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**10 passages and activities in
all 40 themed sets!**

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to see what's
included.**



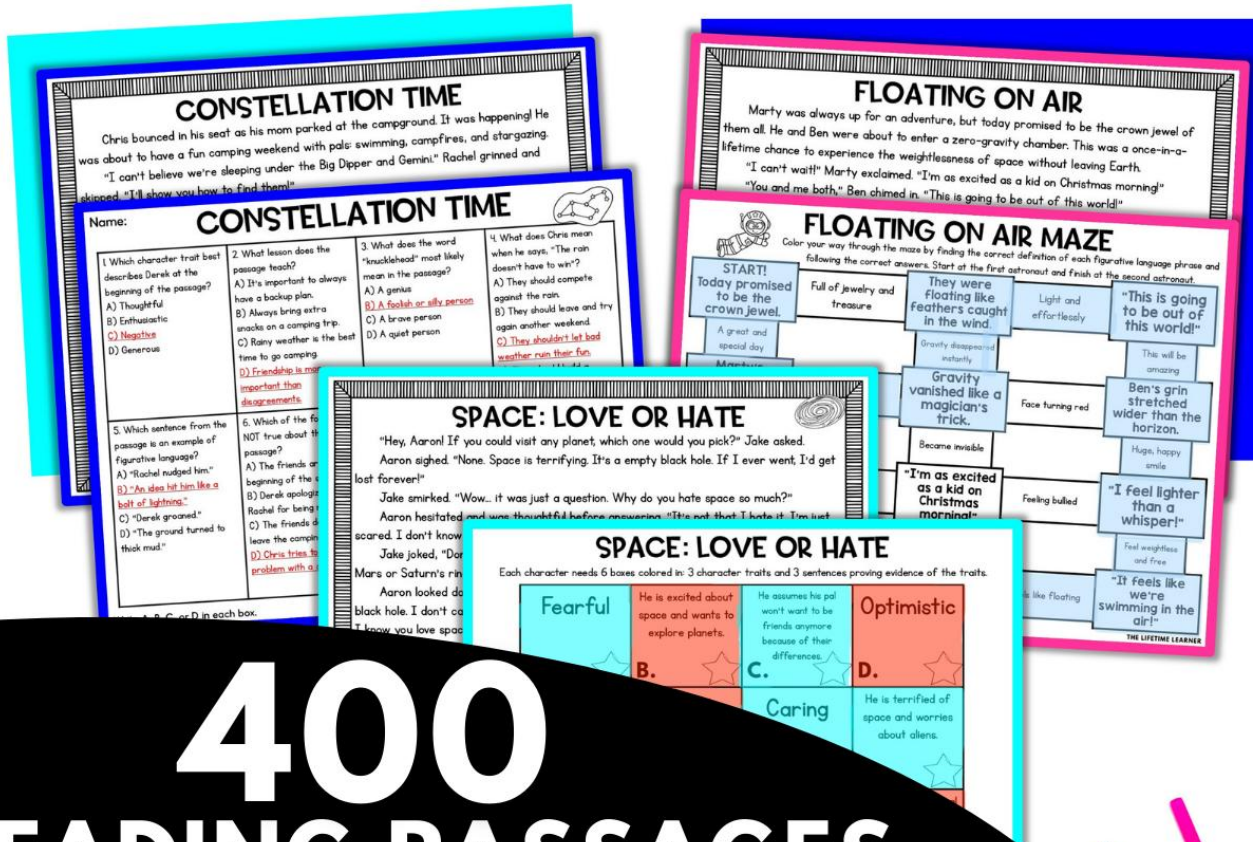
MAKE LEARNING FUN!

10 high-interest passages & activities
themed to make learning engaging
in 40 different themes!

You can use
these passages:

- for classroom transformations
- during your ELA block
- as partner/small group activities
- skill practice
- as assessments
- for test prep
- remediation
- enrichment
- themed days
- fast finisher activity
- and more!

400
READING PASSAGES
WITH ACTIVITIES



THE CONTENT:

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

Hands-On Centers

JELLYFISH JINX

Abby played at the edge of the surf. "This is the biggest castle ever!" she said proudly. Her brother Max ran up. "What's that? A baby castle?" he teased, then kicked it down. "Waaahhh!" Abby screamed, running to their mom. "Max ruined my castle!" she cried. Their mom sighed. "Max, timeout. You can't knock down her work." Max groaned but apologized. Their mom turned to Abby. "Want to take a walk on the beach?" her mom asked. "Okay," Abby sniffled, taking her mom's hand.

They strolled down the beach, passing kids splashing and shells along the tide. Suddenly, Abby shrieked. "AAAH!! It hurts! This balloon hurt me!"

"What balloon?" her mom asked, rushing over. Abby clutched her foot, pointing at the sand. It wasn't a balloon: it was a jellyfish.

"Oh no," her mom said, scooping her up. "Jellyfish sting when you touch them. Let's fix it." At the water's edge, she rinsed Abby's foot. "This will help."

Back at the towel, her mom dabbed rubbing alcohol on the sting. "Almost done," she said. When finished, she handed Abby a lollipop. Max even gave Abby a hug in support.

Abby's eyes lit up. "Mmm, watermelon! Thanks, Mommy!" she said, smiling. Her mom laughed. "No more stepping on balloons, okay?"

"Okay!" Abby giggled in agreement.

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

1. Why does Mom put Max in timeout?	A. She doesn't like sandcastles.	B. She wants to teach Max that he shouldn't ruin others' work.	C. She thinks Max needs a break from playing.
2. Why does Mom suggest taking a walk with Abby?	A. She wants Abby to calm down and forget about the sting.	B. She wants to find more shells for Max.	C. She needs to buy Abby a lollipop.
3. What does Mom likely feel when Abby gets stung by the jellyfish?	A. Worried about Abby and determined to help her.	B. Annoyed because Abby wasn't careful.	C. Frustrated because the day is ruined.

No-Prep Printables

3 CHOICES: JELLYFISH JINX

Write A, B, or C in each box.

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4. Why does Mom give Abby a lollipop at the end?	A. To distract her from the pain.	B. To reward her for being brave.	C. Because Abby asked for one earlier.
5. How does Abby feel when Max kicks down her castle?	A. Joyful because Max is playing with her.	B. Proud because Max noticed her work.	C. Upset because she worked hard on it.
6. What does Abby mean when she says, "This balloon hurt me"?	A. She wanted her mom to blow up a balloon.	B. She thought the jellyfish was a balloon.	C. She stepped on a shell that looked like a balloon.

With this version, students read the passage. Then, they complete a hands-on center 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!

2 Versions of Every Passage Included for Students

THE MEANDERING MOUSE



Janice and her daughter Marissa sat at the vet with their cat named Oreo. Janice let out a piercing scream. "Mom! What's wrong?" Marissa asked.

Janice's face was pale as she stood on her chair. She pointed toward the corner. Marissa saw a small, brown creature dart by. "M-m-mouse," Janice whispered.

Oreo tried to wriggle free from Marissa's arms. The mouse scurried through a crack and dashed into the path of a dog. "Oh no!" squeaked the mouse. She darted under a cabinet in the exam room, caught her breath, and hurried down the hall. She found herself in the restroom. A vet tech was washing her hands. "Eek!" she cried.

The mouse's whiskers drooped. *Why does everyone scream when they see me?* she wondered sadly. As she scurried away, she bumped into Dr. Martin's shoe. Instead of shouting, Dr. Martin scooped her up. "Hello," she said kindly. "What brings you here?"

The mouse blinked in surprise. Dr. Martin wasn't afraid. She held the mouse with steady hands and a warm smile. The mouse felt noticed: not as something to fear, but as a living creature with feelings.

THE MEANDERING MOUSE



One quiet afternoon, Janice and her daughter Marissa sat in the veterinarian's office with their pet cat. Oreo purred contentedly on Marissa's lap. The waiting room's conversations were interrupted when Janice let out a sudden, piercing scream. "Mom! What's wrong?" Marissa exclaimed, startled.

Janice's face was pale as she stood, trembling, on her chair. She could only point toward the corner of the room. Marissa followed her mother's gaze and saw a small, brown creature darting across the floor.

"M-m-mouse," Janice whispered, barely able to speak.

Oreo perked up, trying to wriggle free from Marissa's arms to join the chase. The receptionist, alerted by the commotion, stepped into the room just as the mouse scurried through a crack in the door and into the hallway. Unaware of the adventure ahead, the mouse dashed into an open exam room and straight into the path of a retriever.

"Oh no, oh no!" squeaked the mouse as the Labrador ran toward her. To the mouse's relief, she darted under a cabinet just before the playful dog could reach her. She caught her breath and hurried down the hall. But she found herself in the restroom. This was where Katie, the veterinarian's assistant, was washing her hands.

"Eek!" Katie cried, nearly leaping into the sink. The mouse's whiskers drooped. *Why does everyone scream when they see me?* she wondered sadly. As she scurried back into the hallway, she bumped right into Dr. Martin's shoe.

Instead of shouting, Dr. Martin bent down and gently scooped her up.

"Well, hello there," Dr. Martin said kindly. "What brings you here, little one?"

The mouse blinked in surprise. Dr. Martin wasn't afraid. She held the mouse with steady hands and a warm smile.

For the first time, the mouse felt noticed: not as something to fear, but as a living creature with feelings.

Marissa watched from the waiting room, amazed. "Mom, look! Dr. Martin got the mouse!"

Janice slowly sat back down. Dr. Martin walked toward the waiting room, still holding the mouse. "This little adventurer seems harmless," she said. The mouse gave a soft squeak of gratitude.

Oreo, still in Marissa's arms, watched the mouse with twitching ears. By the time they left the vet's office, Marissa was beaming. "See, Mom? Everything worked out in the end!"

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

TOMMY THE TURTLE



On the first Tuesday of January each year, Tommy made his way to the vet for a check up. It was raining cats and dogs. It took him a long time to get there.

"Good morning, Tommy. What brings you here?" the receptionist asked.

"I need to have my annual checkup. I also have a strange new pain in my neck."

"Oh, killing two birds with one stone, I see," said the receptionist.

When Dr. Michaels walked in, he examined the turtle but couldn't find anything wrong. The vet did tests with no luck. He decided to run even more. Tommy was frustrated. "This is a wild goose chase. It doesn't even hurt that bad. Forget it!"

"Better to be safe than sorry," said Dr. Michaels. Sighing, Tommy Turtle shuffled back to the testing room. Soon the final results were in. The vet was nervous to talk about the elephant in the room since Tommy had gotten upset earlier.

"Let's hear it straight from the horse's mouth, doc. What is wrong with me?"

"I don't mean to let the cat out of the bag," said the veterinarian, "but you have a

TOMMY THE TURTLE



Tommy the turtle was a wise old soul. On the first Tuesday of January each year, he made his way to the veterinarian for a check up. On this particular Tuesday, it was raining cats and dogs. It took him a long time to get there because of his stubby little legs so he was out in the downpour for a while.

"Good morning, Tommy. What brings you here today?" the receptionist asked as he slowly entered the waiting room and approached the desk.

"I need to have my annual checkup. I also have a strange new pain in my neck."

"Oh, killing two birds with one stone, I see," said the receptionist.

"Yes, you know I come in the first week of January every year. But this year, I can't seem to move my neck like I should. I need the doctor to take a look at it so I can start to feel better," Tommy replied.

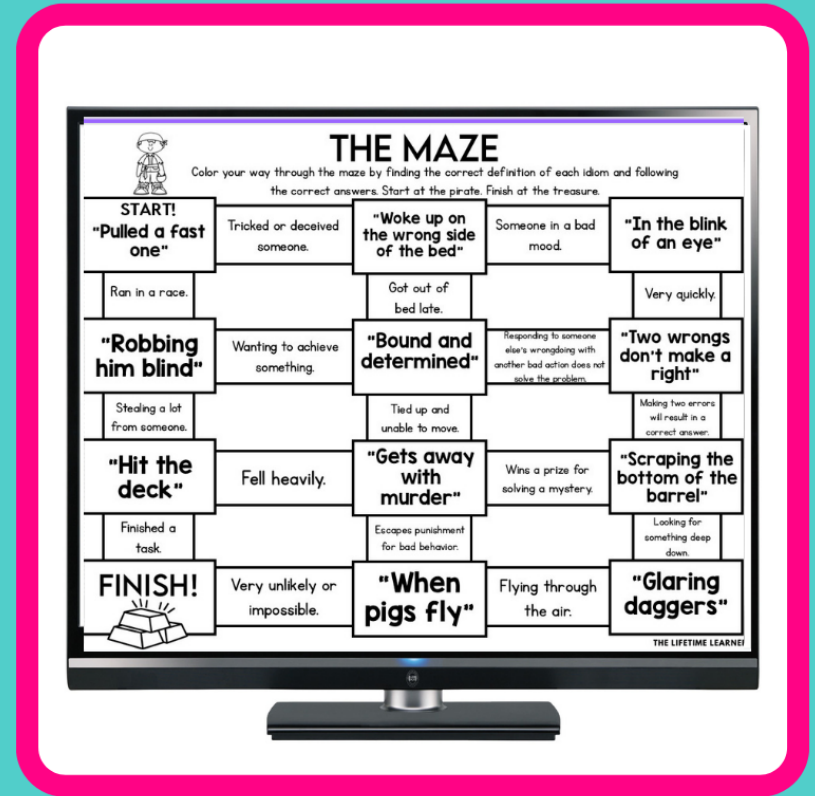
When Dr. Michaels walked in, he gave the turtle a thorough examination after hearing about his neck complaint but couldn't find anything wrong. The veterinarian did several tests and still couldn't find the source of the problem. He decided to run even more tests. At this point, Tommy was getting frustrated. He had been here nearly the entire

**Differentiate and give
your students the
version best for them!**

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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 activities out over a couple of days
- use the hands-on centers during your whole group lesson and the no-prep printables as a review as reading assessments

KFC IN JAPAN?



When you think of KFC, you probably picture an American fast-food chain. But in Japan, it's a Christmas tradition! Every December 24th, KFC restaurants have their busiest day of the year. They sell 5-10 times more than usual. Families pre-order months in advance to get a bucket of fried chicken. But how did this tradition start?



It began in the 1970s, just a few years after KFC arrived in Japan. Back then, Christmas wasn't celebrated much. Families didn't eat a specific meal on Christmas. Takeshi Okawara, a KFC manager, saw an opportunity. He said eating KFC on Christmas was an American tradition. Eager Japanese families liked the idea and tried it.



Okawara took it further by dressing as Santa Claus at KFC stores. His plan worked even better because Colonel Sanders already looked like Santa with his white beard.

Another reason for KFC's success was the lack of turkey in Japan. Since turkey was rare, fried chicken became the next best option. KFC introduced meal packs with fried chicken, salad, and cake. Families loved it, and KFC for Christmas became a tradition. Today, 3.6 million people in Japan celebrate Christmas with KFC. The company still uses its famous slogan, "Kentucky for Christmas". Thanks to his marketing genius, Takeshi Okawara became CEO of KFC Japan from 1984 to 2002. What began as a small sales idea turned into one of the most unique holiday traditions in the world!

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

1.  **F.** 
Why do KFC restaurants in Japan sell more food on December 24th? Eating KFC for Christmas became a popular holiday tradition.

2.  **E.** 
How did Takeshi Okawara convince people that KFC was a Christmas tradition? He claimed it was an American tradition and dressed as Santa Claus.

3.  **A.** 
Why did Colonel Sanders' appearance help KFC's Christmas marketing? His white beard and glasses made him look like Santa Claus.

What Skills are Included?

Skill List:









- All Fiction Skills
- All Nonfiction Skills
- Reading Skills in Isolation
- Spiral Review Skill Practice
- 2 Formats (Hands-On Centers & No-Prep Worksheets)
- Passages Written on 2 Levels of Ability
- Focus on Reading Comprehension with HIGHLY ENGAGING Passages & Activities
- Questions are Editable in Powerpoint

SOUP STARTED THE RESTAURANT BUSINESS

For as long as people have eaten, someone has been selling food. In ancient times, travelers stopped at inns for meals, while people in cities gathered at taverns for drinks and food. Cafés became popular for serving coffee and tea. But none of these places focused on full meals. The idea of a restaurant came from the French.

Name: _____

SOUP STARTED THE RESTAURANT BUSINESS

 <p>What types of places did people go to for food before restaurants existed?</p> <p>#1</p>		 <p>What is an example of a restaurant that focuses on one type of food?</p> <p>#2</p>	
 <p>Where and when did the first true restaurant exist?</p>		 <p>What is amazing about how restaurants have changed over time?</p>	

EATING WITH THE STARS

If you want to understand Michelin stars, you first need to think about tires. That might sound strange, but it will all make sense! In the late 1800s, brothers André and Édouard Michelin started a tire company in France. Back then, only rich people had cars. The brothers wanted more people to buy cars. This would help them sell more tires. So, they created a free guidebook to help drivers. The guidebook listed the best restaurants in France. Restaurants that were listed in the guidebook were given Michelin stars. The more stars a restaurant had, the better it was. Today, Michelin stars are given to restaurants all over the world. A Michelin star is a big honor for a restaurant.

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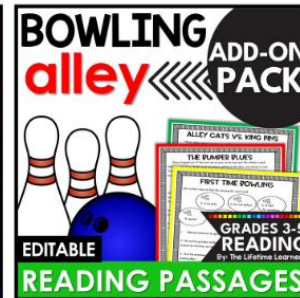
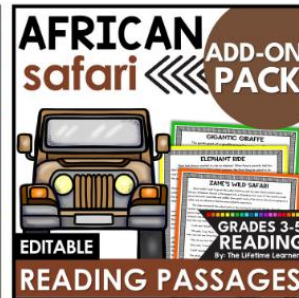
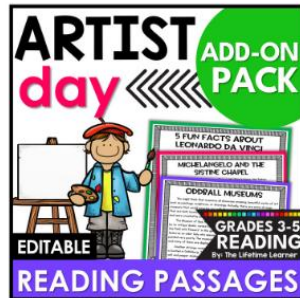
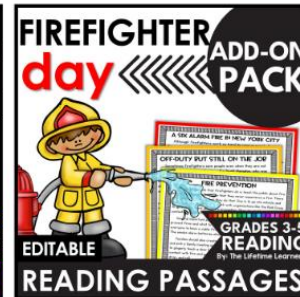
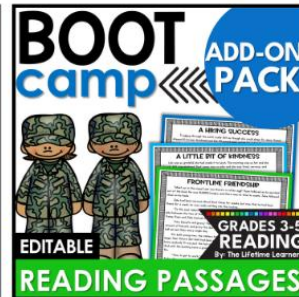
1. How many restaurants does Michelin rate today? Color it red. ☆	2. Why do some people disagree with Michelin stars? Color it light blue. ☆	3. Why did the Michelin brothers want more people to buy cars? Color it light green. ☆	4. In which two cities are most of the three-star Michelin restaurants in the U.S.? Color it yellow. ☆
5. Why did the Michelin brothers start sending secret inspectors to restaurants? Color it purple. ☆	6. Who started the Michelin tire company? Color it orange. ☆	7. How many three-star restaurants are there in the U.S.? Color it pink. ☆	8. Why do chefs work hard to keep their Michelin stars? Color it brown. ☆
9. What year did Michelin introduce the guidebook?	10. What were some of the tips included in the guidebook?	11. What does a one-star Michelin rating mean?	12. What country did the Michelin brothers live in?

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