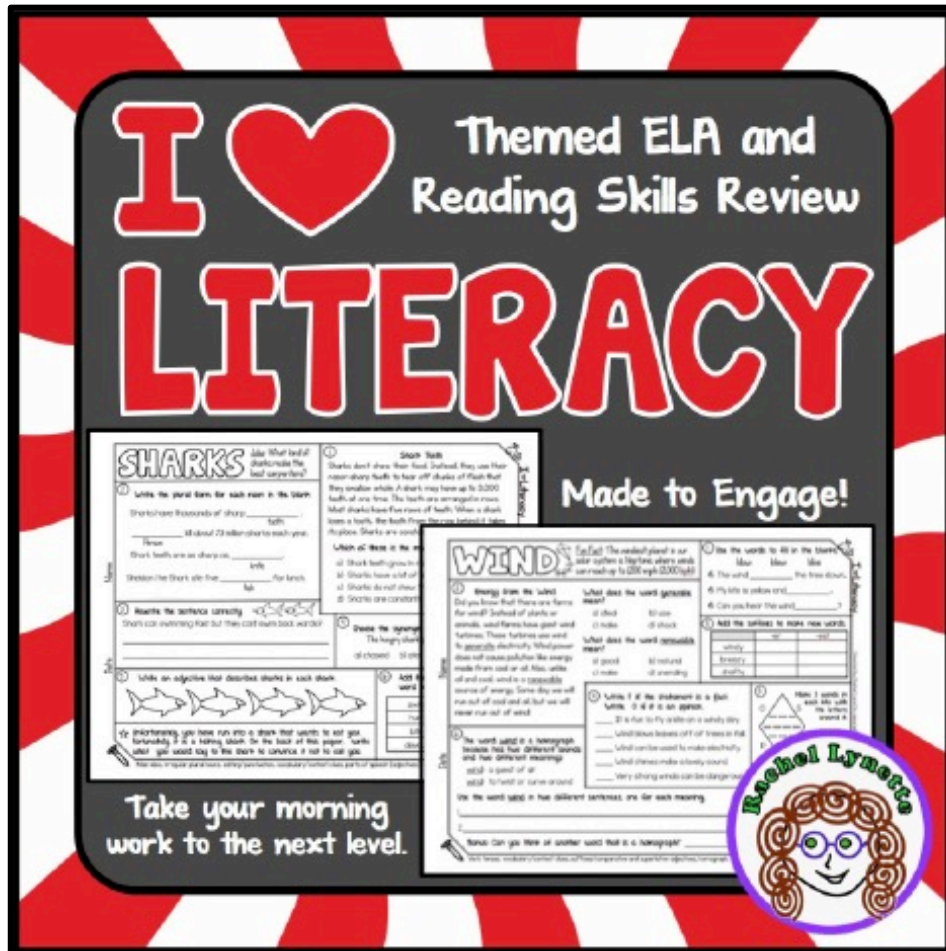


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# I ♥ LITERACY

I ♥ Literacy is a challenging, quick, and fun way to reinforce ELA and reading skills. Each page features a different theme, so not only will your students be practicing skills, they will also be learning about curriculum-based, high-interest topics. Each page has its own unique design, so students will never get bored seeing the same old thing over and over. While each page is different, they do have some elements in common.

Each page features:


- 6 standards-based ELA/Reading activities, each in its own space. Activities are numbered for easy reference.
- An open-ended bonus activity, marked by a star, at the bottom of the page to be completed on the backside. Perfect for fast finishers, as homework, or extra credit.
- A short reading passage with one or two text-dependent questions. Most of the passages are informational text (written by a published author of over 100 nonfiction books for children), but a few are fictional - just to shake things up. The questions are more closely aligned to close reading than simple comprehension.
- A theme-based joke or fun fact (joke answers can be found upside down in the bottom right hand corner).
- A list of the skills addressed at the bottom (indicated by a picture of a nail - which stands for "nailed it!") This list repeats in the table of contents for easy reference.
- A picture of a whale in the upper right corner simply because it is so adorable.

# SUNSHINE

Joke: Why did  the sun go to school?

1

## Remember Your Sunscreen!

It is very important to wear sunscreen when you go out in the sun. If you don't, you will probably get a sunburn and it will hurt a lot! Not only that, ultraviolet rays in sunlight can damage your body. Too much sun can cause cancer, which is a serious illness. So, next time you go out in the sun, be sure to apply sunscreen wherever your skin is not covered with clothing. 

What is the author's purpose?

- a) persuade      b) inform      c) entertain

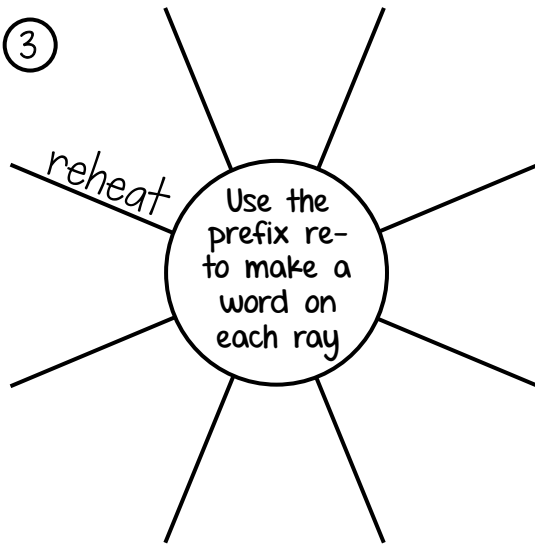
How do you know?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2 Read each group of words. Write F if it is a fragment, R if it is a run-on, and C if the sentence is complete.

- \_\_\_ My sister and I stayed out in the sun too long today.  
\_\_\_ Really hot so we all went inside where it was cooler.  
\_\_\_ Don't look directly at the sun it is dangerous.  
\_\_\_ Without a doubt, the sun.  
\_\_\_ The sun is bigger than the Earth.  
\_\_\_ Those sunglasses are really cute I want a pair too.

3



What does the prefix re- mean?

- a) not      b) again      c) before      d) wrongly

Use one of your re- words in a sentence: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4


Underline all of the compound words on this page.

5

Finish the simile: The sun was as hot as \_\_\_\_\_

6

Fill in each blank with the correct verb tense: *melted* *melt* *will melt*

 If you don't eat your ice cream quickly, it \_\_\_\_\_.

 My ice cream \_\_\_\_\_ before I could eat it.

 Don't let your ice cream \_\_\_\_\_ in the sun! 

☆ Write a paragraph personifying the sun on the back of this paper. What would the sun think, feel, and say? Illustrate your paragraph.

Name

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# OCEAN

Joke: How do shellfish get to the hospital?

2 Draw lines to match each sentence to the correct tense.

- The fish swam away. past
- The fish will swim away present
- The fish is swimming away future

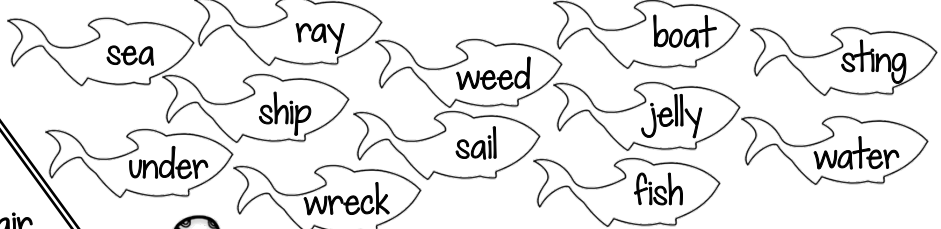
4 Write the correct homophone in the blank.

Those fish have spots on their \_\_\_\_\_. tails/tales  
 We saw a \_\_\_\_\_ of dolphins near our boat. pear/pair  
 I \_\_\_\_\_ not want to swim in the Arctic Ocean. would/wood

1 Add a predicate to each of these subjects:

- The hungry shark \_\_\_\_\_
- A baby sea turtle \_\_\_\_\_
- All of those sea horses \_\_\_\_\_
- The injured octopus \_\_\_\_\_

3 Use the words in the fish to make 6 compound words.



\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5 Deep Down in the Ocean

The Mariana trench is the deepest part of the ocean biome. It is more than 36,000 (10,873 m) feet deep, which is about 7,000 (2,134 m) feet deeper than Mt. Everest is tall! It is very cold in the trench. There is no light and a great deal of pressure from the weight of the water above. Very few animals are able to live there. Humans have only been to the bottom of the trench two times. Once in 1960 and then again in 2012.

Why do you think humans have only been to the bottom of the Mariana Trench twice? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6 What does the word root sub mean?

- submarine      submerge      subway
- a) under                      b) over
- c) inside                      d) water

What does the word root mari mean?

- submarine      aquamarine      marina
- a) under                      b) boat
- c) sea                          d) blue

★ On the back of this paper list every creature you can think of that lives in the ocean.

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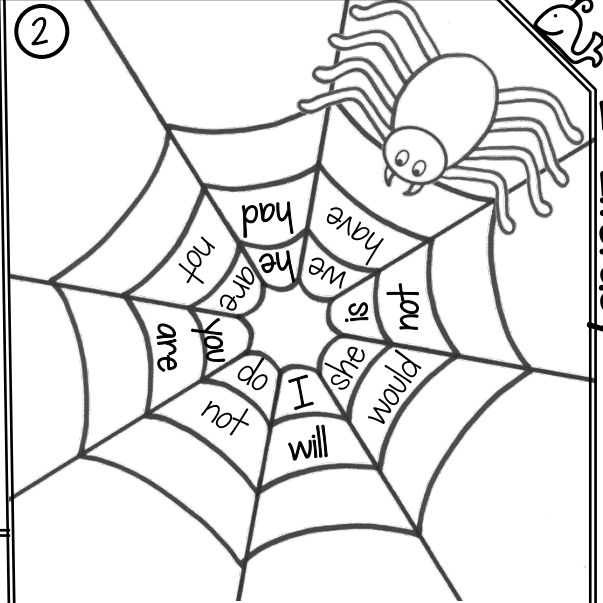
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# SPIDERS

Joke: How are spiders like tops?

① Rewrite each sentence with the correct punctuation.



② Combine the first two words in each section to make a contraction in the last space.

Wow look at all those baby spiders said Cleo

There must be hundreds of them Sophie replied

③ **Sonja's Shoe**  
 Sonja is a very sloppy spider. Yesterday she just tossed her shoes around her web instead of putting them away neatly. This morning, she could only find seven of her shoes! She finally found the last one wedged in a corner, but by then she was late for her advanced web-weaving class.

What caused Sonja to lose her shoe?

What was the effect of Sonja's lost shoe?

④ Underline the prepositional phrase in this sentence:  
 There is a spider in the corner.

⑤ Make 8 new words\* from the letters in the word:

SPIDER

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

\* Challenge: Make all your words four letters long or longer.

⑥ Write F if the statement is a fact. Write O if it is an opinion.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Spiders have eight legs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spiders are not insects.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spiders are scary.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spider webs are beautiful.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spiders are carnivores.

☆ Many people are afraid of spiders. On the back of this paper, write a paragraph to convince them that spiders are not scary.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



# COMETS

Fun Fact Halley's Comet was last seen in 1986 and won't be seen again until 2061.



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## 2 Dirty Snowballs

Comets are sometimes called dirty snowballs because they are mostly made from ice, dirt, and dust. Comets have huge orbits that take them very far from the sun - way past Neptune and Pluto. As a comet orbits closer to the sun, the ice heats up and vaporizes, releasing gases that create the comet's tail. . A comet's tail can be millions of kilometers long.



What causes a comet to form a tail?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What do you think happens to a comet's tail when it is far away from the sun? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think so? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## 1 Write the correct form of each verb.

Halley's comet \_\_\_\_\_ named after astronomer Edmond Halley. He \_\_\_\_\_ past sightings of the comet and \_\_\_\_\_ it would \_\_\_\_\_ again in 1758. His prediction \_\_\_\_\_ correct, and so the comet was \_\_\_\_\_ in his honor.



3 Circle all the plural nouns on this page.

## 4 Astronomers have been accurately predicting when Halley's comet will be visible from Earth for many years.

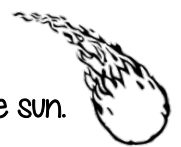
What does the word accurately mean?  
a) correctly b) quietly c) happily d) cleverly

## 5 Fill in the blanks with a pair of antonyms.

Comets are \_\_\_\_\_ when they are close to the sun and \_\_\_\_\_ when they are far away.

## 6 Underline the adverb.

Comets travel faster when they are near the sun.



★ How old will you be when Halley's passes Earth again? On the back of this paper, make a list of things that have not yet been invented, but that you think will be a part of daily life in 2061.



# FOOTBALL

Fun Fact: The Super Bowl is the most watched TV show in the US.

①

## Huddle Up!

Football players often huddle together to plan their next play. The huddle was invented in 1892 by deaf quarterback, Paul Hubbard. Hubbard attended Gallaudet University, which is a college for deaf students. One day, his team was playing another deaf school. Hubbard did not want the players on the opposing team to see him signing the plays to his teammates, so he gathered them together in a huddle formation. It wasn't long before hearing teams began to use the huddle too.


What problem did Paul Hubbard have? \_\_\_\_\_

How did his solution solve the problem?

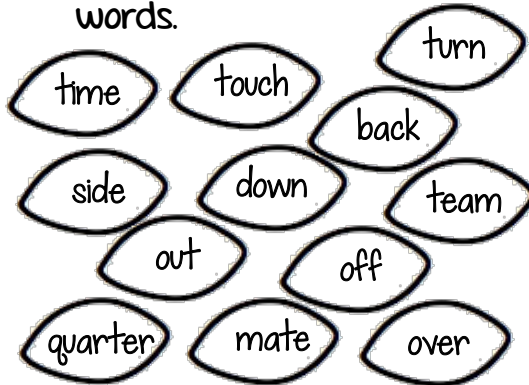
⑤

Choose the synonym for the underlined word. Helmets were not mandatory for football players until 1939.

- a) wanted    b) required    c) allowed    d) included

★ On the back of this paper, write a paragraph explaining how the game of football would be different if it were played with a baseball. 

② Use the words in the footballs to make 6 compound words.



1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

③ Fill in the correct homophone: past  passed




The quarterback \_\_\_\_\_ the ball to the receiver.

The receiver ran \_\_\_\_\_ the 50 yard line.

④ Rewrite the sentence correctly.

More persons ordering pizza on super bowl Sundae then any other day durring the years.

⑥ Circle the helping verbs. Underline the action verbs.

-  We will win if we can make one more touchdown.  
 He might kick the ball far enough to make a filed goal.  
 He was running with the ball when he was tackled.

## SUNSHINE

- ① a persuade. The author says it is important and tells why not wearing sunscreen can be dangerous. Also at the end, the author reminds the reader wear sunscreen wherever skin is not covered with clothing.
- ② C, F, R, F, C, R
- ③ Answers will vary: reuse, resaid, remake, recook, return, recreate, rerun, retake, rewash, replay, rework, reschedule  
b. again I had to rewash the shirt to get the stain out.
- ④ sunshine, sunscreen, sunburn, ultraviolet, sunlight, inside, without, sunglasses, underline, copyright, +all words in student answers.
- ⑤ Answers will vary. The sun was as hot as a forest fire
- ⑥ will melt, melted, melt.

## SPIDERS

- ① "Wow, look at all those baby spiders!" said Cleo.  
"There must be hundreds of them," Sophie replied.
- ② you're, aren't, he'd, we've, isn't, she'd, I'll, don't.
- ③ Cause: Sonja tossed her shoes around her web instead of putting them away neatly.  
Effect: She could not find her last shoe and was late for her web-weaving class.
- ④ There is a spider in the corner.
- ⑤ Answers will vary: dip, dips, rid, ride, rip, ripe, rise, die, dies, red, rep, per, ire, dire, spire, spied, pie, pride, side, ide, dries, sir, sire
- ⑥ F, F, O, O, F

## OCEAN

- ① Answers will vary - samples:  
The hungry shark charged into the school of fish.  
The baby sea turtle swam through the seaweed.  
All of those seahorses are swimming together.  
The injured octopus hid in a crevice in the rocks.
- ② The fish swam away. - past  
The fish will swim away. - future  
The fish is swimming away. - present
- ③ seaweed, stingray, jellyfish, underwater, shipwreck, sailboat.
- ④ tails, pair, would.
- ⑤ I think humans have only been to the bottom of the Mariana Trench twice because it is probably expensive and difficult to make the trip. The submarine would have to be able to withstand all the pressure and cold. Also, there might not be much to see down there.
- ⑥ a. under c. sea

## COMETS

- ① was, studied, predicted, return, was, named.
- ② A comet forms a tail when its orbit brings it closer to the sun. The sun heats up the comet so that it releases gases to make the tail.  
A comet's tail disappears when it is away from the sun because without the heat of the sun, the gases are not released to form it.
- ③ comets, sightings, comets, snowballs, comets, orbits, gases, millions, kilometers, nouns, astronomers, years, antonyms, comets, comets, things, rights, forms, nouns, clues, antonyms, adverbs, plus student answers.
- ④ a - correctly
- ⑤ hot, cold or bright, dark.
- ⑥ faster



# FOOTBALL

- ① Paul Hubbard's problem was that he didn't want the opposing team to see him signing his plays to his team. He solved the problem by gathering his team together in a huddle.
- ② touchdown, time out, quarterback, turnover, teammate, offside
- ③ passed, past.
- ④ More people order pizza on Super Bowl Sunday than any other day during the year.
- ⑤ b - required
- ⑥ will win, can make  
might kick,  
was running, was tackled

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