

READING STRATEGY TASK CARDS

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24 Short-Passage Task Cards



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Use this set of 24 free reading strategy task cards to help your students practice these important skills. Students can answer on notebook paper and use the included recording sheet to keep track of the cards they have completed. Another option is to use these orally in small groups. A suggested answer key is included (answers for most of these cards are subjective, so the answer key is only offered as a guide). A challenge card which can be used with any other card in the set is also included to extend the learning.

This set was created by combining cards from six other reading strategy task card sets. However, the content for each card in this set is new, so if you own any of the other sets, you do not need to worry about repeating the same content. Only the design of the cards is the same. I created this set so that those who already have the other sets could use this set for extra reinforcement or assessment, and so that those who do not own them could give them a try for free. If you would like to purchase one or more of the original sets, you will find links on the next page.

Print this set out in color. For black and white printing, please use the included black line version. If you are printing in black and white, consider printing on colored paper. 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.



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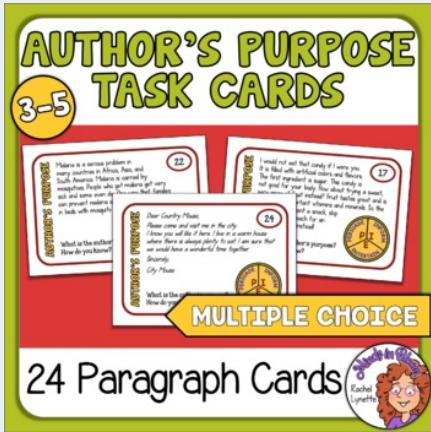
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24 Paragraph Cards

MULTIPLE CHOICE



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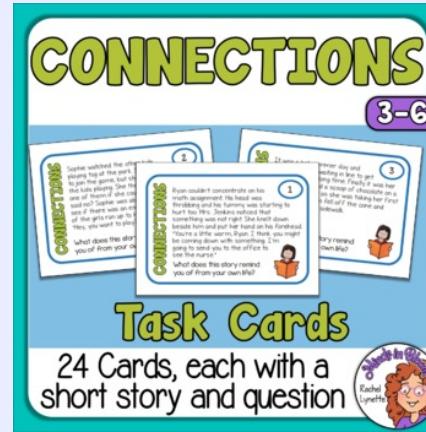
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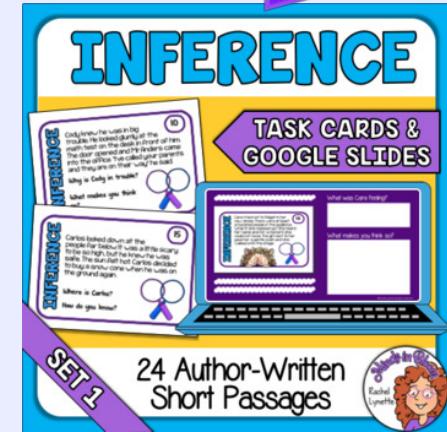
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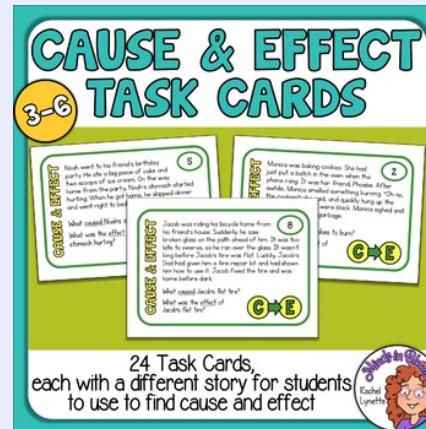
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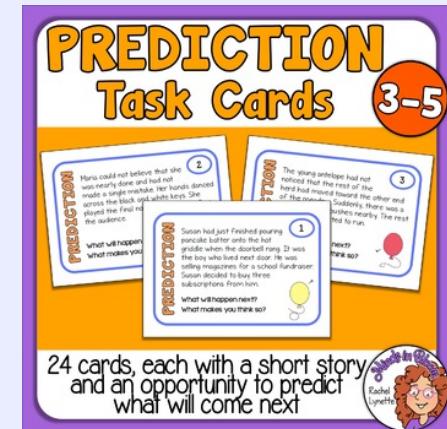
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24 Task Cards, each with a different story for students to use to find cause and effect



**PREDICTION
Task Cards 3-5**

24 cards, each with a short story and an opportunity to predict what will come next



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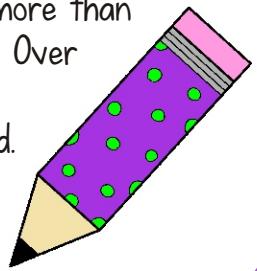


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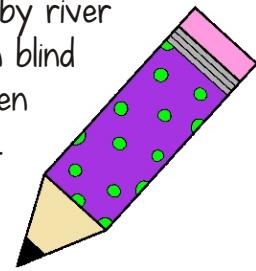
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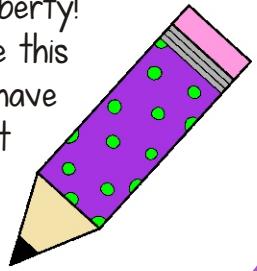
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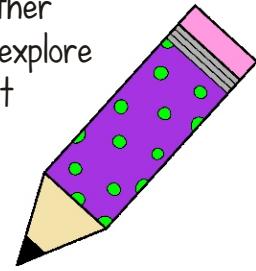
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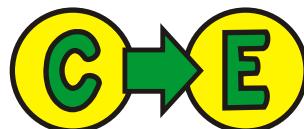
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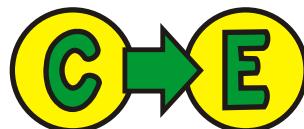
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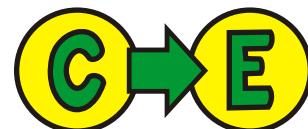
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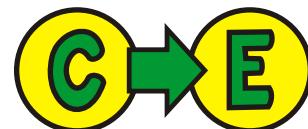
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Lucia's mother usually kept the scissors in a drawer with a child safety lock. One day after using the scissors, Lucia's mother put the scissors back into the drawer, but didn't push it closed hard enough to lock it. A few days later, Lucia discovered that the drawer was not locked. She found the scissors and decided to give herself a haircut. By the time she was done, most of her hair was on the floor!

What caused Lucia to find the scissors?

What was the effect of Lucia finding the scissors?

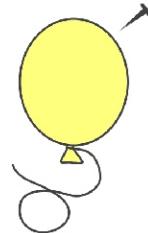
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Jenna was lying outside in the sun. She knew she should put some sun block on, but the sun felt so good on her back that she did not want to move. She told herself that she would get the sun block in five minutes. Within three minutes, Jenna had fallen asleep.

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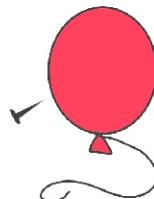
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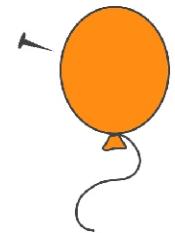
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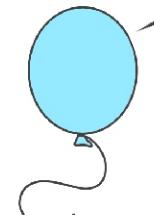
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READING STRATEGY Task Cards



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Challenge Card

Is the passage on the card fiction or nonfiction (informational)? How do you know?

Name: _____

READING STRATEGY Task Cards Recording Sheet

Use this chart to keep track of the Reading Strategy Task Cards that you have completed. Remember to have your teacher initial or stamp the ✓ column.

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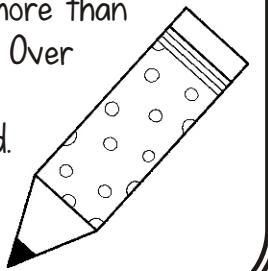
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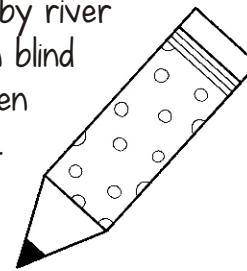
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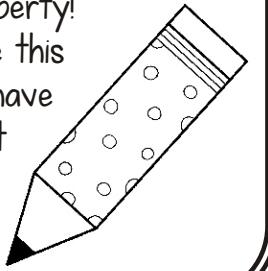
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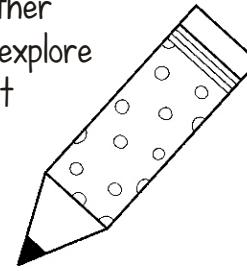
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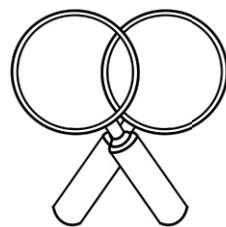


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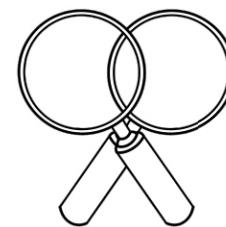


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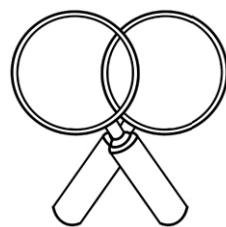
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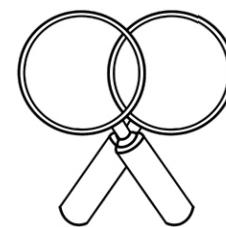


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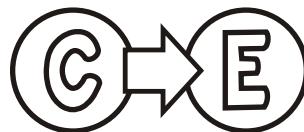
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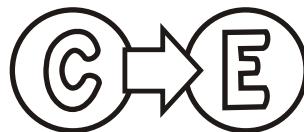
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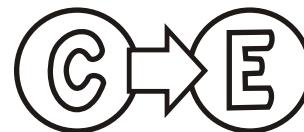
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What caused the tree to fall?

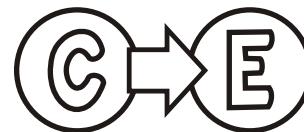
What was the effect of the tree falling?

18**CAUSE & EFFECT**

Lucia's mother usually kept the scissors in a drawer with a child safety lock. One day after using the scissors, Lucia's mother put the scissors back into the drawer, but didn't push it closed hard enough to lock it. A few days later, Lucia discovered that the drawer was not locked. She found the scissors and decided to give herself a haircut. By the time she was done, most of her hair was on the floor!

What caused Lucia to find the scissors?

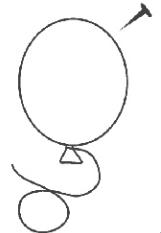
What was the effect of Lucia finding the scissors?

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PREDICTION

Jenna was lying outside in the sun. She knew she should put some sun block on, but the sun felt so good on her back that she did not want to move. She told herself that she would get the sun block in five minutes. Within three minutes, Jenna had fallen asleep.

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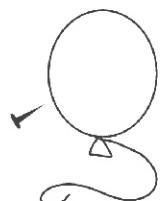
What will happen next?

What makes you think so?

PREDICTION

Mom was making a sour face as she handed the baby to Dad and said, "Your turn. I did it last time." Dad took the baby and headed off to the nursery.

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What will Dad do next?

How do you know?

PREDICTION

Ben filled the tub with warm water. He got the special shampoo and put it on the side of the tub. Then he got a towel. Ben left the bathroom and went to the backyard. "Here Rascal," he called. "I have a surprise for you!"

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PREDICTION

It was 9:05. The school bell had already rung and Mrs. Jamison had just finished taking attendance. All of the students in the class stood up and put their right hands on their chests.

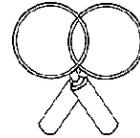
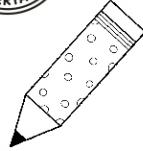
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What will happen next?

What makes you think so?

READING STRATEGY Task Cards



READING STRATEGY

Challenge Card

Is the passage on
the card fiction
or nonfiction
(informational)?
How do you know?

Name: _____

READING STRATEGY Task Cards

Recording Sheet

Use this chart to keep track of the Reading Strategy Task Cards that you have completed. Remember to have your teacher initial or stamp the ✓ column.

| Card # | Date completed | ✓ |
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READING STRATEGY TASK CARDS

Answer Key

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| 1 | Inform. |
| 2 | Entertain. |
| 3 | Inform. |
| 4 | Persuade. |
| 5 | In 1803 the US doubled its size by purchasing the Louisiana Territory. |
| 6 | Giant river otter cubs are born in dens in South America. |
| 7 | At 380 feet, the world's tallest tree is a redwood in California. |
| 8 | The land rover, Curiosity, landed on Mars and will explore the planet. . |
| 9 | Benny was getting his hair cut. |
| 10 | A squirrel. |
| 11 | Tara was in bed. |
| 12 | Abby was on a slide. |

This is a suggested answer key only. Answers are somewhat subjective for most of these cards and answers will vary. Most of the cards also ask students to explain their answers, so answering on notebook paper would work well.

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| 13 | The family was going on a picnic. |
| 14 | Edward and Jacob were having a race. |
| 15 | Jake had a fish on his fishing pole line. |
| 16 | Callie had fallen off her skateboard. |
| 17 | Cause: She noticed that Aria was squinting at the whiteboard and thought she might need glasses. Effect: Her mom took Aria to the eye doctor. |
| 18 | Cause: A big storm. Effect: Simon's dad turned the tree into firewood. |
| 19 | Cause: He left his homework on the screen and his little sister didn't know it was important. Effect: He had to start all over. |
| 20 | Cause: Her mother didn't push the drawer closed hard enough to lock it. Effect: She gave herself a haircut. |
| 21 | Jenna will get a sunburn. |
| 22 | Rascal (the dog) is going to get a bath. |
| 23 | Dad will change the baby's diaper. |
| 24 | The class will say the Pledge of Allegiance. |