

# RETELL NONFICTION

task cards



2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE



**25 Retell Nonfiction**

Trees are an important part of our environment. Plants help us breathe. They take in carbon dioxide and let out oxygen. We need oxygen to breathe. Trees even help clean the air we breathe. Trees provide food and shelter for animals and insects. Also, trees can help make noise quieter. They protect us from strong winds. They also help prevent soil erosion and give shade on hot days. Trees help save energy in buildings. Buildings with trees around them can stay cooler. Tree leaves on trees make the air cooler. They release water vapor which helps keep the temperature down. It is important we protect the trees in our environment. Planting new trees is a great way to help keep our environment healthy. We should protect the trees we already have and plant even more!

**Which answer is an accurate sequence of the text?**

- Trees give us oxygen, help keep temperatures down, protect us from strong winds, give food and shelter.
- Trees help us breathe, give food and shelter, reduce noise and save energy.
- We should protect the trees we have and plant more to help keep the environment healthy.
- Trees give food and shelter, take in carbon dioxide, and let out oxygen.

**RETELL NONFICTION**

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**14 Retell Nonfiction**

Crocodiles are one of the oldest living species on earth. They have been around for millions of years. They can grow to be over 20 feet long. Crocodiles live in warm water areas like rivers, lakes, swamps, and wetlands. They usually stay near riverbanks or close to shore. That way, they can easily sunbathe to keep warm. Crocodiles eat fish, birds, and small mammals. They have a special set of teeth that help them catch their food. Their long tail helps them swim and move quickly in the water. Crocodiles are very important for their ecosystems. They help keep the balance between predators and prey. They may look fierce, but they are important for the environment. That's why it is important to protect them and their habitats.

**What is the main idea of this text?**

- Crocodiles look mean.
- Crocodiles have been around for millions of years and are important for the environment.
- Crocodiles eat fish, birds, and small mammals.
- Crocodiles have special teeth to eat with.

**2 Retell Nonfiction**

**How to Dive Off a Diving Board**

Step 1: Stand at the edge of the diving board. Make sure your toes are right near the edge.

Step 2: Look down into the water. Make sure it is nice and clear!

Step 3: Bend your knees like you're doing a squat.

Step 4: Put your hands out in front of you like you're reaching for an invisible ball.

Step 5: Push off the board and jump out as far as you can.

Step 6: Splash into the water hands first. Keep your arms tucked against your ears so you make a nice, tight splash!

Now you're a diving board pro! Have fun and swim safely.

**What should you do after bending your knees?**

- Look into the water to make sure it is clear.
- Push off the board and jump out as far as you can.
- Stand at the edge of the diving board.
- Put your hands out in front of you.



# Ways to Use Task Cards

1. **Centers**
2. **Scoot:** Pass out one card for each student. Set a timer and say, “scoot!” when the timer goes off. Students move seats to the next card. They continue to rotate until they are back at their original seat.
3. **Scavenger Hunt:** Hide cards around the room. Students search for cards and answer them.
4. **Jenga:** Number Jenga blocks. Students stack the blocks, then take turns pulling blocks. Students answer the corresponding number card.
5. **Whole class practice:** Teacher displays card on the projector. Students answer on mini whiteboards.
6. **Exit Tickets:** Give each student a task card at the end of the lesson. Have them answer on a sticky note.

## 1 Retell Nonfiction

Granite Island is off the coast of Australia. Humans do not live on the island. However, it is home to lots of animals. One animal that lives on the island is the world's smallest penguin, the little penguin. It is only about a foot tall. That's about the size of a soda bottle! Sadly, these penguins are in danger of becoming extinct. Humans have taken away their homes. The oceans where the penguins live have been polluted. All of this makes it hard for them to survive. Researchers from Finders University are on the island to study and protect them. The researchers have come up with some ways people can help save these endangered animals. One way to help them is to pick up trash. Also, don't buy products made from endangered species. Saving the little penguin is an important job! We all need to help.

**Why do you think the author wrote this text?**

- a. To explain there are no humans living on Granite Island
- b. To inform readers about little penguins and how we can help them
- c. To persuade readers to visit Granite Island
- d. To give directions for how to get to Granite Island

## 3 Retell Nonfiction

Graupel is sometimes called "soft hail" or "snow pellets." It is a type of snow that looks like little soft balls. It's made up of ice crystals. Graupel can be anywhere from the size of a pea to the size of a marble! Graupel forms in clouds when there are strong winds. It falls from the sky when the air between the clouds and the ground gets colder. Graupel is most likely to form during winter storms when it's really cold outside.

The most damaging graupel ever recorded was in the United States in 2020. It was about one inch in size. It damaged cars, homes, and businesses.

Be sure to keep your eyes peeled during those cold winter days. If you ever find yourself surrounded by graupel falling from the sky, take cover!

**What was the passage above mainly about?**

- a. Winter weather
- b. The most damaging storms recorded
- c. The type of precipitation called graupel
- d. How to stay safe during a winter storm

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## 4 Retell Nonfiction

It took Walter E. Diemer an entire year to perfect his bubble gum formula. Finally, in 1928, he invented Dubble Bubble. This gum is still around today. Bright pink Dubble Bubble gum is sold in stores all over the world.

Walter started off as an accountant for the Fleeer Company. Then he worked with a special kind of gum that was used to make chewing gum. He started experimenting with this gum when his bosses weren't around. It took lots of work and experimentation to perfect the special gum formula. After months of trying different things, Walter finally had the formula for Dubble Bubble. Walter E. Diemer was the first person ever to make bubble gum that could stretch and be blown into a big bubble.

**Which detail would be important to include in a retelling of this text?**

- a. Dubble Bubble is pink.
- b. In 1982, Walter E. Diemer invented Dubble Bubble.
- c. Walter started off as an accountant for the Fleeer Company.
- d. Walter experimented with the gum when his bosses weren't around.

# Answer Sheet



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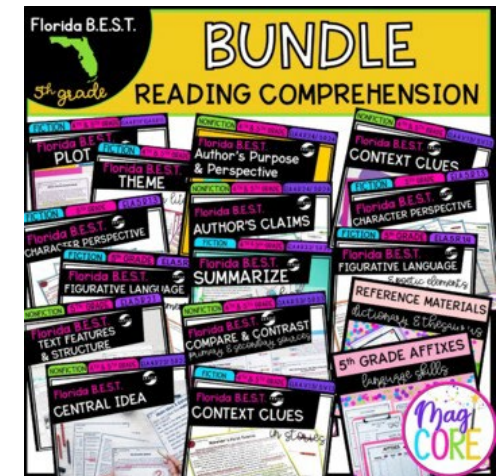


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