

Name: **Planting a Garden**  
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Name: **Language Practice**  
Write the letter of the word on the right that matches the meaning of the word on the left. Use context clues from the reading passage to help you.

preps	a. many
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Name: **Starfish**  
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Name: **Vocabulary Practice**  
Write the correct word in the blank.

# Four-in-One! Reading Practice

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### Upper Elementary

several e. delicately

**Comprehension Practice**  
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2. What is meant by the word "transport" in the reading passage?  
3. How can you tell that Grandpa's gardening is important to him?

**Think and Respond**  
Describe something that means a lot to you and how you take care of it.

mobile  
spiky  
generate

**Comprehension Practice**  
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Write about what you think is the most interesting part of a starfish.

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prefix	root word	suffix
pop	ular	
revo	lution	
en-		

**Making Inferences**  
Answer the questions below using the text to support your answer.  
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How can you tell?

**Think and Respond**  
Why do you think basketball is such a popular sport?  
How can you tell?

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**Grammar Practice**  
Use the reading passage to find concrete and abstract nouns. List them in the columns below.

noun	adjective
ex. hat	ex. small

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**Grammar Practice**  
Use the reading passage to find as many concrete and abstract nouns as you can.

concrete noun	abstract noun
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**Comprehension Practice**  
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2. Why did George need false teeth?  
3. What were George's false teeth actually made of?  
4. How can you tell that the teeth were probably very uncomfortable?

**Think and Respond**  
How do you think stories are made up that may not be true?

**Play-Doh-Fun**  
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delayed	popular	immediate
lost		
discovered		

**Vocabulary Practice**  
Write the correct synonym and antonym from the group of words to match the given vocabulary words.

Vocabulary word	synonym	antonym
instant		
famous		
found		

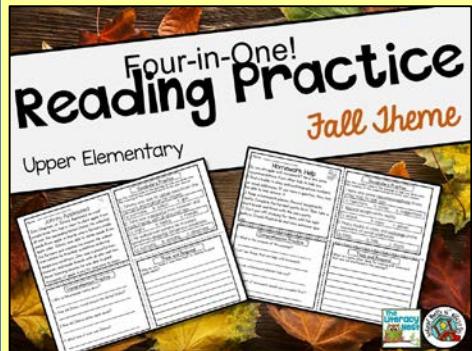
**Comprehension Practice**  
1. Who invented Play-Doh?  
2. What was Play-Doh originally invented for?  
3. Why was Play-Doh better than modeling clay?  
4. When was Play-Doh invented?

**Think and Respond**  
Do you think Play-Doh is only for kids? Why or why not?



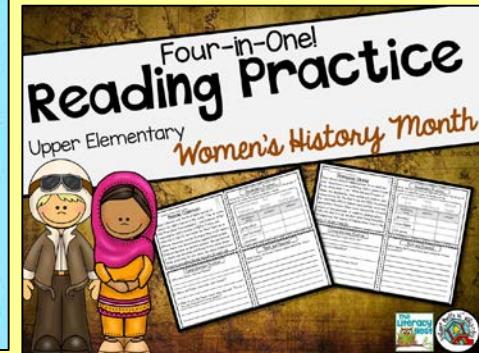
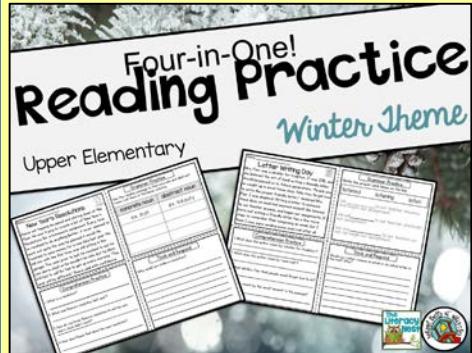
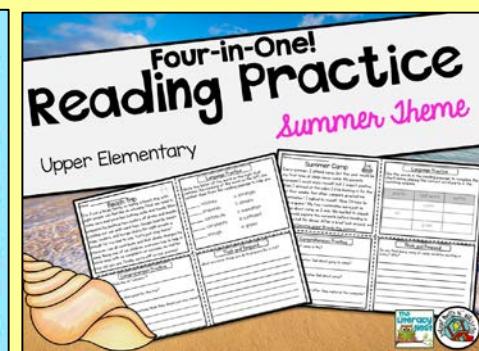
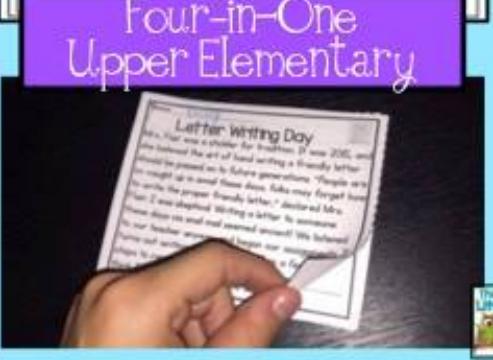
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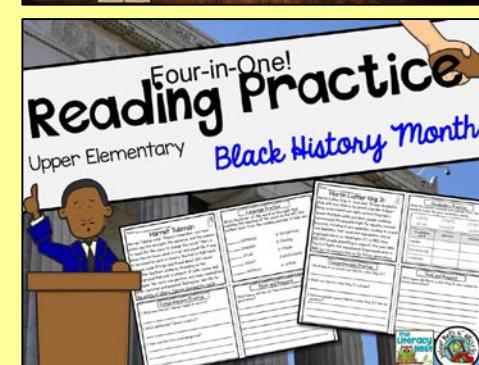
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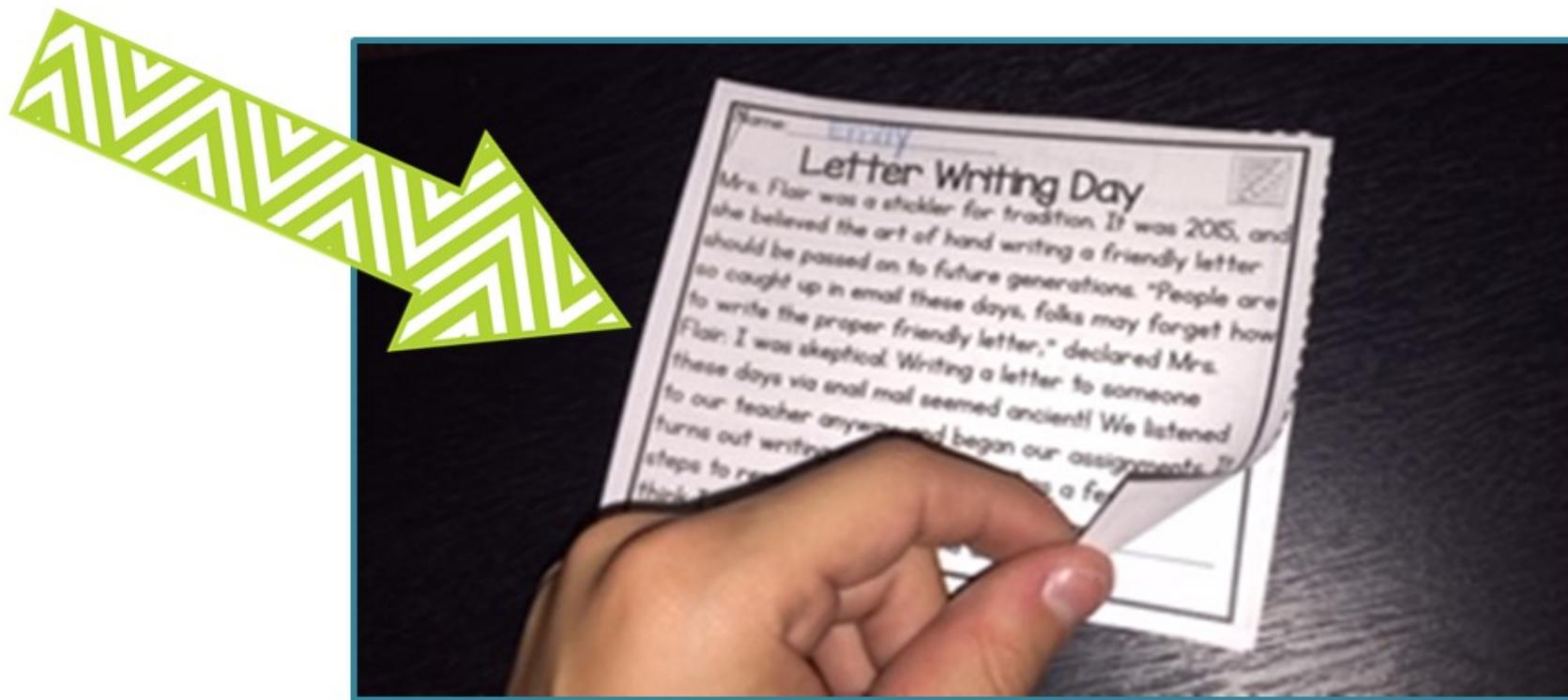
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# Teacher Directions

Pages can either be used as is, or the students can make them into mini books as seen here! You may need to print as "scale to fit" or "shrink to fit" so that the borders are not cut off!



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## Vocabulary Practice

Write the correct synonym and antonym from the group of words to match the given vocabulary words.

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lost            discovered    unknown

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## Comprehension Practice

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## Think and Respond

Do you think Play Doh is only for kids? Why or why not?

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

# An End To Bullying

Did you know the month of October is Bully



Prevention Month? You can join hundreds of schools from all over in events that educate kids about the harmful effects of bullying. Spreading the message can be simple, but powerful. Here are some ways:

- Sit with someone who appears all alone at school.
- Create anti-bullying signs and display them.
- Pass out positive message on sticky notes.
- Gather a team of students and teachers to think of ways to prevent students from feeling isolated, or alone.

## Comprehension Practice

1. What is the passage mostly about?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. When is Bully Prevention Month?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Name one way you can help end bullying.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. What message can be spread in October?

\_\_\_\_\_

## Vocabulary Practice

Write the correct synonym and antonym from the group of words to match the given vocabulary words.

collect	hard	easy
dispose	dangerous	safe

Vocabulary word	synonym	antonym
harmful		
gather		
simple		

## Think and Respond

Have you or anyone you know ever been bullied? If so, how did you handle it?

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

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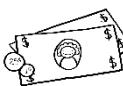
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How do you think stories are made up that may not be true?

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

# Paid For Chores?



Chores are certainly not every kid's favorite thing to do, but what if you were paid for doing them? Would earning money while doing dishes, taking out trash, or vacuuming your bedroom make you want to do the job a little better? Some families create a simple To-Do list or contract. When kids sign it, they agree to complete certain tasks. Each task has been assigned a specific dollar amount to be paid when it is done. Tasks like carrying out trash earn less money than harder tasks like raking and bagging leaves. Do you think kids should earn money for chores?

## Grammar Practice

Write the proper verb tense on the line.

earned

earning

earn

Do you think the kids should have \_\_\_\_\_ money for chores?

Do you think the kids should be \_\_\_\_\_ money for chores?

Do you think the kids should \_\_\_\_\_ money for chores?

## Comprehension Practice

1. What is the passage mostly about?

2. What are some examples of chores?

3. What do some families do to handle chores?

4. What are assigned to chores to determine how they are paid?

## Think and Respond

Do you think children should be paid for doing chores, or should they just do them to help out their family?

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

# Who Invented Basketball?



In 1891, a peach basket gave James Naismith an idea that would revolutionize a new sport—basketball.

James sought to invent an indoor game to play during the winter months that encouraged interaction. Players tossed a soccer ball into a peach basket suspended from a ten-foot pole. Ten years later, people decided to cut a hole in the bottom of the basket. The game of basketball grew in popularity like wildfire. The original game consisted of thirteen rules. Some thought this new game should be called Naismith Ball, but James gave it the official name of basketball.

# Making Inferences

Answer the questions below using the text to support your answer.

## I. What happened to the game of basketball?

How can you tell?

2. How do you think James Naismith felt about basketball?

## How can you tell?

## Language Practice

Use the words in the reading passage to complete the chart below, placing the correct word parts in the matching columns.

prefix	root word	suffix
	popular	
	revolution	
en-		

## Think and Respond

Why do you think basketball is such a popular sport?

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



## Planting a Garden

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### Language Practice

Write the letter of the word on the right that matches the meaning of the word on the left. Use context clues from the reading passage to help you.

_____ preps	a. many
_____ tends	b. prepares
_____ threat	c. cares for
_____ gingerly	d. harm
_____ several	e. delicately

### Comprehension Practice

1. Why does Grandpa prep his seeds inside?

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

## Starfish



Those five-pointed echinoderms are my favorite creatures to find. Known as a sea star, a starfish is not a fish at all. It has a circular disc in the middle of its body surrounded by five sections or arms. Their bodies might feel slightly spiky or rough. If a starfish loses one of its arms, it can generate or regrow a brand new arm within about a year. A starfish's tiny tube feet on the underside of its body help it to stay mobile while searching for food like scallops or clams. Predators may include sea otters, fish, and birds. Starfish may be seen in shallow or deep ocean water.

## Vocabulary Practice

Write the correct synonym and antonym from the group of words to match the given vocabulary words.

sharp

fixed

portable

create

smooth

erase

Vocabulary word	synonym	antonym
mobile		
spiky		
generate		

## Comprehension Practice

1. How does the body of a starfish feel?

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4. Where can a starfish be seen?

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## Think and Respond

Write about what you think is the most interesting part of a starfish.

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## Jackie Robinson

"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives." When Robinson was called to play for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947, he knew his decision to play as the first African-American baseball player in the major leagues would have a major impact. Facing racist remarks, critics, and other teams refusing to play against him, he courageously played second base. Jackie went on to play on All-Star teams six times and became Most Valuable Player in 1949. The athletic boy from Georgia paved the way as an adult for future black athletes to play sports without discrimination.



### Language Practice

Write the letter of the word on the right that matches the meaning of the word on the left. Use context clues from the reading passage to help you.

_____ impact	a. comments
_____ remarks	b. sporty
_____ athletic	c. effect
_____ paved	d. prejudice
_____ discrimination	e. spread

### Comprehension Practice

1. How was Jackie Robinson different from other baseball players?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. How did other teams treat Jackie?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. What is meant by the quote at the beginning of the passage?

\_\_\_\_\_

### Think and Respond

What legacy did Jackie Robinson leave behind for future generations?

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

## Bessie Coleman

Bessie Coleman was the first black woman to receive her pilot's license in the world. "The air is the only place free from prejudice," said Coleman. After receiving her pilot's license in 1922 in France, she returned to the U.S. and made her first flight as an African American woman. During a time in U.S. history when there was discrimination against black people, Coleman became an aviation pioneer. She performed stunts, parachuted and did flying trick aerial shows. While practicing for one show, her plane crashed and Coleman was killed. Bessie was only 34 years old.



### Vocabulary Practice

Write the correct synonym and antonym from the group of words to match the given vocabulary words.

demonstrated	hid	racism
tolerance	leader	bystander

vocabulary word	synonym	antonym
prejudice		
performed		
pioneer		

### Comprehension Practice

1. Why was Bessie Coleman famous?

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2. Where did Bessie receive her pilot's license?

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3. What do you think Bessie meant when she said, "The air is the only place free from prejudice?"

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### Think and Respond

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