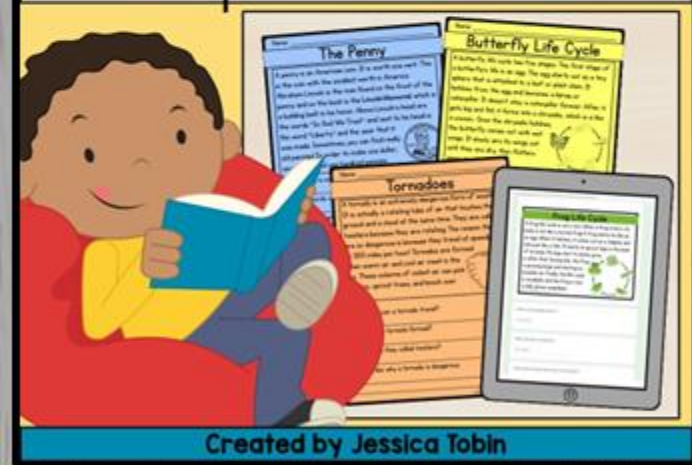


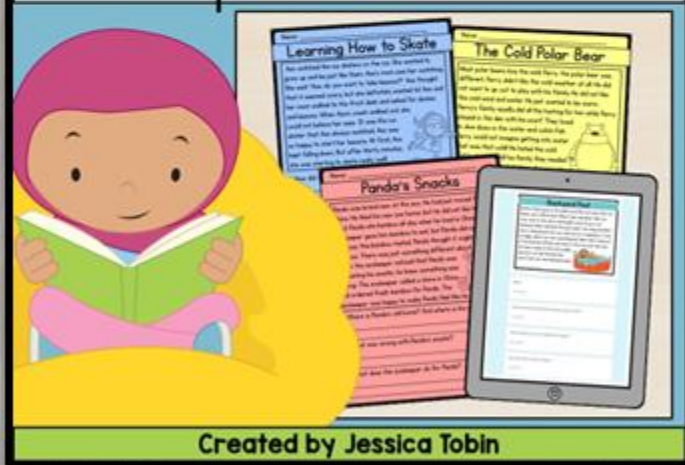
# COMPREHENSION

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# Nonfiction Passages

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Arctic

If someone went to the Arctic, they would be extremely cold. The Arctic is freezing! The reason that it is so cold is because it is the northernmost part of the Earth. This means it is farthest away from the Equator, which is the hottest part of the Earth. The Arctic is covered in ice oceans and snow. Winter in the Arctic never has any sunshine, so it is always dark and usually about  $-50^{\circ}\text{F}$ . Freezing temperatures is  $32^{\circ}\text{F}$ , so these temperatures are way worse than winter in our country.




1. What is the Arctic covered in?
2. What is different
3. What is the Equator
4. Describe the weather

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Tornadoes

A tornado is an extremely dangerous form of weather. It is actually a rotating tube of air that touches the ground and a cloud at the same time. They are called twisters because they are rotating. The reason they are so dangerous is because they travel at speeds up to 300 miles per hour! Tornadoes are formed when warm air and cool air meet in the sky. These columns of violent air can pick up cars, uproot trees, and knock over buildings.




1. How fast can a tornado travel?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Fish

A fish is a type of animal. There are special characteristics that only fish have. One of these characteristics is gills. Fish have gills that help them breathe underwater. Gills are slits on a fish's body that helps them breathe. Another special characteristic about fish is that they have to live underwater or they will not survive. They are cold-blooded animals. There are hundreds of different types of fish. Some examples are bass, barracuda, piranha, shark, goldfish, and angelfish.




1. What are gills?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Butterfly Life Cycle

A butterfly life cycle has five stages. The first stage of a butterfly's life is an egg. The egg starts out as a tiny sphere that is attached to a leaf or plant stem. It hatches from the egg and becomes a larva, or caterpillar. It doesn't stay a caterpillar forever. After it gets big and fat, it forms into a chrysalis, which is like a cocoon. Once the chrysalis hatches, the butterfly comes out with wet wings. It slowly dries its wings out until they are dry, then flutters away as a butterfly.




1. What is another stage of a butterfly's life cycle?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Penny

A penny is an American coin. It is worth one cent. This is the coin with the smallest worth in America. Abraham Lincoln is the man found on the front of the penny and on the back is the Lincoln Memorial, which is a building built in his honor. Above Lincoln's head are the words "In God We Trust" and next to his head is the word "Liberty" and the year that it was made. Sometimes, you can find really old pennies! In order to make one dollar, you would need one hundred pennies.




1. How much is one penny worth?
2. What words can you find on the top of the penny?
3. How many pennies make one dollar?
4. What pictures are on the front and back of the penny?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Stars

Stars shine in the night sky. To a human eye, stars look like little twinkling dots in the dark sky. In reality, stars are huge balls of gas or fire. Did you know that the sun is actually a star? It is just the closest star to the earth, which is why it looks like it is the biggest. Some stars in the night sky are gathered together in constellations. A constellation is a group of stars found in a specific spot in space. Some popular constellations are the Big Dipper and the Little Dipper.




1. What is a constellation?
2. What is a star?
3. What is the closest star to the earth?
4. What do stars look like to the human eye?

# Fiction Passages

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## My Masterpiece

Art class was always the hardest part of my week. I never liked going because I was not good at art at all. Today was going to be the worst. Our teacher told us we are going to be painting. I knew that I would be bad at this! My art teacher saw me sitting at my desk looking sad, so she came to talk to me. She told me to just have fun in her class. She said that the more fun I have when I do art, the better my art will be. I started painting. My teacher was right! I was having fun and this was the best artwork I had made all year.



1. Why doesn't she like going to art class?  
\_\_\_\_\_


2. How does she feel better?  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. How does she feel?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Career Day

Next Friday was Career Day. It was Ms. Adams' favorite day of the year. The students brought their parents in to talk about their jobs. Ms. Adams' husband came in on Career Day, too. He was a construction worker. So far, a chef, a lawyer, and a librarian had signed up to visit their classroom. This morning, Ms. Adams was shocked when she was looking through the Career Day papers. She saw two careers that had never been to her class before. A clown and a circus performer had signed up to come talk at Career Day!



1. What does Ms. Adams love every year?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Cold Polar Bear


Most polar bears love the cold. Perry the polar bear was different. Perry didn't like the cold weather at all. He did not want to go out to play with his family. He did not like the cold wind and water. He just wanted to be warm. Perry's family usually did all the hunting for him while Perry stayed in the den with his scarf. They loved to dive down in the water and catch fish. Perry could not imagine getting into water that was that cold! He hated the cold and he tried to tell his family to move to a warmer place.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Learning How to Skate

Ava watched the ice skaters on the ice. She wanted to grow up and be just like them. Ava's mom saw her watching. She said "Ava, do you want to take lessons?" Ava thought that it seemed scary, but she definitely wanted to! Ava and her mom walked to the front desk and asked for skates and lessons. When Ava's coach walked out, she could not believe her eyes. It was the ice skater that Ava always watched. Ava was so happy to start her lessons. At first, Ava kept falling down. But after that, she was able to skate.




1. How did Ava feel when she started her lessons?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Picnic Surprise

Mom, Dad, and Zack went to have a picnic at the park. When they got to the park, they set down their basket and went to swing for a little bit. When they came back to their basket, they saw bread crumbs and pretzels laying around their basket. Dad stopped the family and told them to wait there. Dad slowly walked up to the basket and opened the lid. All of a sudden, a squirrel jumped out of the basket and ran away. Mom, Dad, and Zack all laughed and walked to clean up the squirrel's mess.



1. Where is the family and why did they go there?  
\_\_\_\_\_


2. Why do you think Dad made them stay back?  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. What happened to their food?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Panda's Snacks

Panda was brand new at the zoo. He had just moved from China. He liked his new zoo home, but he did not like his food. Panda ate bamboo all day when he lived in China. The zookeeper gave him bamboo to eat, but Panda did not like the way this bamboo tasted. Panda thought it might be fake bamboo. There was just something different about it. When the zookeeper noticed that Panda was not eating his snacks, he knew something was wrong. The zookeeper called a store in China and ordered fresh bamboo for Panda. The zookeeper was happy to make Panda feel like he is home.



1. Where is Panda's old home? And where is his new home?  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. What was wrong with Panda's snacks?  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. What does the zookeeper do for Panda?  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Nonfiction Passages

## Thunderstorms

During a thunderstorm is a dangerous time to be outside. In a thunderstorm, there are many different types of weather. Some of these are rain, wind, hail, thunder, and lightning. Lightning is the electricity that appears to be a long white or yellow rod that touches the earth. Thunder is the noise that rumbles or cracks during a thunderstorm. Thunderstorms happen most often in the spring because the weather is changing.

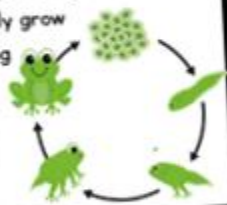


What is the passage about? \*

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_

## Frog Life Cycle

A frog life cycle is very rare. When a frog is born, its body is not like a normal frog! A frog starts its life as an egg. When it hatches, it comes out as a tadpole and acts just like a fish. It starts to sprout legs in the back of its body. Its legs start to slowly grow in after that. During this, the frog is growing lungs and starting to breathe air. Finally, the life cycle is complete and the frog is now a fully grown amphibian.



What is the passage about? \*

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_

Write one fact you learned. \*

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_

What does a frog act like when it is first born? \*

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_



# Fiction Passages

## Backyard Pool

Keith's family goes to the public pool. My mom says that our family can't afford that. When I got sad about that, my mom went to the store and bought a pool to go in our backyard. Mom said that the pool wasn't very big and didn't have a diving board, but we could use our imagination. I was so happy about our new swimming pool. Mom and I hung out in the backyard all day and swam in the new pool. We may not have a pass to the city's public pool, but we had the best day ever! I love our new backyard pool.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_

What does Keith have that the character does not have? \*

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_

What does the mom do to make the boy happy? \*

## Losing the Kite

It was the first day of spring. Ann and Mike were headed to the park to fly their kites. They decided to have a contest to see who could get their kite the highest. Ann and Mike threw their kites into the air, unwrapped the strings, and started running into the wind. Both of their kites started moving up into the sky. So far, Mike's kite was higher. Ann wanted hers to go that high, too. So Ann unwrapped a little bit more of her string. Oops! When Ann was unwrapping all the string, she dropped the handle and her kite flew away into the sky.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_

What did Ann and Mike decide to do? \*

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_

What steps did Ann and Mike take to get their kites up? \*

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_

What happened to Ann's kite? \*

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_