



READING BUNDLE

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WHAT'S INSIDE



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

SUMMARIZE NONFICTION



The Grand Canyon National Park is in Arizona. It is about 277 miles long and 18 miles wide. The canyon is over a mile deep. It was made over millions of years. It was made by the Colorado River cutting through the land. Many animals live in the Grand Canyon, including mountain lions, deer, and bighorn sheep. Some of the plants that live in the canyon are cacti, juniper trees, and pinyon pine. It has been made a World Heritage Site by the United Nations. People from all over the world come to visit it every year. There are about 6 million people who visit the Grand Canyon every year. Visitors can hike, camp, or raft down the river. You can also take a mule ride to explore the canyon. It is a beautiful landmark to explore.

Which sentence supports the idea that many people are interested in seeing the Grand Canyon?

- a. The Grand Canyon National Park is in Arizona.
- b. Visitors can hike, camp, or raft down the river.
- c. There are about 6 million people who visit the Grand Canyon every year.
- d. It has been made a World Heritage Site by the United Nations.

Summarize Nonfiction Challenge

Pick three cards to summarize the story. Share your summary with a buddy.

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You be sure to include in a summary about Tony Hawk?
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This is a stone ring on a Pok-ta-Pok Ball Court in Uxmal, Yucatan. It is thought that players in the 1500s had to keep the ball off the ground without using their hands or feet.

What does the caption tell you about the photograph?

That it is a Stone

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- That it is a Stonehenge located in Wiltshire, England.
- That it is a rock formed by glaciers 1-3 billion years ago.
- That it is a stone ring that was used for a game in the 1500s.
- That it is a new-age basketball hoop that professional basketball players will try out soon.

Answer Sheet

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The image is a collage of educational materials. At the top, a worksheet titled "FLORIDA B.E.S.T. STANDARD" is visible. It features a table with two columns: "Card #" and "Answer". The table has 16 rows, with the first row containing the numbers 1 through 16. Below the table, there is a paragraph of text about Tony Hawk, a professional skateboarder. The text is partially obscured by a green leaf graphic. The leaf is positioned over the paragraph, which mentions that Tony Hawk was born in San Diego, California, and is 31 years old. The leaf is green with a brown stem and is positioned over the text. The background of the collage is a light blue and white pattern.

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FLORIDA B.E.S.T. STANDARDS

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

PASSAGES

15 Author's Claim

The southern United States is the best place to live. The south has sunshine and warm weather. You can play outside and have fun all year round. There's also history to learn about. People in the south are very friendly. They will make you feel welcome wherever you go. There is amazing nature to explore such as rolling hills and beaches. If you love food, the south has some of the yummiest food in the world. From BBQ to sweet tea, there's something for everyone. According to *World Population Review*, five of the ten cheapest states are located in the south, so it won't cost you a ton to enjoy living there.

What sentence could be added to support the author's claim?

- a. You will need a lot of money to live in the south.
- b. The south has a lot of history.
- c. There are many beautiful beaches in the south.
- d. There aren't any mountains in the south.

12 Nonfiction Text Structure

Getting enough sleep is important. Busy schedules can prevent people from getting the hours of sleep they need. Stress and screen use can also cause problems. Staying up too late can affect how much sleep a person gets, as well. Being tired is the main effect. This can lead to concentration problems during the day. A lack of focus can make a person more likely to have an accident because they can't pay attention. Depression and anxiety are two mental health problems that can also occur with too little sleep.

20 Suffixes

Jocelyn _____ ran down the stairs to grab her sneakers.

- a. quicker
- b. quickly
- c. quicky
- d. quicking

17 Base Words

If you needed a **break** from something, what might you do?

- a. Do what you needed a break from more often.
- b. Stop doing what you needed a break from for a bit.
- c. Cut what you were doing in half with scissors.
- d. Make someone else do what you were doing.

6 Types of Poems

What is an example of personification?

a. The sun is smiling.

b. The wind is howling.

c. The rain is falling.

d. The clouds are grey.

16 Compare & Contrast Nonfiction

Van Gogh's Starry Night

The *Starry Night* is one of the most recognized paintings in the world. Artist Vincent Van Gogh painted this scene in 1889. He was staying near Saint-Rémy-de-Provence in France. It shows a view out a window just before sunrise. There's a village in the background. A huge cypress tree is in the foreground. Van Gogh was depressed at the time. His use of dark blues and blacks in *The Starry Night* show his feelings. This oil painting remarkable is the brushstrokes Van Gogh used in the designs give the sky movement that catches the eye. The moon and stars give some brightness to a dark scene. Rolling hills lead the eye down to the town. The town is painted using geometric shapes with the dream-like quality of the sky and cypress tree. Van Gogh is known for painting what he saw. *The Starry Night*, however, is not. It was from Van Gogh's imagination. *The Starry Night* is one of his most famous paintings. It was painted before his death in 1890.

The Starry Night



Painted in 1889, *The Starry Night* is one of Vincent Van Gogh's most famous paintings. It is on display at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. Van Gogh's brother, Theo, inherited this painting. When he died, it went to Theo's wife, Jo. She sold *The Starry Night* to a woman named Georgette van Stolk. In 1941, the Museum of Modern Art acquired it from her. It was the first Van Gogh painting to be in a New York museum.

Passages? Choose all that apply.

- a. It shows how Van Gogh felt.
- b. It shows how Van Gogh's brother felt.
- c. It shows how Van Gogh's wife felt.
- d. It shows how Van Gogh's brother's wife felt.

1 Compare & Contrast Nonfiction

Althea Gibson

Althea Gibson was born on August 25, 1927, in South Carolina. Her family moved to Harlem, New York when she was three. Gibson started playing paddle ball when she was ten. She was very good at this game. A tennis club sponsored her so she could learn to play tennis.

Gibson began winning tennis tournaments organized by the African American Tennis Association (ATA). This was the African American version of the United States Tennis Association (USTA). She did so well in ATA tennis games that the USTA finally allowed Gibson to compete in their tournaments. She won more matches as her career went on. In 1958, she won Wimbledon. She was the first African American to play at Wimbledon. She also won the U.S. Open in 1957. She played golf instead. Gibson also wrote a book called *I Always Wanted to Be Somebody*. In 1971, she was inducted into the Tennis Hall of Fame. She died in New Jersey in 2003. She was the first African American to get involved in tennis.

Events in Althea Gibson's Life

- a. She was born in South Carolina.
- b. She moved to Harlem when she was three.
- c. She started playing paddle ball when she was ten.
- d. She won Wimbledon in 1958.

11 Compare & Contrast Fiction

My New Glasses

I was playing soccer in the backyard with my brother. I tripped over a rock in the grass and fell. My glasses flew off my head and broke. My mom took me to an eyeglasses store to get a new pair.

When they were ready, I put them on and suddenly, I could see right through things! It was incredible! My mom thought I was being weird... again. I handed her the broken glasses to see what I'd seen.

My mom gave them back to me with a huff. "Avery, we don't have time for this silliness. I still have to figure out dinner and pick up your brother from band practice."

I knew better than to argue. What was the point? I had no proof that my glasses were somehow magical if they only worked on me.

I followed my mom out of the eyeglasses store. It was hard to get used to glasses that let me see through things. It only worked on solid, non-living things, so that was a relief. I didn't really want to see people's insides. Gross! But I couldn't wait until my birthday so I could see into all the presents people brought to my party.

Smarty Hat

Nana knitted me a new winter hat every year. This year's was bright orange, and I totally loved it. As soon as I took it out of the gift bag, I pulled it onto my head. The yarn was so cozy and soft, and the hat fit perfectly.

Then my scalp began to tingle a little bit. I thought it was because I was getting too hot wearing the hat indoors, so I stepped outside. The tingling didn't stop, and I knew everything there was to know about expert on amphibians. I understood five different languages.

I took the hat off my head. It looked like a regular hat when I put it back on, I knew exactly how far away the hat was surely going to be handy at school. When I went back into the house. "Where did you get that hat?"

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

QUESTIONS

27 Compare & Contrast Fiction
That Summer
That summer was the best I'd ever had. I spent lazy days wandering through the meadows and woods behind my aunt's farm. I learned all the names of the wildflowers that grew there. I climbed trees to get a different view of the land. When it got too hot for adventuring, I swam in the lake. Frogs croaked on the shore, and ducks judged my diving off the dock. Then I spread myself out on the biggest boulder on the lake's edge like a reptile to dry in the sun.
In the late afternoons, I brought books to the barn. I read stories to my aunt's horses, goats, and chickens. They loved fairytales the best. Sometimes I slipped in a mystery or some poetry. I made artwork from found objects such as pretty rocks, twigs, and pressed flower petals. I made a flower crown. I wore it over my wild blond hair. I did the occasional chore, but not many.
When the sky let twilight roll in, I sat in a rocking chair on my aunt's front porch with bare feet and a deck of playing cards. We played card games until the tealight candle my aunt lit every night burned out on the little table between our chairs. Whenever I needed to get rid of stress, I thought about that summer.
That Winter
That winter was one I'd never forget. Snow fell nearly every day for a month. It had been like being in a snow globe someone kept shaking. Everything was coated in a constant sparkling white. Tree branches sagged under the weight of the snow. A few trees even fell over in the whipping wind. The sky was always gray.
It often took snowplows days to clear our dirt road. A few times, we put on our snowshoes to walk to the neighbor's house just to check that other humans were still alive out there. The isolation some of these storms brought was unsettling. It often felt as if the world was ending.
We spent long hours in the house, trying to stay warm when the power went out. I did so many puzzles I'd be okay if I never saw one again. Sometimes, I just sat by a window to watch winter unleash her fury. The upside was drinking lots of hot chocolate.
When warmer temperatures finally arrived, the snow made popping noises as it broke free. It sounded like huge claws as it scraped along the metal roof. It dove to the ground. Remembering that winter makes me want to head south.

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Compare & Contrast Fiction

Compare & Contrast Fiction Challenge

- Underline details in the texts on each card that show a similarity among them.
- Circle details in the texts on each card that show a difference among them.

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

MULTIPLE CHOICE

12 Nonfiction Text Structure

Getting enough sleep is important. Busy schedules can keep people from getting the hours of sleep they need. Stress and lack of use can also cause problems. Staying up too late can affect a person's sleep, as well. Being tired is the main effect of sleep a person gets, as well. Being tired is the main effect to concentration problems during the day. A lack of focus can make a person more likely to have an accident because they can't pay attention. Depression and anxiety are two mental health problems that can also occur with too little sleep.

How do readers learn about the importance of sleep in this text?

- Through a description text structure
- Through a chronological text structure
- Through a comparison text structure
- Through a cause-and-effect text structure

30 Types of Poems

Invitation

In the shadows,
a black cat creeps
while the city sleeps.

Peeking in windows,
with round yellow eyes,
it meows and _____.

It looks for a home,
somewhere to rest
while on its _____.

A door opens,
a generous invite
to be cozy _____.

Which series of words could be used to finish this rhymed verse poem?

- purrs, trip, tonight
- hisses, quest, warm
- cries, quest, tonight
- cries, trip, today

11 Compare & Contrast Nonfiction

What is a Pulley?

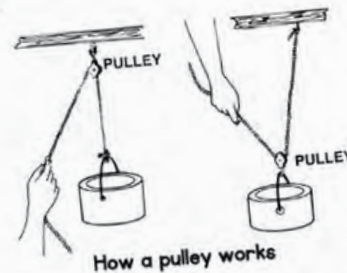
A pulley is a simple machine. It helps us lift and move heavy objects. A wheel with a groove around the edge is one part of a pulley. There may be more than one wheel involved. A rope, cord, or chain goes around the wheel. When the end of the rope is pulled down, the object attached to the other end of the rope moves up. It takes us less effort to move something with a pulley.

Using a pulley would help you move a heavy box to a high shelf. It would take a great deal of strength to lift the box yourself. Attaching the box to a rope that goes over a pulley will make the job easier. All you have to do is pull on the other end of the rope. The box will raise. It can then be pushed onto the shelf.

Pulleys can be found in many everyday objects. Cranes used in construction use pulleys. Elevators that take you to different floors in a building have pulleys in them. Some blinds and curtains that cover windows have pulleys. They are used to raise and lower them. Pulleys are even used in life-saving equipment for rescue missions. They help lift victims out of trouble. This simple machine helps us save time and energy.

The Pulley

Simple machines make work easier. A pulley involves at least one wheel and a rope. It changes the direction of a force to lift a heavy weight. There are three types of pulleys: fixed, moving, and compound. A fixed pulley is mounted to something. A movable pulley can be moved up and down along the rope. Compound pulleys combine fixed and movable pulleys to get the most lifting power.



How a pulley works



A pulley used in a rescue mission

How are the two passages similar?

- They both discuss the three kinds of pulleys.
- They both describe lifting a heavy box as an example.
- They both include only text.
- They both give information about pulleys as simple machines.

28 Compare & Contrast Fiction

That Summer

That summer was the best I'd ever had. I spent lazy days wandering through the meadows and woods behind my aunt's farm. I learned all the names of the wildflowers that grew there. I climbed trees to get a different view of the land. When it got too hot for adventuring, I swam in the lake. Frogs croaked on the shore, and ducks judged my diving off the dock. Then I spread myself out on the biggest boulder on the lake's edge like a reptile to dry in the sun.

In the late afternoons, I brought books to the barn. I read stories to my aunt's horses, goats, and chickens. They loved fairytales the best. Sometimes I slipped in a mystery or some poetry. I made artwork from found objects such as pretty rocks, twigs, and pressed flower petals. I made a flower crown. I wore it over my wild blond hair. I did the occasional chore, but not many.

When the sky let twilight roll in, I sat in a rocking chair on my aunt's front porch with bare feet and a deck of playing cards. We played card games until the tealight candle my aunt lit every night burned out on the little table between our chairs.

Whenever I needed to get rid of stress, I thought about that summer.

That Winter

That winter was one I'd never forget. Snow fell nearly every day for a month. It had been like being in a snow globe someone kept shaking. Everything was coated in a constant sparkling white. Tree branches sagged under the weight of the snow. A few trees even fell over in the whipping wind. The sky was always gray.

It often took snowplows days to clear our dirt road. A few times, we put on our snowshoes to walk to the neighbor's house just to check that other humans were still alive out there. The isolation some of these storms brought was unsettling, as if the world was ending.

We spent long hours in the house, trying to stay warm when it was too cold to go out. I did so many puzzles I'd be okay if I never saw one again. Sometimes I sat by a window to watch winter unleash her fury. The upside was that I could see it.

When warmer temperatures finally arrived, the snow melted. It broke free. It sounded like huge claws as it scraped along the ground. Remembering that winter makes me want to go back.

How are the moods of these two stories different?

- One is angry, while the other is mysterious.
- One is heartbroken, while the other is calm.
- One is calm and relaxing, while the other is stressful.
- One is jealous, while the other is happy.

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

STRUCTURES & GENRES

John _____ his homework before going to bed.

- a. finish
- b. finished
- c. finishing
- d. finishly

3 Suffixes

The cookies _____ delicious.

- a. smelling
- b. smells
- c. smelled
- d. smelly

2 Suffixes

The cat is _____ birds outside from windowsill.

- a. watchy
- b. watch
- c. watches
- d. watching

4 Suffixes

What experience may cause you to become giggly?

- a. watching a funny movie
- b. riding a bike
- c. doing your homework
- d. eating pizza

9 Prefixes

Which is an example of when you would want to use a **telephone** to call someone?

- a. To speak to someone in your house
- b. To speak to someone in a different town
- c. To speak to your dog
- d. To speak to someone you are driving past outside

11 Prefixes

How would you **prepare** for a big running race?

- a. by eating a lot of junk food
- b. by getting enough sleep and staying hydrated
- c. by not exercising at all before the race
- d. by wearing uncomfortable shoes during the race

10 Prefixes

Complete the **friend** word:

My friend told _____ asked for a _____ in six minutes

- a. helpful
- b. chatty
- c. impatient
- d. generous

12 Prefixes

Who might come to investigate a crime scene?

- a. a police detective
- b. a teacher
- c. a mechanic
- d. a zookeeper

25 IDENTIFY & EXPLAIN: METAPHORS, PERSONIFICATION, & HYPERBOLE

Camels are big animals. They stand between six to seven feet tall. They weigh about 1,500 pounds. They can be found living in the deserts of Africa and the Middle East. Camels are good at finding food, even in dry places. They eat leaves, twigs, grasses, and other plants. They can also go days without food or water. That's because their humps are fat stores! When there is no food around for them, camels get energy from the fat stored in their humps. Another thing that makes camels special is their feet. They have two large toes and one smaller toe. That helps them walk on the soft sand of the desert. They can dance across the dunes! Camels are unique and wonderful creatures.

Which phrase is an example of a metaphor?

- a. They can be found living in the deserts.
- b. Their humps are fat stores.
- c. Helps them walk in the soft sand.
- d. Unique and wonderful creatures.

27 IDENTIFY & EXPLAIN: METAPHORS, PERSONIFICATION, & HYPERBOLE

Australia is the only country in the world that is a continent all by itself. Down there, people eat things like Vegemite sandwiches, kangaroo meat, and lamingtons, a type of cake dessert. There are amazing animals that live in Australia. Kangaroos, koalas, dingoes, and even wombats live "down under." Australia also has some famous landmarks like the Sydney Opera House which looks like a big, white sailboat. Uluru, also known as Ayers Rock, is a huge rock formation in the desert that changes colors with the sun like a suncatcher. Australia is a beautiful and diverse place, full of amazing creatures and places to explore!

Why does the author say Uluru is like a suncatcher?

- a. The rock changes color with the sun like suncatchers change colors when sunlight is added.
- b. The author likes both Uluru and suncatchers.
- c. Uluru and suncatchers are both unchanged by the sun.
- d. Uluru and suncatchers are both in Australia.

26 IDENTIFY & EXPLAIN: METAPHORS, PERSONIFICATION, & HYPERBOLE

Sarai and Brock were so excited to explore the Egyptian pyramids! The sun shone brightly as if it was cheering for them to find something big. As they walked through the sand, Brock could feel the history in the air. Suddenly, Sarai whispered, "Brock, Look!" There, just ahead of them, the smallest piece of shiny gold stuck out of the soft, desert sand. They knew they had discovered something special. They started to pull away the sand. More and more of the hidden treasure showed itself. Brock and Sarai had found an ancient Egyptian artifact! They couldn't believe their luck! The pair started thinking about where it came from and how it got there. They had so many questions, but they knew that one thing was certain. Their exploration of the pyramids was a success!

Which type of figurative language is in the phrase, "Brock could feel the history in the air"?

- a. Alliteration
- b. Hyperbole
- c. Personification
- d. Idiom

28 IDENTIFY & EXPLAIN: METAPHORS, PERSONIFICATION, & HYPERBOLE

Have you ever ridden river rapids? It is an adventure seeker's dream, but you need to prepare before you go. Here are some steps to make sure you are ready to crash down the river:

1. Put on your lifejacket! Your lifejacket will keep you safe no matter what the river throws your way.
2. Choose a wetsuit that can protect you against cold water and nasty bumps.
3. Get a helmet that fits your head well. You don't want it to slip off when the rapids start throwing punches.
4. Bring a spare set of clothes. You'll want something dry and warm to change into once you get back on land.
5. Practice your paddling skills in a pool or lake before you go.

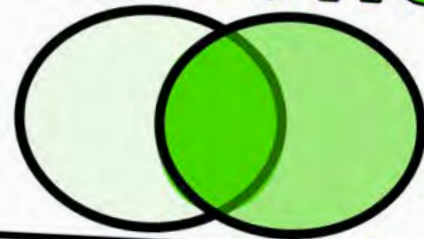
"No matter what the river throws your way" is an example of which type of figurative language?

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

Wide range of text structures and text genres.

ENGAGING TOPICS

Compare & Contrast Nonfiction



★ Compare & Contrast Nonfiction Challenge

1. Underline details in the texts on each card that show a similarity among them.
2. Circle details in the texts on each card that show a difference among them.

Base Words



BASE

I Base Words

Complete the following sentence with the correct word:

Please provide an _____ to the question I asked.

- a. example
- b. fact
- c. question
- d. answer

SUMMARIZE FICTION



I Summarize Fiction

Lucien stared at the list of chores his dad had given him. It had everything from "rake the leaves in the yard" to "wash both cars." He'd have to spend his entire Saturday on this list, but it would be worth it when his dad handed over the extra allowance Lucien had begged for. Then, he'd be able to buy the new pair of soccer cleats he wanted so badly.

He worked hard all day. The yard was leafless. The cars were spotless. Lucien had done every chore with care, and his dad was pleased. When that money hit Lucien's palm, he did a victory dance around the driveway. Dad offered to drive him to the sports equipment store to get the cleats.

"Okay," Lucien said. "But don't get the car all dirty. I just cleaned that thing!"

Which shows the correct sequence to summarize the story?

- a. Lucien does chores, he buys cleats, he earns extra money.
- b. Lucien buys cleats, he does chores, he earns extra money.
- c. Lucien has a list of chores, he does the chores, he earns extra money.
- d. Lucien has a list of chores, he earns extra money, he does the chores.

MULTI-USE

* Challenge

Try writing your own poem for each type.
Be sure to follow the rules for each type of poem.

- Free verse
- Rhymed verse
- Haiku

30 Types of Poems

Invitation

In the shadows,
a black cat creeps
while the city sleeps.

Peeking in windows,
with round yellow eyes,
it meows and _____.

It looks for a home,
somewhere to rest
while on its _____.

A door opens,
a generous invite
to be cozy _____.

Which series of words could be used
to finish this rhymed verse poem?

- purrs, trip, tonight
- hisses, quest, warm
- cries, quest, tonight
- cries, trip, today

6 Types of Poems

Pickle Tickle

Henry once ate a dill pickle.
Down his throat juice did trickle.
He grumbled, he muttered.
He hiccupped, he sputtered
until he was rid of the tickle.

What clue tells you that
"Pickle Tickle" is a limerick?

- It's about pickles.
- It has an AABBA
rhyme scheme.
- It has 6 lines.
- It has 8 syllables in
the first line.

Answer Sheet

Name: _____		Date: _____	
Card #	Answer	Card #	Answer
1.		16.	
2.		17.	
3.		18.	
4.		19.	
5.		20.	
6.		21.	
		22.	
		23.	

Types of poems



I Types of Poems

Road Trips

Take road trips in a car
to places near and far.
See the world around you.
Make a memory or two.
The highway calls your name.
You'll be so glad you came.

What kind of poem is "Road Trips?"

- haiku
- free verse
- rhymed verse
- limerick

Perfect for centers, games,
review, or quick checks.