


Christmas Edition



CHRISTMAS IN MEXICO

Read the passage on the left 3 times to practice fluency. Color a tree red. Then, complete the comprehension tasks on the right.

Christmas in Mexico
In Mexico, Christmas is celebrated in December. A popular activity is to make piñatas.



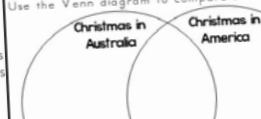
READ AND LOOK BACK:

- ☐ Use a red crayon to highlight what Santa's sleigh is pulled by in Australia.
- ☐ Use a green crayon to highlight what "Christmas Bush" is.
- ☐ Use a blue crayon to highlight a popular activity on Christmas Day.

READ AND RESPOND:
Use the Venn diagram to compare and contrast.

Christmas in Australia

Christmas in America




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GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Read the passage on the left 3 times to practice fluency. Color a tree red. Then, complete the comprehension tasks on the right.

Gingerbread Houses
Gingerbread houses are made of gingerbread.



READ AND LOOK BACK:

- ☐ Use a red crayon to highlight what is used to decorate the gingerbread house.
- ☐ Highlight why toys are fun.



READ AND RESPOND:
Why are toys helpful?

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CHRISTMAS IN AUSTRALIA

Read the passage on the left 3 times to practice fluency. Color a tree red. Then, complete the comprehension tasks on the right.


Christmas in Australia
In Australia, it is often very hot during the Christmas season. This is because during Christmas, it is summer in Australia! Due to the hot weather, Santa Claus does not wear his big, red suit when he travels to Australia. He wears his bathing suit instead! His sleigh is pulled by six white kangaroos instead of the eight reindeer that pull his sleigh in North America. People in Australia decorate a tree and hang up Christmas lights. "Christmas Bush" is a popular decoration during Christmas in Australia. It is a tree with small green leaves and cream flowers. Around Christmas, the flowers turn red. It is common to have a picnic on the beach on Christmas Day because the weather is so hot.

TOYS

Read the passage on the left 3 times to practice fluency. Color a tree red. Then, complete the comprehension tasks on the right.

Toys
Toys are something, toys are fun, and toys are for children for fun and during the Christmas season.



READ AND LOOK BACK:

- ☐ Use a red crayon to highlight where the word "toy" comes from.
- ☐ Use a green crayon to highlight the second oldest toy in the world.
- ☐ Use a blue crayon to highlight two examples of events that children are given gifts for.

READ AND RESPOND:
Why are toys helpful?

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Dear Teachers,

This pack includes 20 text based evidence passages with a holiday theme for your students! An important skill in reading is a student's ability to not only comprehend text, but use and state evidence directly from the text to support his or her understanding. These passages allow your students to build and practice this skill in a fun, engaging manner!

These interactive, hands-on passages provide students with fluency, comprehension, and written response practice. Students read the passage three times for fluency, keeping track of the amount of times they read the passage (optional). On the right side of each page are three text-based evidence tasks for students to complete, along with a handy checklist to keep them on-task. Students will have a blast using crayons, highlighters, or markers to go back into the text to look for and identify evidence! Finally, students practice responding to the text through a Read & Respond activity. These response questions cover many big comprehension areas such as compare and contrast, cause and effect, inference, visualizing, identifying the main/central idea, making connections, and more!

These passages are great to use in a whole group setting, small group setting, RTI, intervention classrooms, or as center work or independent work within the classroom. The passages are written within the second and third grade Lexile band, making them perfect for first grade stretch texts, second and third grade independent reading, small group settings, and struggling fourth graders. This edition contains high-interest animals and would even be a great resource for a class research project! Practicing fluency and comprehension has never been so fun for students – and easy for educators! 😊

READ, LOOK BACK, AND RESPOND!

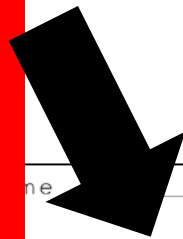
High-Interest

Passages:

High-interest passages to keep your readers interested and focused!

Build Fluency with Repeated Readings

Students re-read the text for understanding and fluency. Students color in the trees at the end of the passage to keep track of each reading.



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REINDEER
Directions: Read the passage on the left 3 times to practice fluency. Color in the trees at the end of the passage each time you read. Then, complete the comprehension tasks on the right.

Reindeer

Reindeer are also known as caribou. They are big, furry mammals that live in the northern regions of North America, Europe, Greenland, and Asia. Reindeer have antlers on their heads. Like all deer, no two antlers are exactly the same. They travel north in the winter. In the summer months, they graze on grass and plants on the tundra. The tundra is a flat, treeless region. In the winter, reindeer travel, or *migrate*, to warmer areas. Reindeer have big hooves on their feet. The hooves help them dig for food in the snow. The fur on the bottom of their hooves help keep them safe from slipping on ice. Reindeer are fast animals. They live in small groups.



READ AND LOOK BACK:

- ☐ Use a red crayon to highlight where reindeer live.
- ☐ Use a green crayon to highlight a synonym for the word *travel*.
- ☐ Use a blue crayon to highlight any reindeer have big hooves.

READ AND RESPOND:

Draw conclusions. A carnivore is a meat eater. An herbivore is a plant eater. Use the text. Is a reindeer a carnivore or an herbivore? How do you know?

Read & Look Back:

Engage readers with an interactive format to identify evidence within the text! Students love using crayons and markers to highlight text-based evidence to enhance comprehension!

Read & Respond:

Students practice written response comprehension questions, which cover a variety of skills and standards.



IDEAS FOR USING THIS PACK:

Stretch Text Passages (within a small group or whole-class lesson)

Small Group Reading

Independent Reading Activities

Whole Class Lessons

Mini Lessons

RTI

1st Grade Stretch Texts or advanced 1st Grade Readers (above grade level readers)

2nd/3rd Grade Readers

4th and 5th Grade Struggling Readers (Great For Well Below Grade Level Readers)

Intervention Specialists – small group reading intervention

Morning Work

Homework

Assessment

Literacy Centers

Partner Reading

Homeschooling Activities

Tutoring

After School Reading Practice

Great To Use With Volunteers Due To The Easy-To-Follow Format

TOPICS INCLUDED IN THIS EDITION:

This special edition includes 20 engaging passages for your readers!

Christmas stockings
reindeer
candy canes
Christmas trees
gingerbread
Santa Claus
toys
Christmas cards
nutcrackers
poinsettias

Christmas in the USA
Christmas in Australia
Christmas in Mexico
Christmas in Germany
Christmas in Japan
Christmas in Sweden
Christmas in China
Christmas in France
Christmas in Spain
Christmas in Italy



REINDEER

Directions: Read the passage on the left 3 times to practice fluency. Color a tree each time you read. Then, complete the comprehension tasks on the right.

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READ AND LOOK BACK:

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Use a red crayon to highlight where reindeer live.

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Use a green crayon to highlight a synonym for the word *travel*.

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Use a blue crayon to highlight why reindeer have big hooves.

READ AND RESPOND:

Draw conclusions. A carnivore is a meat eater. An herbivore is a plant eater. Use the text. Is a reindeer a carnivore or an herbivore? How do you know?

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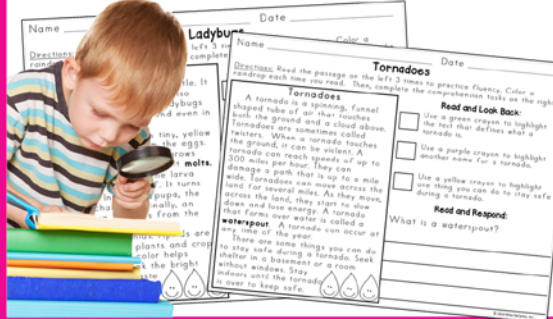
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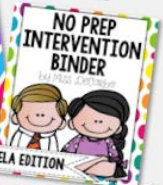
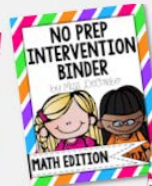
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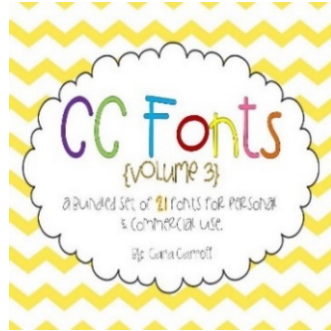
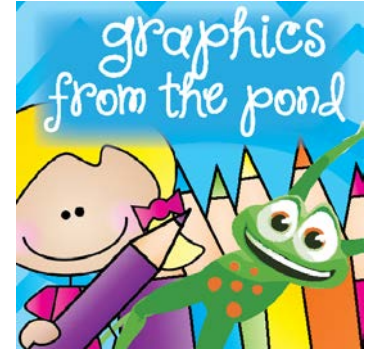
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