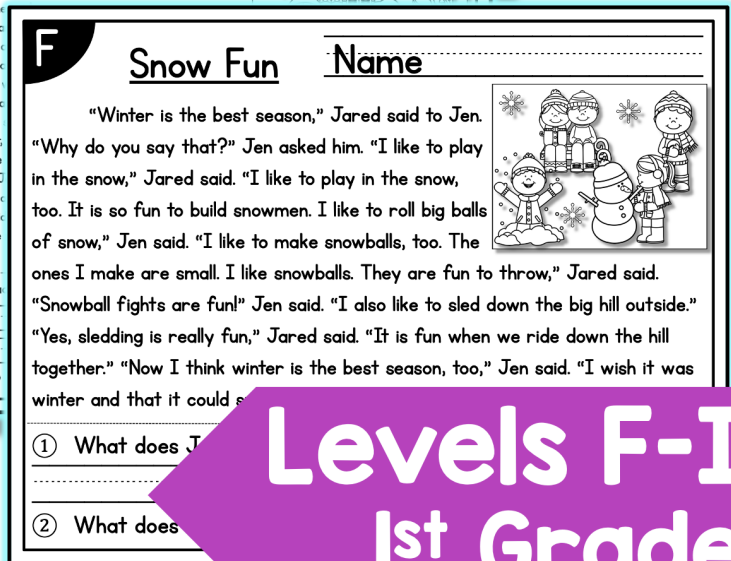
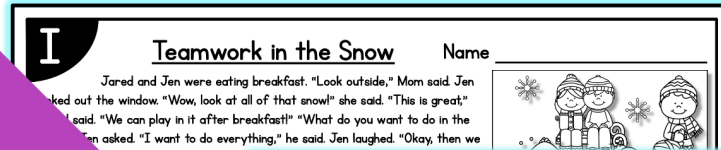
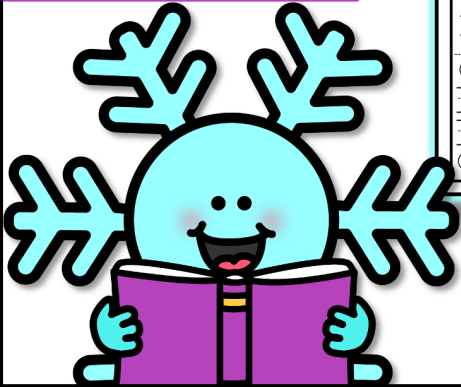


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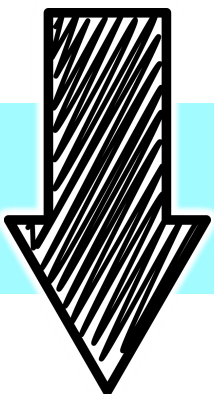
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Levels F-I  
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# What's Included:

- ✓ 40 winter-themed passages
- ✓ Levels F-I (Fountas & Pinnell-aligned)
- ✓ 5 monthly themes
- ✓ Comprehension questions
- ✓ Vocabulary support
- ✓ Fluency tracking

**Perfect for January  
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# January Themes:

 **Snow**

 **New Year**

 **Penguins**

 **100<sup>th</sup> Day of School**

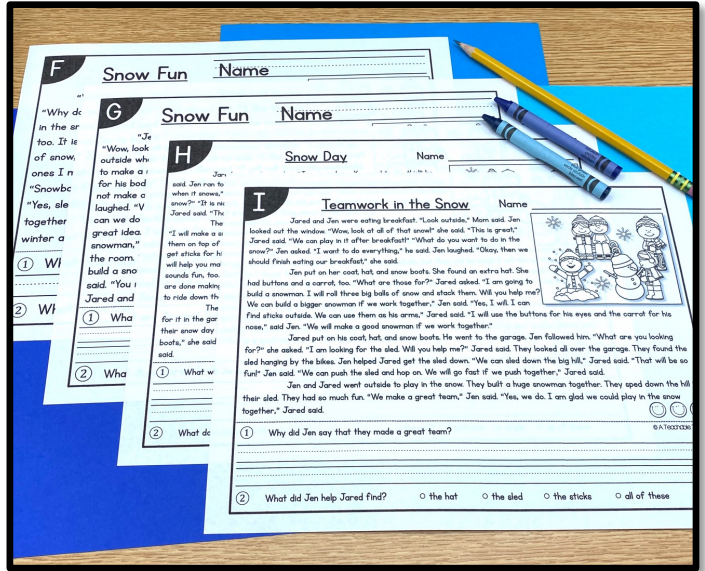
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## Each Theme Includes:

 I fiction passage (levels F-I)

 I nonfiction passage (levels F-I)

**5 themes x 2 texts x 4 levels = 40 passages!**



# JANUARY

## guided reading passages

Levels F-I

Level referenced  
in the top left  
corner of every  
page

Vocabulary  
Preview

**F** Penguins Name \_\_\_\_\_

Vocabulary ☐ catch ☐ predators ☐ camouflage

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fish to eat.  
predators. F  
their bellies  
in with the  
camouflage

**G** Penguins Name \_\_\_\_\_

Vocabulary ☐ predators ☐ colonies

Penguins are a kind of bird. They can't fly. Penguins are good swimmers. They chase fish to eat. They swim and sharks. Penguins also protect themselves from predators using camouflage. They are white and black. They blend in with the ice when they are swimming. Penguins like to hunt for food to eat. Penguins live on cliffs. They like to slide on the ice. Penguins live in colonies.

① Why do penguins use camouflage?  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

② What do penguins hunt for?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**H** Penguins Name \_\_\_\_\_

Vocabulary ☐ Southern Hemisphere ☐ predators ☐ camouflage ☐ brood

Have you ever seen a penguin? A penguin is a bird, but it is not like most birds. Most birds can fly. Penguins can't fly. There are many kinds of penguins. They always live close together. They live on the land. Penguins are good swimmers. They also swim fast. Lions eat penguins. They swim fast, they can go fast. They are white and black. It is hard time seeing the penguins. Female penguins lay eggs to keep them warm. They do everything to protect their bellies. They even use camouflage.

① How do penguins protect themselves?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

② Where do female penguins live?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_


**I** Penguins Name \_\_\_\_\_

Vocabulary ☐ Southern Hemisphere ☐ predators ☐ camouflage ☐ colonies

Penguins are a kind of bird. They are much different from the birds you might think of. They have wings like all birds, but they do not use them to fly. Penguins use their wings to swim through the water. There are 17 species of penguins. They all live in the Southern Hemisphere. Most penguins live in cold places with ice and snow. They spend a lot of time in the water, but they live on land. Penguins swim very fast. They swim to hunt for food to eat. They catch fish, squid, and krill. Penguins also swim fast to escape predators. Sharks, whales, sea lions, and seals all hunt penguins. Penguins also protect themselves from predators through camouflage. They are white and black. Their white bellies blend in with the snow and ice. Their black backs blend in with the water as they swim. Blending in makes it harder for predators to see them. Penguins live in big groups called colonies. The penguins in colonies swim, hunt, and live together. Female penguins lay one egg at a time. Penguin chicks hatch from the eggs. Females have flaps of skin called brood pouches. They use these pouches to cover eggs and chicks to keep them warm. Penguins like to play. They enjoy jumping off of cliffs and diving into the water. They also like sliding on their bellies. Penguins even surf in the water. They have fun playing.

① What is a penguin's camouflage? Why is it important?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

② What do penguins hunt?  
☐ fish ☐ seals ☐ whales



Multiple choice &  
open-ended  
questions

Fluency tracking  
with smiley faces

# Paired Passages

for every theme, in every level

## Fiction Passages



### F

### Snow Fun

### Name \_\_\_\_\_

"Winter is the best season," Jared said to Jen. "Why do you say that?" Jen asked him. "I like to play in the snow," Jared said. "I like to play in the snow, too. It is so fun to build snowmen. I like to roll big balls of snow," Jen said. "I like to make snowballs, too. The ones I make are small. I like snowballs. They are fun to throw," Jared said. "Snowball fights are fun!" Jen said. "I also like to sled down the big hill outside." "Yes, sledding is really fun," Jared said. "It is fun when we ride down the hill together." "Now I think winter is the best season, too," Jen said. "I wish it was winter and that it could snow right now!"

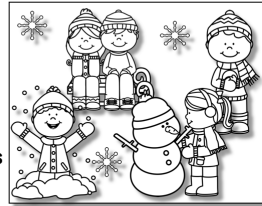
① What does Jared like to do with Jen in the snow?

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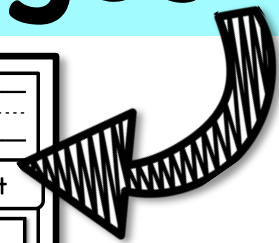
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② What does Jen wish?    ☐ to make a snowman    ☐ that it would snow

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## Nonfiction Passages



### F

### Skiing

### Name \_\_\_\_\_

Vocabulary    ☐ skiers    ☐ mountains    ☐ cross-country    ☐ protect

Skiing is a winter activity. People who ski are called skiers. They move through the snow on long thin boards called skis. Some skiers go down big hills or mountains. This is called downhill skiing. Some skiers go a long way across flat land. This is called cross-country skiing. All skiers have gear. Skiers must always wear helmets. Helmets protect the skiers' heads. They also wear goggles to protect their eyes. Skiers wear special boots that snap into their skis. They have poles to help them balance. They also wear coats and gloves to stay warm. Would you like to try skiing?

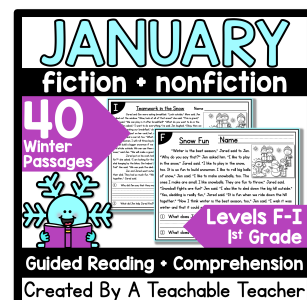
① What do cross-country skiers do?

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② What do the ski poles help with?    ☐ speed    ☐ balance

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# What Teachers Are Saying...

BE

BreAnna E.

Jan 29, 2024

★★★★★ Extremely satisfied

I love this resource! It has saved me so much time looking for differentiated passages/ texts. With this resource I was able to take some of the non-fiction passages and add a writing component for our small group time. Thank you so much for creating and sharing an amazing resource with us!

Students used with

1st grade

Students were engaged

Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

Alignment of standards used

CCSS | RF.1.4a

CCSS | RF.1.4

CCSS | RF.1.3b

MM

Melisa M.

Apr 15, 2024

★★★★★ Extremely satisfied

Awesome Resource! students love it! We implement it during class and for homework!

Students used with

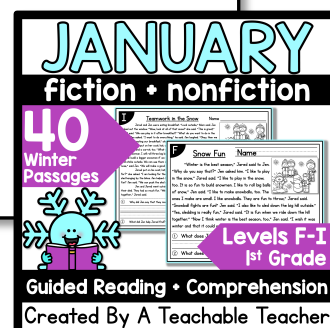
1st grade

Primarily students with learning difficulties, and that are emerging bilinguals/ ELs/ ESOLs/ ENLs

Students were engaged

Strongly disagree

Strongly agree



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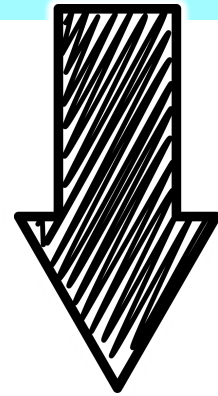
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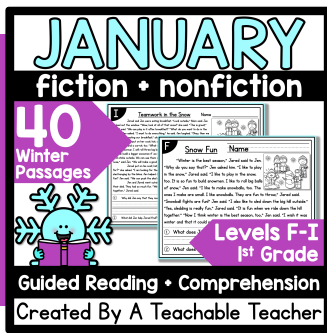
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