1ST GRADE

PHONICS READING PASSAGES

+ digital



30+ passages

DIGRAPHS, DIPHTHONGS, R-CONTROLLED

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Why?

PHONICS MATS

Phonics mats are the perfect resource to help students turn isolated phonics skills into reading text! Students practice phonics skills, phonemic awareness, fluency, and comprehension all in one resource.

Need phonics-based text for students to read?

With over 50 phonics skills included, there is a passage for every pattern you teach!

1

Looking for no-prep, effective reading activities?

Print and go! Each page has a short passage with words that follow the targeted phonics pattern, comprehension questions, and word-writing.

2

Does your curriculum lack phonics review?

These Phonics Mats are perfect for morning work as a review of previously learned skills.

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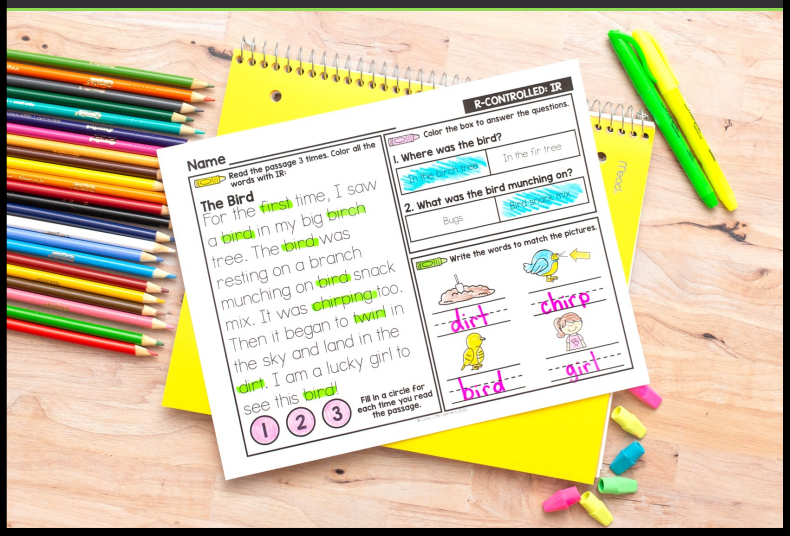
Phonics skill practice



Small groups



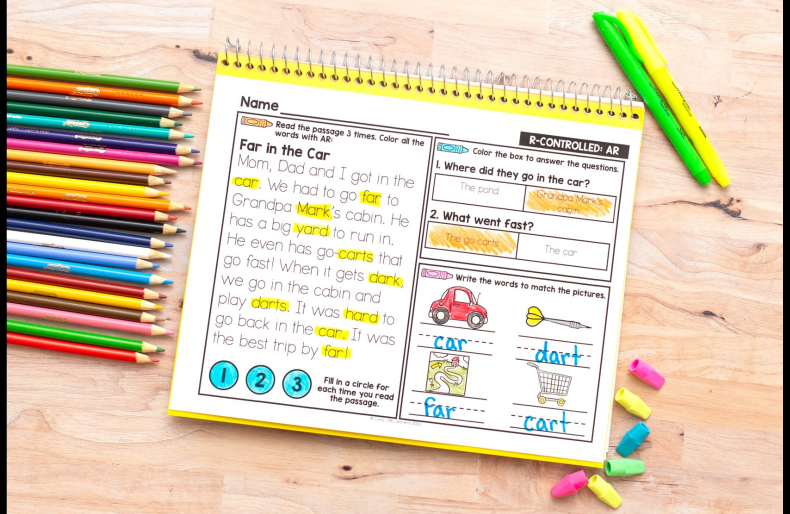
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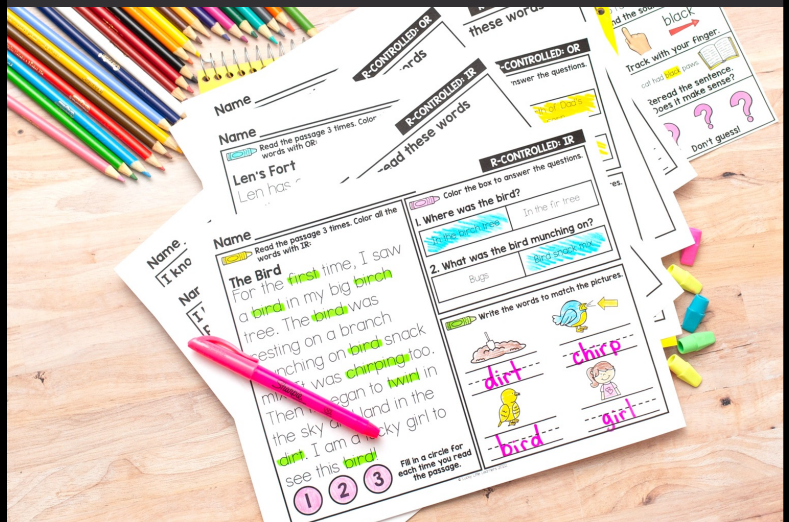
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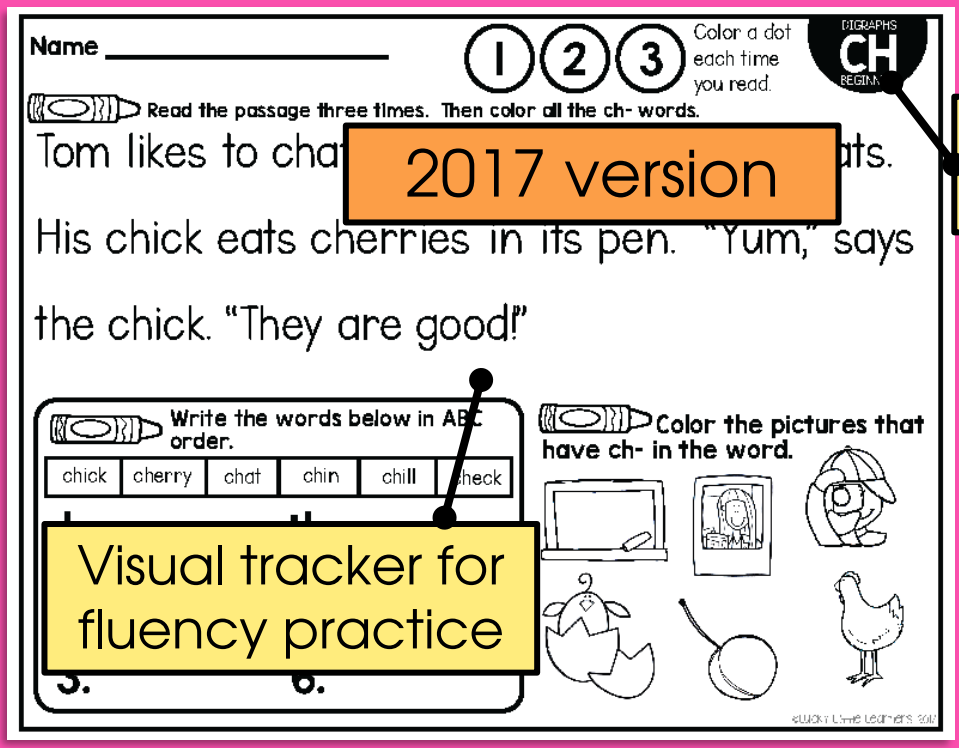
Center activity



Partner reading



ACTIVITY CLOSE-UP


Name _____ 1 2 3 Color a dot each time you read. DIGRAPHS CH BEGINNING

Read the passage three times. Then color all the ch- words.

Tom likes to chat. His chick eats cherries in its pen. "Yum," says the chick. "They are good!"

Write the words below in ABC order.

chick	cherry	chat	chin	chill	check

Color the pictures that have ch- in the word.

3. 6.

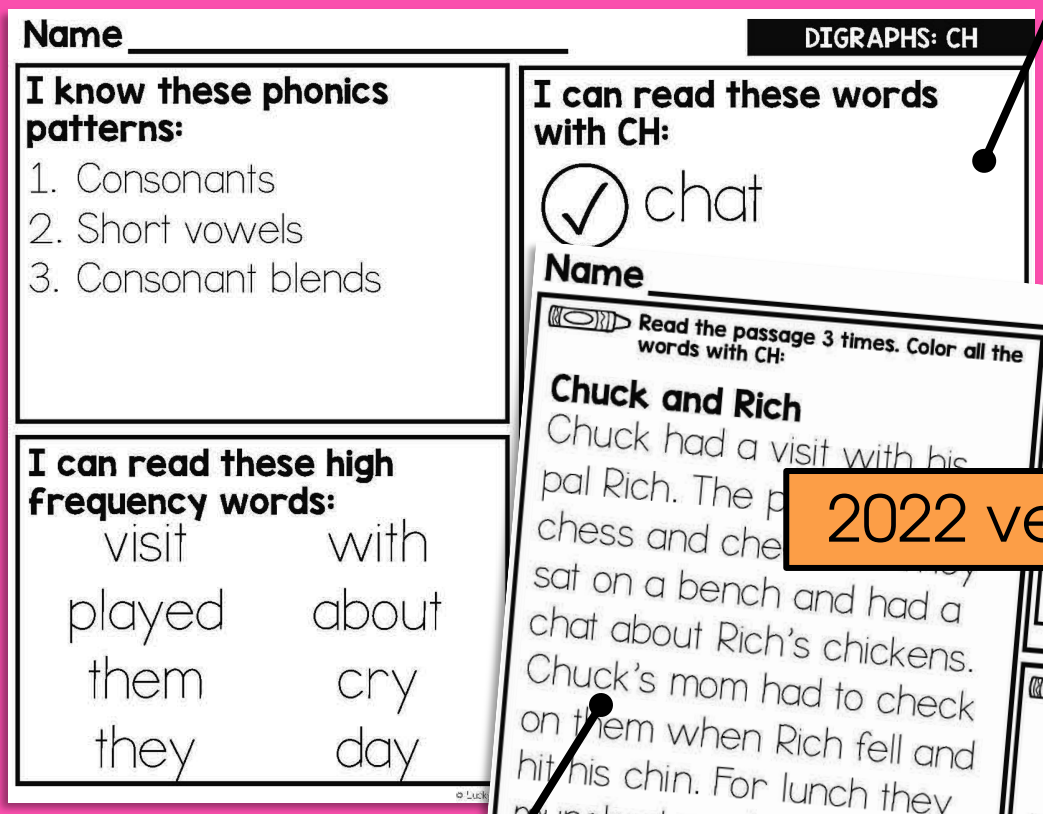
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Phonics skill listed on each page

Visual tracker for fluency practice

Warm-up sheet for student practice and/or teacher reference

Simple comprehension questions


Name _____ DIGRAPHS: CH

I know these phonics patterns:

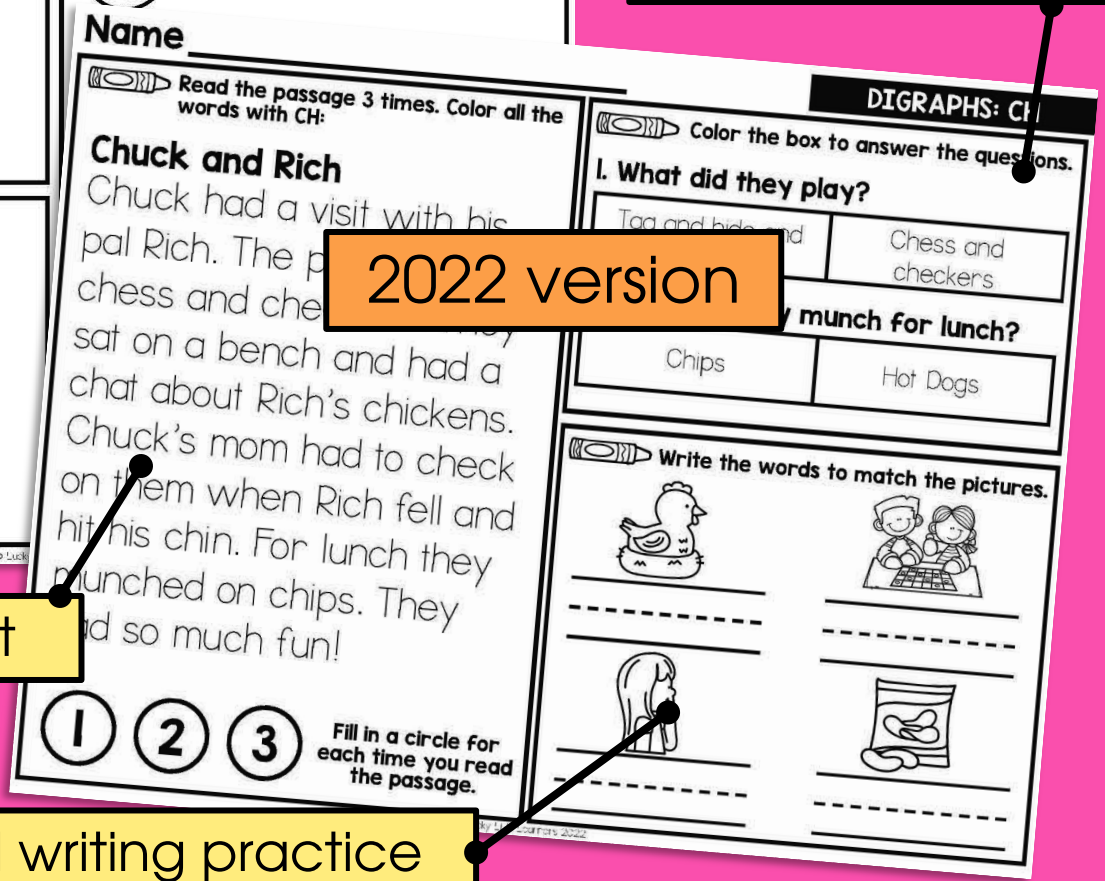
1. Consonants
2. Short vowels
3. Consonant blends

I can read these high frequency words:

visit	with
played	about
them	cry
they	day

I can read these words with CH:

✓ chat


Name _____

Read the passage 3 times. Color all the words with CH:

Chuck and Rich

Chuck had a visit with his pal Rich. The p... chess and che... sat on a bench and had a chat about Rich's chickens. Chuck's mom had to check on them when Rich fell and hit his chin. For lunch they munched on chips. They had so much fun!

1 2 3 Fill in a circle for each time you read the passage.

DIGRAPHS: CH

Color the box to answer the questions.

1. What did they play?

Tag and hide and | Chess and checkers

...y munch for lunch?

Chips | Hot Dogs

Write the words to match the pictures.

2022 version

Decodable text

Word writing practice

PHONICS SKILLS
2017 version

31 PASSAGES

DIGRAPHS	beginning ch, sh, th, ph ending ch, sh, th
DIPHTHONGS	ow, oo, au, aw, oi, oy, ou, ow, ew
R-CONTROLLED	ar, er, ir, or, ur
SILENT LETTERS	b, c, d, g, h, k, l, p, t, w

PHONICS SKILLS
2022 version

33 PASSAGES

DIGRAPHS 9 passages	ch, sh, th, ph, wh, qu, kn, ng, wr
DIPHTHONGS 10 passages	au, aw, oi, oy, ou, ow (cow), ow (snow), oo (book), oo (moon), ew
R-CONTROLLED 5 passages	ar, er, ir, or, ur
SILENT LETTERS 9 passages	b, c, d, g, h, k, l, t, w

2022 version PHONICS MATS

Name _____ DIGRAPHS: CH

Read the passage 3 times. Color all the words with CH:

Chuck and Rich

Chuck had a visit with his pal Rich. The pals played chess and checkers. They sat on a bench. They chat about Chuck's chip on them hit his chin munched had so much

1 2

Color the box to answer the questions.

1. What did they play?

Tag and hide and seek	Chess and checkers

2. What did they

Name _____ DIGRAPHS: SH

Read the passage 3 times. Color all the words with SH:

Sam's Fishing Trip

Sam went to the shack to fish. He had a wish to snack on fish dish. There was a fish. He was going to but then a ship

Color the box to answer the questions.

1. Where did he go fishing?

The shack	The cabin

2. What did Sam get in his net?

A fish	A shell and cash

Name _____ DIGRAPHS: KN

Read the passage 3 times. Color all the words with KN:

The Shack

When I went to knit some socks, my string was in a knot. To get more string, I knock on the shack next cabin. I had to knock knock. No one was turned the knob and the shack. I knelt run into the yuck now know there webs in that shack

1 2

Color the box to answer the questions.

1. What did she go to the shack to get?

Snacks	String

2. What was in

Name _____ DIGRAPHS: NG

Read the passage 3 times. Color all the words with NG:

Sing a Song

I got to sing a song school. It was a long song. I sang my best Mom sang along. When the song ended, I hung my head and felt bad get sad when things The song was the best song I had ever sung.

1 2 3 Fill in a circle for each time you read the passage.

Name _____ DIGRAPHS: WR

Read the passage 3 times. Color all the words with WR:

The Wren

Sal had to wrap the gift for Dad. He had got him a pet wren. Dad likes birds so Sal knew this was not the wrong gift. When he went to give Dad the gift, the wren began to wreck his gift box. This put a wrench in his plans. Dad was not mad. The wren went on Dad's wrist and now they are best pals.

1 2 3 Fill in a circle for each time you read the passage.

Color the box to answer the questions.

1. What did Sal give Dad?

A robin	A wren

2. What did the wren wreck?

The gift box	His nest

Write the words to match the pictures.

Name _____ DIGRAPHS: CH

I know these phonics patterns:

1. Consonants
2. Short vowels
3. Consonant blends

I can read these high frequency words:

visit	with
played	about
them	cry
they	day

I can read these words with CH:

- ✓ chat
- ✓ chi
- ✓ lu
- ✓ mu
- ✓ chin
- ✓ check

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Name _____ DIGRAPHS: QU

Write the words to match the pictures.

Warm-up page for each mat

9 digraphs mats

2022 version PHONICS MATS

Name _____ DIPHTHONGS: AU

Read the passage 3 times. Color all the words with AU:

Not My Fault

Mom got mad at me when my toy rocket had a launch into the pond. She had to ha… out. I said, "I… She was mac… pal August his… haunted. I saic… fault he thinks … mad when I go… She has to do a… I said, "It is not …

1 2 3

Color the box to answer the questions.

1. Who gets mad?

Dad	Mom

Name _____ DIPHTHONGS: AW

Read the passage 3 times. Color all the words with AW:

The Hawk

…nd I went fishing … When I was … rock, I saw a …

Color the box to answer the questions.

1. Where was the hawk?

By the pond	In a bog

2. Why can't he have a pet hawk?

Dad said no.	The law says no.

…ds to match the pictures.

Name _____ DIPHTHONGS: OW

Read the passage 3 times. Color all the words with OW:

The Snow

We had a big snow. It was a slow snow with … snowflakes. Wh… van was stuck … blow snow. H… off our path … the winter it… I wish it w… not have t… could mo… watch b… we wa…

1

Color the box to answer the questions.

…Dad have to do?

Name _____ DIPHTHONGS: LONG OO

Read the passage 3 times. Color all the words with OO:

Chipped Tooth

Last night, I could not sleep. I put on my boots and went outside to shoot hoops in the light of the moon. I didn't see the tree root sticking up. I tripped and chipped my tooth. Oops!

1 2 3 Fill in a circle for each time you read the passage.

Color the box to answer the questions.

1. Why did he go outside?

To shoot hoops	To jog

2. What did he trip on?

Dad's tools	A tree root

Write the words to match the pictures.

Name _____

Read the passa… words with OO:

Book Nook

I have a book n… home. It is whe… books for as long… I read a book wi… that cooks. Then, … book with a crook … a hook. That book … up! In one of my b… gal has a red hood. … want, you can look at my … books!

1 2 3 Fill in a circle for each time you read the passage.

Name _____ DIPHTHONGS: OI

Read the passage 3 ti… words with OI:

Candy Coin

My brother never … join his game with … friends. If you win, you … a candy coin. I did not … know the coin was for … winner. I grabbed the coin, … took off the foil and … snacked on it. My brother … pointed and yelled. He said … I spoiled the game. He was … boiling mac…

1 2

…joy … uck … With a … ier hid … the truck from Troy. … She liked to annoy him.

3 Fill in a circle for each time you read the passage.

…to answer the questions.

…get?

	A toy truck

…ick?

His sister	His mom

Write the words to match the pictures.

Name _____ DIPHTHONGS: OI

I know these phonics patterns:

1. Consonants
2. Short vowels
3. Consonant blends
4. Consonant digraphs
5. Long vowels
6. R-controlled vowels

I can read these high frequency words:

said	brother
game	you
know	was
for	took

I can read these words with OI:

- ✓ join
- ✓ co…
- ✓ f…
- ✓ sp…
- ✓ pointed
- ✓ boiling

Name _____

Read the … words wi…

Counting Cl…

We have … the side … We like to … couch an… clouds. I … shaped lil… Dad saw … like a trou… watching the clouds!

1 2 3 Fill in a circle for each time you read the passage.

DIPHTHONGS: OW

…wer the questions.

…past?

…cows

…howls

…pictures.

Warm-up page for each mat

10 diphthongs mats

2022 version PHONICS MATS

Name _____ **R-CONTROLLED: AR**

Read the passage 3 times. Color all the words with AR:

Far in the Car

Mom, Dad and I got in the car. We had to go far to Grandpa Mark's cabin. He has a big yard to run in. He even has go-carts that go fast! When it gets dark, we go in the cabin and play darts. It was hard to go back in the car. It was the best trip by far!

1 2 3 Fill in a circle for each time you read the passage.

Color the box to answer the questions.

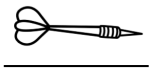
1. Where did they go in the car?

The pond	Grandpa Mark's cabin

2. What went fast?

The go carts	The car

Write the words to match the pictures.



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Name _____ **R-CONTROLLED: ER**

Read the passage 3 times. Color all the words with ER:

My Sister Fern

I have a big sister. Her name is Fern, like the plant. She is old and has a job as a shop clerk. She sells snacks and things like butter and big water jugs. Her boss is stern and gets mad a lot. A perk of being a clerk is Fern can have any snacks she wants from her shop!

1 2 3 Fill in a circle for each time you read the passage.

Color the box to answer the questions.

1. What is Fern's job?

A baker	A shop clerk

2. What is Fern's boss like?

He is stern.	He is sad.

Write the words to match the pictures.






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Name _____ **R-CONTROLLED: IR**

Read the passage 3 times. Color all the words with IR:

The Bird

For the first time, I saw a bird in my big birch tree. The bird was resting on a branch munching on bird snack mix. It was chirping too. Then it began to twirl in the sky and land in the dirt. I am a lucky girl to see this bird!

1 2 3 Fill in a circle for each time you read the passage.

Color the box to answer the questions.

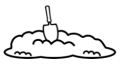
1. Where was the bird?

In the birch tree	In the fir tree

2. What was the bird munching on?

Bugs	Bird snack mix

Write the words to match the pictures.






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Name _____ **R-CONTROLLED: OR**

Read the passage 3 times. Color all the words with OR:

Len's Fort

Len has a fort. It is hidden north of Dad's corn crop. To get to the fort, it is a short run by the thorn bush. You must run sort of quick by the thorn bush. If you are not quick, your shirt can get torn! His fort has a porch. I will never forget this fun fort!

1 2 3 Fill in a circle for each time you read the passage.

Color the box to answer the questions.

1. Where is the fort?

By Dad's roses	North of Dad's corn

2. What does the fort have?

Doors	A porch

Write the words to match the pictures.






Name _____ **R-CONTROLLED: AR**

I know these phonics patterns:

1. Consonants
2. Short vowels
3. Consonant blends
4. Consonant digraphs
5. Long vowels
6. R-controlled vowels

I can read these high frequency words:

we even
when play

I can read these words with AR:

- ✓ car
- ✓ far
- ✓ yard
- ✓ cart
- ✓ dark
- ✓ darts

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R-CONTROLLED: UR

...wer the questions.

...hurt?

...dog

...nk

...pictures.

...just ...

ink.

1 2 ...

Warm-up page for each mat

5 r-controlled mats

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Warm-up page for each mat

9 silent letters mats

Name _____ SILENT LETTERS: B

Read the passage 3 times. Color all the words with silent B:

My Pet Lamb

I got a pet lamb last week. I have to comb crumbs o… with a bru… likes to clin… the lamb st… my thumb! … went numb.

1 2 3

Color the box to answer the questions.

1. What is in the lamb's coat?

Crumbs	Combs

2. What did th…

Name _____ SILENT LETTERS: C

Read the passage 3 times. Color all the words with silent C:

Science Fun

…ence fun with … We make a …

Color the box to answer the questions.

1. What do the mixes have?

A scent	A taste

2. How do they open a tube?

Muscles	Scissors

…ds to match the pictures.

Name _____ SILENT LETTERS: L

Read the passage 3 times. Color all the words with silent L:

Walk and Talk

Ken and Kate went for a walk so th… talk. After … they saw … munching … wheat. … back ho… hungry … yolk …

1

Color the box to answer the questions.

1. …n and Kate walk?

Name _____ SILENT LETTERS: W

Read the passage 3 times. Color all the words with silent W:

A Bike Wreck

I was riding my bike last week. I took a wrong turn, ran over a wrench and got in a wreck. I broke my wrist. The doctor had to put a wrap on my wrist. Now it is hard for me to write!

1 2 3 Fill in a circle for each time you read the passage.

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Color the box to answer the questions.

1. How did she get in a wreck?

She took a wrong turn.	She ran over a bike.

2. What did the doctor do?

Write a note	Wrap up her wrist

Write the words to match the pictures.

Name _____ SILENT LETTERS: D

Read the passage 3 ti… words with silent D:

Wednesday

Last Wednesda… was in a race. … to the edge of a cr… and went on a bric… to get across. Then he … jumped over the hedge. Mike got a badge and an orange wedge v…

1 2

Name _____ SILENT LETTERS: T

Read the passag… words with silent T:

Tennis Match

A witch livea… castle. The w… not do spells … Instead, she li… watch and liste… friend's tennis … on TV. Her frien… to hustle to hit th… and win the match.

1 2 3 Fill in a circle for each time you read the passage.

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Name _____ SILENT LETTERS: G

…to answer the questions.

…nt Annie go?

	A foreign place

…f a gnome?

She liked the design.	It had a fun sign.

Write the words to match the pictures.

…at … the … bought one. Now gnats like to … her gnome.

2 3 Fill in a circle for each time you read the passage.

Name _____ SILENT LETTERS: W

I know these phonics patterns:

1. Consonants
2. Short & long vowels
3. Consonant blends
4. Consonant digraphs
5. R-controlled vowels
6. Diphthongs

I can read these high frequency words:

riding	now
my	for
doctor	was

I can read these words with silent W:

- ✓ wrap
- ✓ wr…
- ✓ w…
- ✓ w…
- ✓ wreck
- ✓ wrong

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Name _____

Read the … words wi…

The Ghost

Chris sai… ghost by … He said i… an hour … heard th… echo and … head ach… told Chris to stop … scaring us!

1 2 3 Fill in a circle for each time you read the passage.

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SILENT LETTERS: K

…wer the questions.

…door?

…e knight

…scarf.

…e pictures.

made …

1 2

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Read the passage three times. Then color all the ch- words.

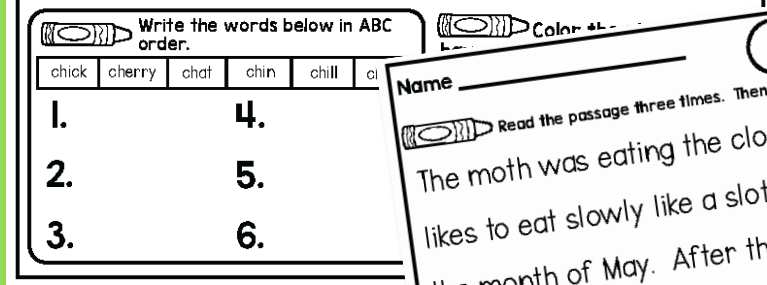
Tom likes to chat with his chick when it eats. His chick eats cherries in its pen. "Yum," says the chick. "They are good!"

Write the words below in ABC order.

chick	cherry	chat	chin	chill	ch

1. 4.
2. 5.
3. 6.

Color the pictures that have ch- in the word.

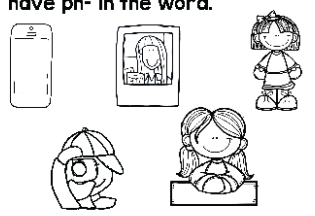


Name _____ 1 2 3 Color a dot each time you read. DIGRAPHS PH BEGINNING

Read the passage three times. Then color all the ph- words.

Philip is a photographer. He likes to go on walks in the woods. He takes photos of plants. Philip brings his phone in case he gets lost.

Color the pictures that have ph- in the word.



Name _____ 1 2 3 Color a dot each time you read. DIGRAPHS TH ENDING

Read the passage three times. Then color all the -th words.

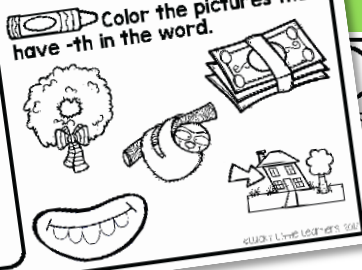
The moth was eating the cloth in my closet. The moth likes to eat slowly like a sloth. The moth only eats in the month of May. After that, he sleeps in the wreath on the door.

Write the words below in ABC order.

teeth	sloth	wreath	cloth	Earth	month

1. 4.
2. 5.
3. 6.

Color the pictures that have -th in the word.



Name _____ 1 2 3 Color a dot each time you read. DIGRAPHS WH BEGINNING

Read the passage three times. Then color all the wh- words.

Shelly took a sheep on a ric... saw a shark swimming by t... on the shore with her shovel...

...mom used a ...eam. It was white and soft. Yum!

Write the words below in ABC order.

sheep	shovel	shark	shoe	shell	shore

1. 4.
2. 5.
3. 6.

Color the pictures that have sh- in the word.

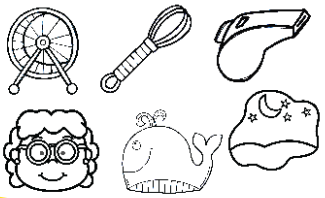


Write the words below in ABC order.

whistle	whisk	white	whip	wheel	whale

1. 4.
2. 5.
3. 6.

Color the pictures that have h- in the word.



Name _____ 1 2 3 Color a dot each time you read. DIGRAPHS CH ENDING

Read the passage three times. Then color all the -ch words.

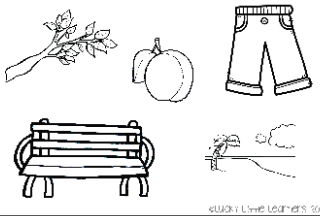
Rich wanted a peach off the tree. He stood on the bench to reach the branch. He could touch the peach, but not enough to grab it.

Write the words below in ABC order.

bench	pinch	peach	beach	teach	ranch

1. 4.
2. 5.
3. 6.

Color the pictures that have -ch in the word.



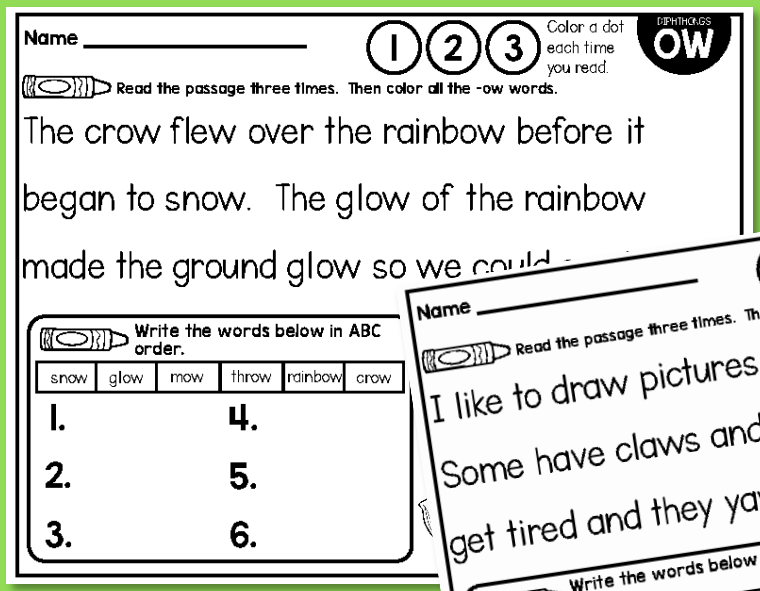
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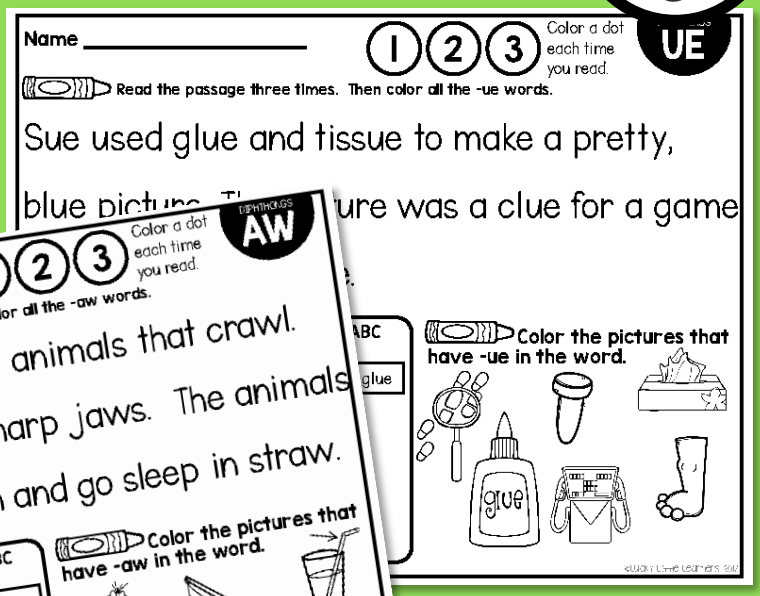
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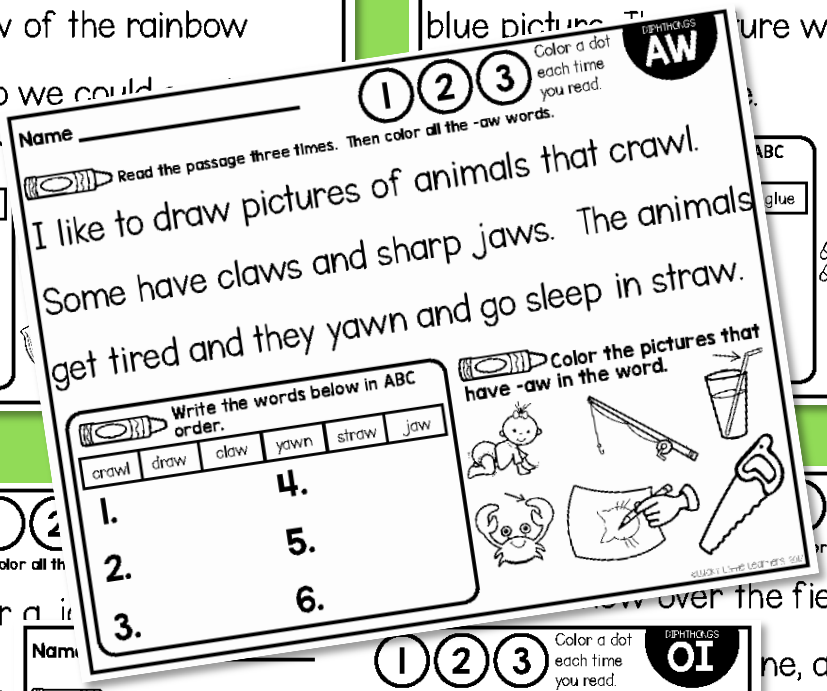
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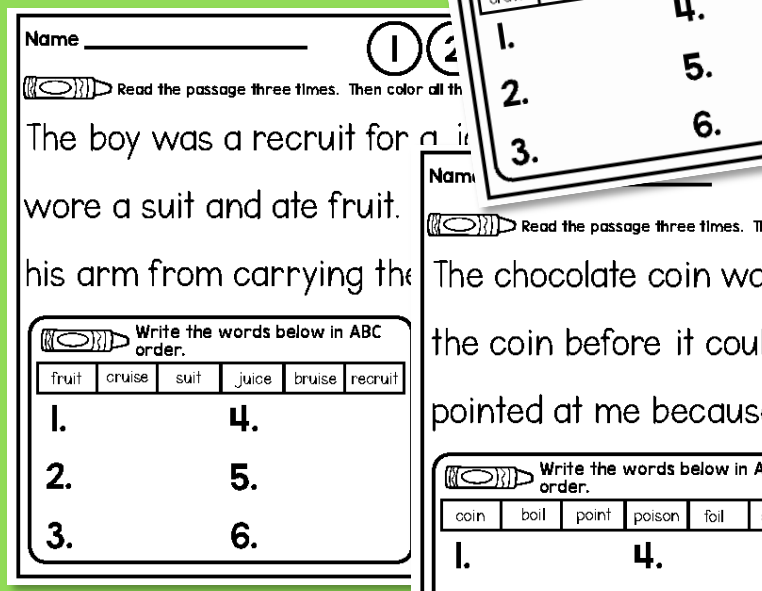
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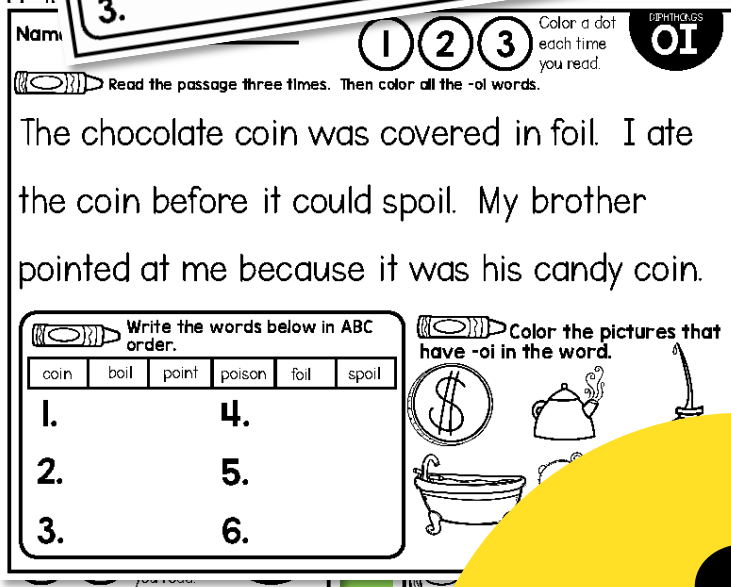
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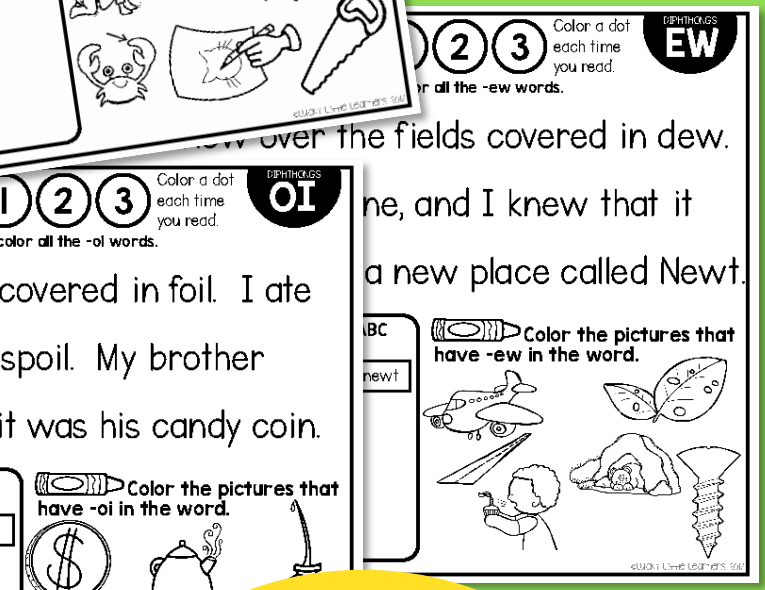


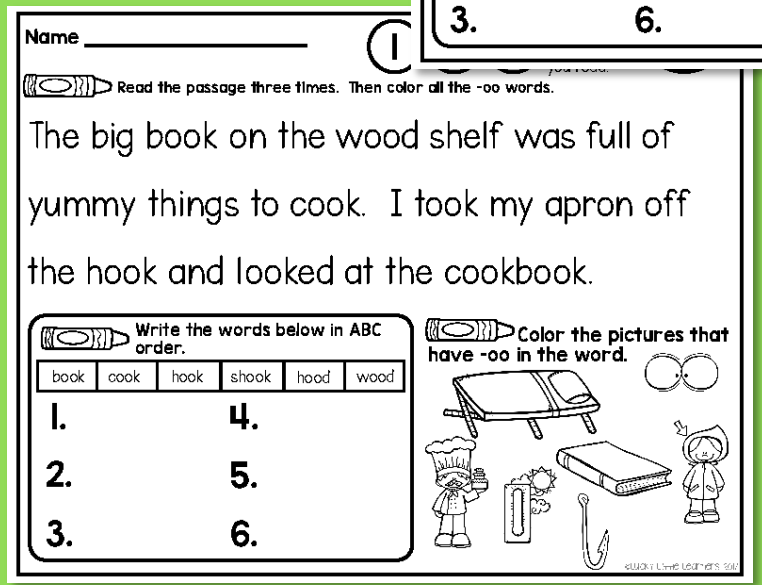














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Name _____ 1 2 3 Color a dot each time you read

AR

Read the passage three times. Then color all the -ar words.

A car sat in the yard at a barn. The dog barked and barked at the car. Then the man drove the car to the park.

Write the words below in ABC order.

farm	barn	park	yard	car	bark

1. _____ 4. _____
2. _____ 5. _____
3. _____ 6. _____

Color the pictures that have -ar in the word.



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ER

Read the passage three times. Then color all the -er words.

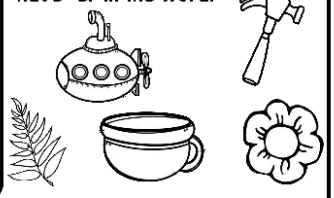
My mom wants to buy a flower and fern. She went to the store to talk to the clerk. The clerk was stern so she didn't buy what she wanted.

Write the words below in ABC order.

flower	fern	clerk	hammer	her	stern

1. _____ 4. _____
2. _____ 5. _____
3. _____ 6. _____

Color the pictures that have -er in the word.



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IR

Read the passage three times. Then color all the -ir words.

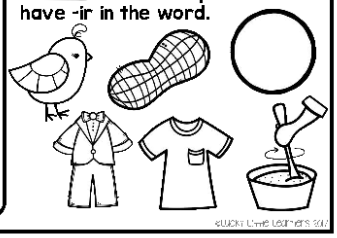
There once was a bird named Tara. She liked to twirl in her skirt. She was the first bird to learn how to twirl. She was very good at it too.

Write the words below in ABC order.

skirt	shirt	bird	twirl	first	squirt

1. _____ 4. _____
2. _____ 5. _____
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Color the pictures that have -ir in the word.



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OR

Read the passage three times. Then color all the -or words.

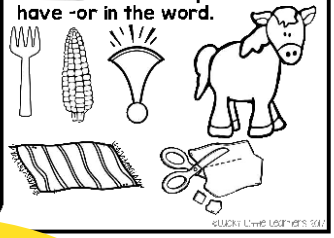
My family went to a fort in the woods. It was way up north. We had to walk in the woods and I got a thorn in my hand. My dad let me carry the torch so I could see better.

Write the words below in ABC order.

fort	north	torn	thorn	torch	pork

1. _____ 4. _____
2. _____ 5. _____
3. _____ 6. _____

Color the pictures that have -or in the word.



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UR

Read the passage three times. Then color all the -ur words.

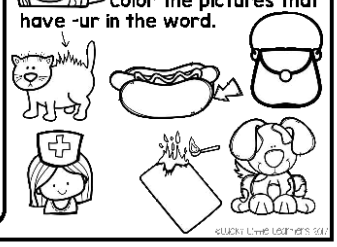
Tom was playing outside. He got a burn from the sun and he cut his finger. It hurt bad so he went to the nurse to get help. She made it all better.

Write the words below in ABC order.

nurse	curl	fur	burn	hurt	curtain

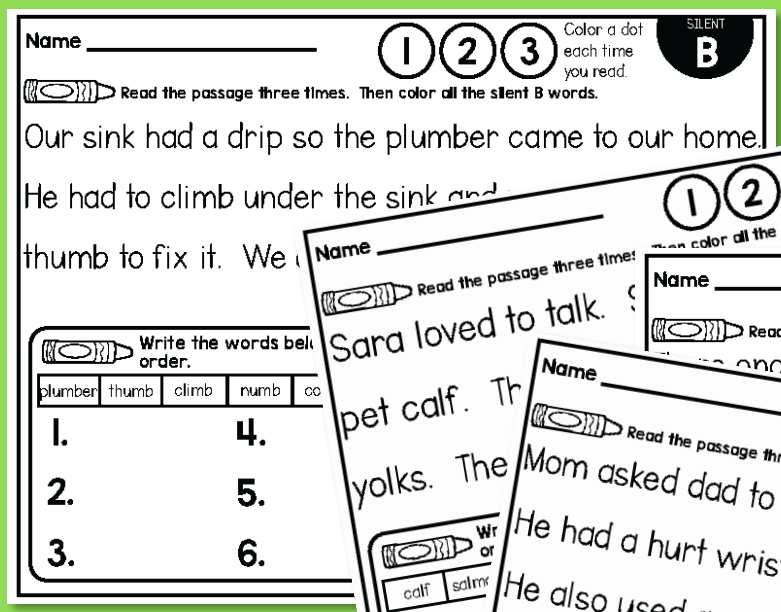
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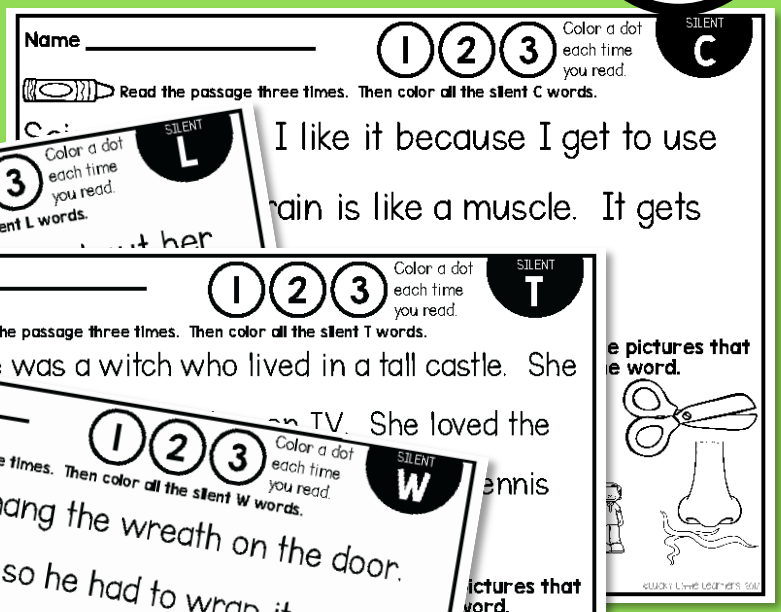
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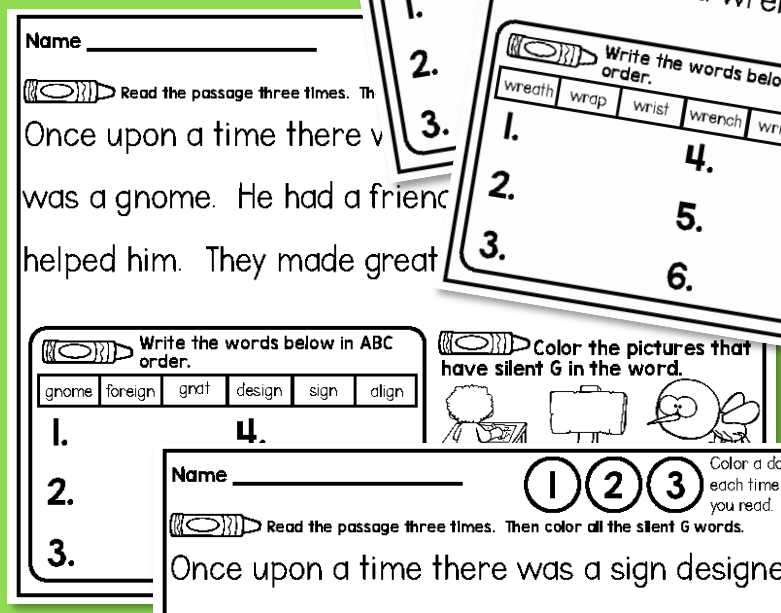


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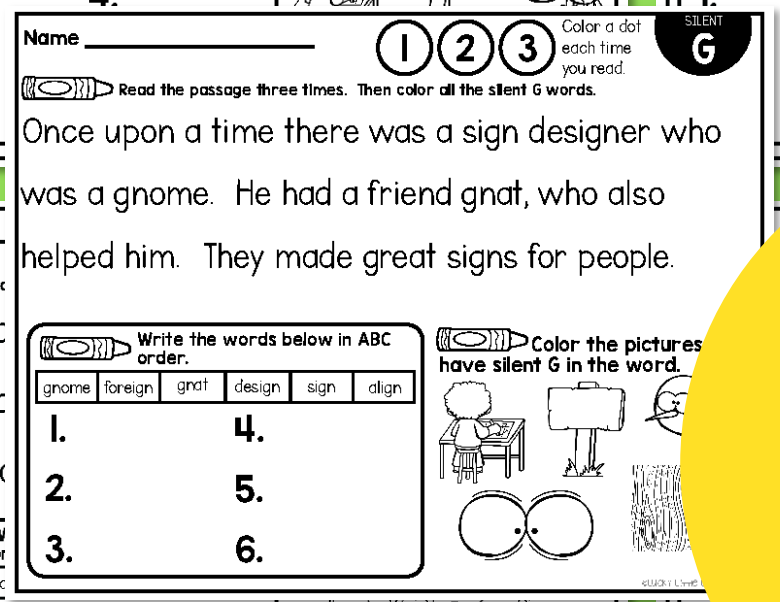
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