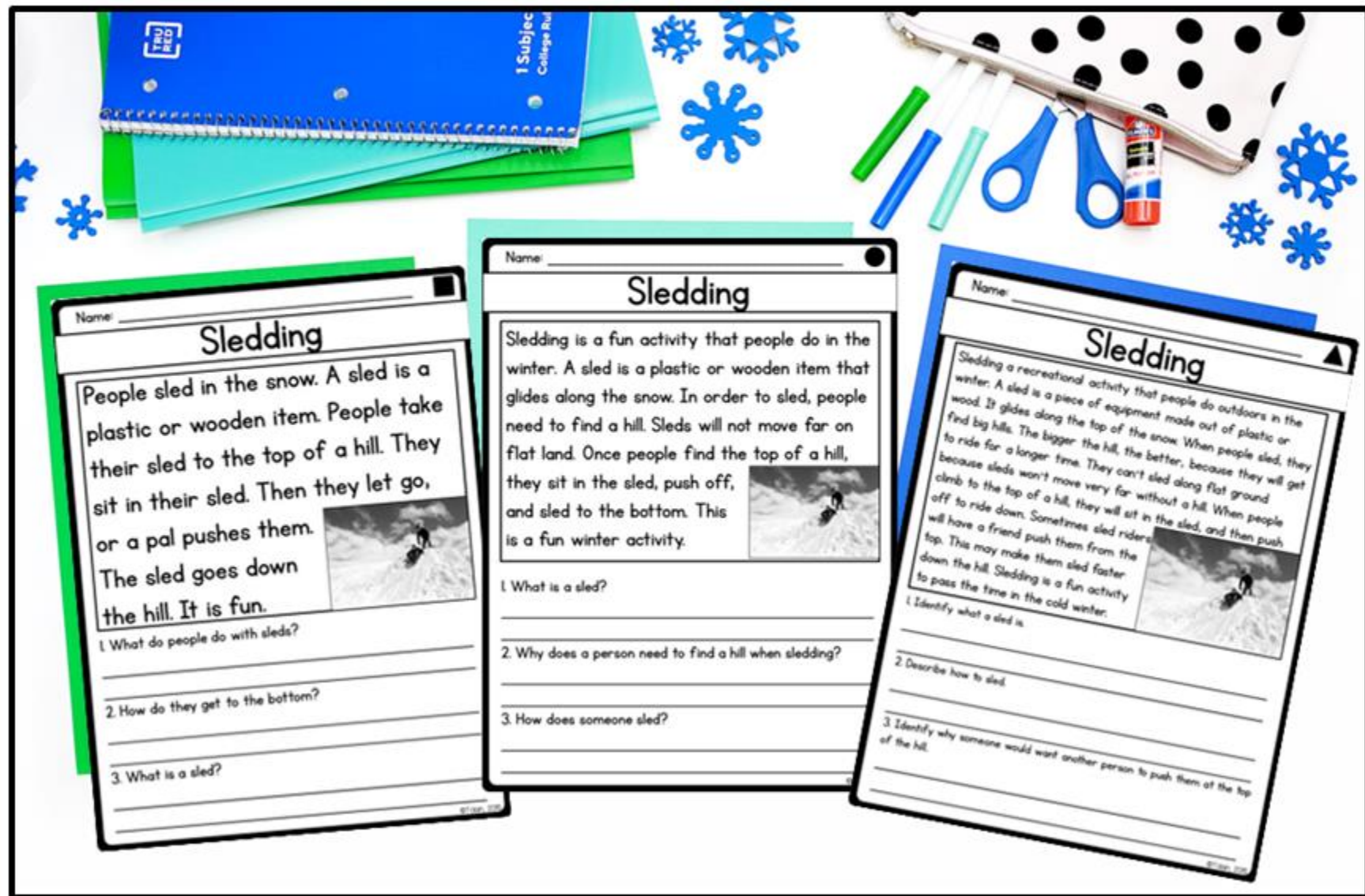



Winter Differentiated Passages



Name: _____

Sledding

People sled in the snow. A sled is a plastic or wooden item. People take their sled to the top of a hill. They sit in their sled. Then they let go, or a pal pushes them. The sled goes down the hill. It is fun.



1. What do people do with sleds?

2. How do they get to the bottom?


3. What is a sled?

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Name: _____

Sledding

Sledding is a fun activity that people do in the winter. A sled is a plastic or wooden item that glides along the snow. In order to sled, people need to find a hill. Sleds will not move far on flat land. Once people find the top of a hill, they sit in the sled, push off, and sled to the bottom. This is a fun winter activity.



1. What is a sled?


2. Why does a person need to find a hill when sledding?

3. How does someone sled?

Name: _____

Sledding

Sledding a recreational activity that people do outdoors in the winter. A sled is a piece of equipment made out of plastic or wood. It glides along the top of the snow. When people sled, they find big hills. The bigger the hill, the better, because they will get to ride for a longer time. They can't sled along flat ground because sleds won't move very far without a hill. When people climb to the top of a hill, they will sit in the sled, and then push off to ride down. Sometimes sled riders will have a friend push them from the top. This may make them sled faster down the hill. Sledding is a fun activity to pass the time in the cold winter.



1. Identify what a sled is.

2. Describe how to sled.

3. Identify why someone would want another person to push them at the top of the hill.

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More About the Levels

Level 1

Beginning Readers

Simpler sentences

Simpler vocabulary

Level 2

Growing Readers

More complex sentences with words that may be tougher to decode.

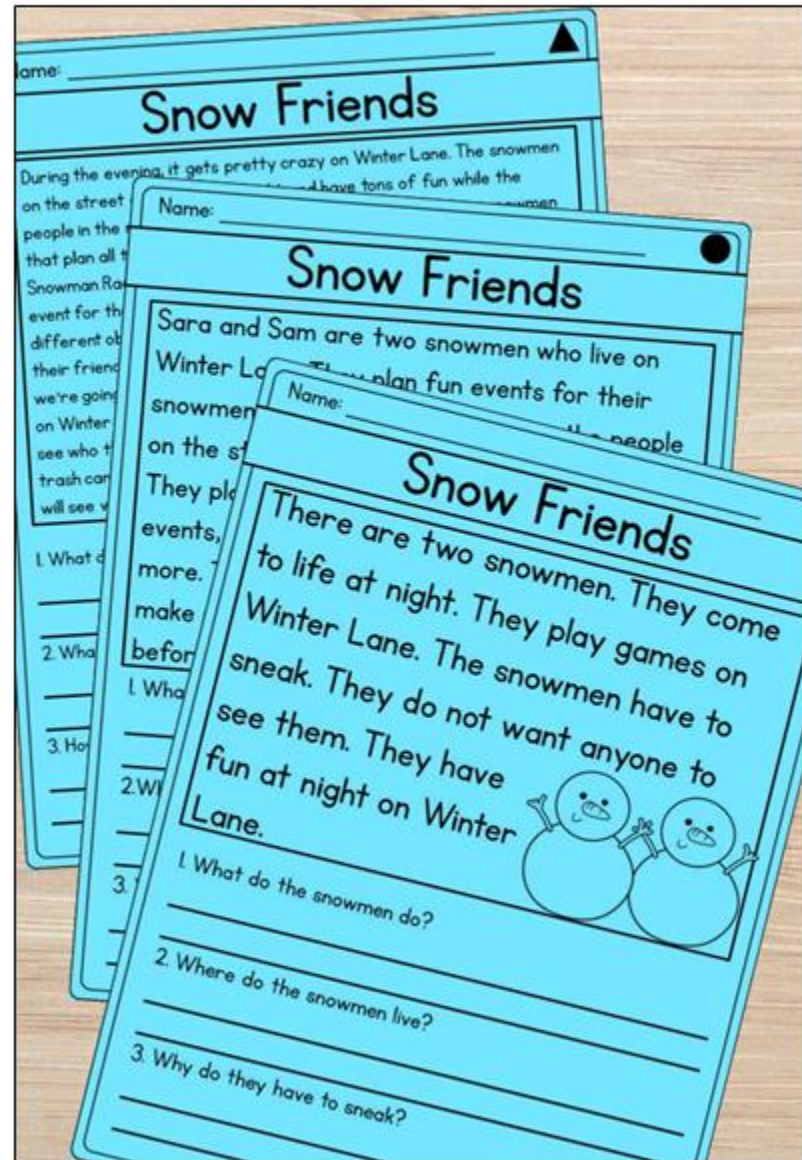
Level 3

Advanced Readers

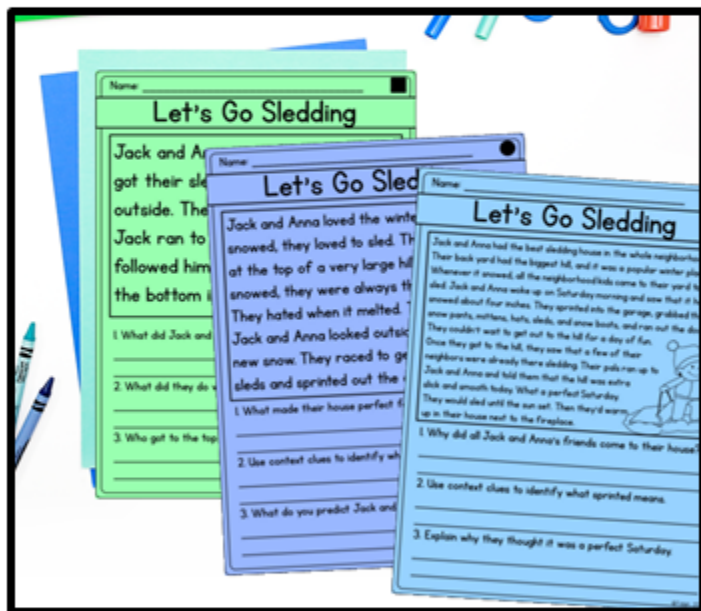
Complex sentence structures

Longer sentences

Harder vocabulary words



What Teachers Say



"I love all of the differentiated passage bundles by Jessica! The 3 levels of each passage are *chefs kiss* and this winter comprehension set is perfect for my first graders! The topics are interesting to the students and offer a variety of opportunities for my diverse students to connect with the passages. I also LOVE that there are fiction and nonfiction passages for each topic! Super awesome resource that will be used for years to come!"

"I've been using these every week since I downloaded them. I absolutely love the differentiation for each story. It makes it so easy to use these in my classroom as a reading comprehension and practice with writing full sentences. The students can independently find the answers in the story and rewrite the question in their answer. I recommend it!!"

One Fiction Set Sample


Three overlapping reading cards titled "Covered in Ice" are shown. Each card has a "Name:" field at the top. The cards contain a short story and comprehension questions. The middle card includes a small illustration of a house with icicles hanging from the roof.

Card 1 (Left):

Name: _____

Covered in Ice

There was an ice storm last night. Jan and her family are stuck inside. The ice got on her door. The door will not open now. She wants to go play. She will have to wait until it melts.



1. What happened last night?

2. Why can't Jan go outside?


3. What does Jan have to do?

Card 2 (Middle):

Name: _____

Covered in Ice

There was a huge ice storm last night. Jan and her family watched the ice and freezing rain fall all night. They could even hear the ice hitting the roof. When they woke up this morning, they couldn't get out of their front door. It was frozen shut. She will just have to wait until the sun rose and melted it.



1. What happened last night?

2. What was Jan's problem when she woke up?


3. How did she solve her problem?

Card 3 (Right):

Name: _____

Covered in Ice

Jan and her family had quite a problem on their hands. When they woke up this morning, they couldn't get out of their front door. There was an ice storm last night. They listened and watched it all night. The ice fell hard from the sky and covered their house in a thick layer of ice. The front door wouldn't open because of the layer of ice. There were icicles dripping from the roof and on the bushes outside the window. Jan asked her mom how they would ever get out. Jan's mom explained to her that once the sun rose, it would shine warm rays on the house and eventually melt the ice. Jan felt better after her mom explained this. Her family would just snuggle under blankets, sip hot cocoa, and warm up next to their fire. Being covered in ice wasn't so bad after all.



1. Identify what Jan's family listened to all night.

2. Why couldn't they leave their house?


3. What did they do instead of leaving their house?

One Nonfiction Set Sample

Name: _____

Dangerous Weather

In the winter, the roads may not be safe. Snow and ice get on the road. This makes it slick. Cars may slip and slide on the slick roads. They need to drive slow or get off the road.



1. What gets on the road?

2. What do cars do on slick roads?


3. What should a car do on these roads?

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Name: _____

Dangerous Weather

The snow may be very pretty to look at, but it can be very dangerous. When snow and ice get on the roads, it can get very dangerous for cars. The roads get very slick and slippery when snow and ice fall. It is hard for the tires to get traction on the road, and the car may lose control. It is best to stay off the road in a snowstorm.



1. Why are snow and ice dangerous?


2. What does the word traction mean?

3. What should people do when it snows?

Name: _____

Dangerous Weather

Although many people love to look at the pretty snow fall and maybe even play in the snow, winter weather can be very dangerous. When snow and ice fall from the sky, it makes driving very unsafe. When snow and ice collect on roads, the rubber tires that are on cars may not work as well. They don't get as much traction than when the roads are clear and dry. Without that traction, the tires may lock up and make the cars slip and slide around the road. This can cause traffic jams, and traffic accidents. Salt trucks will come to clear the roads off, but until they get there, cars should stay off the roads as much as they can. Towns and cities will even suggest to the citizens to stay off the roads.



1. Identify what the word traction means.

2. How can snow and ice be dangerous?

3. Explain what cities do to keep their citizens safe.

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