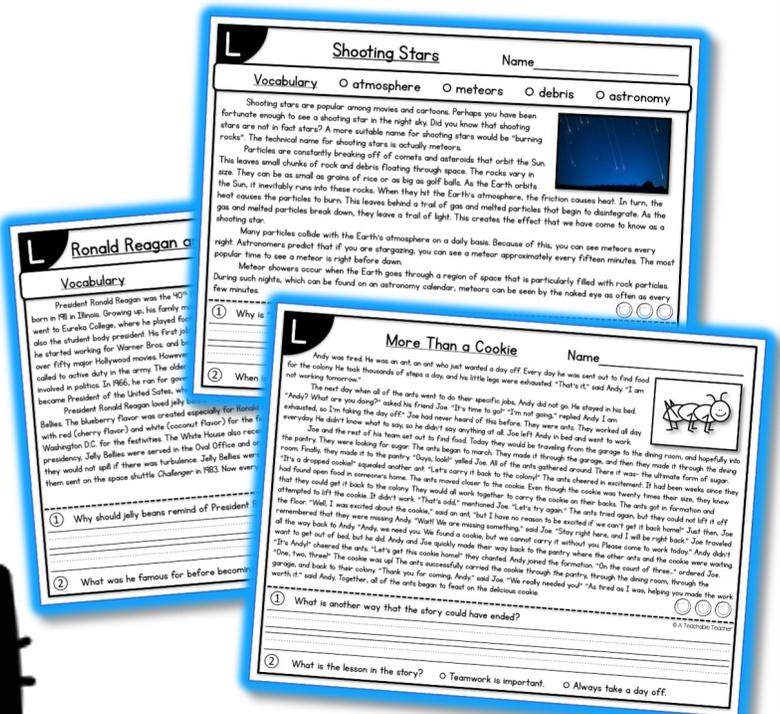
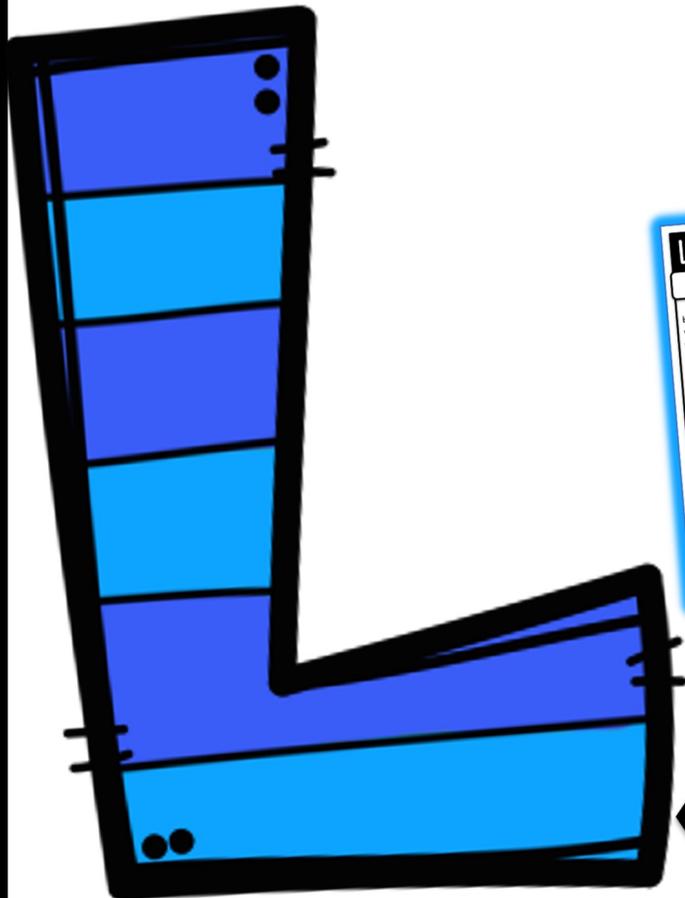


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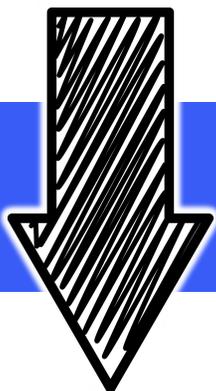
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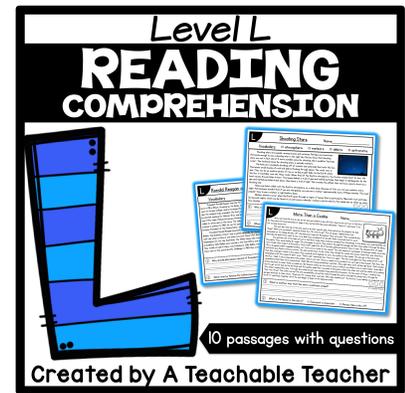
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# Each Passage Includes:

- ✓ Complexity - uses sight words and different phonics skills to create an engaging passage that holds students' interest
- ✓ Fluency - three happy faces for students to color each time they read
- ✓ Comprehension - multiple choice and open ended questions to allow students to refer back to the text for the answers.
- ✓ Student-friendly graphics - appropriate graphics (clip art and real world pictures)



# Reading Skills Covered:

- ✓ fiction/nonfiction
- ✓ build fluency
- ✓ reading comprehension

**Shooting Stars** Name \_\_\_\_\_

Vocabulary    atmosphere    meteors    debris    astronomy

Shooting stars are popular among movies and cartoons. Perhaps you have been fortunate enough to see a shooting star in the night sky. Did you know that shooting stars are not actually stars? A more suitable name for shooting stars would be "burning rocks". The technical name for shooting stars is meteors.



Particles are constantly breaking off of comets and asteroids that orbit the Sun. This leaves small chunks of rock and debris floating through space. The rocks vary in size. They can be as small as grains of rice or as big as golf balls. As Earth orbits the Sun, it inevitably runs into these rocks. When they hit Earth's atmosphere, the friction causes heat. In turn, the heat causes the particles to burn. This leaves behind a trail of gas and melted particles that begin to disintegrate. As the gas and melted particles break down, they leave a trail of light. This creates the effect that we have come to know as a shooting star.

Many particles collide with Earth's atmosphere on a daily basis. Because of this, you can see meteors every night. Astronomers

② When is the best time to see a meteor?  
 during a full moon    while camping    right before dawn

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# Paired Passages

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## Fiction Passages

**L** Great Escape Name \_\_\_\_\_

Every day the zookeepers would drop off more bamboo, Little Bam would watch very closely. He was planning his great escape. He was determined that he would one day find out what was beyond the enclosure. He carefully watched how the zookeepers entered the enclosure. He timed how long they were inside. He planned the perfect day to escape. Little Bam knew exactly what he was planning. He knew that they were crazy. He thought that they were crazy not to wonder what he was doing there.

The day finally came for the great escape. Little Bam followed his plan to a T, and he was out. He walked through fields of grass in awe of everything around him. He walked and he walked, satisfying his curiosity along the way. Soon, he came to a giraffe. "What are you doing out of your enclosure?" asked the giraffe. "I just had to see what else was out here! You have such a long neck," explained Little Bam. "Yes, I do," said the giraffe. "Now, you must be careful. There are humans everywhere. If they see you, they will send you back." "I'll be careful!" said Little Bam. He continued to walk. Soon, he came to a family of elephants. "What are you doing?" asked the mother elephant. "I just had to see what was out here! You have such a long nose!" explained Little Bam. "It is called a trunk," replied the elephant. "Now, you must be careful. If the humans see you out of your enclosure, they will send you back!" "I'll be careful!" said Bam. He continued to walk. It started to



Great Escape Name \_\_\_\_\_

...ed that he was no longer walking on grass. He ran into another bear. "Where are your black markings?" "I've never seen you here." "Why do you have black markings?" "I'm a bear, too?" asked Bam. "No, I am a polar bear. I was out some fish?" asked the polar bear. "Fish?" "I'll come bamboo please." "I don't have that," said the polar bear. Bam was longing for his enclosure. "It was nice to see you, but I think I need to go back to my enclosure," said the polar bear. He was just in time for the afternoon. Bam sneak right in. "Little Bam, I haven't seen you all day. Where have you been?" "Oh, I have just had a busy day, but I'm so glad to be home!"

...tell his mom exactly where he had been?

... as he met each type of animal?

what they ate  how they looked

Name \_\_\_\_\_

... escape?

... Little Bam to leave his enclosure?

... could have ended?

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## Nonfiction Passages

**L** Manatees Name \_\_\_\_\_

Vocabulary  gentleness  herbivores  endangered

Have you ever heard of a sea cow? Manatees are often considered the cows of the sea because they are large marine mammals that spend their days grazing. Manatees live in shallow and calm rivers, canals, and coastal areas. They are known for their gentleness and are a brownish gray color. They can grow up to 13 feet long and weigh as much as 3,000 pounds! With two large flippers on each side of their bodies and one big flat tail, manatees move slowly. They move anywhere from three to five miles per hour. Since manatees are mammals, they need to come up out of the water for air. They usually come up every three to four minutes, but if needed, manatees can hold their breath for up to twenty minutes. Manatees are herbivores, which means that they only eat plants. They feast on turtle grass, algae, and other plants in the water. Although their slow movements and eating habits make manatees similar to cows, it is believed that manatees are distant relatives of



Manatees Name \_\_\_\_\_

gentleness  herbivores  endangered

... and elephants have trunks, thick skin, thick tusks, teeth that replace themselves, and

... endangered species. This means that manatees are extinct, like dinosaurs. The only known manatee is humans. Manatees were hunted for their tusks. It is now illegal to hunt manatees in the United States.

... considered the cows of the sea?

... the manatee?

cows  hippos  elephants

Name \_\_\_\_\_

... endangered

... three reasons.

... at?

... species?

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Manatees Name \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ considered the cows of the sea? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ differences between manatees and elephants. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ endangered species? \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 - digital files

**Directions**

1. Drag to highlight vocabulary words.
2. Read the story 3 times.
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**1st Read**

3. Drag \_\_\_\_\_ or type \_\_\_\_\_ to answer the questions.

Type answer here: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ endangered

\_\_\_\_\_ thick skin, thick \_\_\_\_\_ lives, and \_\_\_\_\_

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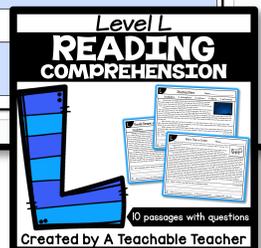
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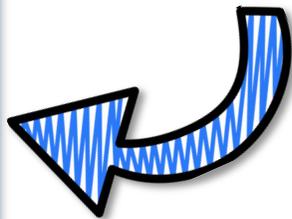
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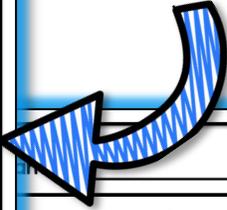
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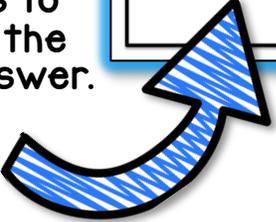
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Students build fluency by reading the passages multiple times. Students color a happy face each time they read!



Open-ended reading comprehension questions require students to refer to the text to answer.



Second page of comprehension questions!



**L** Manatees Name \_\_\_\_\_

Vocabulary     gentleness     herbivores     endangered

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① Why are manatees considered the cows of the sea?

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.....

② Which is a relative of the manatee?

cows     hippos     elephants

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⑤ Describe the similarities and differences between manatees and elephants.

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⑥ Why are manatees an endangered species?

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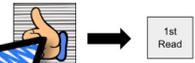
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Directions for students on every slide

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1st Read   2nd Read   3rd Read

1 Why are manatees considered the cows of the sea?

Type answer here.

Draggable highlight strips for students to highlight the vocabulary words in the nonfiction passages

**Manatees**

Vocabulary    gentleness    herbivores    endangered

3 Why do you think manatees move slowly? Give three reasons.

Type answer here.

4 As herbivores, what do manatees eat?

Type answer here.

5 Describe the similarities and differences between manatees and elephants.

Type answer here.

6 Why are manatees an endangered species?

Type answer here.

the manatee?  
 cows    hippos    elephants

Boxes provided for students to type answers to the open-ended reading comprehension questions

Draggable thumbs for students to track each time they read the story



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Melanie Glasgow (TPT Seller)

July 25, 2023

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These are aesthetically pleasing with engaging stories! I also loved the comprehension questions at the end. I used these for my tutoring students and they enjoyed them as much as I did. Thank you!

Students used with  
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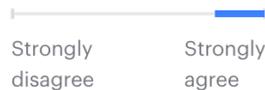
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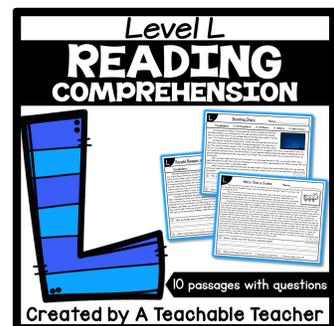
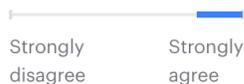
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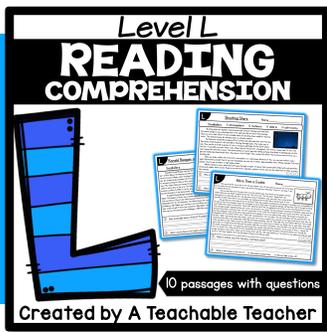
I love this resource! I was able differentiate to my student's needs. The resource was easy to follow. This resource made planning easier.

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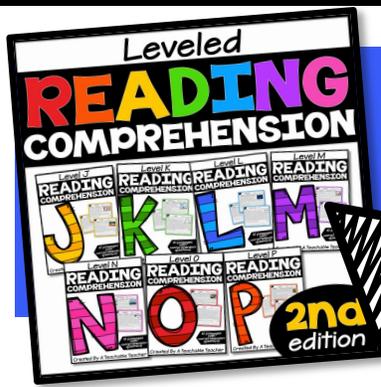
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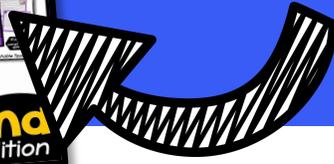
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