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GROUNDHOG BUNDLE



Seasonal/Holiday

PUNXSUTAWNEY
GROUNDHOG DAY



VIRTUAL field trip

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Vocabulary Review



Spot the Groundhog
Escape Room



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4 Reading Challenges

Challenge #1



1. Read the passage and answer the vocabulary questions.
2. Use your answers to the questions to help you spot the groundhog.
3. After the challenge is over, you will be able to spot the groundhog.



Groundhogs

A groundhog is a large ground squirrel. It is also called a woodchuck. Groundhogs are rodents. They are about 17 to 24 inches long and weigh about 13 pounds. Groundhogs have tails that are 7 to 10 inches long. Thick fur keeps groundhogs warm. Their fur can be brown or black. Long whiskers assist groundhogs in finding food. They also help spot predators. Sharp claws are used to dig burrows in the ground. Groundhogs also have four incisors. They use these teeth to bite through roots when digging. When the weather is warm, the incisors grow each week to keep up with their eating habits. Groundhogs must chew on leaves, trees, and roots to make sure their incisors don't get too long.



Groundhogs live in North America. They prefer woodland areas. The burrows they make in the ground can be 6 feet wide and 20 feet deep. These burrows can have 2 to 12 entrances. They keep these burrows warm by changing the

1. How do groundhogs usually live?
 - a. alone
 - b. in groups
 - c. in colonies
 - d. near water

2. Read the sentence from the passage.

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- a. hairs
- b. claws
- c. teeth
- d. eyes

Read the sentence from the passage.

It is also called a woodchuck.

What is another word for the underlined word in the sentence?

- a. hibernate
- b. incisor
- c. burrow
- d. groundhog

WELCOME
SPRING!

6 MORE
WEEKS OF
WINTER



4 Reading Challenges

Challenge #3

1. Read the passage and answer the vocabulary questions.

Groundhog Day

Groundhog Day is celebrated on February 2nd. On this day, a groundhog becomes a meteorologist. People think the famous groundhog can accurately predict how many more weeks of winter there will be. If the groundhog sees its shadow when it comes out of its burrow, it gets frightened. The fear comes from the fact that groundhogs are winter hibernators. Sunshine causing a shadow means the groundhog should still be hibernating. The groundhog, therefore, pops back into its burrow. This means six more weeks of winter weather. If the groundhog does not see its shadow, an early spring is on the way.

The Christian tradition of Candlemas may have started Groundhog Day. Candlemas was a time when a church would hand out candles. These candles would illuminate the darkness of a long and cold winter. It was said that if clear skies were seen on Candlemas, more cold weather was ahead. Germans added to the tradition by choosing a hedgehog as a weather predictor. If the hedgehog cast its shadow, they believed it would snow all the way to May. When Germans came to America and settled in Pennsylvania, they brought this tradition with them. They chose groundhogs because they were more abundant in America.

The first Groundhog Day occurred in 1887 in Pennsylvania. A newspaper declared that a groundhog named Phil was America's only true weather-predictor. Other groundhogs have been called upon since then on Groundhog Day to do their predictions. Towns across North America have named their own groundhog meteorologists over the years as well. People still gather each year to hear Punxsutawney Phil's prediction. They also enjoy a three-day celebration.



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6 MORE WEEKS OF WINTER



3 Versions

Up For The T...

"If a groundhog can do it," Javier said, "why can't a parrot?"
Moira rolled her eyes. "Because parrots don't hibernate..."

"But my parrot is super smart. She says words, Moira. Real words."
groundhog talk?"

She hadn't, but she chose to ignore her silly friend. She returned to the table. She and Javier were neighbors and best friends. Every Saturday, they would sit at the table and work on a new puzzle together. She couldn't wait to finish today's puzzle, because it was the one she and Javier had been working on since they'd learned about Groundhog Day in school two days ago.

sometimes.

Today, Moira had reached her threshold. If she heard or saw a groundhog, she would tell Javier. And she was taking the puzzle with her.

"Come do this puzzle with me," she said. Her strategy was to isolate all the edge pieces.

Javier started for the door.

"Hello!" from his cage in the corner.

"See?" Javier pived at the parrot.

"He wants to try wearing a hat."

"Hello!" Angel said.

"Hello doesn't mean anything."

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3 Versions

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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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WINTER

The Diligent Detective's Decoder

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

Challenge 1

Question 1
a = The
b = Just
c = Where
d = In

Question 2
a = people
b = the
c = hound
d = where

Question 3
a = the
b = helped
c = around
d = dog

Question 4
a = over
b = deep
c = was
d = near

Question 5
a = the
b = so
c = their
d = where

Question 6
a = groundhog
b = helpful
c = close
d = amazing

Challenge 2

Question 1
a = By
b = Well,
c = I
d = They

Question 2
a = noticed
b = all
c = the
d = we

Question 3
a = over
b = of
c = rose
d = detectives

Question 4
a = to
b = tricks
c = clear
d = were

Question 5
a = the
b = interesting
c = really
d = well

Question 6
a = compose
b = obse

After each challenge, cut out a new clue and paste it in this journal. These clues will lead you straight to the groundhog!

clues

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CLUE #1:
Groundhog footprints
located at coordinates
40.9437° N, 78.9709° W
at 10:43 A.M.

CLUE #2:
Witness noticed a large
groundhog burrow while
hiking on Ferryview Trail
at 6:47 A.M. this morning.

CLUE #3:
Wildlife photographer's map and granola
bar went missing while she was peering
through her lens, searching for the
groundhog. Map was found 20 feet
away, ripped and bitten by groundhog
teeth. Wrapper found 1 yard away,
completely empty. No crumbs in sight.

CLUE #4:
Movement detected by
satellite via infrared
sensors. Confirmed
groundhog sighting!
Finally!

WELCOME
SPRING!

CHALLENGE 3

SPOT THE
GROUNDHOG
RECORDING
BROCHURE



Record
your
challenge
answers
during
your
mission.

	Answer	Code
1.	C	They
2.	B	knew
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		

What did the
photographers
contribute to the
search?

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You Spotted The Groundhog!

Jessica J.

(Name)

has successfully completed the c
and found the groundhog



~Punxsu



Oops!

You dropped your glasses in the groundhog's burrow!



NO USING YOUR EYES FOR 5
MINUTES!



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Challenge #1

Click on the book to read the text, then click on each clue and answer the questions. Answer carefully, because the right answers will give you the clues to solve the challenge!

What animal tracker proved to be the most helpful to you?



Text

The

hound

dog

was

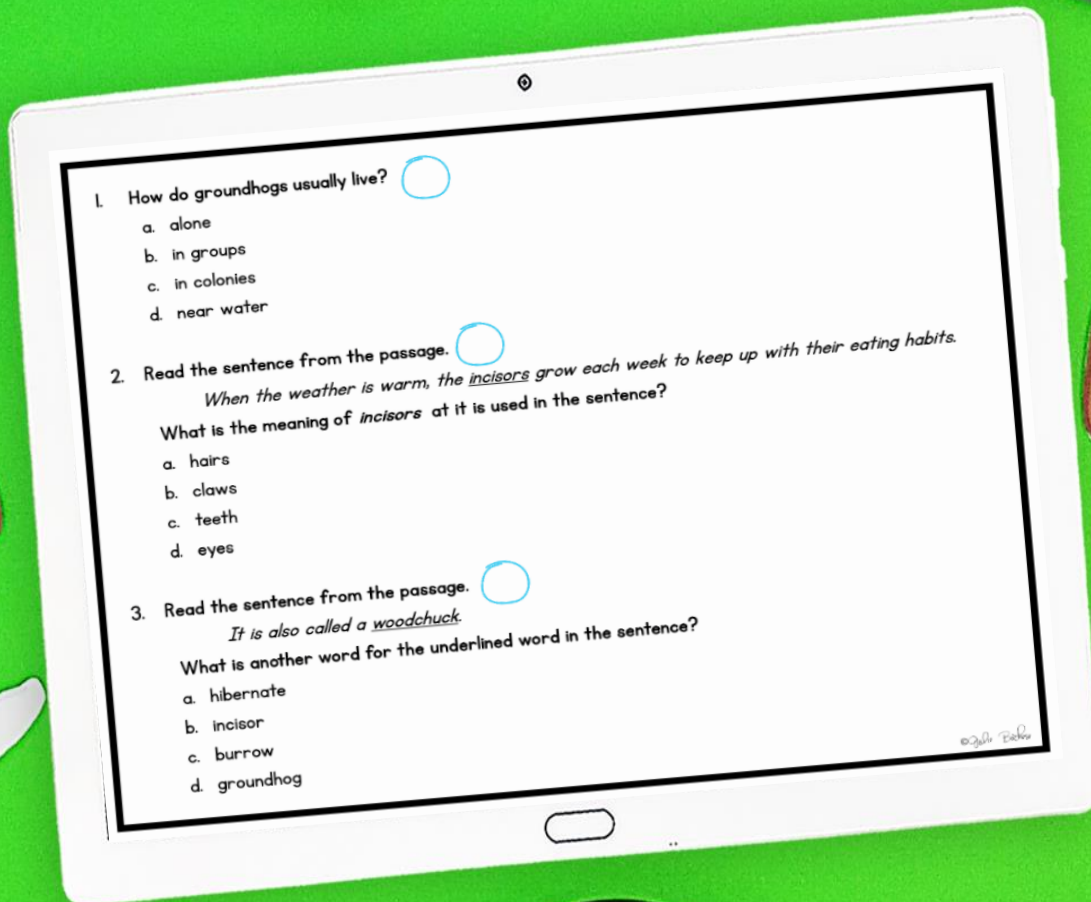
Clue #5

Clue #6

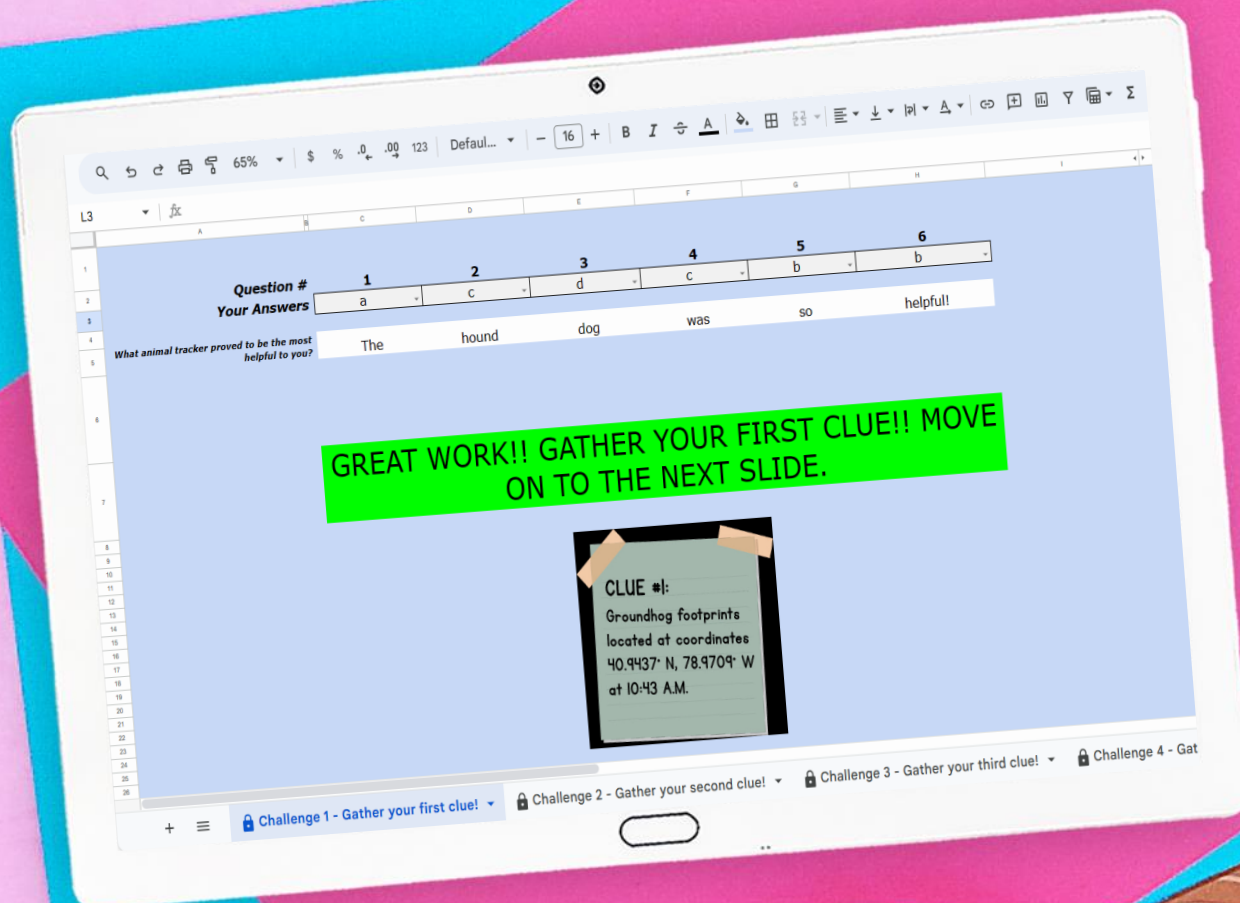


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SOCIAL STUDIES

Let's Travel!: Pennsylvania



Describe Pennsylvania's importance in the history of the United States of America.



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INTEGRATES READING

Let's Explore!: What is Groundhog Day?

Groundhog Day is celebrated each year on February 2nd. On this day people rely on the groundhog to predict the weather for the next six weeks. According to folklore, if the groundhog comes out of his burrow on this day and sees his shadow there will be winter for six more weeks. However, if he does not see his shadow, then spring will come early.

This celebration is popular in North America. The tradition of Groundhog Day came from German settlers. In 1886, a Pennsylvania newspaper declared February 2nd as Groundhog Day, naming the local groundhog as Punxsutawney Phil. Since then the day and tradition has spread throughout the United States, but the largest celebration takes place in Punxsutawney, PA each year.



Highlight in the passage where the answers to the questions below can be found.

1. When is Groundhog Day celebrated?
2. What does the holiday predict?
3. Where does the largest Groundhog Day celebration take place?
4. Who started the holiday tradition?

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SCIENCE:

Let's Explore: What are shadows?

1. Name three different sources of light.

2. What are the 7 different colors that we see light in?

3. What makes a shadow?

4. Why are shadows different shapes?



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Following the Sun

Watch the video to learn more about how shadows can change throughout the day.



Explain how the sun's position in the sky relates to the shape, size, and direction of a shadow.



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MAKE PREDICTIONS AND WATCH THE FOOTAGE

Let's Predict!

Do you think Punxsutawney Phil will see his shadow this year? Knowing the weather might help you make an accurate prediction. Click the photo to view the current weather forecast in the city. Then, make your prediction below.

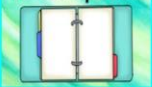


I predict...

Six more
weeks of
Winter

Explain your prediction. Why do you think there will be an early Spring or longer Winter?

To Scrapbook



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