

4th & 5th Grade

ELA Review



Thanksgiving Day Parade Escape Room

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Escape the Parade!

Students won't realize they are practicing Reading Comprehension skills! They will be immersed in the storytelling and our original videos as they complete reading comprehension challenges.

You avoided the pigeons!

Way to go, leading the parade away from disaster! You're a great leader!



Collect the right-turn road sign to track your altered parade route.

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4 Reading Challenges

Challenge #1

1. Watch the video explaining the challenge.
2. Read the passages and answer the questions.
3. Enter your answers onto the Thanksgiving Day Brochure to see if you are ready to avoid the flock of pigeons blocking the parade route.
4. Cut out and paste the road sign onto your parade map to alter your route and continue leading the Thanksgiving Day Parade.

the Macy's parade warehouse. They are stored in small containers for another year. People can watch the balloons be inflated on the day before Thanksgiving on 77th and 81st Streets, between Central Park West and Columbus Avenue.

The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade has had its obstacles through the years. From 1942-1944, there were no parades due to World War II. The rubber and helium meant for balloons went to the American military, instead. In 1957, wet weather caused the hat of a Popeye balloon to fill with water. It eventually spilled and drenched spectators. This same mishap occurred in 1962 with the hat on a Donald Duck balloon. Six days after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963, the country debated whether or not to hold the parade. In the end, organizers decided to have the parade in hopes of raising the nation's spirits during that time. In 1971, heavy rains grounded all the giant balloons for the first time. A Superman balloon lost his arm after getting snagged on a tree branch in 1985. Winds reached 40 miles an hour during the 1997 parade, making the balloons difficult to control. One



20, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was scaled back to a small area near Macy's main store. In 2020, the parade was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The parade traditionally marks the official start of the holiday season. The parade is a celebration of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in person or

4. What does the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade symbolize for many Americans?
- a. The best family gathering
 - b. The start of the holiday season
 - c. The delicious meal they will have on Thanksgiving
 - d. A day of fun, family, and laughter

5. According to the text, when and where can people watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade balloons be inflated?
- a. Just hours before the parade, on 77th and 81st near Central Park
 - b. In West Central Park, the day before the parade
 - c. On 77th and 81st Streets, between Central Park West and Columbus Avenue, the day before the parade
 - d. On Columbus Park West and Central Avenue, the day before the parade

6. Which of the following challenges has occurred during a previous Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade?
- a. A spectator pranked the audience by putting a huge diaper on the Mickey Mouse balloon.
 - b. Rain filled the hats of Donald Duck and Popeye (during two different parades), causing them to overflow and drench spectators.
 - c. A massive cupcake balloon with a lit candle caught on fire, causing it to explode.
 - d. A Superman balloon lost his arm after a spectator accidentally poked it with the cob handle.

- Challenges focused on Reading Comprehension skills
- Each challenge takes about 20-30 minutes
- 3 nonfiction passages, and 3 fiction passages
- Multiple choice questions
- Passages in 4th-5th Grade Text Complexity band (740L-1010L)
- Passages and questions are scaffolded

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4 Reading Challenges

Challenge #2

1. Watch the video explaining the challenge.
2. Read the passages and answer the questions.
3. Enter your answers onto the Thanksgiving Day Brochure to see if you are ready to avoid the students blocking the parade route.
4. Cut out and paste the road sign onto your parade map to alter your route and continue leading the Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Scan the QR code or click [here](#) to view the video



1.

Pumpkin Pie

Pumpkin pie is a favorite Thanksgiving dessert. You can make this scrumptious pie for yourself by following this simple recipe.

Ingredients:

- 1 refrigerated rolled pie crust
- 1 15 oz can pumpkin
- 1 15 oz can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon each nutmeg, ginger, and salt



Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Unroll the refrigerated pie crust and press into a 9-inch pie plate.
3. Combine the remaining ingredients in a large mixing bowl.
4. Beat on medium speed until the contents are well blended, about 1 minute.
5. Pour pumpkin mixture into prepared pie plate.
6. Flute the edges of the pie crust to create a decorative border.



- Themed videos integrated throughout the Escape Room to keep kids engaged.
- Students work in groups, partners, or independently.

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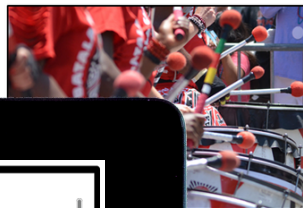
Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
2. Unroll the refrigerated pie crust onto a lightly greased 9-inch pie plate.
3. Combine the pumpkin, condensed milk, eggs, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, and salt in a large bowl.
4. Beat on medium speed until well mixed.
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Giant balloons were added to the parade in 1927. The character of Felix the Cat was the first. Disney got involved in this parade with a Mickey Mouse balloon in 1934. Snoopy, created by Charles Shultz, holds the record for having the most Thanksgiving Day Parade floats in 1968 with six different balloons. In fact, Charles Shultz was one of the most influential cartoonists in America. In more recent Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parades, there are over a dozen giant balloons and nearly 30 floats. The parade includes 1,500 dancers and cheerleaders and over 750 clowns. Marching bands from all over the country perform, and over 8,000 participants are part of the overall action.



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Format Type	Printable	Digital	Digital
Device	N/A	Any Device	Any Device
Required Prep	Print & Go	Copy & Share	Zero Prep
Student Answers	Printable Answer Pamphlet	Google Sheets Decoder Tool	Integrated Challenge Hub
Self Correcting	Includes Answer Key	Self Correcting	Self Correcting
Custom Videos	QR Codes	Embedded You Tube	Embedded
Audio Readings	N/A	No Audio Readings	Contains Audio Readings
Navigation	N/A	Student Directed	Automatically Advancing
Extras	Early Finish Challenges	Movable Pieces	Interactive Animation

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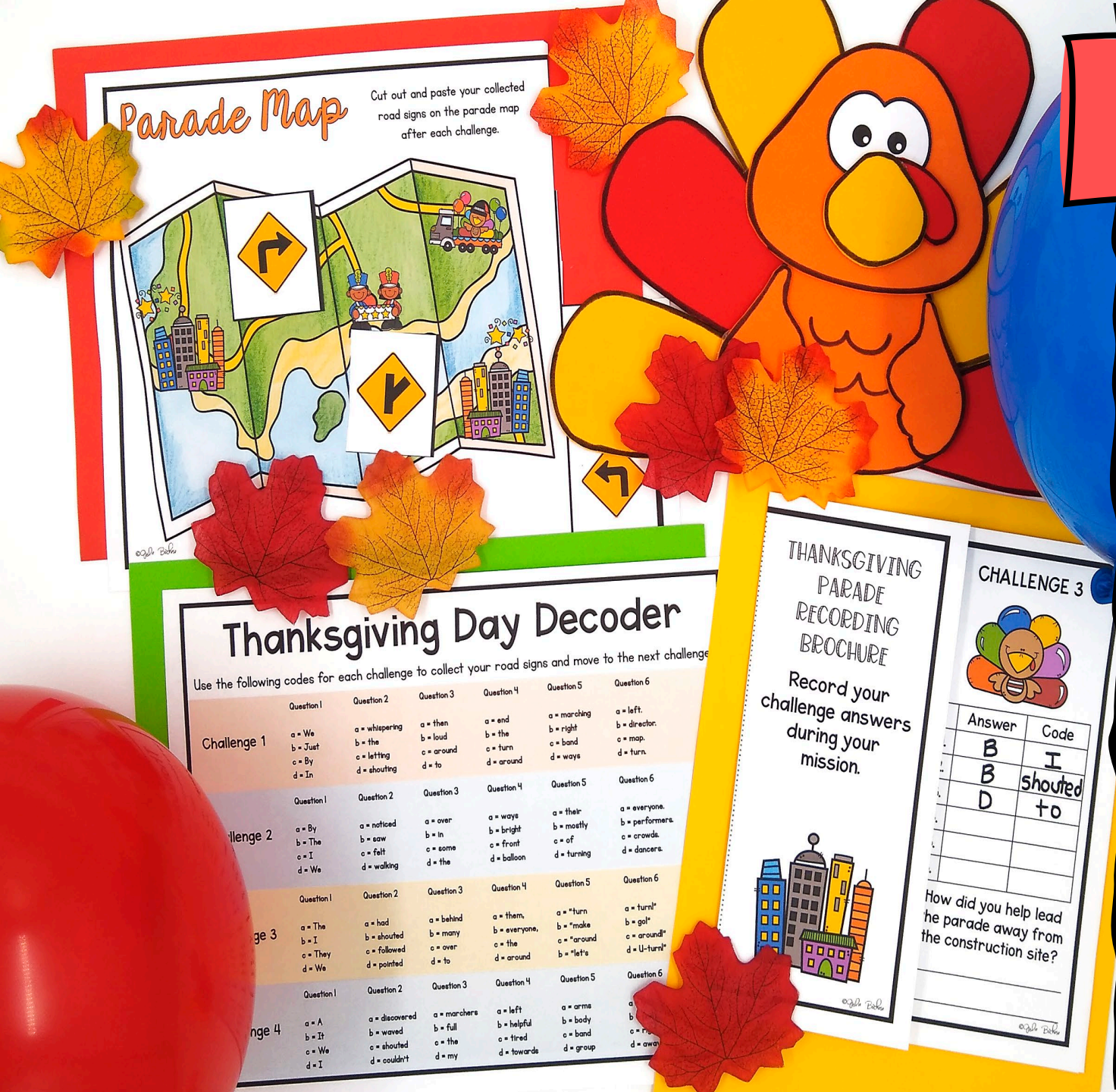
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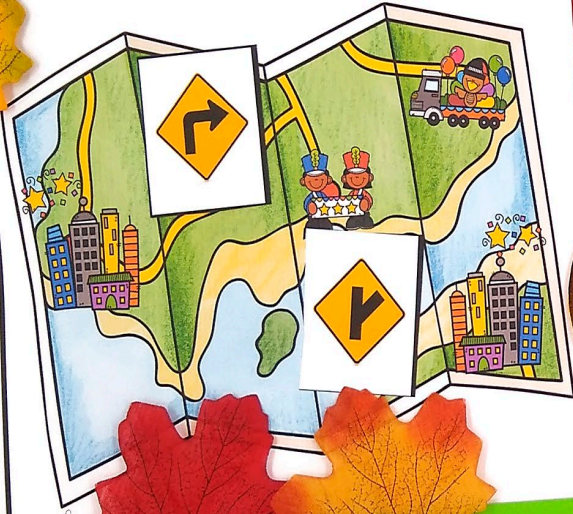
- Cut and paste stamps for each challenge
- Easy to follow
- Optimal for group or partner work
- Recording brochure for answers
- Self-checking decoder
- Certificate of completion

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Parade Map

Cut out and paste your collected road signs on the parade map after each challenge.



Thanksgiving Day Decoder

Use the following codes for each challenge to collect your road signs and move to the next challenge.

Challenge 1	Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4	Question 5	Question 6
	a = We b = Just c = By d = In	a = whispering b = the c = letting d = shouting	a = then b = loud c = around d = to	a = end b = the c = turn d = around	a = marching b = right c = band d = ways	a = left. b = director. c = map. d = turn.
Challenge 2	Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4	Question 5	Question 6
	a = By b = The c = I d = We	a = noticed b = saw c = felt d = walking	a = over b = in c = some d = the	a = ways b = bright c = front d = balloon	a = their b = mostly c = of d = turning	a = everyone. b = performers. c = crowds. d = dancers.
Challenge 3	Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4	Question 5	Question 6
	a = The b = I c = They d = We	a = had b = shouted c = followed d = pointed	a = behind b = many c = over d = to	a = them, b = everyone. c = the d = around	a = "turn" b = "make" c = "around" d = "let's"	a = "turn" b = "gal" c = "around" d = U-turn"
Challenge 4	Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4	Question 5	Question 6
	a = A b = It c = We d = I	a = discovered b = waved c = shouted d = couldn't	a = marchers b = full c = the d = my	a = left b = helpful c = tired d = towards	a = arms b = body c = band d = group	a = ... b = ... c = ... d = ...

THANKSGIVING PARADE RECORDING BROCHURE

Record your challenge answers during your mission.



CHALLENGE 3



Answer	Code
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B	shouted
D	to

How did you help lead the parade away from the construction site?

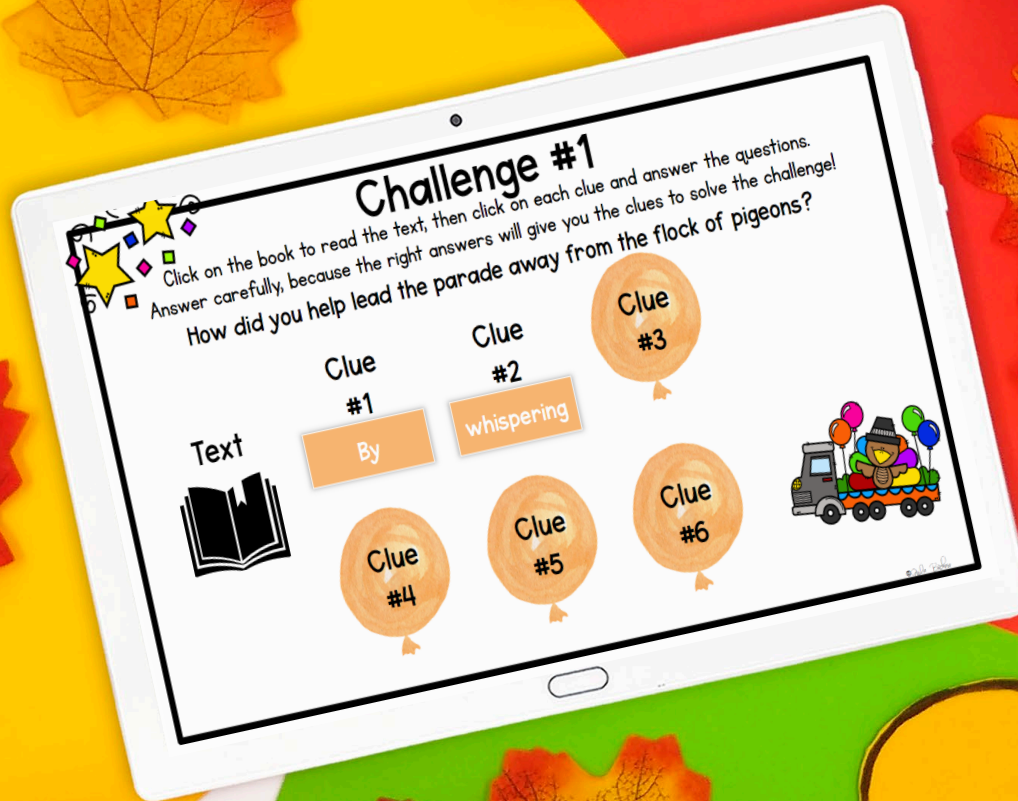
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- Embedded videos
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- Animation
- Simple navigation

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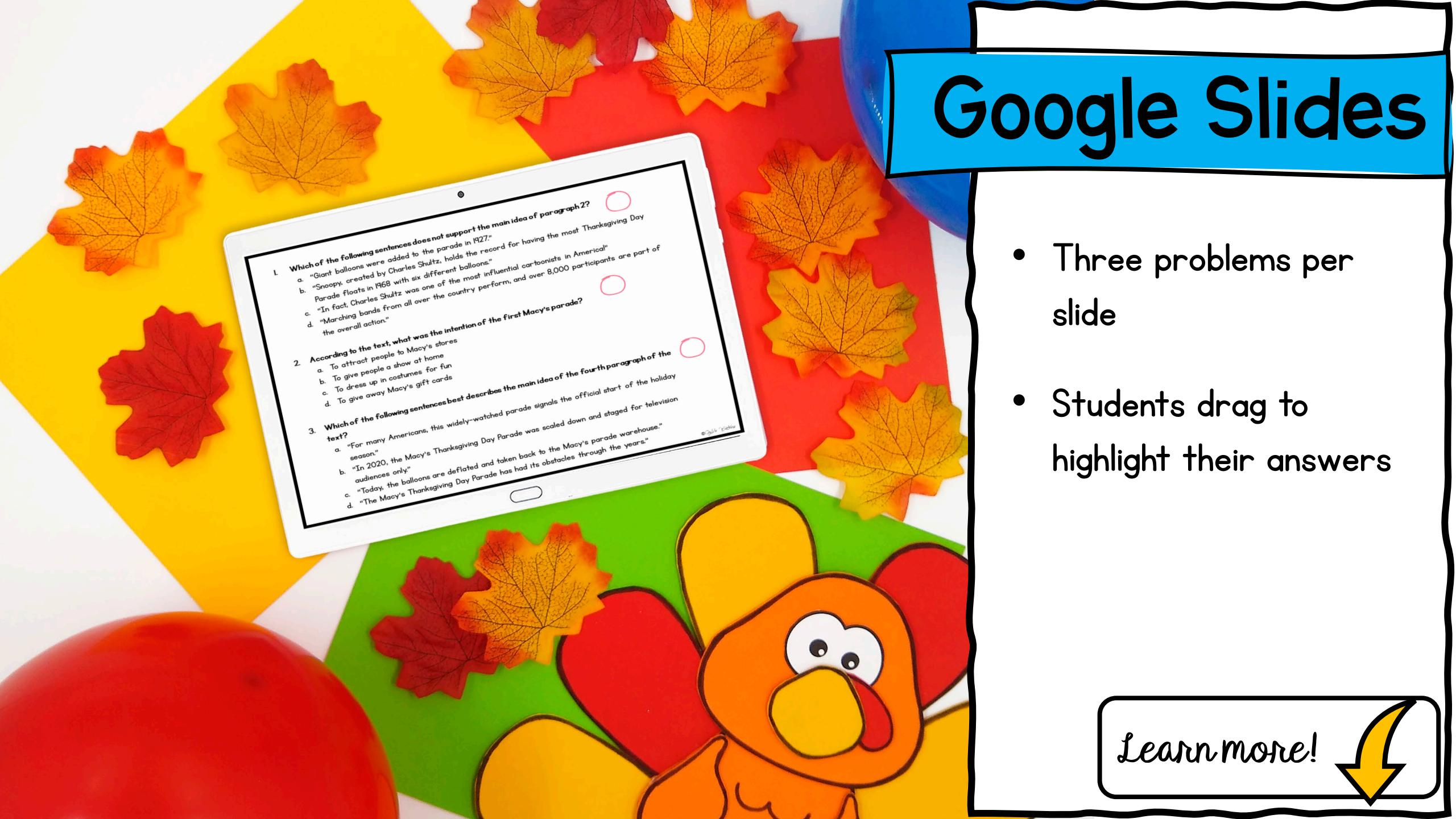
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- No log ins or sign ups
- Works with any device that has an internet connection and web browser
- Zero prep! Just share the link with your students.

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1. Which of the following sentences does not support the main idea of paragraph 2?
- a. "Giant balloons were added to the parade in 1927."
 - b. "Snoopy, created by Charles Schultz, holds the record for having the most Thanksgiving Day Parade floats in 1968 with six different balloons."
 - c. "In fact, Charles Schultz was one of the most influential cartoonists in America!"
 - d. "Marching bands from all over the country perform, and over 8,000 participants are part of the overall action."
2. According to the text, what was the intention of the first Macy's parade?
- a. To attract people to Macy's stores
 - b. To give people a show at home
 - c. To dress up in costumes for fun
 - d. To give away Macy's gift cards
3. Which of the following sentences best describes the main idea of the fourth paragraph of the text?
- a. "For many Americans, this widely-watched parade signals the official start of the holiday season."
 - b. "In 2020, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was scaled down and staged for television audiences only."
 - c. "Today, the balloons are deflated and taken back to the Macy's parade warehouse."
 - d. "The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade has had its obstacles through the years."

- Three problems per slide
- Students drag to highlight their answers

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- Toggle to self-checking decoder
- Decoder will prompt at the end of each challenge whether students are correct or need to check their work.

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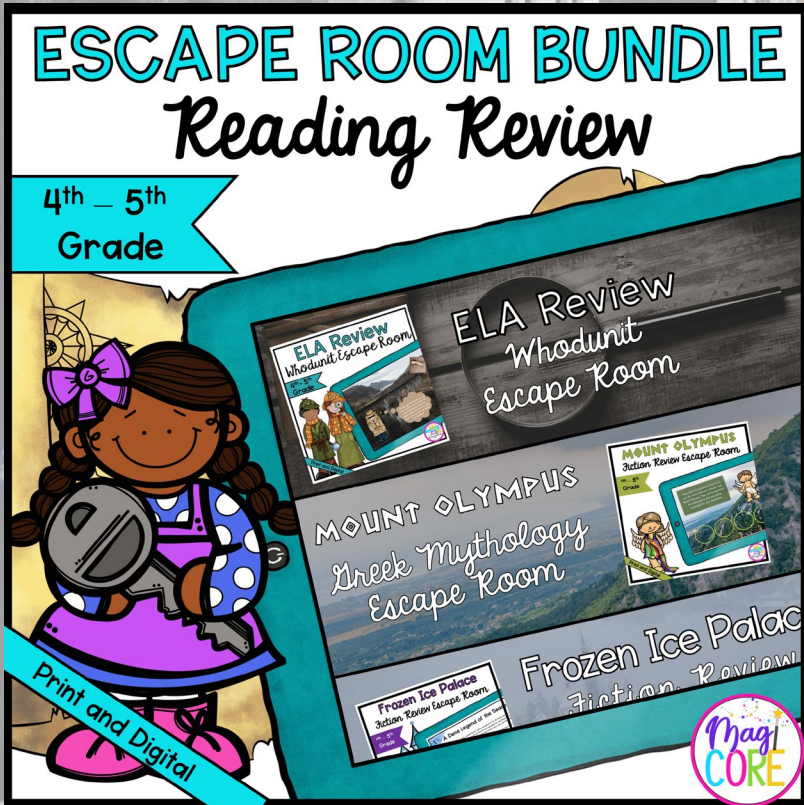


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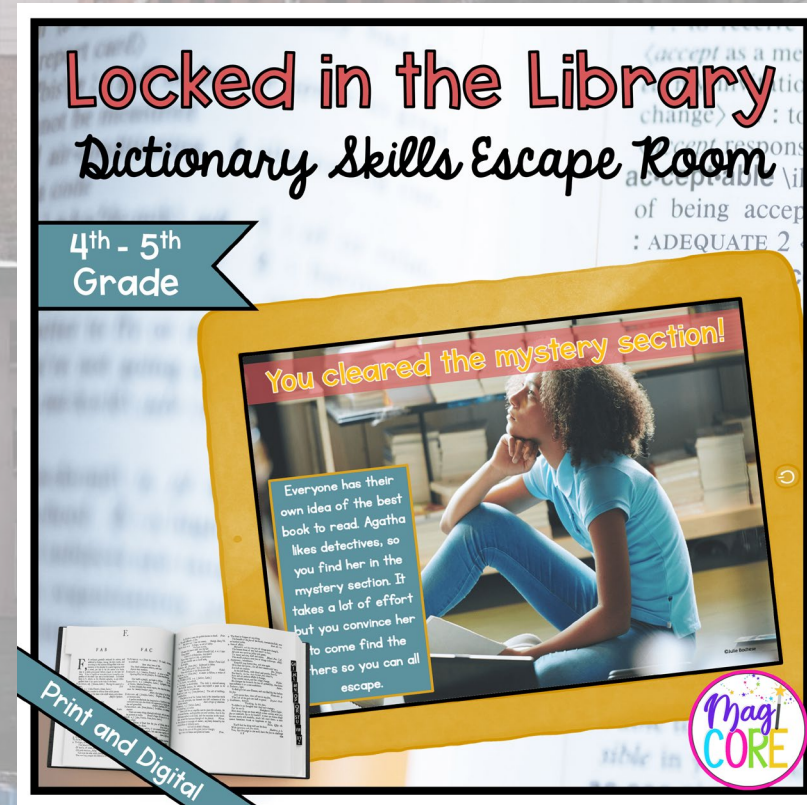
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Locked in the Library

Dictionary Skills Escape Room

4th – 5th Grade



You cleared the mystery section!

Everyone has their own idea of the best book to read. Agatha likes detectives, so you find her in the mystery section. It takes a lot of effort but you convince her to come find the here so you can all escape.

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