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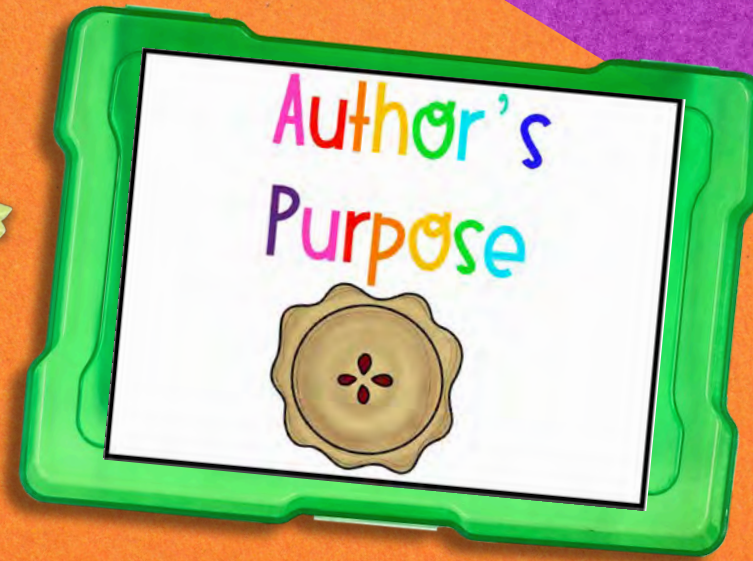
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WHAT'S INSIDE



20 Sets of Task Cards to cover reading comprehension skills and standards for the whole year.



FL BEST STANDARDS

Character PERSpective



I Perspective

Shannon felt a tickle on her forearm as she read on her patio. When she shifted her gaze from her book to her arm, she jumped from her seat with a shout. She flicked the gigantic spider off her. It landed beside her foot so Shannon skittered back, not wanting it to touch her bare toes. The spider's long legs wiggled as it crawled along the patio. With a full-body shudder, Shannon grabbed her book and sprinted back into the house.

What is Shannon's perspective about spiders?

- a. Shannon thinks spiders are interesting creatures.
- b. Shannon thinks spiders are frightening creatures.
- c. Shannon thinks spiders are curious creatures.
- d. Shannon thinks spiders are intelligent creatures.

Answer Sheet

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29 Perspective

Taylor pulled the blankets up to her neck as she stared into the darkness from her bed. She and her family had just moved into this creepy house. Every time she shut her eyes, some noise had her snapping them back open again. Her old house had never made any weird sounds. All she'd heard over there had been a song and the gentle gurgle of the pretty little stream that had run through the yard. In this new house, however, the floor boards creaked as if ghosts were walking on them. A scratching also echoed, making Taylor wonder what beasts were behind the walls.

Does the sentence "Her old house had never made any weird sounds" tell the character's perspective about that house?

Taylor prefers her old house.

Taylor wants to forget her old house.

Taylor wants a different bedroom.

Taylor wishes her old house made weird sounds.

18 Perspective

Milo put his nose to the ground and sniffed along the wooded path. Something sure smelled like his owner, Nancie. But his sharp ears didn't see her anywhere. His big ears twitched, listening for any sounds while his sniffer followed her scent. If Nancie would just leave him alone for this long. They were as close as could be, so if Nancie wasn't around, some other animal would find her. As her best friend, it was Milo's job to find her.

What do we learn from the author's description of Milo's actions?

- a. Milo loves being outside in the woods.
- b. Milo thinks Nancie has abandoned him.
- c. Milo wishes his sense of hearing was better.
- d. Milo is determined to find Nancie.

* Perspective Challenge

Pick three cards and retell the passage with a different perspective.

Use what characters say, do, think, or feel to show their perspective.

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STANDARDS

Passages and questions are specifically aligned to FL BEST standards and state specifications.

PASSAGES

5 Suffixes- ion/tion/ation/ition

In which situation would you most likely feel aggravation?

- a. You won an award and everyone is clapping for you.
- b. You have to keep repeating yourself because your friend isn't really listening to you.
- c. You baked a cake that came out perfectly.
- d. You bought a new pair of shoes online and they are super comfortable.

6 Suffixes- ion/tion/ation/ition

Artists and poets often look to nature for _____.

- a. desperation
- b. reconciliation
- c. inspiration
- d. affiliation

33 Prefixes- semi

While Berto hadn't won the championship, he was happy with his performance in the _____ meet.

- a. semiskilled
- b. semifinal
- c. semiconscious
- d. semiformal

17 Author's Purpose

Italy is a must-see travel destination. Ancient history and culture are everywhere in this country. The museums in Italy include some of the world's most famous works of art. Visitors can enjoy authentic Italian cuisine. Fresh markets, local villas, and fine restaurants are easy to find when roaming the streets. The landscapes in Italy are also breathtaking. The Alps country is a peninsula so there is a great deal of coast to explore. The Alps form the northern border of Italy and give travelers a gorgeous view of the mountains. If you're thinking of taking a vacation soon, give Italy a try.

What is the author's purpose for writing this text?

- a. To explain how to make authentic Italian food
- b. To entertain readers with an Italian adventure
- c. To persuade readers to visit Italy
- d. To inform readers about what life is like in Italy

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Which meets _____.

- a. semi
- b. semi
- c. semi
- d. semi

19 Author's Purpose

Dark chocolate is better for you than milk chocolate. The health benefits of dark chocolate are numerous. It has lower added sugar and fat than milk chocolate. Dark chocolate has antioxidants called flavonoids. Flavanol-rich dark chocolate helps your heart by relaxing your blood vessels and improving blood flow. This lowers blood pressure, protects you from heart disease, and helps you think better because there is more blood flow to the brain. Flavonols in dark chocolate also help to fight cell damage related to aging. Dark chocolate is packed with minerals as well, including zinc which supports your immune system. You can even improve your mood by eating dark chocolate.

What is the author's purpose for writing this text?

- a. To make readers hungry for dark chocolate
- b. To explain to readers how dark chocolate is made
- c. To persuade readers to believe dark chocolate is better than milk chocolate
- d. To inform readers about how dark chocolate helps blood flow in the body

36 Pre

The gems the p _____ hoped because _____.

- a. semiconscious
- b. semisweet
- c. semiprecious
- d. semifinal

18 Author's Purpose

Materials

- rock with a roundish shape
- black, red, and white craft paint
- foam brush
- skinny-tipped paintbrush
- cardboard, like from a cereal box
- paper plate
- toothpick
- glossy, clear exterior spray paint

Procedure:

1. Clean the rock with soapy water and let it dry.
2. Pour some red paint onto the paper plate. Using the foam brush, paint the rock completely red. Let it dry on the cardboard.
3. Pour some black paint on the paper plate. Using the paintbrush, paint a black circle on the front of the rock. Paint one black line down the center of the rock's top. Paint three small black dots on either side of the line on the rock.
4. Pour some white paint onto the paper plate. Using the paintbrush, paint two small white circles on the large black circle of the front of the rock.
5. Using the toothpick, put a dot of black paint for pupils in the eyes. Let everything dry.
6. Have an adult spray paint your ladybug with the clear gloss to protect it. Place it outside in your garden!

What clues helped you determine the author's purpose for writing this text?

- a. The materials and numbered steps show the purpose is to explain.
- b. The photo shows the purpose of the text is to entertain.
- c. The bullet points show the purpose is to create a list.
- d. The caption shows the purpose is to persuade readers to like ladybugs.

20 Author's Purpose

Ferdinand Magellan was born in Portugal in 1480. He sailed to India by sailing around Africa, but he had an idea for a different route. He thought he could sail west around the Americas. The king of Spain agreed to fund his expedition. Magellan commanded 270 men and 5 ships on a journey west. The trip was difficult, and the crew decided to mutiny, but Magellan fought back and won. He made it around South America and named the Pacific Ocean. When stocking up for supplies, Magellan got involved in a native quarrel and was killed. One of his captains, Juan Sebastian del Cano, finished the voyage, making him the first to travel all the way around the world.

How did the author help readers understand Magellan's voyage?

- a. The author stated an opinion on Magellan's voyage.
- b. The author explained the steps Magellan took.
- c. The author compared Magellan's voyage to other voyages.
- d. The author explained about Magellan's voyage.

17 Roots- aqua

An aquanaut explores the _____ of the world.

- a. high mountains
- b. deep oceans
- c. lush jungles
- d. sandy deserts

18 Root

An aqualung is _____.

- a. at high altitudes
- b. in outer space
- c. underwater
- d. underground

35 Prefixes- semi

If a store runs the same sale twice a year, what kind of sale is it?

- a. semiannual
- b. semiconscious
- c. semisolid
- d. semifinal

7 Suffixes- ion

When you look for the _____, you are _____ searching for its _____.

- a. definition
- b. edition
- c. condition
- d. ignition

19 Roots- aqua

Breeding, raising, and harvesting fish, shellfish, and marine plants for food is called _____.

- a. aquaculture
- b. aquamarine
- c. aqueduct
- d. aquarium

20 Roots- aqua

Animals that spend their time on land and not in the water are called _____ animals.

- a. semiaquatic
- b. nonaquatic
- c. aquamarine
- d. aquatic

Passages are written to be in the 2nd and 3rd grade text complexity band (420L - 820L).

QUESTIONS

II Prefixes- sub

Gretchen enjoys hockey so she will _____ to a hockey magazine.

- a. submerge
- b. subscribe
- c. subconscious
- d. subdivide

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62 Prefixes- multi

Why might Sharon take a **multivitamin**?

- a. She only needs one vitamin to stay healthy.
- b. She isn't concerned with her health.
- c. She needs several vitamins to stay healthy.
- d. She likes how vitamins taste.

* Prefix Challenge

Find other words that use the prefixes:

en-/em-, sub-, fore, semi-
auto-, multi, poly-, deca-, kilo-, milli-/micro-

Prefixes



Non-, Over-, Mis-,
De-, Under-, Bi-,
Quad-, Oct-

I Prefixes- en/em

In what situation would you need someone to **encourage** you?

- a. You're about to go on stage and sing.
- b. You're watching a movie.
- c. You're playing in the snow.
- d. You're going for a walk.

Questions are written with a variety of questions stems that meet state testing specifications and best practices.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

30 Figurative Language in Poems
The Reading Mother by Strickland Gillian (Excerpt)

I had a mother who read to me
Sagas of pirates who scoured the sea,
Cutlasses clenched in their yellow teeth,
"Blackbirds" stowed in the hold beneath

I had a Mother who read me lays
Of ancient and gallant and golden days;
Stories of Marmion and Ivanhoe,
Which every boy has a right to know.

I had a Mother who read me tales

How does the author use rhyme to contribute to the meaning?

- Every other line rhymes, making the poem upbeat and surprising.
- Every other line rhymes, making the poem fast-paced and exciting.
- Every two lines rhyme, making the poem unexpected and mysterious.
- Every two lines rhyme, making the poem predictable.

30 Author's Purpose

The Constitution outlines the three branches of the federal government and makes sure there is a balance of power between them. The legislative branch makes laws and includes Congress, which is divided into two parts: the House of Representatives and the Senate. The laws are carried out by the executive branch, which includes the President, Vice President, Cabinet, and most federal agencies. The third branch is the judicial branch, which evaluates laws to make sure they are fair. The Supreme Court and other courts control this branch.

How does the author help readers better understand government?

Choose all that apply.

- By including subheadings
- By supplying a diagram
- By bolding key vocabulary words
- By listing reasons for government



38 Roots-

If people were figuring out the logistics of a huge comic book convention, what would they be doing?

- debating whether or not superheroes were real
- writing and illustrating comic books
- planning for the location, guests, and ticket prices
- watching superhero movies all day

38 Suffixes-logy/ology

Someone who has studied hydrology knows a great deal about _____

- Earth's volcanoes
- Earth's water
- Earth's rocks
- Earth's jungles

17 Perspective

Amelia Earhart was a brave aviator born in 1897. She went on her first airplane ride with her father in 1920 at an air show in California and fell in love with flying. Earhart took flying lessons and bought her own plane. It was bright yellow, and she named it *Canary*. After getting her pilot's license, she set a record altitude for female pilots for flying 14,000 feet. She was also the first female to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. Earhart made that flight with two other pilots then made the journey solo. She broke many other records, and in 1937, she attempted to fly around the world. Unfortunately, she never returned from this trip, and her disappearance is still a mystery today.

What is the author's perspective about Amelia Earhart?

- The author thinks Amelia Earhart took too many risks.
- The author thinks Amelia Earhart was brave.
- The author thinks Amelia Earhart was not a good pilot.
- The author thinks Amelia Earhart didn't take chances.

19 Perspective

Bees are important to life on Earth. Ninety percent of the world's plant species rely on pollinators like bees to reproduce. Much of the crops we grow wouldn't be possible without the activity of our precious bees. This would put our food supply in danger. In addition, honey is a product made by bees, and it has health benefits for humans too. It contains antioxidants that can protect the body from heart disease, cancer, and immune system disorders. Another product is beeswax, which can be used in medications to treat various illnesses. Anyway you look at it, we need bees and should do all we can to make sure they are around for a long time.

What is the author's perspective about bees?

- Bees play an important role in our lives.
- Bees are to be feared.
- There are too many bees.
- Bees are totally fine.

25 Synonyms & Antonyms

It is our job to purify, not _____ our water resources.

- waste
- conserve
- disinfect
- pollute

26 Synonyms & Antonyms

The actress was praised for her exceptional acting abilities, but _____ for her unwillingness to sign autographs for her fans.

- applauded
- criticized
- praised
- sized

18 Perspective

Cheese has many health benefits. It includes calcium and protein which can keep your bones strong. Cheese can also help prevent dental cavities and decay. If you need to gain weight or build muscle, cheese can achieve this goal in a healthy way with its fat, proteins, minerals, and vitamins. Cheese is also a natural source of vitamin B-12. This vitamin helps produce red blood cells, protein, and DNA. Your blood pressure may be lowered by eating cheese too. Finally, cheese aids the immune system by putting healthy probiotics into your body.

Which of these is most likely the author of this text?

- An advertising agency
- A person who is allergic to cheese
- A teacher
- A doctor

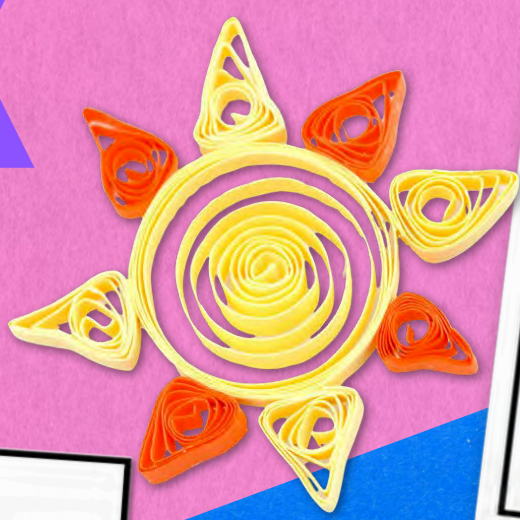
20 Perspective

Christmas music should be played only *after* Thanksgiving. Radio stations play the carols earlier every year. How long will it be before we hear "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" on Halloween? Playing these songs in October and November takes away the magic of December. People are sick of hearing the same tunes again and again by the time the real Christmas season begins. We need to stop putting holiday spirit out there before the weather is even cold enough for Jack Frost to nip at our noses. Let's keep the jingle bells quiet until after we've eaten our turkey on Thanksgiving this year.

What would this author think about putting up a Christmas tree on November 1st?

- This author would support this.
- This author would not have an opinion about this.
- This author would not support this.
- This author would only like fake Christmas trees.

Multiple choice questions for quick grading or student self-checking.



STRUCTURES & GENRES



25 Figurative Language in Poems

Flight of Fancy by Frank Halliwell (Excerpt)
If I had a magic carpet or a giant set of wings,
I'd leave this world of parking lots and noise and motor cars,
And I'd fly to far off places, and I'd see a million things,
And I'd sleep beneath a canopy of fifty million stars.

So play a game of 'let's pretend' and climb aboard my carpet
And we'll fly away and do those things we usually cannot...
We'll race the dawn around the world, as swiftly as a comet,
And set down in a gentle land: the Island of Shalott.

Which line is an example of a metaphor?

- a. If I had a magic carpet or a giant set of wings,
- b. I'd leave this world of parking lots
- c. And I'd fly to far off places,
- d. So play a game of 'let's pretend' and climb aboard my carpet

27 Figurative Language in Poems

Dancing Delight
She dances like a falling leaf,
Fluttering through autumn skies.
Her feet never touch the ground.
She's a bird that only flies.

What types of figurative language is the first line of the second stanza?

- a. Hyperbole
- b. Simile
- c. Metaphor
- d. Personification

Her arms swing out to her sides,
two graceful wings in flight.
She takes a bow when she ends
a day of dancing delight.

26 Figurative Language in Poems

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And set down in a gentle land: the Island of Shalott.

Which two types of figurative language are found in stanza 2, line 3?

- a. Personification and alliteration
- b. Hyperbole and metaphor
- c. Personification and simile
- d. Alliteration and simile

28 Figurative Language in Poems

Dancing Delight
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Fluttering through autumn skies.
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What two items does the poet use figurative language to describe the dancer's movements?

- a. a leaf and a plane
- b. a leaf and a bird
- c. a bird and a day
- d. a bird and a swing

Her arms swing out to her sides,
two graceful wings in flight.
She takes a bow when she ends
a day of dancing delight.

9 Homonyms

Which homonym makes sense in the sentence?

_____ Spike dug his claws into the _____ tunnel still managed to _____

10 Homonyms

Which of the following sentences contain homonyms?

- a. The first day of school makes Kevin nervous.
- b. Schools of fish swam around the huge tank.
- c. Kevin schooled his friends on all the interesting types of fish.
- d. Kevin saw a school of fish on his school field trip to the aquarium.

12 Homonyms

Choose the correct homonym to complete the sentences.

Gary can't wait for his _____ to Italy.
Sandra's new shoes made her _____ on the stairs.

- a. trip
- b. vacation
- c. fall
- d. fly

1 Homophones

Which pair of homophones makes sense in the sentence?

Harrison felt _____ all _____ from the cold he caught.

- a. write, right

2 Homophones

In which sentence is **blew** used correctly?

- a. She wore a **blew** dress.
- b. The wind **blew** through the trees.
- c. He felt **blew** after a fight with his friend.
- d. The summer sky was bright **blew**.

4 Homophones

Which word is a homophone of **seller**?

- a. teller
- b. sell
- c. cellar
- d. solar



Wide range of text structures and text genres.

ENGAGING TOPICS

Author's Purpose



I Author's Purpose

An omelet is easy to make. First, break two large eggs into a bowl and beat them with a wire whisk. Next, melt one tablespoon of unsalted butter in a skillet. Add the eggs to the skillet and let them cook until the edges are set. Do not stir them. With a spatula, gently push the edges toward the center. Tilt the pan so the uncooked eggs move to the edge. Keep doing this for about 6 minutes until the eggs are near set. Now fill half the omelet with your choice of filling such as shredded cheddar cheese, diced tomato, and basil, and cook for 1 minute. Finally, use the spatula to fold the other side of the omelet over the fillings and then slide the finished omelet onto a plate for serving.

What is the author's purpose for writing this text?

- a. To persuade readers to eat omelets
- b. To make readers hungry
- c. To explain how to make an omelet
- d. To inform readers about the benefits of eggs

Suffixes

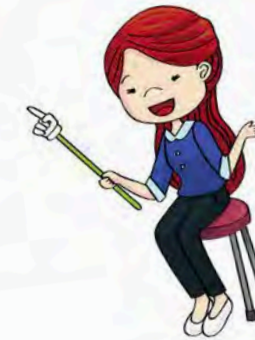


I Suffixes- ion/tion/ation/ition

Emmet could tell by the _____ on Malika's face that she wasn't happy the class had been assigned homework.

- a. instruction
- b. expression
- c. demonstration
- d. restriction

Claims, Reasons, and Evidence



I Claims, Evidence, & Reasoning

Toothpaste is important in helping to keep our teeth white and cavity-free, but it can have lots of other uses. Many households keep their favorite tube on hand to get pesky stains out of rugs and carpet with little effort. Just rub a small amount of toothpaste into the stain with a sponge and then clean with a damp cloth. It can also be used on other furniture, such as couches or mattresses. Try to get that crayon mark off your bedroom wall or even the black scuffs off your white tennis shoes. It works like magic!

What is the author's claim?

- a. Toothpaste is magic.
- b. Many households have toothpaste.
- c. Do not put toothpaste on your walls.
- d. Toothpaste has many uses.

MULTI-USE



Which of the following titles would most likely accompany containing this image?

- a. Global Climate Change
- b. The Anatomy of a Revolution
- c. The Amazing Bleed
- d. The History of the World

Text Features



Which of the following arguments would the above image help support?

- a. Sperm whales are much happier than humans.
- b. Sperm whales have two eyes just like humans.
- c. Sperm whales are much larger than humans.
- d. People can sometimes swim with sperm whales.

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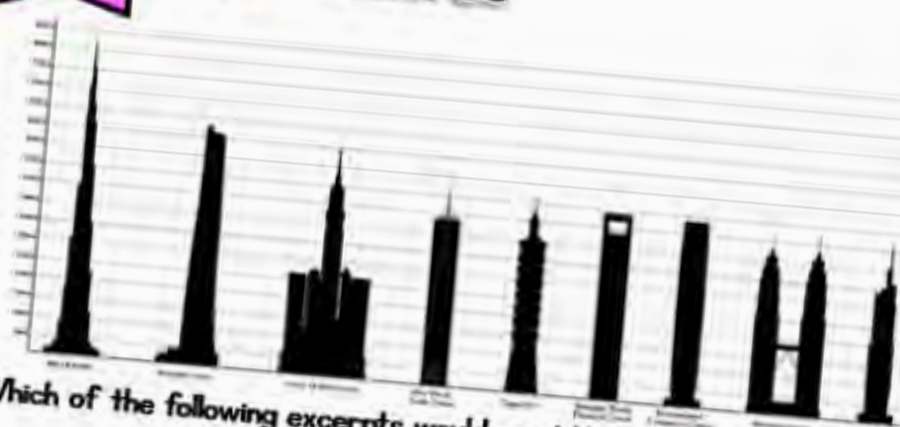
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Text Features Challenge

Write two facts you can learn from each text feature card.

A diagram of a plant stem cross-section. The central dark oval is labeled 'pupil'. The surrounding orange ring is labeled 'iris'. The outermost green layer is labeled 'sclera'.

Text Features



Which of the following excerpts would most likely be found in the same passage as the image above?

- a. The tallest building in the world is called the Burj Kalifa.
- b. One World Trade Center has many visitors.
- c. Many people live in large buildings.
- d. Earthquakes are dangerous for large buildings.

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review, or quick checks.