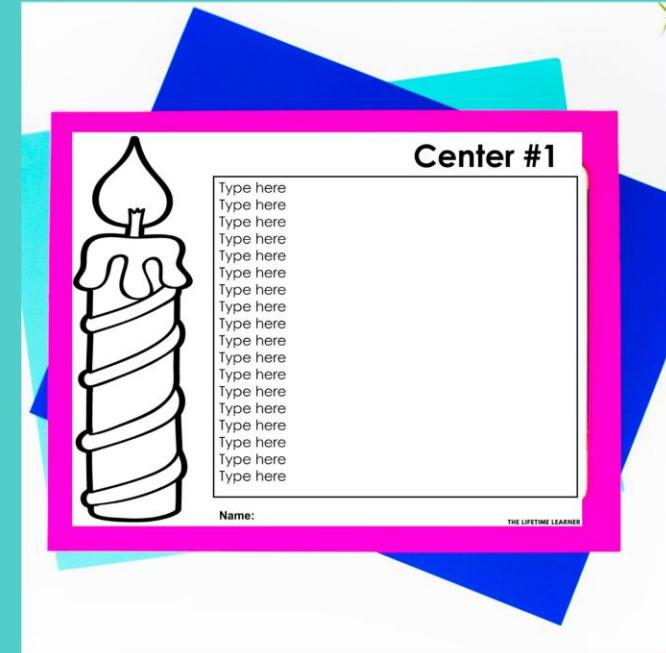
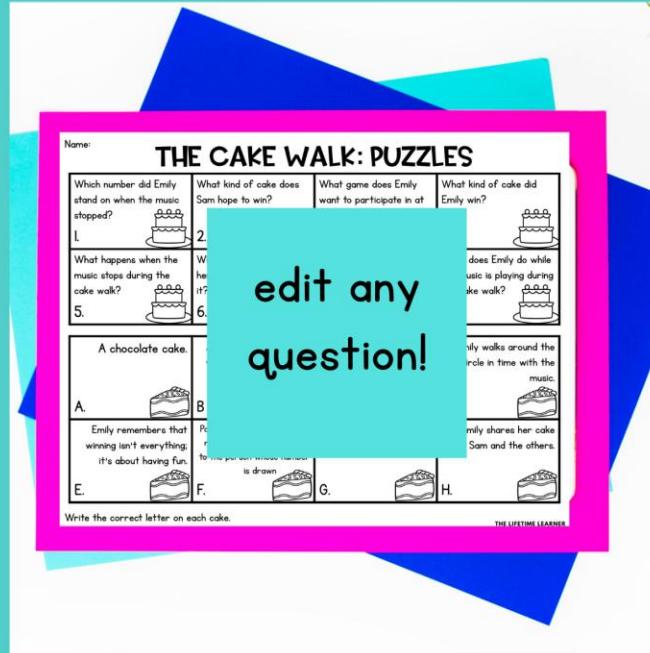
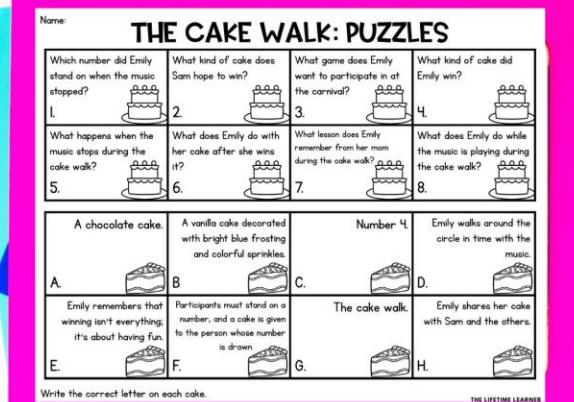
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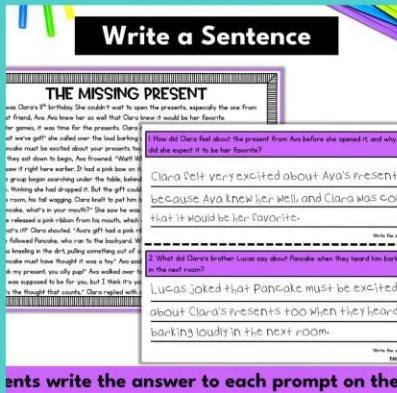
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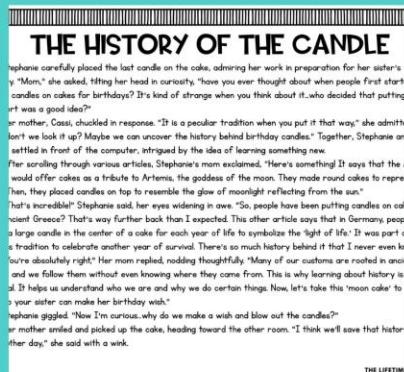
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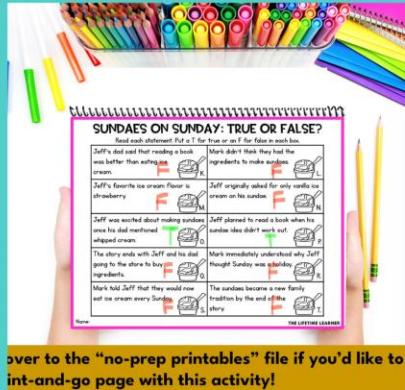
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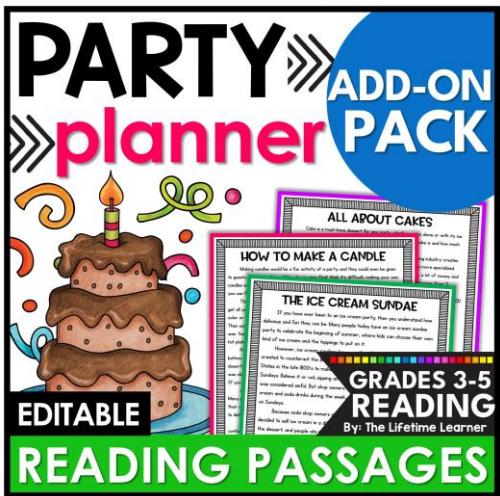
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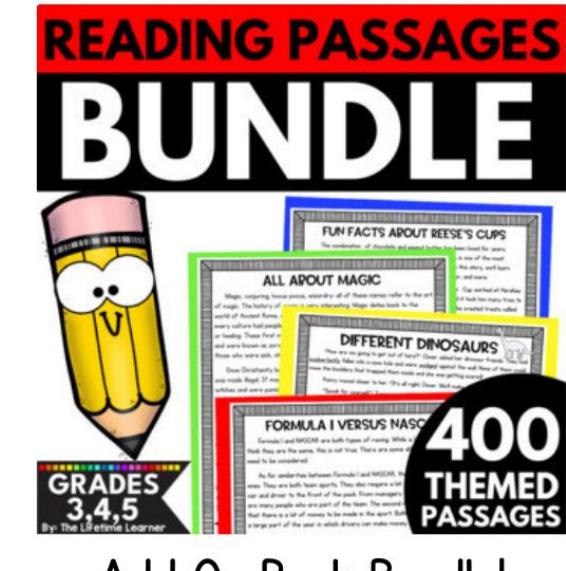
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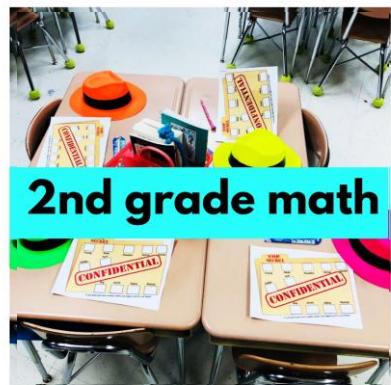
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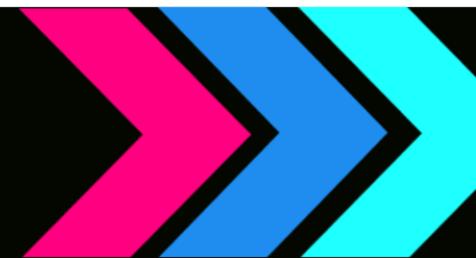
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