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# Ready-to-Use Ideas and Activities

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This book was developed to help students master the basic skills necessary to become competent readers. The stronger their foundation in reading basics, the faster and easier students will be able to advance to more challenging texts.

Mastering the skills covered within the activity pages of this book is paramount for successful reading comprehension. The activities at the beginning of the book aim to build and reinforce vocabulary, the foundation of reading comprehension. These activities lead to practice with more advanced comprehension skills such as categorizing and using context to understand words.

All students learn at their own rate; therefore, use your judgment to introduce concepts to students when developmentally appropriate.

## Hands-On Learning

Hands-on learning reinforces the skills covered within the activity pages and improves students' potential for comprehension. One idea for a hands-on activity is to use the removable flash cards at the back of this book to play a game of bingo. To do this, make a copy of the bingo card (page 3) for each student. Write the flash card words on the board and have students choose 24 of the words and write them in the empty spaces of their bingo cards in any order. When students have finished writing on their cards, gather the flash cards into a deck. Call out the words one at a time. Any student who has a word that you call out should make an X through the word on their card to cross it out. The student who crosses out five words in a row first (horizontally, vertically, or diagonally) wins the game by calling out, "Bingo!" To extend the game, continue playing until a student crosses out all of the words on their bingo card.

## Comprehension Checks and Discussion

In addition to the activities in this book, support reading comprehension growth by reading stories in the classroom. After a story—or part of a story—is read, ask your students questions to ensure and enhance reading comprehension. The first type of question you might ask is a factual question. A factual question includes question words such as *who*, *what*, *when*, *where*, *how*, and *why*. For example, *How old is the character?*, *Where does the character live?*, *What time was it when...?*, or any other question that has a clear answer. You might also ask open-ended questions. These types of questions do not have a clear answer. They are based on opinions about the story, not on facts. For example, an open-ended question might be *Why do you think the character acted as he did?*, *How do you think the character felt about her actions or the actions of others?*, *What do you think the character will do next?*, or *What other ways could this story have ended?* As students learn to think about these questions as they read, they will retain more of the material and understand it at a higher level.

# Vocabulary Bingo

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3. scientist who studies ancient people \_\_\_\_\_
4. scientist who studies different life forms \_\_\_\_\_
5. scientist who studies the earth \_\_\_\_\_
6. scientist who studies human cultures \_\_\_\_\_
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octagon	quadrilateral	millisecond	equivalent

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democracy

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factory

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