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## guided reading passages

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# Graduation

Name \_\_\_\_\_

"I'm nervous about graduation," Jared said to his dad. "Why are you nervous, Jared?" Dad asked.

"The stage is big. I have to cross the whole thing.

There will be a lot of people watching. What if I fall?"

Jared asked. "Don't worry about that," Dad said. "You

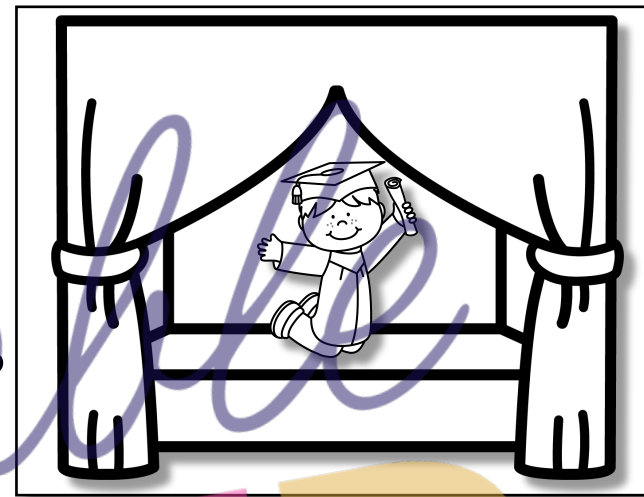
have been so brave at school all year." Jared looked at his dad. "How have I

been brave?" he asked. "When you started school, you didn't know how to read

or write. You did not know how to count or add. You have learned all of that this

year! You never gave up," Dad said. Jared felt better. "You are right, Dad. I

didn't give up in school. I won't give up today," he said.



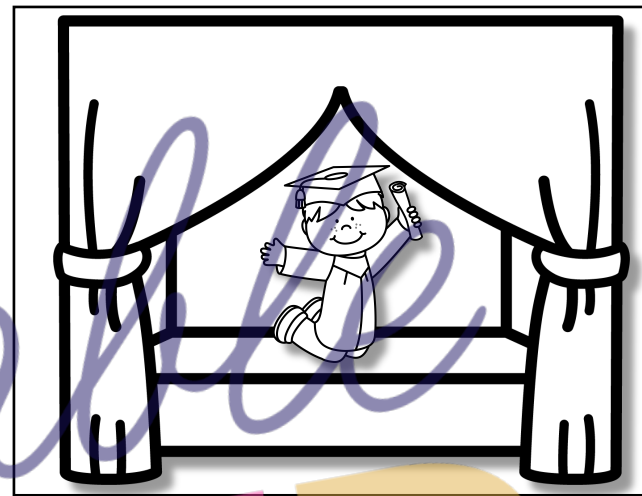
① Why did Dad tell Jared that he was brave?

② What was Jared nervous about?  walking across a stage  going to school

## G

GraduationName

It was Jared's graduation day. He had on his cap. He had on his gown. It was time to get his diploma. He looked up at the stage. "I am so nervous," he said to his dad. "Why are you nervous?" Dad asked. Jared looked at the stage again. "The stage is so big. I have to walk up the stairs and walk across in front of everyone. What if I fall?" he asked. Dad smiled at Jared. "You don't need to feel nervous. You should feel proud. You have already been so brave this year," he said. Jared was surprised. "How have I been brave?" he asked. Dad said, "When you started school, you didn't know how to read. Now you are reading books. You didn't know how to write. Now you are writing sentences. You didn't know your numbers. Now you are adding numbers together. You worked hard. You never gave up." Jared smiled. He felt better. "You are right, Dad. I didn't give up in school. I will not give up today," he said. Jared got in line. When it was his turn, he walked across the stage. He got his diploma. He graduated!



① Why did Dad tell Jared that he was brave?

② What was Jared nervous about?  He did not want to fall.  He did not want to graduate.

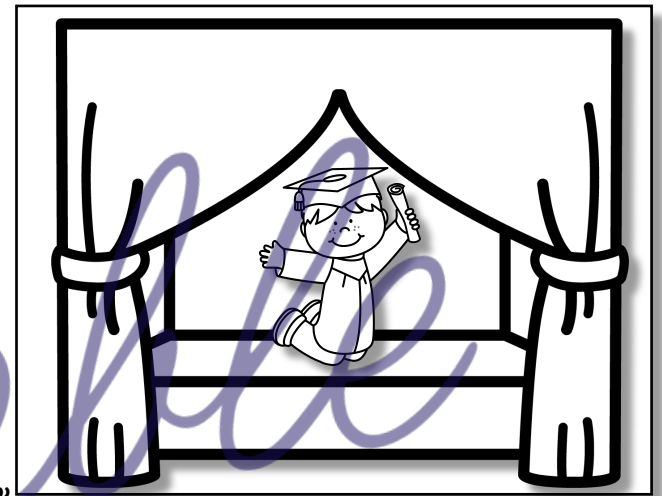
# Graduation

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Jared held his cap and gown in his hand. "I don't want to go to graduation. Can we just stay home?" he asked. "This is your special day. Why do you want to miss it?" Dad asked. Jared sighed. "I guess I'm a little nervous," he said. "Why are you nervous?" Dad asked. "We practiced yesterday, and I have to walk up the stairs and across a huge stage," Jared said. "There will be so many people watching. What if I fall?"

Dad gave Jared a hug. "I understand why you are nervous. It can be scary to be in front of a lot of people, but I do not want you to give up. All of those people are watching because they are proud of you. You have been so brave," Dad said. Jared was surprised. "How have I been brave?" he asked. "When you started school, you did not know how to read or write. Now you are reading books! You can write all of your great stories down. You said that math was too hard. You love math now. You can even add and subtract numbers! You have worked so hard this year. You never gave up. I do not want you to give up today," Dad said.

Jared felt better. Dad had helped him think about why he was graduating. He had worked hard this year. He was so excited to go to the next grade. "You are right, Dad. I didn't give up when I was learning to read and write. Math made me nervous at first, but I love it now. I will not give up today," said Jared. They went to school. Jared got in line. He walked up the stairs and across the stage. His teacher gave him his diploma and said, "Great job this year, Jared." Jared smiled. He was proud. "I am glad I came to graduation," he said.



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① Why did Dad tell Jared that he was brave?

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② What was Jared nervous about?

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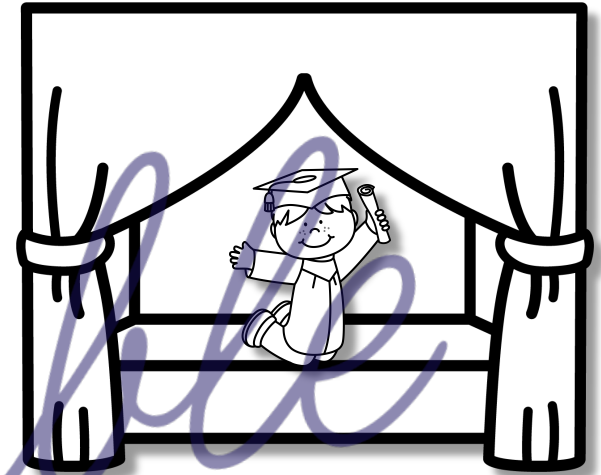
# Graduation

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Jared put on his cap and gown. It was graduation day, but he did not want to go. "Can we just stay home?" he asked. "This is your special day. Why do you want to stay home?" Dad asked. Jared sighed. "I guess I'm a little nervous," he said. "Why are you nervous?" Dad asked. "Well, we practiced the ceremony with Mrs. Nelson yesterday. I have to walk up the stairs and across a big stage," Jared said. "She said that there would be a crowd of people watching. What if I fall?"

Dad gave Jared a hug. "I understand why you're nervous. It can be scary to be in front of a crowd, but I don't want you to miss your graduation. All of those people are watching because they are proud of you. You have been so brave," Dad said. Jared was surprised. "How have I been brave?" he asked. "When you started school, you did not know how to read or write, and you said that math was too hard. Now you are reading books and can write your own stories. You love math now and can even add and subtract numbers! You have worked so hard this year. You never gave up. I do not want you to give up today," Dad said.

Jared felt so much better. Dad had helped him think about why he was graduating. He *had* worked hard this year, and he was excited to go to the next grade. "You're right, Dad. I didn't give up when I was learning to read and write. I thought math was too hard but I love it now. I won't give up today," he said. Jared put on his cap and gown and went to school. He walked up the stairs and across the stage. Mrs. Nelson handed him his diploma and said, "Great job this year, Jared. I am proud of you." Jared smiled. He was proud of himself. *I am glad I came to graduation,* he thought.



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① Why did Dad tell Jared that he was brave?

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② What was Jared nervous about?       He did not want to fall.       He did not want to graduate.

## F

Graduate

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Vocabulary students learn practice ceremonies

Students graduate at the end of a school year.

They are ready to move on to the next grades. They have a lot to learn before they can graduate. They spend the year in class. They learn new things. They practice the new things they learn. Many students learn how to read and write before they graduate. They also learn other things. They learn about animals in science. They learn about history, too. At the end of the school year, students get to show what they know. Some students get to have graduation ceremonies.



① What do some students learn to do at school?

② What do students have to do to graduate?  practice  run

# G

# Graduate

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Vocabulary

- students    science    social studies    ceremonies

Students get to graduate at the end of the school year. That means that they get to move on to new grades. There was a lot that they did not know when they started school. At the end of the year, they get to show what they have learned. Students show that they are better readers. They can read more than they did when they started school. Students show that they are better writers. They can write more than they could at the beginning of the school year. Students show that they have learned new things in math. They show that they have learned new things in science and social studies, too. They spend the year learning all of these things. They practice them each day at school. At the end of the year, they celebrate all they have learned. Many students get to have graduation ceremonies.



① What do students need to do to graduate?

② What do graduates get to do?    go to math    go to new grades



Vocabulary     practiced     social studies     celebrate     ceremonies

It is the end of the school year. Students get to show what they have learned this school year. They get to graduate. They get to go on to the next grades. There was a lot they did not know at the beginning of the school year. They have learned so much since then.

They spent the whole year in school learning. They learned new things and practiced them. Many students do not know how to read when they come to school. They learn to read and they practice. By the end of the year, they can read books! Some students already knew how to read when they got to school. They also practiced and can read books that they could not read before. Everyone who practices gets better at reading. Many students learn how to write at school. It is hard at first. They practice writing letters and words every day at school. They get better and better at writing. By the end of the school year, they can write sentences. They write down their ideas and stories.

Students also practice math every day. They learn to write numbers and count. They learn to add and subtract numbers. They learn to measure and make graphs. Students learn new things in science and social studies. They learn about animals and the earth. They learn about history, too. Students work hard to learn and practice new things at school. At the end of the year, they get to celebrate. Many of them even have graduation ceremonies.



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① What do students need to do to graduate?

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② What do graduates do?     go to math     go to the next grades     both

Vocabulary

practice



accomplished



ceremonies

At the end of the school year, students get to show what they have learned. They graduate and go on to the next grades. There was a lot that they did not know at the beginning of the school year. They have learned so much since then.

They spent the whole year in school learning new things and practicing them. Many students do not know how to read when they come to school. They learn to read and practice every day. By the end of the year, they can read books! Some students already knew how to read when they got to school, but they practiced, too! Now they can read books that they couldn't read before. Everyone who practices gets better at reading. Many students learn how to write at school. It is hard at first, but they practice writing letters and words every day. They continue to get better at writing, and by the end of the school year, they can write sentences. They write down their ideas and stories.

Students also practice math every day. They learn all about numbers, counting, adding, subtracting, measuring, and even making graphs. Students learn new things in science and social studies. They learn about animals and the earth. They learn about history, too. There is so much to learn, so students must work hard. At the end of the year, they get to celebrate all they have accomplished. Many schools have graduation ceremonies so that parents can come celebrate, too.



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What do students need to do to graduate?

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What do graduates do?



go to math



go to the next grades



both