

Grades 3-5

32 short story cards, each with a multiple choice question.

~~Setting~~ Task Cards

- ✓ Perfect for reading strategy centers
- ✓ Great for test prep and fast finishers.
- ✓ Recording sheet and answer key included



Setting Task Cards

Use these 32 Setting Task Cards to help students practice using their inference skills. Each of these cards features a short paragraph and one of these three multiple choice questions:

- Where does this take place?
- When does this take place?
- Which of these things would you be likely to see in this setting?

A student answer sheet and answer key is also included so that students can check their work. In addition, there is also a Challenge Card which can be used with any of the other cards to extend the activity. The Challenge Card asks students to justify their answers. These task will work well for test prep, reading strategy centers, partner work, or with the whole class using a game like Scoot.

These cards will look best in color, but will also print out fine in grayscale. Simply print and cut along the guidelines. Lamine and use them again and again. Alternatively, you could print on cardstock. It works well to keep them in a baggie, envelope, or folder. Another option is to hole-punch a corner of each card and put them all on a ring.

Correlated with Common Core Standard RL.1

RL.3.1. Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

RL.4.1. and **RL.5.1:** refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

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Setting

Ana carefully measured a cup of sugar and poured it into the big mixing bowl with the eggs and the butter. As she blended it all together, she thought about how good the cookies would taste.

1

Where does this take place?

- a. in an office
- b. in the kitchen
- c. at the fair
- d. in the basement

Setting

Cassie and Sam spent a long time working on their sand castle. It had four towers and a moat with a draw bridge. Then they went for a swim in the cool, salty water.

3

Which of these things would you be likely to see in this setting?

- a. knights
- b. flowers
- c. seashells
- d. candles

Setting

"I don't want to go to bed!" Brandon shouted, stamping his foot.

2

"It's already a few minutes past your bedtime," his mom replied. "Get into your pajamas quickly and we might have time to read, *Where the Wild Things Are.*"

When does this take place?

- a. at noon
- b. in the morning
- c. at night
- d. at midnight

Setting

"I'm going to be a pirate this year," said Derek. "What about you?"

4

"I'll be a vampire!" replied Emma. "We got the costume yesterday when we got our pumpkins."

When does this take place?

- a. October
- b. November
- c. April
- d. August

Setting

First, Sasha changed her shoes. Then she went to look for just the right ball. The one she found was blue and weighed 8 pounds. As Sasha sat down to wait for her turn, she wondered if this would be the day that she would finally get her first strike.

5

Where does this take place?

- a. in a bowling alley
- b. in a shoe store
- c. at a baseball field
- d. on a tennis court

Setting

Tyler took the shirt from the hanger and tried it on. "Too big," he thought to himself as he looked in the mirror. "Can you get me a smaller one in the same color?" he called to his mom.

7

Where does this take place?

- a. in a bedroom
- b. in a restaurant
- c. in a dressing room
- d. in a bathroom

Setting

Tomas spread out the blanket and helped his mother unpack the basket. There were turkey sandwiches, apples, potato chips, and cookies for dessert. Then he went to play Frisbee with his sister.

6

Which of these things would you be likely to see in this setting?

- a. penguins
- b. a stapler
- c. a traffic light
- d. ants

Setting

Tina crawled out of the tent. It was still cold out, but she could tell it was going to be a beautiful day. Dad was already starting to make a fire. "Anything I can do to help?" she asked.

8

When does this take place?

- a. at night
- b. at lunch time
- c. in the morning
- d. in the afternoon

Setting

Macy sat as still as she could. She could hear the snip, snip of the scissors as she watched locks of her hair fall to the floor. She hoped the lady would not make it too short.

9

Which of these things would you be likely to see in this setting?

- a. a glue stick
- b. a frying pan
- c. a baseball
- d. a comb

Setting

James looked at the bright green cast that now covered most of his right leg. "No more climbing trees for you, young man." said the doctor. James nodded. He was glad they would be going home soon.

11

Where does this take place?

- a. in a hospital
- b. at school
- c. at a park
- d. in the woods

Setting

When Ben got home from school, he ate three cookies with a glass of milk. Then he played with his dog, Rascal, for awhile before getting started on his homework.

10

When does this take place?

- a. in the morning
- b. at lunch time
- c. in the afternoon
- d. at night

Setting

"Okay, we need apples, milk, some cereal, and a carton of eggs," said Mom as she grabbed a cart.

12

Where does this take place?

- a. in toy store
- b. in a bookstore
- c. at a restaurant
- d. at a grocery store

Setting

Jessica carefully cut three red hearts from construction paper and glued them onto her box. Then she added some pink glitter. "Just two more days until the party," she thought.

When does this take place?

- a. January
- b. December
- c. February
- d. June

13

Setting

Even though they had only come for hamster food, Kylie headed straight for the puppies. They were so cute! Hamsters were okay, but she would much rather have a puppy, or even a kitten.

Where does this take place?

- a. at the zoo
- b. at a pet store
- c. in a cage
- d. at a toy store

14

Setting

Jake found his seat with the other clarinet players. He had just enough time to get his clarinet assembled before Mr. Holland, the band teacher, called them to attention.

Which of these things would you be likely to see in this setting?

- a. a jar of jam
- b. baseball bats
- c. a toothbrush
- d. a piano

15

Setting

Mr. Jones was working on a report for an important client when he got an email from his boss. There was going to be an important meeting in half an hour. Mr. Jones wondered if there would be doughnuts at the meeting.

Where does this take place?

- a. in an office
- b. at school
- c. in jail
- d. at a library

16

Setting

As Brian opened the door, sunlight flooded the small room. He grabbed a hoe that was leaning against the wall and headed back out to the garden without closing the door.

Which of these things would you be likely to see in this setting?

- a. a hammer
- b. a loaf of bread
- c. a balloon
- d. a rake

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Setting

Andrew followed his class from one large room to another. There was so much to see! In one room there were paintings on all of the walls. In another there were sculptures of people and animals.

Where does this take place?

- a. at the zoo
- b. in an artist's studio
- c. at school
- d. at a museum

18

Setting

James rubbed his freezing feet. Winter had hit Valley Forge hard and it was so cold! Many of the soldiers were sick and some had even died. James hoped General Washington would find a way to get more supplies soon.

When does this take place?

- a. 1778
- b. 1978
- c. 1500
- d. 2008

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Setting

Tony was so frightened he could hear his own heart beating! He walked slowly into the dark entryway. A door creaked open in front of him. He watched in horror as a ghost emerged and floated toward him.

Where does this take place?

- a. in a cave
- b. in a haunted house
- c. in a closet
- d. at a library

20

Setting

Caleb and Uncle Pete walked slowly up the dirt road. Their own footsteps and some croaking frogs from the pond nearby were the only sounds they could hear. Caleb could see the old, red barn in the distance.

21

Where does this take place?

- a. in the country
- b. in the city
- c. in a village
- d. in the woods

Setting

Kerri watched as a sudden breeze blew several leaves off the old maple tree. She picked one of them up. It was a beautiful shade of orange.

23

When does this take place?

- a. spring
- b. summer
- c. autumn
- d. winter

Setting

Claire looked at all of the yummy treats in the glass case. There were doughnuts, muffins, brownies, cupcakes, and cookies. Grandma had said to pick one treat. What should she get?

22

Which of these things would you be likely to see in this setting?

- a. a flashlight
- b. napkins
- c. a tennis racquet
- d. paperclips

Setting

After they bought popcorn and soda, Jacob and Lauren found seats near the front. Lauren was excited, but Jacob was a little nervous. He had heard that this one was really scary.

24

Where does this take place?

- a. in an office
- b. in the living room
- c. at the movies
- d. at a baseball game

Settings

Antonio watched the houses speed by through the window. Most of the other kids were talking and laughing, but Antonio just wanted to get home to his grandfather. Just a few more minutes and it would be his stop.

Where does this take place?

- a. on a plane
- b. in a classroom
- c. on a bus
- d. at a fair

25

Settings

Ryan was last in line on the narrow trail. Instead of looking at the trees all around him, he kept his eyes trained on the pack of the boy in front of him. He hoped they would get to the campsite soon!

Which of these things would you be likely to see in this setting?

- a. a camel
- b. a toaster
- c. a car
- d. wildflowers

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Settings

Dwayne looked at the map again. He could see the Eifel Tower, but he still could not figure out where his hotel was. No one he asked could speak English and he did not know how to speak French.

Where does this take place?

- a. on a farm
- b. in France
- c. in Italy
- d. on a train

26

Settings

Cinderella could hear the clock striking the hour as she ran down the palace steps. Within the minute her beautiful gown had turned to rags.

When does this take place?

- a. noon
- b. 9:00
- c. midnight
- d. dawn

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Setting

Julie leaned forward in her seat as the lady on the trapeze let go, did a flip in the air, and was caught by another trapeze artist. "How do they do that?" She wondered. Everyone cheered as the performers waved to the crowd.

Where does this take place?

- a. at a circus
- b. at a zoo
- c. at a parade
- d. on a train

29

Setting

Mrs. Craig stood in the long line tapping her foot impatiently. She had a package to mail to her aunt across the country and she wanted to buy some stamps too.

Where does this take place?

- a. at the store
- b. in an airport
- c. at the hospital
- d. at the post office

31

Setting

First Kyle fed the chickens and gathered the eggs. Then he milked the cow and cleaned out the horses' stalls.

Which of these things would you be likely to see in this setting?

- a. a pitchfork
- b. a ruler
- c. a skateboard
- d. a tiger

30

Setting

William stood with his parents in the sea of people, most of them with skin as dark as his own. They had traveled a long way to hear this man's speech. As soon as Martin Luther King began to speak, William understood why they had come.

When does this take place?

- a. 1963
- b. 2000
- c. 1823
- d. 1776

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Name _____

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Setting Task Cards Answer Sheet

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.

Setting Task Cards Answer Sheet

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.

Check your work!

Setting Answer Key

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

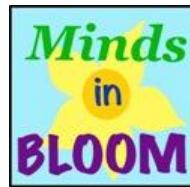
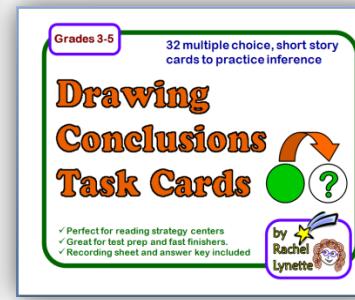
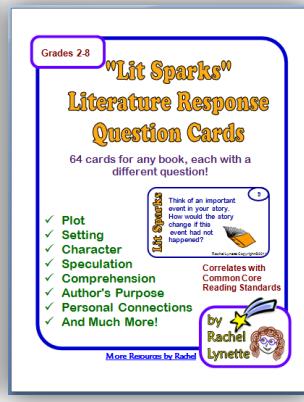
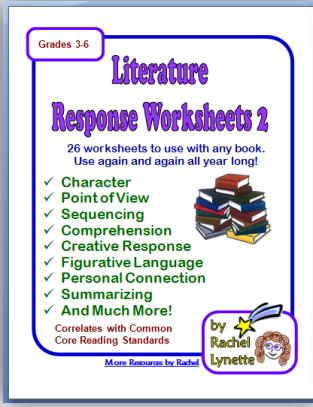
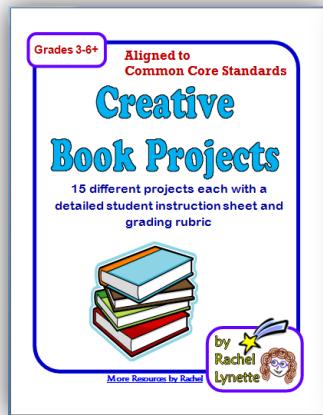
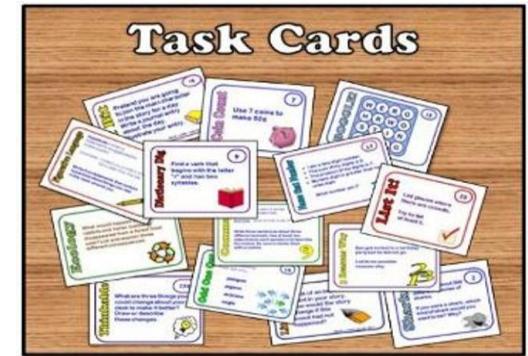
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Challenge Card

Explain how you knew which answer was correct. Which words or phrases gave you clues?

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