

READING SKILLS LINKTIVITY BUNDLE



FACT & OPINION

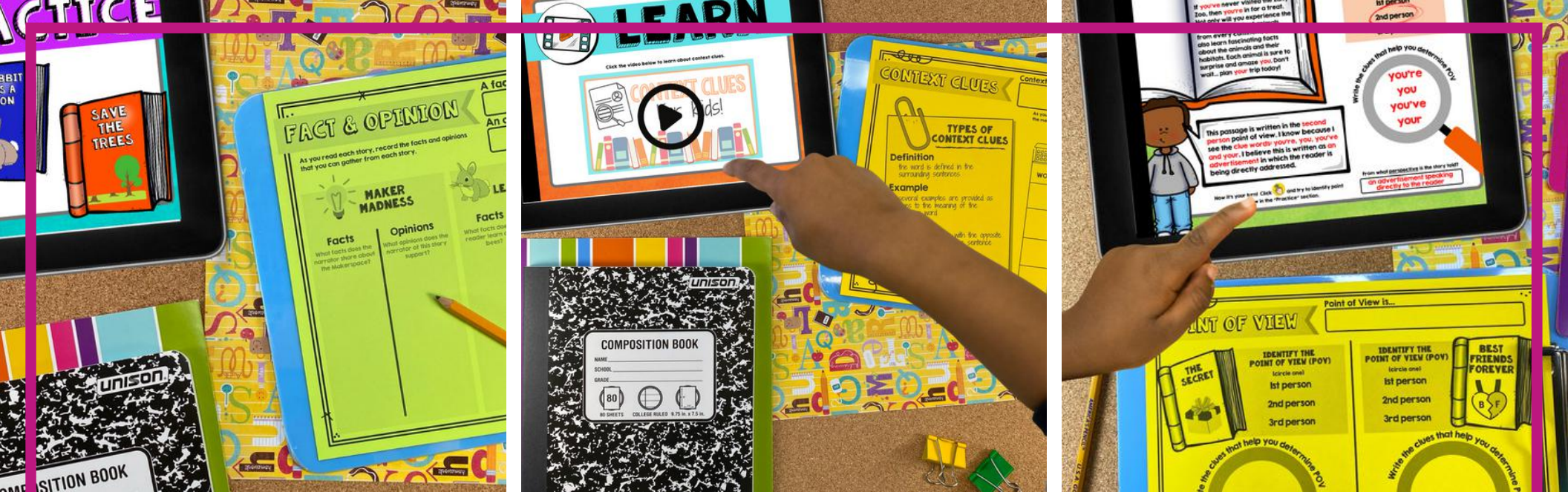
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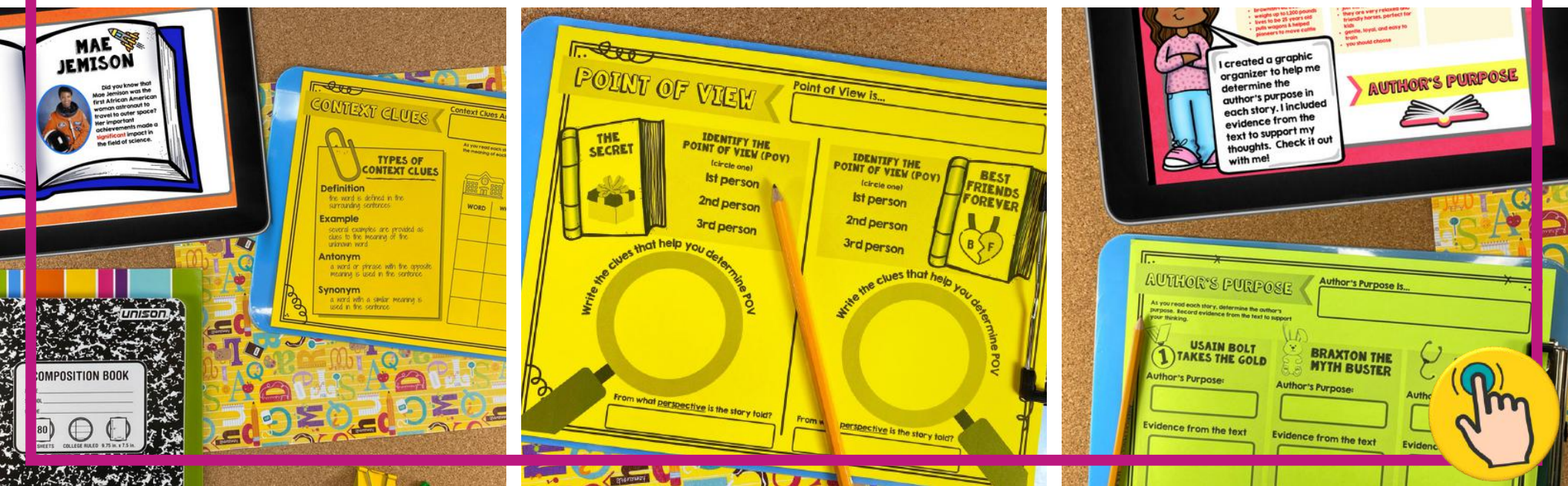
MAKER MADNESS	MR. RABBIT LEARNS A LESSON	SAVE THE TREES
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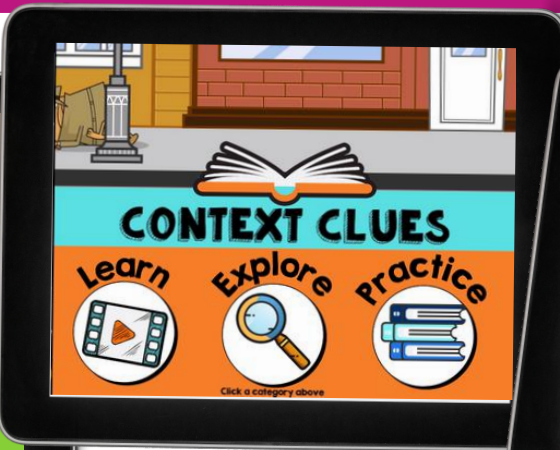
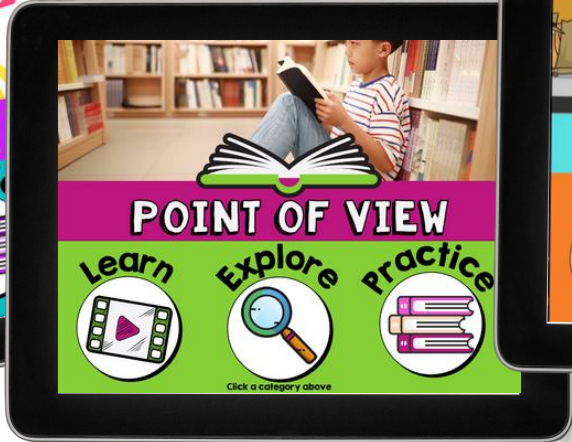


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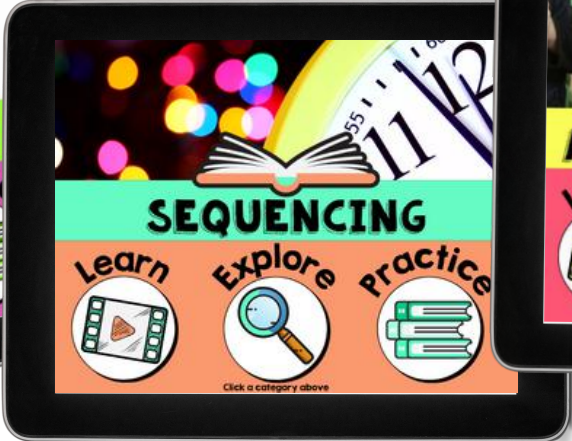


Turn reading skill instruction into a hands-on learning experience for your students with this LINKtivity® BUNDLE! Engage students with interactive practice as they learn fact & opinion, point of view, context clues, author's purpose, compare & contrast, cause & effect, sequencing, and summarizing! Each LINKtivity comes with a recording sheet, student rubric, answer key, and teacher guide.





With each LINKtivity® students watch a short animated video that teaches them about the skill in the "Learn" section. Then, in the "Explore" section students see the skill modeled for them with their virtual "reading buddy." Finally, students will try out the skill for themselves in the "Practice" section through 3 reading passages. While practicing the skill, students complete the recording sheet (printable or digital).



Sample Slides

LEARN

Click the video below to learn about author's purpose.




EXPLORE

You already know author's purpose is as easy as PIE (persuade, inform, and entertain). Let's dive in a bit deeper and see if we can identify the author's purpose in a few stories.

Click "CONTINUE" to get started.

Let's explore author's purpose together! The author's purpose is the reason the author writes a story and it can really have an impact on how the reader experiences the story.

Take a look at these 3 stories. They are all written for a different purpose. Can you identify the author's purpose in each story?

When you're done reading, click "CONTINUE" to move on.

AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE

The American Quarter Horse is a beautiful, muscular breed with a brownish-red coat, light mane, and dark ears. They can weigh up to 1,200 pounds. That's as much as six large adults! These horses are known to be gentle with children and easy to train. In fact, they make great ranch horses or family pets you'll love for years to come. They can live to be 25 years old! Today, they're mostly seen on trail rides and at rodeo events. Yet, long ago, they helped the American settlers pull wagons and move cattle as the pioneers expanded West.

THE BEST HORSE

If you're twelve years old or younger, an American Quarter Horse is just the horse for you. It's the world's most popular breed for many reasons. First, they are very relaxed and friendly horses, perfect for kids who are just learning to ride. If interested to know that some bloodlines and lines. Today, these horses are bred to race in youth competitions and shows. They're also used for trail riding, and every to track. Are you looking for a fantastic animal partner who lives up to 25 years? You should choose the American Quarter Horse for your studies.

ADVENTURES WITH STRAWBERRY

Once a little girl named Gracie had a glorious American Quarter Horse. She called the mare "Strawberry" because the horse turned a glowing shade of red in the sunlight. Strawberry also loved to eat strawberries on the trail rides in the summer. The animal had been the greatest birthday present ever! Gracie and Strawberry loved riding after school and enjoying a snack of berries together in the woods each evening. Every night in the woods sheathed Strawberry's dusty coat, she whispered, "You're my best friend in the whole world!"

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The author's purpose in this story is to inform. The author is providing facts and information about the American Quarter Horse.

SAVE THE TREES

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Opinion

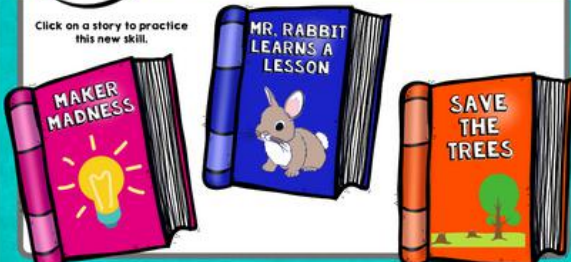
FAVORITE TREAT

America's #1 pick for ice cream flavor is vanilla. I completely agree with Americans on this, because vanilla is definitely the best ice cream flavor. What's not to love? Many people may find vanilla to be a boring or safe choice, but that's because they've not thought of all the toppings, syrups, and flavors you can pair perfectly with vanilla ice cream. Not only is it delicious, but the possibilities are endless!

This story is loaded with opinions! Can you spot them? I've highlighted them in blue. I know that these are opinions because they describe one person's thoughts and feelings.

PRACTICE

Click on a story to practice this new skill.



Take a look at these 2 stories about ice cream. Can you identify the facts and opinions?

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FACT? OR OPINION?

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A COOL JOB

Do you want to be a confectioner when you grow up? A confectioner is someone who accepts ice cream! You may be surprised to learn that this tasty dessert has been around since 200 BC. Ice cream was first created in China by mixing milk and rice and then packing the mixture in the snow to make a sweet, frozen snack. Ice cream didn't become popular in the US until much later. In 1851, a Baltimore milk dealer, named Jacob Fussell, began using his extra cream to manufacture ice cream on a larger scale than ever before.

MAKER MADNESS

Feeling bored? Want to try something new and fun? Then come to the Library Makerspace. The Makerspace is a great place for patrons of all ages. Makerspaces are the best part of any modern library!




Sample Slides

A BIG SURPRISE

“Meow! Meow!” Yes, that means: “Hey you!” Of course, I’m talking to you. Listen, come a little closer. Now, that’s better. Boy, do I have a story to tell you. Okay, I can see why you may think that I’m adorable and cuddly, but even cute kittens have unexpected adventures. Trust me, today has been filled with surprises.

ZANY ZOO

If **you’ve** never visited the Zany Zoo, then **you’re** in for a treat. Not only will you experience the sights and sounds of animals from every continent, **you** will also learn fascinating facts about the animals and their habits. Each animal is sure to surprise and amaze **you**. Don’t wait... **plan your** trip today!

IDENTIFY THE POINT OF VIEW (POV)
 (circle one)
 1st person
 2nd person
 3rd person

Write the clues that help you determine POV

**you’re
you
you’ve
your**

This passage is written in the **second person** point of view. I know because I see the **clue words: you’re, you, you’ve and your.** I believe this is written as an **advertisement** in which the reader is being directly addressed.

Now it’s your turn! Click and try to identify point of view in the “practice” section.

From what perspective is the story told?
an advertisement speaking directly to the reader

THE LUAU

I never knew a luau could be so much fun! My friends and I had already danced in our grass skirts, enjoyed snow cones, and ate pineapple cake. We had gotten soaked on the water slide and did the limbo. Finally, it was time to unwrap the gifts.

Finally, a soft-spoken lady came into the gloomy room and carried me toward all the commotion. She gently sat the box on the ground. The next thing I knew I was being lifted from the box, cuddled, and kissed by a sweet, young girl. Yes, okay... you were right. Maybe this wasn’t such a bad day after all!

THE END

Click on to choose another story.

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NEW GIRL AT SCHOOL **TIGERS** **LOST**

MAE JEMISON

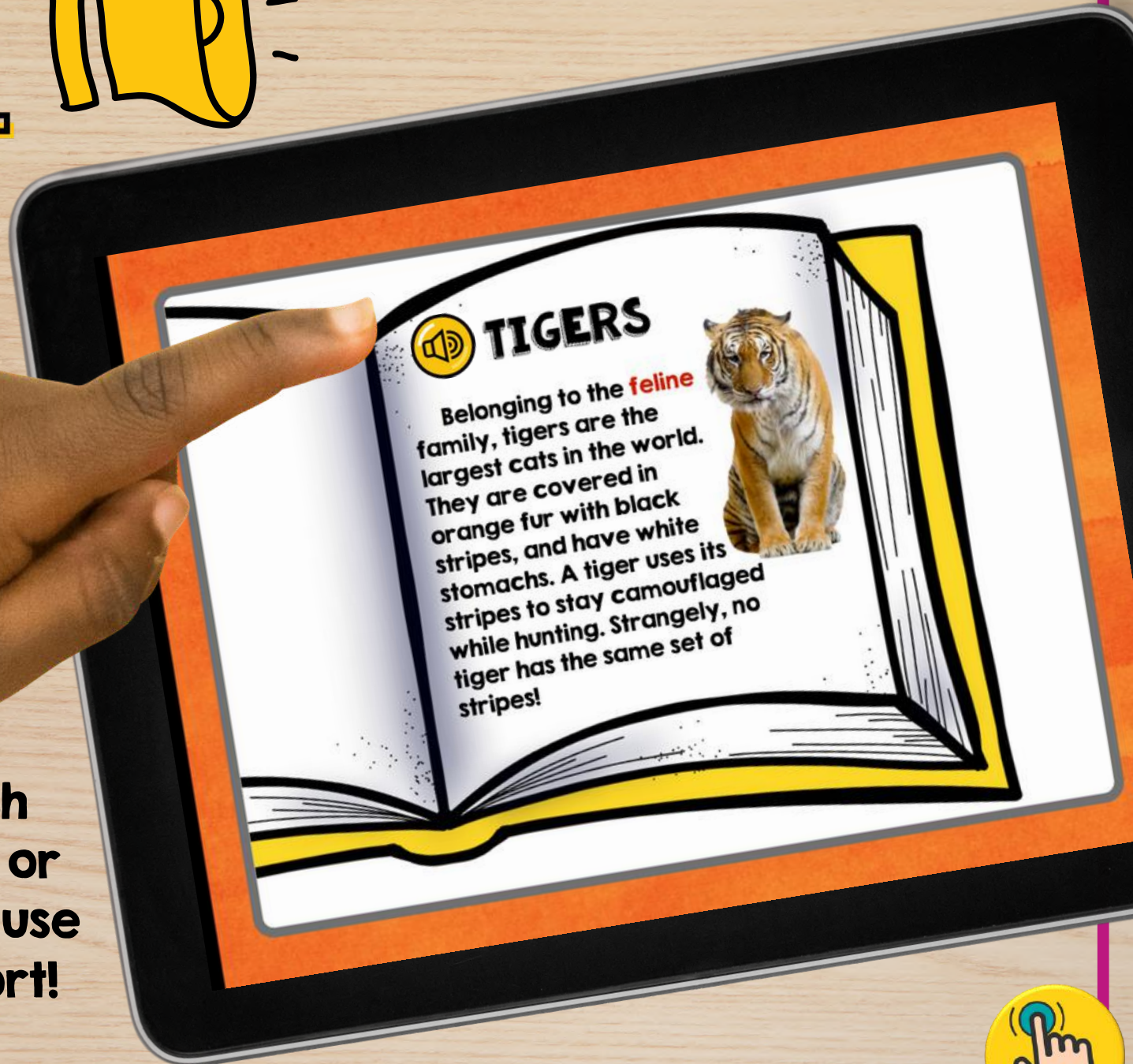
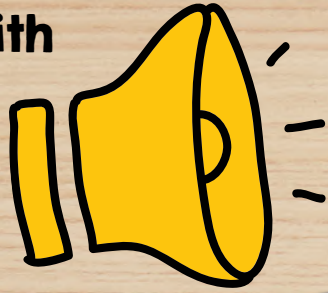
Did you know that Mae Jemison was the first African American woman astronaut to travel to outer space? Her important achievements made a **significant** impact in the field of science.

The most common tiger is the Bengal tiger, and the **rarest** tiger is the South China tiger. Sadly, they are entirely extinct from the wild, as they have not been spotted for over 25 years.



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TIGERS

Belonging to the **feline** family, tigers are the largest cats in the world. They are covered in orange fur with black stripes, and have white stomachs. A tiger uses its stripes to stay camouflaged while hunting. Strangely, no tiger has the same set of stripes!



Perfect for English language learners or students who could use a little extra support!



Printable & Digital Student Recording Sheet

Sample Printable Recording Sheets for LINKtivities

FACT & OPINION

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Facts	Opinions
What facts does the narrator share about the Madscience?	What opinions does the narrator share about the Madscience?

MR. RABBIT LEARNS A LESSON

Facts	Opinions
What facts does the reader learn about best?	What opinions does Mr. Rabbit express about best?

SAVE THE TREES

Facts	Opinions
What facts does the narrator share about the effects of cutting down trees?	What opinions does the narrator share about cutting down trees?

AUTHOR'S PURPOSE

As you read each story, determine the author's purpose. Record evidence from the text to support your thinking.

USAIN BOLT TAKES THE GOLD

Author's Purpose: _____

Evidence from the text: _____

BRAXTON THE MYTH BUSTER

Author's Purpose: _____

Evidence from the text: _____

DREAM JOB

Author's Purpose: _____

Evidence from the text: _____

CONTEXT CLUES

As you read each story, use context clues to help you determine the meaning of each red word found in the stories.

TYPES OF CONTEXT CLUES

- Definition**
the word is defined in the surrounding sentences
- Example**
several examples are provided as clues to the meaning of the unknown word
- Antonym**
a word or phrase with the opposite meaning is used in the sentence
- Synonym**
a word with a similar meaning is used in the sentence

A NEW GIRL AT SCHOOL

WORD	WHAT I THINK IT MEANS	CONTEXT CLUES THAT HELPED ME

COMPARE & CONTRAST

As you read each story, complete the Venn Diagram to compare and contrast the characters or topics discussed in the story.

A DIVE INTO THE SEA

TWO UNIQUE SEASONS

POINT OF VIEW

Point of View is...

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(drag the circle over the correct one)

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2nd person
3rd person

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Digital Recording Sheet for LINKtivity in Google Slides

CAUSE & EFFECT

As you read, determine the cause and effect relationships found in the text.

TITLE: _____	Effect	TITLE: _____	Cause	Effect
Cause	Effect	Cause	Effect	Effect
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Evidence from the text		Evidence from the text	

PLUS: a recording sheet to use with ANY text for follow-up practice! (printable or digital)

CAUSE & EFFECT Student:

4	3	2	1
I can clearly explain what a cause and an effect is.	I can explain what a cause and an effect is.	I can somewhat explain what a cause and an effect is.	I struggle to explain what a cause and an effect is or identify the cause and effect relationships when I read.
When reading, I can identify the cause and all possible effects without assistance.	When reading, I can identify the cause and at least one or two effects that resulted from that cause with little assistance.	When reading, I can identify the cause and at least one effect that resulted from that cause with heavy assistance.	

CAUSE & EFFECT

As you read each story, determine the cause and effect relationships found.

OLIVIA AND THE LOST BULLDOG

VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S TALENT SHOW

THE BIRTHDAY DISASTER

Answer Keys & Rubrics



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