## Week 1

# Independent Study Packet Education.com 



5 Days of Independent Activities in Reading, Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies

## Helpful Hints for Students and Families

## Materials You Will Need:

- Pencils
- Extra paper or a notebook/journal. (You may put everything into one notebook if you like.)
- Colored pencils, markers, or crayons for some of the activities



## Directions \& Tips

- There is a schedule for each day. You may complete the activities in any order. Social
 studies and science activities may take you more than one day to complete.
- Make sure to plan your time so that you don't let things pile up at the end.
- Read the directions carefully before completing each activity.
- Check off each of the activities when you finish them on the menu.
- Make sure an adult signs the activity menu before you bring it back to school.


## Activity Menu

|  | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Reading | Read for 20 minutes and answer 3 of the questions on the sheet on another piece of paper or in a journal. Challenge: Try not to repeat a question! Independent Reading Questions |  |  |  |  |
|  | Game Show Story: Understanding the Character | Game Show Story: Order of Events | Game Show <br> Story: <br> Remember <br> Details | Pair the Cause and Effect and Reading for Comprehension: Cause and Effect | Comparing Two Stories |
| Writing | Personal Narrative Writing (Part I - Now, What Seems to Be the Problem?) | Personal <br> Narrative <br> Writing <br> (Part II - <br> Time to <br> Write) | Game <br> Show <br> Story: <br> Make a <br> Prediction | Creative <br> Writing: Any <br> Pet in the <br> World | Make Up <br> Your Own <br> Scary Story |
| Grammar Practice $P=I$ | Say What? | Punctuation: Commas | Plural <br> Nouns | Suject-Verb Agreement | Context <br> Clues: <br> Finding <br> Word <br> Meanings |
| Math | Word <br> Problems <br> Learning <br> Check | Hundreds Board Challenge 3 | Two-Step Addition and Subtraction Word Problems Check-In (\#1-5) | Two-Step <br> Addition and Subtraction Word Problems Check-In (\#6-10) | Missing <br> Digits: <br> Addition <br> and <br> Subtraction <br> and <br> Math <br> Puzzle Boxes |
| Social Studies | Find Your Way Around a Map and Map It! Scale Skills |  |  |  |  |
| Science | Nonfiction Text Features: Wild, Wild Weather and Concept Web |  |  |  |  |

## Day

| Reading | Game Show Story: <br> Understanding the Character |
| :---: | :---: |
| Writing | Personal Narrative Writing <br> (Part I : Now, What Seems <br> to Be the Problem?) |
| Grammar Practice | Say What? |
| Math | Word Problems Learning Check |



# Reading Comprehension: Game Show Story <br> Understanding the Character 

Great readers can focus on the story elements in a text to have a deeper understanding of the story. The characters, setting, problem, and solution, are story elements. They make the story interesting!

Characters: The people or creatures in a story, movie, or play.
Setting: The time and place in which something happens.
Problem: A question or situation that is difficult to deal with.
Solution: The way to solve a problem.

Directions: Read the story. Then, answer questions about the characters in the story.
Today was the day, and I couldn't ignore the butterflies in my stomach. I had waited and studied for this day for months, after all, and I felt on edge. I was on my way to the most-watched game show on television: "Will You Win?" It's a staple at our house. We watch it every day right after I get off the bus.

On the show, the host asks questions about random facts. The contestants need to answer before the other person to win a point. If they answer incorrectly, the contestant needs to dance or act out a famous scene from a movie of their choice. Then, the audience votes to give the contestant another chance. The boo from the audience is legendary on this show. It is especially entertaining when someone famous is the cause of the booing. It's not a complicated show, but you have to be smart and quick with your answer. I can't believe they finally chose me to be a contestant! I can't believe I have a chance to win the prize money!

As my mother drove me to the airport, I focused on the "Will You Win?" show. Facts raced through my head and I skimmed all the pocket factbooks I'd brought with me. The speed limit decreased and the car slowed as we approached the airport. My mother parked in the long-term parking garage. We headed towards the terminal. My pace slowed. I thought, "Can I do this?"
"Alexis, are you ready?" Mom asked.
The airport loomed before us. This is my chance to win money for our after-school program. This is what I worked so hard for. "I can do this," I told myself. I stood taller and said, "Ready or not, here I come!" Then, I smiled for the first time that day.

Directions: Answer the questions about using information from the story.

1. Who is the main character in the story?
2. What is the setting in the story?
3. How does the character feel in the story?
4. How has Alexis prepared for the game show?
5. What do the words "on edge" tell you about Alexis?

## Now, What Seems to be the Problem?

Just like fictional stories, personal narratives involve some kind of a problem, or conflict. Personal narratives are filled with feelings and emotions that often change throughout the story.

Problems could relate to:
a disagreement you had with someone an obstacle you faced the challenge of learning something new getting through a tough time in your life something unexpected happened

## Feelings and Emotions:

| serious | happy | scared | furious | sad | annoyed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| frustrated | thrilled | excited | hurt | unwelcome |  |



Use the space below to brainstorm some ideas from your own life. Try to think of an instance where you experienced each type of problem described above and describe it below. Then write two or three feelings or emotions you felt during each experience. You can use the ideas from the box to help you, or come up with your own.

1. Once, I had a disagreement with $\qquad$ about

Feeling $\qquad$ Feeling $\qquad$ Feeling $\qquad$
2. An obstacle I had to overcome was $\qquad$
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Feeling $\qquad$ Feeling $\qquad$ Feeling $\qquad$
3. Even though it was really challenging, I finally learned how to $\qquad$
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Feeling $\qquad$ Feeling $\qquad$ Feeling $\qquad$
4. I once had an unexpected $\qquad$
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Feeling Feeling Feeling
5. I went through a tough time in my life when $\qquad$
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Feeling $\qquad$ Feeling $\qquad$ Feeling $\qquad$
6. Once, I helped my $\qquad$ deal with
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$\qquad$ Feeling $\qquad$ Feeling $\qquad$ Feeling $\qquad$
7. I was really surprised when
$\qquad$
8. I once failed at $\qquad$ but then learned $\qquad$
$\qquad$
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Feeling $\qquad$ Feeling $\qquad$ Feeling $\qquad$
9. There was a time when I had to learn $\qquad$
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$\qquad$
Feeling $\qquad$ Feeling $\qquad$ Feeling $\qquad$

## Say What?

## Write in the missing quotation marks to fix the punctuation in each sentence.

Lily said, Let's go to the park after school.
Do you want ice cream? asked Peter.

I love my new kitten! said Tina. He is so playful.

I have a lot of homework today, said Samantha.

I stayed up late, said Charles, to finish reading my book.
Oh no! The cake is burning! yelled Jill's mom.
Is the school play tomorrow? asked Ellie.
Matt said, The roller coaster was a lot of fun.

## Abe asked, What's your brother's name?

You should wear a hat. It's cold today, said Andrew's dad.

# Word Problems Learning Check 

# Directions: Solve the problems below. Be sure to show your work! 

| 1. A group of friends had money to spend at the <br> store on summer toys. They bought bags of water <br> balloons and bubbles. Each bag of water balloons <br> cost $\$ 2.00$ and each bottle of bubbles cost $\$ 1.00$. <br> They purchased 3 bags of water balloons and 5 <br> bottles of bubbles. How much money did they <br> spend? | 2. To prepare for swim team tryouts, Leann swam in <br> the pool. On Monday, she swam for 24 minutes. On <br> Tuesday, she swam for 18 minutes. On Wednesday, <br> Thursday, and Friday, she swam for 30 minutes each <br> day. How many minutes did Leann swim this week? |
| :--- | :--- |
| 3. There were 34 people at the barbecue. 19 people <br> are adults, and they ate hamburgers. The rest of the <br> people are kids. If each kid ate 2 hot dogs, how many <br> hot dogs were eaten? | 4. On a beautiful day, there are 65 cars in the beach <br> parking lot. 26 more cars parked in the parking lot <br> before noon, but 17 cars left. How many cars are in <br> the beach parking lot? |

5. Gracie and Eleanor played in the ocean. Their mom said they could play in the water for 45 minutes. First, they jumped into the waves for 13 minutes. Then, they floated on their backs for 7 minutes. How many more minutes can they play in the ocean?

## Word Problems Learning Check

## Directions: Solve the problems below. Be sure to show your work!

| 6. There are six crackers in each package. If the family <br> brought seven packages on the road trip and had 4 <br> crackers leftover, how many crackers did they eat? | 7. Sasha made cups of lemonade to sell at her stand. <br> She sold 9 cups of lemonade in the first hour. For <br> each hour after that, she sold five cups. She was <br> outside for a total of 4 hours. How many cups of <br> lemonade did she sell? |
| :--- | :--- |
| 8. The friends went strawberry picking for the <br> birthday party. Erica picked 56 strawberries. Casey <br> picked 47 strawberries. Katie picked 61 strawberries. <br> Together, they ate 14 strawberries. How many <br> strawberries did they pick all together? | 9. Alyssa made 6 trays of popsicles. Each tray makes <br> 8 popsicles. She gave 5 friends a popsicle. How many <br> popsicles does she have left over? |

10. Summer camp has 80 kids in the program. They have 15 preschoolers and 40 elementary school kids. How many middle school kids are in the program?

## Day 2

| Reading | Game Show Story: <br> Order of Events |
| :---: | :---: |
| Writing | Personal Narrative Writing <br> (Part II: Time to Write) |
| Grammar Practice | Punctuation: Commas |
| Math | Hundreds Board Challenge 3 |



## Reading Comprehension: Game Show Story

## Order of Events

The sequence of events, or the order of the story, is the order in which events happen in the story. One event typically leads to another. Paying attention to the sequence of events in the story can help readers understand challenges and victories characters encounter in a story.

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions.
The hot air whipped in my face as I got out of the taxi in front of Studio B. The sun was shining and I regretted wearing the sweater I had packed. The flight across the country to Los Angeles had been long and nerve-wracking, and I could not study a minute longer about American presidents or the names of states. The game show, "Will You Win?", was in 2 hours, and I felt ready. At least, I hoped I was ready.
"Alexis, don't forget your pocket factbook. Did you finish studying the water cycle on the plane?" Mom asked.

I groaned. "No, I forgot that one on the bus yesterday. But, I feel ready. I can do this!" I tried to talk myself into it. The funding for our after-school program hung in the balance. "I'll read a bit more when I get to the green room," I assured her.

We walked into Studio B. I'd never been to a studio before and couldn't help staring at everything in the room. I didn't even notice my pocket factbook fall to the ground until a friendly face stood in front of me, holding it out to me.
"Hi! I'm Angie. Are you here for the game show?" she asked
"Uh, yeah. Yes." I stammered.
"Great! Come check out their library of facts! I'm sure the books will prepare us even more for the contest," she said as she pivoted quickly on her heels and walked down the hall.

I nodded at her gratefully. "Do you think they have any information on the water cycle?" I asked as I hurried behind her.

## 1. How did Alexis get to Los Angeles?

2. Where did the taxi take Alexis and his mother?
3. How much longer until the game show starts?
4. Put these events in the order they occurred in the story. Number the events 1-8.

| ____ Alexis met Angie. | The heat made Alexis regret wearing his sweater. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Mom asked Alexis if he'd studied on the plane. | ___ Alexis groaned. |
| Alexis walked towards the library. | The pocket factbook falls to the floor. |
| Alexis and his mother arrived in Los Angeles. | ___ The taxi pulled in front of Studio B. |

Alexis and his mother arrived in Los Angeles. $\qquad$ The taxi pulled in front of Studio B.

## TIME TO WRITE

Using the Story Map from the previous page, write your personal narrative from beginning to end. Begin your story in the moment that the experience began in your life, imagining you are looking at the experience through a microscope and describing every detail as it happened. Describe the problem, action, and the feelings you had from moment to moment, so your readers can create a movie of your experience in their minds as they read your narrative. Describe what you were thinking about during the experience and how the experience ended.

Title:

## Punctuation: Commas

Insert commas in the sentences below.
Remember that commas are needed when:

1) Listing a series: I ate a hot dog, ice cream, a burger and soda.
2) Before conjunctions: I slept all summer, but still felt accomplished.
3) Before parentheses: "I don't want summer to end," Kyle sighed.
4) After introductory elements: As a child, my favorite part of summer was not having to go to school.
1. This summer I am going to read play with friends and go to the beach.
2. Watermelon a refreshing fruit is nice to eat on a hot day.
3. My ice cream which is chocolate flavored is melting fast.
4. I will miss my friends but I will enjoy the break from school.
5. The baseball game which started at 5 was the perfect way to spend a summer evening.
6. While we were at the market mom and dad bought food for the July 4th barbeque.
7. "I would like to invite you to my pool party" my friend Veronica said.
8. My brother grandma and aunt bought root beer floats.
9. Although I don't want to get sunburnt I like laying out on the grass.
10. Since we are expecting crowds at the boardwalk we plan to arrive early.
11. Sunny Stroll the local pier is always a fun place to go during summer evenings.
12. I bought new shorts sunglasses swimsuits and tank tops for the summer weather.
13. Our summer reading list includes Maniac Magee A Wrinkle in Time and Tuck Everlasting.
14. I will be sad when summer ends but I look forward to the new school year.
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## Hundreds Board Challenge 5

Directions: Read each clue. Solve for the clue and shade in the answer(s) on the hundreds board.

1. Shade all single-digit numbers.
2. Shade all multiples of 10 .
3. Shade all numbers with a 1 in the ones place.
4. Shade the number with the value of 5 nickels and 3 pennies.
5. Shade the number that is $11+11+11$.
6. Shade the number that is one cent less than a quarter.
7. Shade the number that is $10 \times 3+4$.
8. Shade the number that is $9 \times 3$.
9. Shade the number that is 3 less than 40 .
10. Shade the number that is 40 less than 68 .
11. Shade the value of 3 dimes, 1 nickel and 3 pennies.
12. Shade the value of 2 quarters and 3 pennies.
13. Shade the number that is 3 less than 61.
14. Shade the number that is 3 more than the number of minutes in an hour.
15. Shade the even number between 66 and 69 .
16. Shade the even numbers between 73 and 79 .
17. Shade the odd numbers between 72 and 78 .
18. Shade the numbers between 91 and 100 .

## Hundreds Board Challenge

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 |
| 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 |
| 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 |
| 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 |
| 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 |
| 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |

## Day 3

| Reading | Game Show Story: <br> Remember Details |
| :---: | :---: |
| Writing | Game Show Story: <br> Make a Prediction |
| Grammar Practice | Plural Nouns |
| Math | Two-Step Addition and <br> Subtraction Word <br> Problems Check-In (\#1-5) |



## Reading Comprehension: Game Show Story

## Remember Details

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions.
Alexis and Angie stood with all the other contestants of the "Who Will Win?" game show. They thought about what was at stake. They thought about the prize money and about all the people that would be watching them on the television. There was excitement in the air, but a nervous energy as well. They still had to deal with the pesky dance or acting challenge if they answered a question incorrectly.

In the "Who Will Win?" game show, the host asks questions about random facts. The contestants need to answer before the other person to win a point. If they answer incorrectly, the contestant needs to dance or act out a famous scene from a movie of their choice. Then, the audience votes to give the contestant another chance. All the contestants dread hearing a boo from the audience.

The first round began and Angie faced off with another contestant, Harvey. The crowd cheered as Angie answered question after question correctly. Harvey didn't even get a chance to answer any questions before Angie got 3 correct answers and eliminated him. He practically ran off the set with a relieved look on his face.

Alexis anxiously stepped up to the contestant table during the third round. Angie had dominated the competition in round one and two. Now it was his turn to face off with her. Everyone in the room could see his smile when the host announced the last category would be about the water cycle. Alexis grabbed the buzzer. He was ready to answer the first question.

## 1. Who won the first round of the competition?

## 2. What was the topic of the third round?

3. In what round did the contestants answer all the questions correctly?
4. What do contestants need to do when they answer a question incorrectly?
5. How many total rounds did they have to play?
6. How did Harvey feel when he was eliminated?
$\qquad$ Date:

## Reading Comprehension: Game Show Story

## Make a Prediction

Directions: Think about each character in the story of the "Will You Win?" game show. Who do you think will win? How did the contestants' family feel while watching them compete in the show? How do the contestants feel at the end of the competition? Write your answers below.
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## Plural Nouns

Read the rules for converting nouns with a variety of endings into plural nouns, then use the chart to write the plural form of each noun.

| Noun ending in: | Make plural by: |
| :---: | :---: |
| ch, sh, ss, x, zz | adding es |
| y | dropping the y and adding -ies |
| $f$ or fe | dropping the $f$ and adding -ves |
| 1. sky | 15. beach |
| 2. fly | 16. box |
| 3. party | 17. bush |
| 4. thief | 18. buzz |
| 5. wife | 19. fox |
| 6. wolf | 20. library |
| 7. class | 21. pony |
| 8. canary | 22. mess |
| 9. spy | 23. shelf |
| 10. loss | 24. calf |
| 11. berry | 25. half |
| 12. story | 26. life |
| 13. lunch | 27. loaf |
| 14. wish | 28. knife |

14. wish $\qquad$ 28. knife $\qquad$
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## TWO-STEP ADDITION \& SUBTRACTION WORD PROBLEMS CHECK-IN

Directions: Solve the problems below. Be sure to show your work!

1. This morning, there were 26 fish in an aquarium and 32 fish in the other aquarium. At noon, 11 fish were sold. How many fish are left in the aquariums?
2. There are 52 cars in the movie theater parking lot. 12 more cars parked in the parking lot before the movie started, but 3 cars left. How many cars are in the parking lot?
3. There are 44 people on the train. At the first stop, 16 more people got on the train. 9 people got off the train. How many people are on the train?
4. There were 18 volleyballs in the bag. There were 13 volleyballs in the basket. 10 balls were used for practice. How many volleyballs were not used?
5. My mom baked 36 cookies for the bake sale. I baked 24 cookies. My brother ate 5 cookies. How many cookies are there for the bake sale?


## Day 4

| Reading | Pair the Cause and Effect <br> Reading for Comprehension: <br> Cause and Effect |
| :---: | :---: |
| Writing | Creative Writing: Any <br> Pet in the World |
| Grammar Practice | Subject-Verb Agreement |
| Math | Two-Step Addition <br> and Subtraction Word <br> Problems Check-In (\#6-10) |



Name: $\qquad$ Date:

## Pair the Cause and Effect

| Cause and effect are connected events. | First: | Then: |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
|  | Emilio forgot his <br> house key at school. | So, he went to his <br> friend's house while <br> he waited for his <br> parents to come <br> home. |

Directions: Read the events. Draw a line connecting the cause to the effect. Then, copy them in the correct location on the T-chart.

1. Sasha had to do school work during lunch
2. I wanted to go back home
3. Since I knew my friends were performing their poetry,
4. Because the mail was late
5. The reason I didn't go to practice is
A. Joshua didn't get his birthday card on his birthday.
B. because she didn't bring her homework to school.
C. I went to the auditorium to hear the show.
D. because I needed to finish my homework.
E. since I did not feel welcomed at the party.

| Cause | Effect |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1. | 1. |
| 2. | 2. |
| 3. | 3. |
| 4. | 4. |
| 5. | 5. |

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## Reading for Comprehension: Cause and Effect

ACOUSE is something that makes something else happen. It is the reason for the effect.

It answers the question, "Why did this happen?"


Directions: Read the passage below. Then, answer the questions that follow.

School starts in a week and today is the day we go shopping for school supplies! I told my mom that I didn't need new supplies this year. I loved my backpack from last year because it had a picture of Topaz, my favorite rock singer. It even had her autograph across the bottom of her picture! I couldn't wait to get it out and check my supplies.

When I pulled out my backpack from the back of my closet, I was horrified at how dirty it was. Somehow, over the summer, I had forgotten that the backpack wasn't in good shape. A strap was broken, the color was faded, and the zipper was stuck. There was a dark spot right on Topaz's chin and you could hardly read her signature any more.

When I looked inside, I found papers that were stuck together from an open glue bottle. I wondered who took the cap off of my glue bottle. There was a library book I borrowed and forgot to return. My markers had escaped from the box and the caps were mysteriously missing. My lucky pencil was too short to write with anymore. How did this happen?

I discovered the dark spot on Topaz's chin was from the cupcake I packed away from the end-of-the-year picnic. The frosting melted all over my notebooks and scissors. I decided it was time to make my list of new school supplies.

1. Why did the main character think she could use her old school supplies?
2. What caused the main character to change her mind about getting new school supplies?

## 3. What caused the dark spot on the backpack?

## 4. Why were the papers stuck together in the backpack?

## 5. Why was there a library book inside the backpack?

## CREATIVE WRITING

If you could have ANY pet in the world, even a mythical creature, what would it be? Would it be an animal, a reptile or something else? Draw a picture of your pet and tell a story about it. How you came to own this pet? Describe your pet in detail and tell about the things you do together.
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## Subject / Verb Agreement

## With Gabriella Grammar

Hi! I'm Gabriella Grammar. Let's learn about subject and verb agreement together! The subject and verb must agree in number: both must be singular, or both must be plural. For example:

Singular --> The dog chases the cat
Plural --> The dogs chase the cat

## Circle the verb that correctly completes each sentence.



1. The four aliens $\qquad$ green goo inside their spaceship.
2. My dinosaur $\qquad$ onto the trampoline.
3. Those cars $\qquad$ a loud sound as they race around the track.
4. One of his sisters $\qquad$ the trombone.
5. I $\qquad$ milkshakes to cool down on hot summer days.
6. Our hamburgers $\qquad$ so delicious!
7. Mrs. Lane, my teacher, $\qquad$ us to finish our homework before the big game.
make makes
play plays
drink drinks
taste tastes
want wants

## Circle the correct verb and complete the sentence.

1. The elephant (bring/brings)
2. Sarah (win/wins)
3. All the princes and princesses (eat/eats)
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## TWO-STEP ADDITION \& SUBTRACTION WORD PROBLEMS CHECK-IN

Directions: Solve the problems below. Be sure to show your work!
6. Jeremiah's class collected 61 cans for the food drive. Jennifer's class collected 73 cans. 14 cans fell off the table and had to be thrown away. How many cans did they have left?
7. McKenzie had 50 dollars. She spent 37 dollars. Then she earned 20 more dollars. How many dollars does she have?
8. There were 27 pieces of candy in the bag. The boy bought 14 more pieces of candy. He ate 12 pieces. How much candy does he have left?
9. Mickey earned 92 points in his game. The second time he played it, he lost 43 points. Then he earned 75 points. How many points does Mickey have?
10. There were 94 people at the football game. 34 more people came to watch the game. 16 people left early. How many people were at the football game?


## Day 5



## COMPARING TWO STORIES

Directions: Read the two stories below. Then complete the graphic organizer.

## Story 1

Pierre changed into his track clothes and laced up his shoes. He left the locker room to meet the rest of the kids outside on the field. It was the first day of track tryouts. The coach walked up and greeted the athletes.
"I see you are all interested in being on Town Creek Middle School's track team," the coach stated. "Let's see if you have what it takes."

The boys began to complete the tryout drills. The coach wanted to see who could run the farthest, who could run the longest, and who could run the fastest. Pierre liked to run and he knew he was talented, but he didn't know how well the other boys ran. Would he be good enough to make the team?

Each time it was Pierre's turn to run, he began shaking and it was hard to breathe. He was so nervous! The coach realized Pierre was panicking and pulled him aside. He put his hand on his shoulder and spoke calmly to Pierre.
"Pierre, I've seen your running skills. You have no reason to be nervous! Take a deep breath and join this group. You've got this! I know you can do it," he said.

Taking a deep breath, Pierre lined up with the other boys. As soon as the whistle blew, he took off running. His arms and legs moved faster than they ever had before. He controlled his breathing and stayed focused on the finish line. Sweat dripped down his forehead as he used every muscle in his body to win the race. Pierre knew he had won first place.

Inside, Pierre was grinning from ear to ear. He had successfully turned his first day jitters into the fuel that helped him win the race and make the team.

## Story 2

Francesca was the best swimmer on the team. She swam the fastest. She swam long distances. She was chosen as the captain for this season. All the other girls wanted to be like Francesca.

The biggest race of the season was this Friday. The whole school was excited. The team would race against Leeward Middle, the school's rival team. Every year the schools compete against each other. The winner gets a special trophy.

Francesca was always nervous in the days before the big race. She had a hard time eating. She couldn't sleep. It was hard to focus in class. All she could think about was how she would beat the other team.

On Wednesday, Francesca realized that she really wasn't feeling right. This was more than just being nervous and excited. She visited the school nurse who took her temperature and checked her throat. The nurse called Francesca's mom and sent her home from school early.

Francesca was devastated. She was so upset that she came down with a cold right before her big race. The trophy meant so much for her school. What if she could not compete? Would her team stand a chance?

The next morning, Francesca woke up feeling better. Her mom kept her home from school so she could rest more.

On Friday after school, Francesca and her teammates raced at the swim meet. Her team won in every event at the meet. Francesca even set a school record! All of Francesca's rest from being sick had paid off to help her achieve and lead her team to victory.
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## COMPARING TWO STORIES

Directions: Read the two stories below. Then complete the graphic organizer.

|  | Story 1 | Story 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Characters |  |  |
| Setting | Pierre is at track team tryouts at the middle school |  |
| Problem |  |  |
| Events |  | Francesca has to go home sick from school and rest. She sleeps off the sickness. |
| Solution |  |  |
| Theme |  |  |

# MAKE UP YOUR OWN SCARY STORY 

Does your city or town have any local legends? Make up a story about a monster, ghost, or alien that might live in your hometown. Make sure to use places you know as the setting!

Draw a picture of your monster here.


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# Context Clues Finding Word Meanings 

Name: $\qquad$
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Read the sentences below. Read the underlined word in the sentence. Circle the answer choice that has the same meaning as the underlined word.

1. The student replied to the teacher with a witty answer and the class laughed.
A. funny
B. mean
C. word
2. I looked at my brother with a glare after he broke my toy.
A. confusing
B. dirty look
C. difficult
3. Fireworks on the 4th of July give off a beautiful glimmer in the sky.
A. glow
B. bright
C. look
4. When we go camping, my father will ignite the fire so we can roast marshmallows.
A. start
B. call
C. see
5. He chose to delete the unhealthy foods from his meal and make better choices.
A. include
B. make more
C. remove
6. My grandpa will doze during television shows he watches when he is tired.
A. cheer
B. nap
C. discuss
7. The curious puppy emptied the bag while he sniffed around looking for something to chew.
A. problem
B. interested
C. happy
8. Each day during the spring there is a slight increase in temperature until summer arrives.
A. small
B. increase
C. bright
9. The tower will topple if it has too much weight at the top.
A. pounds
B. grow
C. fall over
10. The students who put in the best effort will be included in the celebration.
A. attitude
B. hard work
C. completion
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## Missing Digits: Addition and Subtraction

Directions: Find the missing digits in the following problems. Place your answers in the boxes provided.

$$
\begin{array}{rrr}
2 \square 56 & \text { 2. } \quad \square 86 \\
+\quad 2 \square 1 \\
\hline \square 597 & & -34 \square \\
\hline
\end{array}
$$

## 3. 796 <br>  <br> $1 \square 80$



## Math Puzzle Boxes

Each puzzle contains the numbers 1-9. Each column and each row add up to the number given outside the boxes. Put the correct number in each box to complete the addition equations without repeating any numbers.

$12 \quad 16 \quad 17$
$12 \quad 20 \quad 13$
197
19

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## Text Dependent Questions for Independent Reading

## Fiction Texts

- Choose a sentence that describes a character, setting, or action in an interesting way. Why did the author choose to use those particular words to tell the story? Which words in the sentence are the most important and why?
- What patterns do you notice in the story? Cite at least three pieces of evidence to support this.
- After reading a chapter, tell about the most important idea from the story. Fine one or two sentences in the text that show this important idea.

- How does the author use dialogue to tell the reader what is happening? Give an example from the text.
- If you don't know what is going to happen next, make a prediction. Give at least one piece of evidence from the text about why you predict that.
- What is the tone of the book? (Is it serious, funny, magical, sad?) Find at least two phrases or sentences that make the reader feel this way.
- What lesson is the author trying to teach the reader? How do you know? What in the book tells you that?
- What details in the text describe one of the characters for you?
- Is there a point in the story where things make a big change? What is it?


## Nonfiction Texts

- How do the pictures in your text help you understand what you are reading? Give an example.
- How do the captions in your text help you understand what you are reading? Give an example.
- Pick a diagram, chart, or graph in your book. What is it trying to teach you? What conclusions can you draw from it?
- Is there a glossary in the back of the book? What word can you find that you didn't know before? Why is that word important to understanding the book?



## Find Your Way Around a Map!



## Color it in!

Color the mountains purple.
Color the water blue.

Color the capitals yellow.
Color the forests green.

## Use the map and legend to answer the questions below.

1. What is the population of Bear Island?
2. What is the population of Stone Island?
3. Use the compass on the map to find out which direction you would travel to go to Bear Island from Nature Island.
4. Use the distance meter on the map to find out how many miles you have to travel to go from the capital of Bear Island to the capital of Nature Island.
5. How many more mountains are there on Bear Island than Stone Island?
6. Are there more forests on Bear Island or Nature Island?

## INTERMEDIATE DIRECTIONS



1. LABEL the compass rose with the cardinal and intermediate directions.
2. Amy is a police officer and goes to the grocery store after work. What direction should she travel in to go to the grocery store?
A. Northwest
B. South
C. Southwest
D. Northeast
3. Cindy goes to the park after school. What direction should she travel in to get to the park?
A. Southeast
B. South
C. Southwest
D. Northeast
4. Charles lives on Brick Street. He needs to head in what direction to go to the grocery store?
A. North
B. Northwest
C. Northeast
D. Northsouth
5. Dave is a train conductor. He wants to meet an old friend at the Clarita River during his break. In what direction should he travel to go to the river?
A. Southwest
B. Northeast
C. Northwest
D. Southeast
6. Rika is a teacher and takes the train home. In what direction should she travel to get to the train station?
A. Northeast
B. Southeast
C. Southwest
D. Northwest
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## Nonfiction Text Features: Wild, Wild Weather

Text features help a reader navigate the text. They give more information about the text.
Examples: illustrations, photographs, captions, maps, charts, graphs, headings, table of contents, side bar

## Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

"It's raining! It's pouring! The old man is snoring!" Have you ever heard that song? It is a famous tune about the weather. Weather is something that affects all of us daily. Extreme weather is something that affects most people only a few times in their lives.

Extreme weather includes flooding rains, tornadoes, blizzards, and hurricanes. People study weather so they can inform us. These are the people who give us the information we need so that we can remain safe in the case of extreme weather.

## Tornadoes

A tornado is a storm that can cause destruction in its path. Winds can reach up to 300 mph ! Tornadoes form from thunderstorms. They are most common in an area of the United States called Tornado Alley. This area is where many tornadoes form because of the way the air moves.

Cool, dry air from the north and warm, moist air from the south meet. This causes thunderstorms, which can become severe. When the atmosphere is not stable, the winds can increase and produce a tornado.


## Waterspouts



A waterspout is a weak tornado. It forms over water. It can happen on the ocean. It can happen on smaller bodies of water, such as lakes.

Waterspouts are most common in the Gulf of Mexico. They have occurred in the tropics as well. Waterspouts can pick up things, such as animals or tree limbs, and drop them in other places. If a waterspout moves onto land, it becomes a tornado and can cause damage.

Wild weather comes in many forms. Tornadoes and waterspouts are directly related and look alike. Both weather events require attention because they can be dangerous to humans and animals. Wild weather is fascinating, and it is completely unpredictable sometimes!
$\qquad$ Date: $\qquad$

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I.What information does the map show?
2.What does the diagram show?
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$\qquad$
3.What information can you gather from the caption under the picture?
4. Complete a T-Chart to record information about the two types of wild weather.

| Tornado |  |
| :---: | :---: |
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5.Why does the author use headings in this nonfiction text?
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Name: $\qquad$
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## Concept Web

Directions: Place the word or topic in the center oval. Then, write details about the topic in the remaining ovals. Lastly, place headings at the top of each oval to give more information about your details.


Write about it! Describe your concept web. Be sure to write about the central topic and the details about the topic.
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## Week 1

> Independent Study Packet

## ANSWER KEYS

Use these answer keys to check your work!


## Reading Comprehension: Game Show Story

## Answer Key Understanding the Character

Great readers can focus on the story elements in a text to have a deeper understanding of the story. The characters, setting, problem, and solution, are story elements. They make the story interesting!

Characters: The people or creatures in a story, movie, or play.
Setting: The time and place in which something happens.
Problem: A question or situation that is difficult to deal with.
Solution: The way to solve a problem.

Directions: Read the story. Then, answer questions about the characters in the story.
Today was the day, and I couldn't ignore the butterflies in my stomach. I had waited and studied for this day for months, after all, and I felt on edge. I was on my way to the most-watched game show on television: "Will You Win?" It's a staple at our house. We watch it every day right after I get off the bus.

On the show, the host asks questions about random facts. The contestants need to answer before the other person to win a point. If they answer incorrectly, the contestant needs to dance or act out a famous scene from a movie of their choice. Then, the audience votes to give the contestant another chance. The boo from the audience is legendary on this show. It is especially entertaining when someone famous is the cause of the booing. It's not a complicated show, but you have to be smart and quick with your answer. I can't believe they finally chose me to be a contestant! I can't believe I have a chance to win the prize money!

As my mother drove me to the airport, I focused on the "Will You Win?" show. Facts raced through my head and I skimmed all the pocket factbooks I'd brought with me. The speed limit decreased and the car slowed as we approached the airport. My mother parked in the long-term parking garage. We headed towards the terminal. My pace slowed. I thought, "Can I do this?"
"Alexis, are you ready?" Mom asked.
The airport loomed before us. This is my chance to win money for our after-school program. This is what I worked so hard for. "I can do this," I told myself. I stood taller and said, "Ready or not, here I come!" Then, I smiled for the first time that day.

Directions: Answer the questions about using information from the story. Answers may vary.

1. Who is the main character in the story?

## The main character is Alexis.

2. What is the setting in the story?

## The story is set in the car on the way to the airport.

3. How does the character feel in the story?

## The character is nervous and focused on studying for the game show.

4. How has Alexis prepared for the game show?

## He has studied a lot of facts and watched the show often.

5. What do the words "on edge" tell you about Alexis?

The words "on edge" tell me Alexis is very nervous and anxious about the show.

# Say What? Answer Key 

## Write in the missing quotation marks to fix the punctuation in each sentence.

Lily said,"Let's go to the park after school."

## "Do you want ice cream?"asked Peter.

## "I love my new kitten!"said Tina."He is so playful."

## "I have a lot of homework today," said Samantha.

## "I stayed up late", said Charles,"to finish reading my book."

## "Oh no! The cake is burning!"yelled Jill's mom.



## "Is the school play tomorrow?"asked Ellie.

Matt said,"The roller coaster was a lot of fun."

## Abe asked,"What's your brother's name?"

"You should wear a hat. It's cold today," said Andrew's dad.

## Word Problems Learning Check

## Directions: Solve the problems below. Be sure to show your work!

## 1. A group of friends had money to spend at the store on summer toys. They bought bags of water balloons and bubbles. Each bag of water balloons cost $\$ 2.00$ and each bottle of bubbles cost $\$ 1.00$. They purchased 3 bags of water balloons and 5 bottles of bubbles. How much money did they spend? <br> $$
\begin{gathered} 2.00 \times 3=\$ 6.00 \\ 1.00 \times 5=\$ 5.00 \\ 6.00+5.00=\$ 11.00 \end{gathered}
$$

3. There were 34 people at the barbecue. 19 people are adults, and they ate hamburgers. The rest of the people are kids. If each kid ate 2 hot dogs, how many hot dogs were eaten?

$$
34-19=15
$$

$$
15 \times 2=30 \text { hot dogs }
$$

2. To prepare for swim team tryouts, Leann swam in the pool. On Monday, she swam for 24 minutes. On Tuesday, she swam for 18 minutes. On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, she swam for 30 minutes each day. How many minutes did Leann swim this week?

$$
\begin{gathered}
24+18=42 \\
30+30+30=90 \\
42+90=132 \text { minutes }
\end{gathered}
$$

4. On a beautiful day, there are 65 cars in the beach parking lot. 26 more cars parked in the parking lot before noon, but 17 cars left. How many cars are in the beach parking lot?

$$
\begin{gathered}
65+26=91 \\
91-17=74 \text { cars }
\end{gathered}
$$

5. Gracie and Eleanor played in the ocean. Their mom said they could play in the water for 45 minutes. First, they jumped into the waves for 13 minutes. Then, they floated on their backs for 7 minutes. How many more minutes can they play in the ocean?

$$
\begin{gathered}
45-13=32 \\
32-7=25 \text { minutes }
\end{gathered}
$$

## Word Problems Learning Check

## Directions: Solve the problems below. Be sure to show your work!

| 6. There are six crackers in each package. If the family brought seven packages on the road trip and had 4 crackers leftover, how many crackers did they eat? $\begin{gathered} 6 \times 7=42 \\ 42-4=38 \text { crackers } \end{gathered}$ | 7. Sasha made cups of lemonade to sell at her stand. She sold 9 cups of lemonade in the first hour. For each hour after that, she sold five cups. She was outside for a total of 4 hours. How many cups of lemonade did she sell? $\begin{gathered} 3 \times 5=15 \\ 15+9=24 \text { cups } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 8. The friends went strawberry picking for the birthday party. Erica picked 56 strawberries. Casey picked 47 strawberries. Katie picked 61 strawberries. Together, they ate 14 strawberries. How many strawberries did they pick all together? $\begin{gathered} 56+47=103 \\ 103+61=164 \text { strawberries } \end{gathered}$ | 9. Alyssa made 6 trays of popsicles. Each tray makes 8 popsicles. She gave 5 friends a popsicle. How many popsicles does she have left over? $\begin{gathered} 6 \times 8=48 \\ 48-5=43 \text { popsicles } \end{gathered}$ |

10. Summer camp has 80 kids in the program. They have 15 preschoolers and 40 elementary school kids. How many middle school kids are in the program?

$$
\begin{gathered}
80-15=65 \\
65-40=25 \text { middle schoolers }
\end{gathered}
$$

## Reading Comprehension: Game Show Story <br> Answer Key Order of Events

The sequence of events, or the order of the story, is the order in which events happen in the story. One event typically leads to another. Paying attention to the sequence of events in the story can help readers understand challenges and victories characters encounter in a story.

## Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions.

The hot air whipped in my face as I got out of the taxi in front of Studio B. The sun was shining and I regretted wearing the sweater I had packed. The flight across the country to Los Angeles had been long and nerve-wracking, and I could not study a minute longer about American presidents or the names of states. The game show, "Will You Win?", was in 2 hours, and I felt ready. At least, I hoped I was ready.
"Alexis, don't forget your pocket factbook. Did you finish studying the water cycle on the plane?" Mom asked.

I groaned. "No, I forgot that one on the bus yesterday. But, I feel ready. I can do this!" I tried to talk myself into it. The funding for our after-school program hung in the balance. "Ill read a bit more when I get to the green room," I assured her.

We walked into Studio B. I'd never been to a studio before and couldn't help staring at everything in the room. I didn't even notice my pocket factbook fall to the ground until a friendly face stood in front of me, holding it out to me.
"Hi! I'm Angie. Are you here for the game show?" she asked
"Uh, yeah. Yes." I stammered.
"Great! Come check out their library of facts! I'm sure the books will prepare us even more for the contest," she said as she pivoted quickly on her heels and walked down the hall.

I nodded at her gratefully. "Do you think they have any information on the water cycle?" I asked as I hurried behind her.

## 1. How did Alexis get to Los Angeles?

Answers may vary.

## He flew on an airplane with his mother.

## 2. Where did the taxi take Alexis and his mother?

## The taxi brought them to Studio 8.

3. How much longer until the game show starts?

## The game show starts in 2 hours.

4. Put these events in the order they occurred in the story. Number the events 1-8.
 Alexis met Angie.

Mom asked Alexis if he'd studied on the plane.
$\qquad$ Alexis walked towards the library.

Alexis and his mother arrived in Los Angeles.
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ 5
$\qquad$ The pocket factbook falls to the floor. 2 The taxi pulled in front of Studio B.

## Punctuation: Commas Answer Key

Insert commas in the sentences below.
Remember that commas are needed when:

1) Listing a series: I ate a hot dog, ice cream, a burger and soda.
2) Before conjunctions: I slept all summer, but still felt accomplished.
3) After parentheses: "I don't want summer to end," Kyle sighed.
4) After introductory elements: As a child, my favorite part of summer was not having to go to school.
1. This summer I am going to read, play with friends,and go to the beach.
2. Watermelon, a refreshing fruit, is nice to eat on a hot day.
3. My ice cream, which is chocolate flavored, is melting fast.
4. I will miss my friends, I but will enjoy the break from school.
5. The baseball game, which started at 5 , was the perfect way to spend a summer evening.
6. While we were at the market, mom and dad bought food for the July 4th barbeque.
7. "I would like to invite you to my pool party, " my friend Veronica said.
8. My brother, grandma, and aunt bought root beer floats.
9. Although I don't want to get sunburnt, I like laying out on the grass.
10. Since we are expecting crowds at the boardwalk, we plan to arrive early.
11. Sunny Stroll, the local pier, is always a fun place to go during summer evenings.
12. I bought new shorts, sunglasses, swimsuits,and tank tops for the summer weather.
13. Our summer reading list includes Maniac Magee, A Wrinkle in Time, and Tuck Everlasting.
14. I will be sad when summer ends, but I look forward to the new school year.

Answer key
Hundreds Board Challenge
The shaded area makes a smiley face.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 |
| 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 |
| 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 |
| 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 |
| 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 |
| 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |

## Reading Comprehension: Game Show Story

## Answer Key Remember Details

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions.
Alexis and Angie stood with all the other contestants of the "Who Will Win?" game show. They thought about what was at stake. They thought about the prize money and about all the people that would be watching them on the television. There was excitement in the air, but a nervous energy as well. They still had to deal with the pesky dance or acting challenge if they answered a question incorrectly.

In the "Who Will Win?" game show, the host asks questions about random facts. The contestants need to answer before the other person to win a point. If they answer incorrectly, the contestant needs to dance or act out a famous scene from a movie of their choice. Then, the audience votes to give the contestant another chance. All the contestants dread hearing a boo from the audience.

The first round began and Angie faced off with another contestant, Harvey. The crowd cheered as Angie answered question after question correctly. Harvey didn't even get a chance to answer any questions before Angie got 3 correct answers and eliminated him. He practically ran off the set with a relieved look on his face.

Alexis anxiously stepped up to the contestant table during the third round. Angie had dominated the competition in round one and two. Now it was his turn to face off with her. Everyone in the room could see his smile when the host announced the last category would be about the water cycle. Alexis grabbed the buzzer. He was ready to answer the first question.

## 1. Who won the first round of the competition?

## Angie won the first round.

2. What was the topic of the third round?

## The topic of the third round was the water cycle.

3. In what round did the contestants answer all the questions correctly?

## In the first round, the contestants answered all the questions correctly.

4. What do contestants need to do when they answer a question incorrectly?

## They need to dance or act out a famous movie if they answer incorrectly.

5. How many total rounds did they have to play?

## They played three rounds in the game show.

6. How did Harvey feel when he was eliminated?

## He felt relieved when he was eliminated in the first round.

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## Answerkey P|ural Nouns

Read the rules for converting nouns with a variety of endings into plural nouns, then use the chart to write the plural form of each noun.

| Noun ending in: | Make plural by: |
| :---: | :---: |
| ch, sh, ss, $x, z z$ | adding -es |
| y | dropping the y and adding -ies |
| f or fe | dropping the f and adding -ves |

1. sky skies
2. fly flies
3. party parties
4. thief thieves
5. wife wives
6. wolf wolves
7. class classes
8. canary canaries
9. spy spies
10. loss losses
11. berry berries
12. story stories
13. lunch lunches
14. wish wishes
15. beach beaches
16. box boxes
17. bush bushes
18. buzz buzzes
19. fox foxes
20. library libraries
21. pony ponies
22. mess messes
23. shelf shelves
24. calf calves
25. half halves
26. life lives
27. loaf loaves
28. knife knives
$\qquad$

## TWO-STEP ADDITION \& SUBTRACTION WORD PROBLEMS CHECK-IN

Directions: Solve the problems below. Be sure to show your work!

1. This morning, there were 26 fish in an aquarium and 32 fish in the other aquarium. At noon, 11 fish were sold. How many fish are left in the aquariums?

$$
26+32=58
$$

58-11 = 47 fish
2. There are 52 cars in the movie theater parking lot. 12 more cars parked in the parking lot before the movie started, but 3 cars left. How many cars are in the parking lot?

$$
\begin{gathered}
52+12=64 \\
64-3=61 \text { cars }
\end{gathered}
$$

3. There are 44 people on the train. At the first stop, 16 more people got on the train. 9 people got off the train. How many people are on the train?

60-9 = 51 people
4. There were 18 volleyballs in the bag. There were 13 volleyballs in the basket. 10 balls were used for practice. How many volleyballs were not used?

$$
18+13=31
$$

31-10 = 21 volleyballs
5. My mom baked 36 cookies for the bake sale. I baked 24 cookies. My brother ate 5 cookies. How many cookies are there for the bake sale?

$$
\begin{gathered}
36+24=60 \\
60-5=55 \text { cookies }
\end{gathered}
$$



## Answerkey Pair the Cause and Effect

Cause and effect are connected events.

A cause is the first event and the effect is the second event, or resulting action, that happens after the cause.

| First: | Then: |
| :---: | :--- |
| Emilio forgot his <br> house key at school. | So, he went to his <br> friend's house while <br> he waited for his <br> parents to come <br> home. |

Directions: Read the events. Draw a line connecting the cause to the effect. Then, copy them in the correct location on the T-chart.

1. Sasha had to do school work A. Joshua didn't get his birthday during lunch
2. I wanted to go back home
3. Since I knew my friends were performing their poetry,
4. Because the mail was late
5. The reason I didn't go to practice is card on his birthday.
B. because she didn't bring her homework to school.
C. I went to the auditorium to hear the show.
D. because I needed to finish my homework.
E. since I did not feel welcomed at the party.

| Cause | Effect |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1. (B) because she didn't bring her <br> homework to school. | 1. Sasha had to do school work during <br> lunch |
| 2. (E) since I did not feel welcomed at <br> the party. | 2. I wanted to go back home |
| 3. Since I knew my friends were <br> performing their poetry, | 3. (C) I went to the auditorium to hear <br> the show. |
| 4. Because the mail was late | 4. (A) Joshua didn't get his birthday |
| card on his birthday. |  |
| 5. (D) because I needed to finish my | 5. The reason I didn't go to practice is |

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## Answer Key

## Reading for Comprehension: Cause and Effect

A cause is something that makes something else happen. It is the reason for the effect.

It answers the question, "Why did this happen?"


Directions: Read the passage below. Then, answer the questions that follow.

School starts in a week and today is the day we go shopping for school supplies! I told my mom that I didn't need new supplies this year. I loved my backpack from last year because it had a picture of Topaz, my favorite rock singer. It even had her autograph across the bottom of her picture! I couldn't wait to get it out and check my supplies.

When I pulled out my backpack from the back of my closet, I was horrified at how dirty it was. Somehow, over the summer, I had forgotten that the backpack wasn't in good shape. A strap was broken, the color was faded, and the zipper was stuck. There was a dark spot right on Topaz's chin and you could hardly read her signature any more.

When I looked inside, I found papers that were stuck together from an open glue bottle. I wondered who took the cap off of my glue bottle. There was a library book I borrowed and forgot to return. My markers had escaped from the box and the caps were mysteriously missing. My lucky pencil was too short to write with anymore. How did this happen?

I discovered the dark spot on Topaz's chin was from the cupcake I packed away from the end-of-the-year picnic. The frosting melted all over my notebooks and scissors. I decided it was time to make my list of new school supplies.

1. Why did the main character think she could use her old school supplies?

Because she loved her backpack from last year.
2. What caused the main character to change her mind about getting new school supplies? When she realized that her backpack and supplies were in a state of disrepair.
3. What caused the dark spot on the backpack?

A melted cupcake.
4. Why were the papers stuck together in the backpack?

An open glue bottle had leaked on them.

## 5. Why was there a library book inside the backpack?

The main character had forgotten to return it.

## Subject / Verb Agreement

## With Gabriella Grammar

Hi! I'm Gabriella Grammar. Let's learn about subject and verb agreement together! The subject and verb must agree in number: both must be singular, or both must be plural. For example:

Singular --> The dog chases the cat
Plural --> The dogs chase the cat
Circle the verb that correctly completes each sentence.


1. The four aliens eat green goo inside their spaceship.
2. My dinosaur leaps onto the trampoline.
3. Those cars make a loud sound as they race around the track.
4. One of his sisters plays the trombone.
5. I drink milkshakes to cool down on hot summer days.
6. Our hamburgers taste so delicious!
7. Mrs. Lane, my teacher, wants us to finish our homework before the big game.
eat eats
leap leaps
make makes
play plays
drink drinks
taste tastes
want wants

Circle the correct verb and complete the sentence.

1. The elephant (bring brings)
2. Sarah (win wins)
3. All the princes and princesses (eateats )
$\qquad$

## TWO-STEP ADDITION \& SUBTRACTION WORD PROBLEMS CHECK-IN

Directions: Solve the problems below. Be sure to show your work!
6. Jeremiah's class collected 61 cans for the food drive. Jennifer's class collected 73 cans. 14 cans fell off the table and had to be thrown away. How many cans did they have left?
$61+73=134$
134-14 = 120 cans
7. McKenzie had 50 dollars. She spent 37 dollars. Then she earned 20 more dollars. How many dollars does she have?

50-37 = 13
$13+20=33$ dollars
8. There were 27 pieces of candy in the bag. The boy bought 14 more pieces of candy. He ate 12 pieces. How much candy does he have left?

$$
\begin{gathered}
27+14=41 \\
41-12=29 \text { pieces }
\end{gathered}
$$

9. Mickey earned 92 points in his game. The second time he played it, he lost 43 points. Then he earned 75 points. How many points does Mickey have?

$$
92-43=49
$$

$49+75=124$ points
10. There were 94 people at the football game. 34 more people came to watch the game. 16 people left early. How many people were at the football game?
$94+34=128$
128-16-112 people

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## COMPARING TWO STORIES

Directions: Read the two stories below. Then complete the graphic organizer.

|  | Story 1 | Story 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Characters | Pierre is a runner who is nervous to try out for the track team. | Francesca is a swimmer who is nervous for a big swim meet coming up. |
| Setting | Pierre is at track team tryouts at the middle school. | Francesca is at the middle school and the swim meet. |
| Problem | Pierre is too nervous to run in the races at tryouts. | Francesca gets sick the week of the big swim meet. |
| Events | The track coach gives Pierre an encouraging word and helps Pierre to calm down and focus. | Francesca has to go home sick from school and rest. She sleeps off the sickness. |
| Solution | Pierre wins the race during tryouts and makes the team. | Francesca breaks a school record and leads her team to victory against their rival team. |
| Theme | Hard work pays off. | Sometimes what you think is a bad thing actually turns out to be a good thing. |

# Answer Key Context Clues <br> Finding Word Meanings 

Name:
Date:

Read the sentences below. Read the underlined word in the sentence. Circle the answer choice that has the same meaning as the underlined word.

1. The student replied to the teacher with a witty answer and the class laughed.
A. funny
B. mean
C. word
2. I looked at my brother with a glare after he broke my toy.
A. confusing
B. dirty look
C. difficult
3. Fireworks on the 4th of July give off a beautiful glimmer in the sky.
A. glow
B. bright
C. look
4. When we go camping, my father will ignite the fire so we can roast marshmallows.
A. start
B. call
C. see
5. He chose to delete the unhealthy foods from his meal and make better choices.
A. include
B. make more
C. remove
6. My grandpa will doze during television shows he watches when he is tired.
A. cheer
B. nap
C. discuss
7. The curious puppy emptied the bag while he sniffed around looking for something to chew.
A. problem
B. interested
C. happy
8. Each day during the spring there is a slight increase in temperature until summer arrives.
A. small
B. increase
C. bright
9. The tower will topple if it has too much weight at the top.
A. pounds
B. grow
C. fall over
10. The students who put in the best effort will be included in the celebration.
A. attitude
B. hard work
C. completion
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## Missing Digits: Addition and Subtraction

Directions: Find the missing digits in the following problems. Place your answers in the boxes provided.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 2.356 \text { 2. } \begin{array}{r}
686 \\
+\quad 241 \\
\hline 2597
\end{array} \\
& \hline \quad 34 \sqrt{43} \\
& \hline 39
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\text { 3. } \begin{array}{r}
796 \\
+384 \\
\hline 1 \boxed{180}
\end{array}
$$

4. 372

$$
\text { 5. } 475
$$



$$
+395
$$

$$
870
$$

## Math Puzzle Boxes Answer Key

Each puzzle contains the numbers 1-9. Each column and each row add up to the number given outside the boxes. Put the correct number in each box to complete the addition equations without repeating any numbers.

| $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | 9 | 15 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 7 | $\mathbf{5}$ | 8 | 20 |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | 6 | 10 |
| 14 | 8 | 23 |  |
|  |  |  |  |


| 7 | 6 | $\mathbf{2}$ | 15 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 5 | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | 10 |
| $\mathbf{8}$ | 3 | 9 | 20 |
| 20 | 13 | 12 |  |


| 2 | $\mathbf{5}$ | 4 | 11 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{9}$ | 3 | 8 | 20 |
| 7 | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | 14 |
| 18 | 14 | 13 |  |


| $\mathbf{3}$ | 9 | 4 | 16 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 5 | $\mathbf{7}$ | 13 |
| $\mathbf{8}$ | 2 | 6 | 16 |
| 12 | 16 | 17 |  |


| 8 | $\mathbf{5}$ | 2 | 15 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | 6 | 7 | 16 |
| 1 | $\mathbf{9}$ | 4 | 14 |
| 12 | 20 | 13 |  |


| $\mathbf{8}$ | 2 | 7 | 17 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 5 | $\mathbf{1}$ | 9 | 15 |
| 6 | $\mathbf{4}$ | 3 | 13 |
| 19 | 7 | 19 |  |
|  |  |  |  |


| $\mathbf{2}$ | 5 | 8 | 15 | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ | 1 | 13 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 16 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 9 | $\mathbf{4}$ | 1 | 14 | $\mathbf{2}$ | 6 | 7 | 15 | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | 4 | 11 |
| 3 | 7 | $\mathbf{6}$ | 16 | 9 | $\mathbf{5}$ | 3 | 17 | 2 | 7 | $\mathbf{9}$ | 18 |
| 14 | 16 | 15 |  | 15 | 19 | 11 |  | 16 | 13 | 16 |  |




## Color it in!

Color the mountains purple.
Color the water blue.

Color the capitals yellow.
Color the forests green.

## Use the map and legend to answer the questions below.

1. What is the population of Bear Island?

20,000
2. What is the population of Stone Island?

5,000
3. Use the compass on the map to find out which direction you would travel to go to Bear Island from Nature Island.

North
4. Use the distance meter on the map to find out how many miles you have to travel to go from the capital of Bear Island to the capital of Nature Island.

About 100 miles
5. How many more mountains are there on Bear Island than Stone Island?

One more mountain on Bear Island than on Stone Island.
6. Are there more forests on Bear Island or Nature Island?

Bear Island

## INTERMEDIATE DIRECTIONS



1. LABEL the compass rose with the cardinal and intermediate directions.
2. Amy is a police officer and goes to the grocery store after work. What direction should she travel in to go to the grocery store?
A. Northwest
B. South
C. Southwest
D. Northeast
3. Cindy goes to the park after school. What direction should she travel in to get to the park?
A. Southeast
B. South
C. Southwest
D. Northeast
4. Charles lives on Brick Street. He needs to head in what direction to go to the grocery store?
A. North
B. Northwest
C. Northeast
D. Northsouth
5. Dave is a train conductor. He wants to meet an old friend at the Clarita River during his break. In what direction should he travel to go to the river?
A. Southwest
B. Northeast
C. Northwest
D. Southeast
6. Rika is a teacher and takes the train home. In what direction should she travel to get to the train station?
A. Northeast
B. Southeast
C. Southwest
D. Northwest
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# Nonfiction Text Features: Wild, Wild Weather 

Text features help a reader navigate the text. They give more information about the text.
Examples: illustrations, photographs, captions, maps, charts, graphs, headings, table of contents, side bar

## Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions that follow

I.What information does the map show?

The map shows the location of Tornado Alley in the United States.
2.What does the diagram show?

The diagram shows the shape of a tornado and the different parts of it.
3.What information can you gather from the caption under the picture?

The caption explains that tornadoes can take different shapes.
4. Complete a T-Chart to record information about the two types of wild weather.

| Tornado | Waterspout |
| :--- | :--- |
| -form over land | -form over water |
| -mostly in Tornado Alley | -can pick things up and move them other places |
| -they form out of thunderstorms | -can be a problem if they move onto land |
| -cause destruction |  |

5.Why does the author use headings in this nonfiction text?

The author uses the headings in a nonfiction text to separate and organize information. The headings help the reader know what the section will be mostly about. In this text, there is a section about tornadoes and a section about waterspouts.

Name: $\qquad$ Date: $\qquad$

## Answer Key Concept Web

Directions: Place the word or topic in the center oval. Then, write details about the topic in the remaining ovals. Lastly, place headings at the top of each oval to give more information about your details.


Write about it! Describe your concept web. Be sure to write about the central topic and the details about the topic.
In the center of my concept web, I wrote the word shark because it's my main topic.
In the detail ovals, I included facts about sharks in general. I have details about
sharks being in danger, their size, their pups, and where they live. I also included information about cool sharks, like ones that look different and ones that are fast.

