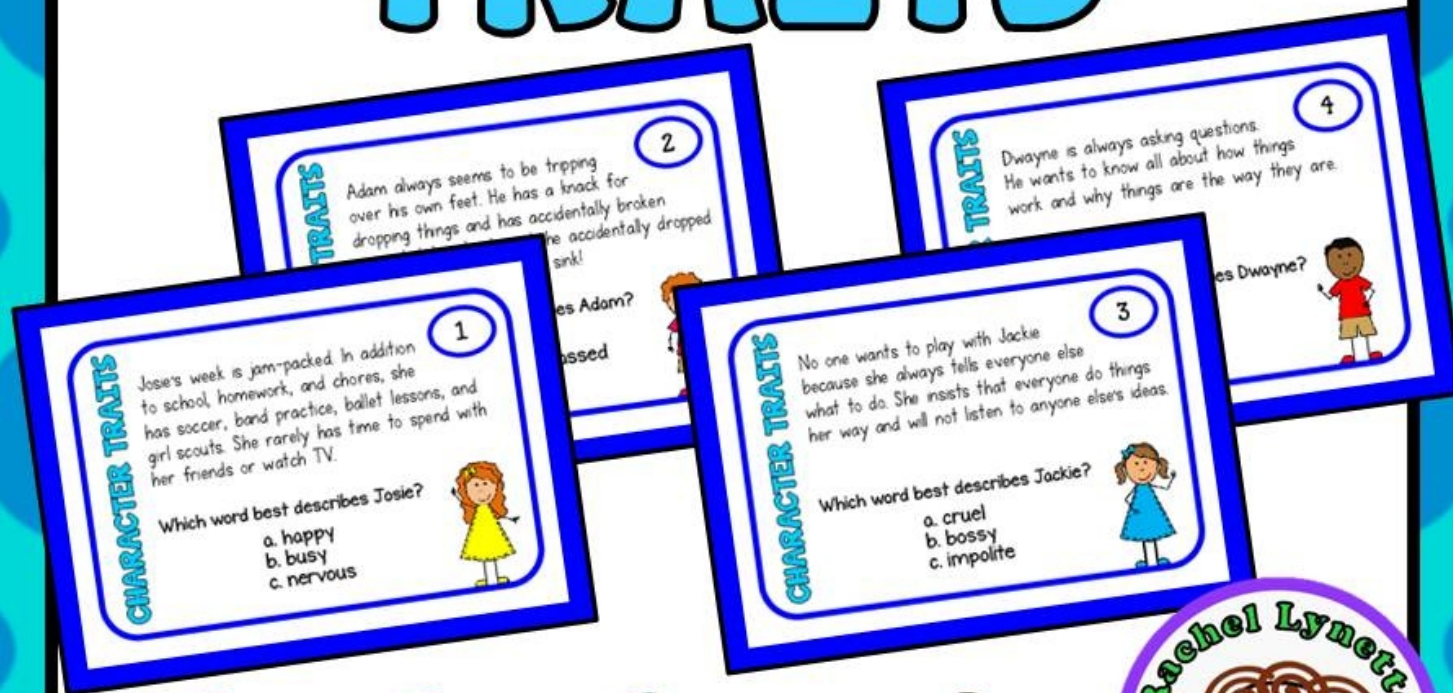


Grades 3-5

32 short story cards to practice
inference

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Task Cards



CHARACTER TRAITS TASK CARDS

Use these 32 multiple choice task cards to have your students practice inferring character traits. Students can use these cards individually at a center, or they could also test each other in pairs. A student answer sheet and an answer key are included. If you want your students to go a little deeper, there is also a challenge card that can be used with any other card in this set. This card can be answered either verbally or on notebook paper.

These task cards will work well for reading strategy centers, stations, for partner work, or as homework assignments. The multiple choice format makes these cards ideal for test prep too! Another option is to use the cards with the whole class for the game SCOOT.

These cards will look best in color, but will also print out fine in grayscale. Simply print and cut along the guidelines. Laminate and use them again and again. Alternatively, you could print on cardstock. It works well to keep them in a baggie. Another option is to hole-punch a corner of each card and put them all on a ring. A cover card for this set is also included for you to label the baggie or box where you keep the cards.

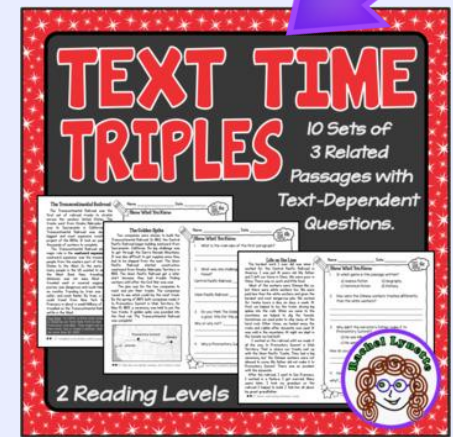
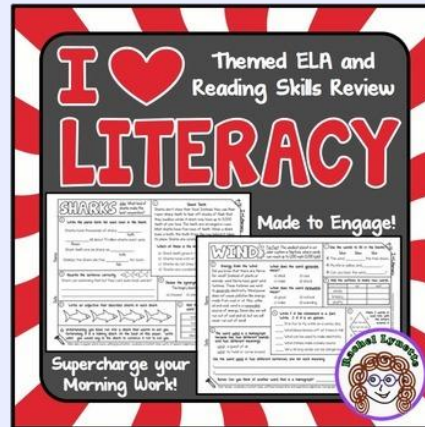
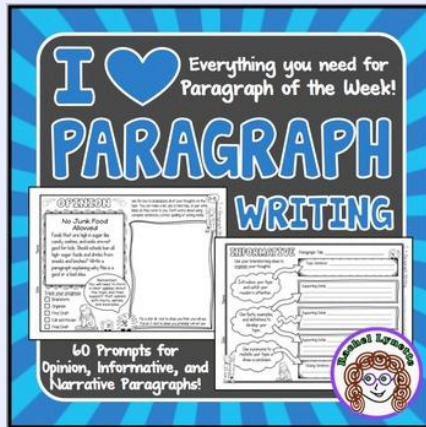
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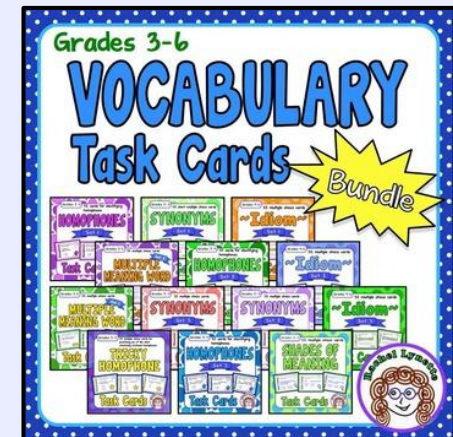


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1

Josie's week is jam-packed. In addition to school, homework, and chores, she has soccer, band practice, ballet lessons, and girl scouts. She rarely has time to spend with her friends or watch TV.

Which word best describes Josie?

- a. happy
- b. busy
- c. nervous



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2

Adam always seems to be tripping over his own feet. He has a knack for dropping things and has accidentally broken several dishes. Last week he accidentally dropped his dad's cell phone in the sink!

Which word best describes Adam?

- a. clumsy
- b. embarrassed
- c. funny



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3

No one wants to play with Jackie because she always tells everyone else what to do. She insists that everyone do things her way and will not listen to anyone else's ideas.

Which word best describes Jackie?

- a. cruel
- b. bossy
- c. impolite



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4

Dwayne is always asking questions. He wants to know all about how things work and why things are the way they are.

Which word best describes Dwayne?

- a. weird
- b. creative
- c. curious



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5

Carlos always seems to have a smile on his face. Nothing seems to get him down. When the baseball game that he had been looking forward to got cancelled because of rain, Carlos said it would give him a chance to catch up on his reading.

Which word best describes Carlos?

- a. cheerful
- b. negative
- c. silly



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6

Miranda doesn't mind doing chores around the house. Sometimes, she does the dishes without even being asked. She also spends time helping her little sister with her homework.

Which word best describes Miranda?

- a. generous
- b. helpful
- c. proud



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7

Thomas pushed his way to the front of the line. He grabbed his lunch tray without saying, "Thank you," to the server. While he was eating, he talked with his mouth full, and he left a mess of crumbs when he was done.

Which word best describes Thomas?

- a. rude
- b. disgusting
- c. hungry



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8

Ana always tells the truth. She never cheats on her tests or homework. When the check out lady at the store gave her too much change, Ana gave the extra back.

Which word best describes Ana?

- a. nice
- b. loyal
- c. honest



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9

It seems like whenever there is work to be done, Isabel is nowhere to be found. She often says that she will do a task, but then she never does. She spends most of her free time watching TV.

Which word best describes Isabel?

- a. lazy
- b. busy
- c. dishonest



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10

Cara loves to play pretend games with her friends. She also enjoys writing stories. Cara has created a whole world full of dragons, unicorns, trolls, and fairies.

Which word best describes Cara?

- a. stubborn
- b. imaginative
- c. logical



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11

Even though there are two other kids running for class president, Tyler is sure he will win. He is the best person for the job and all of his classmates know it.

Which word best describes Tyler?

- a. reliable
- b. successful
- c. confident



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12

Jenna often makes fun of Sasha. She tries to get her friends to make fun of her too. She tells everyone that Sasha is stupid and that her clothes are ugly. If another girl tries to play with Sasha, Jenna makes fun of her too.

Which word best describes Jenna?

- a. mean
- b. selfish
- c. bored



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13

Luke's room looks like it was hit by a tornado. There are dirty clothes all over the floor. His desk is covered with papers, candy wrappers, and soda cans. Even his bed is a mountain of clothes, pillows, and stuffed animals.

Which word best describes Luke?

- a. tidy
- b. tired
- c. messy



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14

Every night, Emily picks out her outfit for the next day. Then she packs her backpack and double checks to make sure she has everything she needs. She always keeps a few spare pencils and plenty of extra notebook paper in her backpack, just in case.

Which word best describes Emily?

- a. prepared
- b. frightened
- c. protective



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15

Alex is always making jokes. He can make almost anyone laugh. He can also make the most amazing silly faces.

Which word best describes Alex?

- a. funny
- b. strange
- c. shy



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16

Natalie asked her mother for the tenth time if it was time to go to the beach yet. She had been waiting all morning and could hardly stand it!

Which word best describes Natalie?

- a. angry
- b. impatient
- c. energetic



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17

Cyndi usually gets whatever she wants. If she asks for something and her parents say no, she just throws a temper tantrum until they give in and buy it for her.

Which word best describes Cyndi?

- a. adorable
- b. annoying
- c. spoiled



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18

Mrs. Jones knows that she can always count on Brad to follow directions, finish his work or help a classmate. Brad's friends trust him to keep his promises. Brad's parents never have to ask him twice to do his chores or go to bed on time.

Which word best describes Brad?

- a. dependable
- b. loyal
- c. independent



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19

Bella will only eat certain foods and she likes them to be arranged on her plate in just the right way. She is also very particular about what she wears. She will not wear anything made from wool or spandex.

Which word best describes Bella?

- a. cranky
- b. brave
- c. picky



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20

Eddie almost always remembers to say "please," and "thank you." He has excellent table manners and is never rude.

Which word best describes Eddie?

- a. responsible
- b. polite
- c. trustworthy



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21

Last year, Mark's aunt went on a jungle safari in Africa. The year before that she took sky diving lessons. This summer she will be going on a white water river rafting trip and she has plans to start rock climbing too.

Which word best describes Mark's aunt?

- a. adventurous
- b. generous
- c. careless



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22

Jay makes sure that he always pays attention in class. He never doodles or daydreams. He knows that what the teacher is saying is important!

Which word best describes Jay?

- a. bored
- b. distracted
- c. attentive



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23

Mrs. Parsons expects her students to be on time every day. She does not accept late work, ever. During work times she requires absolute silence. Students who break the rules lose their recess time.

Which word best describes Mrs. Parsons?

- a. unfair
- b. strict
- c. cruel



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24

School has always been easy for Kayla. She seems to get good grades without hardly even trying. Her teacher gives her special advanced math work. Last year she won her school spelling bee and got first prize in the science fair.

Which word best describes Kayla?

- a. smart
- b. persistent
- c. lucky



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25

Shari is kind to everyone. Last week, when a new girl came to Shari's class, Shari showed her around the school and introduced her to all of her friends.

Which word best describes Shari?

- a. compassionate
- b. cheerful
- c. friendly



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26

Arthur spends most of the day looking down at the ground. He rarely talks to anyone, and when someone does ask him a question, he answers in a quiet voice that is hard to hear.

Which word best describes Arthur?

- a. stupid
- b. shy
- c. outgoing



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27

Allen stole Ben's cookies from his lunch bag. When Ben asked him about it, Allen lied. Later, Allen broke a glass. When his mother asked him who had broken the glass, Allen blamed his younger brother.

Which word best describes Allen?

- a. dishonest
- b. unfriendly
- c. trustworthy



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28

Mr. Cowen enjoys giving gifts to his family and friends. He also gives a lot of his money to charities to help people in need.

Which word best describes Mr. Cowen?

- a. helpful
- b. generous
- c. polite



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29

Kaisha does not take good care of her things. She often forgets to put things where they belong. Yesterday, she left her scooter in the driveway and her dad ran over it.

Which word best describes Kaisha?

- a. cautious
- b. inconsiderate
- c. careless



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30

Talia's grandma sent her a big box of cookies while she was at summer camp. The card said she could share them with the other girls in her group, but Talia did not share any of the cookies. She ate them all herself.

Which word best describes Talia?

- a. thoughtful
- b. selfish
- c. unhelpful



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31

Sally always makes people feel welcome when they come to visit. She stops whatever she is doing and gives her guests her full attention. Not only that, she always seems to have a plate of freshly baked cookies to offer.

Which word best describes Sally?

- a. hospitable
- b. lonely
- c. hostile



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32

Silas likes to keep things neat and orderly. He has a place for everything that he owns and he makes sure that whenever he is done using something, it goes right back where it belongs.

Which word best describes Silas?

- a. worried
- b. sloppy
- c. organized



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Challenge Card

In what ways are you like or not like the person described on the card?



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Task Cards Answer Key



1. b	2. a	3. b	4. c
5. a	6. b	7. a	8. c
9. a	10. b	11. c	12. a
13. c	14. a	15. a	16. b
17. c	18. a	19. c	20. b
21. a	22. c	23. b	24. a
25. c	26. b	27. a	28. b
29. c	30. b	31. a	32. c

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