

Reading Comprehension

CARDS

Teacher's Guide

Includes Table of Contents, Answer Key,
Record Tracking Sheet Template and
Student Answer Sheet Template



Introduction

The Reading Comprehension Card Set is a collection of 60 progressively difficult stories. The set includes non-fiction and fiction stories to engage students with varied interests and learning styles and expose them to different genres. The non-fiction stories are based on content areas of math, science, and social studies for second grade. The stories include five multiple-choice questions for students to answer after reading the stories orally or silently.

The set is designed to provide supplemental activities to a reading program and can be used in a language learning station, whole-class activity, or independent work. Cards are sequentially numbered to encourage independent practice and self-pacing.

The cards are leveled in progression of reading ability to allow teachers to challenge students at individual reading levels. The table of contents indicates the *DRA (Developmental Reading Assessment Level), GRL (Guided Reading Level), and GIL (Grade Interest Level) of each card. Levels are provided for comparison purposes only. Teachers are encouraged to evaluate the cards and adjust the levels according to their own observations.

Each card includes a short story and photograph to aid reading comprehension. Use the story cards individually or photocopy them for small-group or whole-class reading activities.

Five multiple-choice comprehension questions are listed on the reverse side of each story card. The questions focus on subjects found on standardized tests: main idea, cause and effect, sequencing, predicting outcomes, making inferences, context clues, and drawing conclusions.

Use the student answer-sheet template card to track answers and scores. Make enough copies of the answer sheet for students to work independently. The answer sheet includes an area for students to create their own 5W questions (who, what, when, where, and why) to extend comprehension skills. These questions will vary and should be graded subjectively. Use a wet-erase marker with the story cards for individual quick-response answers.

Note: For multiple uses of each card, always use a wet-erase marker. To ensure that your marker doesn't leave a permanent mark, test it on the corner of a card. Use a damp cloth to remove marks. Cards will warp if saturated with water.

Use the answer key for a quick reference when grading. Record and track students' progress on each story using the record sheets. Make copies of this sheet to use with multiple classes. Do not store the answer key and record sheets in the box of cards that students can easily access. The recorded data is a great discussion tool during parent-teacher conferences.

**Joetta Beaver, Developmental Reading Assessment Resource Guide (Celebration Press: Pearson Learning, 1997).*

Table of Contents		Fiction	Content Area	GIL	GRL	DRA
Card	Title	Non-Fiction				
1	The Apple Orchard	Fiction		2	J	18-20
2	Space Shuttle	Non-Fiction	Science	2	J	18-20
3	The Baseball Game	Fiction		2	J	18-20
4	Birthday Gifts	Non-Fiction	Math	2	J	18-20
5	Birthday Surprise	Fiction		2	J	18-20
6	Around the World	Non-Fiction	Soc. St.	2	J	18-20
7	Boat Lesson	Fiction		2	J	18-20
8	The Five Senses	Non-Fiction	Science	2	J	18-20
9	One Autumn Day	Fiction		2	J	18-20
10	Day at the Go-Cart Track	Non-Fiction	Math	2	J	18-20
11	Winter Fun	Fiction		2	J	18-20
12	Recycling: Do Your Part	Non-Fiction	Soc. St.	2	J	18-20
13	Family Dinners	Fiction		2	J	18-20
14	From Seed to Sprout	Non-Fiction	Science	2	J	18-20
15	Feeding Ducks	Fiction		2	J	18-20
16	Twin Town	Non-Fiction	Math	2	K	18-20
17	Pancakes for Breakfast	Fiction		2	K	18-20
18	Oceans of the World	Non-Fiction	Soc. St.	2	K	18-20
19	Staying Warm	Fiction		2	K	18-20
20	Cycle of the Seasons	Non-Fiction	Science	2	K	18-20
21	At the Playground	Fiction		2	K	18-20
22	Sharing Cookies	Non-Fiction	Math	2	K	18-20
23	A Hot Day	Fiction		2	K	18-20
24	Where do you live?	Non-Fiction	Soc. St.	2	K	18-20
25	Dog Tricks	Fiction		2	K	18-20
26	Frog Life Cycle	Non-Fiction	Science	2	K	18-20
27	A Big Day	Fiction		2	K	18-20
28	Who's missing?	Non-Fiction	Math	2	K	18-20
29	Building a Birdhouse	Fiction		2	K	18-20
30	Community Workers	Non-Fiction	Soc. St.	2	K	18-20

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31	The Flower Garden	Fiction		2	L	24-28
32	Mothers and Babies	Non-Fiction	Science	2	L	24-28
33	At the Ice Rink	Fiction		2	L	24-28
34	February!	Non-Fiction	Math	2	L	24-28
35	Let's fly a kite!	Fiction		2	L	24-28
36	Christopher Columbus	Non-Fiction	Soc. St.	2	L	24-28
37	Skating in the Park	Fiction		2	L	24-28
38	Is a bee an insect?	Non-Fiction	Science	2	L	24-28
39	The Sand Castle	Fiction		2	L	24-28
40	The Big Move	Non-Fiction	Math	2	L	24-28
41	The First Day of School	Fiction		2	L	24-28
42	The Wright Brothers	Non-Fiction	Soc. St.	2	L	24-28
43	School Shopping	Fiction		2	L	24-28
44	From Egg to Chick	Non-Fiction	Science	2	L	24-28
45	Flowers for Mother	Fiction		2	L	24-28
46	Marble Guess	Non-Fiction	Math	2	M	24-28
47	Help Recycle	Fiction		2	M	24-28
48	You Can Be Anything	Non-Fiction	Soc. St.	2	M	24-28
49	The Lost Penguin	Fiction		2	M	24-28
50	A Healthy Mouth	Non-Fiction	Science	2	M	24-28
51	Picnic in the Park	Fiction		2	M	24-28
52	I have more ice cream!	Non-Fiction	Math	2	M	24-28
53	Friends on the Farm	Fiction		2	M	24-28
54	The School Community	Non-Fiction	Soc. St.	2	M	24-28
55	A Job for a Pig	Fiction		2	M	24-28
56	The Digestive System	Non-Fiction	Science	2	M	24-28
57	The Pizza Contest	Fiction		2	M	24-28
58	Hours, Minutes, or Seconds	Non-Fiction	Math	2	M	24-28
59	Basketball Anyone?	Fiction		2	M	24-28
60	Reading a Map	Non-Fiction	Soc. St.	2	M	24-28

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Answer Key		Answers				
Card	Title	1	2	3	4	5
1	The Apple Orchard	C	A	B	A	B
2	Space Shuttle	B	C	A	B	A
3	The Baseball Game	C	B	A	B	A
4	Birthday Gifts	C	A	B	B	C
5	Birthday Surprise	B	C	C	B	A
6	Around the World	A	B	B	C	A
7	Boat Lesson	A	B	C	A	C
8	The Five Senses	B	A	C	A	C
9	One Autumn Day	B	A	C	C	B
10	Day at the Go- Cart Track	A	A	B	C	B
11	Winter Fun	C	B	B	A	A
12	Recycling: Do Your Part	C	B	B	A	B
13	Family Dinners	C	C	A	A	B
14	From Seed to Sprout	A	C	B	C	B
15	Feeding Ducks	A	B	B	C	A
16	Twin Town	A	C	B	B	A
17	Pancakes for Breakfast	B	A	A	B	C
18	Oceans of the World	C	A	B	B	C
19	Staying Warm	C	B	A	A	C
20	Cycle of the Seasons	B	B	C	C	A
21	At the Playground	A	B	B	C	A
22	Sharing Cookies	A	C	B	A	C
23	A Hot Day	B	A	C	A	C
24	Where do you live?	B	B	C	A	B
25	Dog Tricks	C	B	B	A	C
26	Frog Life Cycle	A	C	A	B	C
27	A Big Day	A	C	A	B	C
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51	Picnic in the Park	C	B	B	A	C
52	I have more ice cream!	C	B	A	A	C
53	Friends on the Farm	C	C	C	B	A
54	The School Community	B	A	C	A	C
55	A Job for a Pig	B	C	B	A	C
56	The Digestive System	A	B	B	C	C
57	The Pizza Contest	C	C	A	B	A
58	Hours, Minutes, or Seconds	B	A	C	B	B
59	Basketball Anyone?	A	B	A	C	B
60	Reading a Map	C	A	B	C	B

Record Sheet	
Students	Stories
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	60. Reading a Map

Card # _____ Title of Story _____ Score _____ Name _____

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

Write five W questions with answers based on the story you read.

Who

Question: _____

Answer: _____

What

Question: _____

Answer: _____

Where

Question: _____

Answer: _____

When

Question: _____

Answer: _____

Why

Question: _____

Answer: _____

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Set	GIL	GRL	DRA
Set 1 (LER 5500)	2nd	J–M	18–30
Set 2 (LER 5501)	3rd	N–P	30–38
Set 3 (LER 5502)	4th	Q–S	40–44
Set 4 (LER 5503)	5th	T–V	45–50
Set 5 (LER 5504)	6th	W–Y	60

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