

# FALL THEMED

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GRADE

# READING PASSAGES

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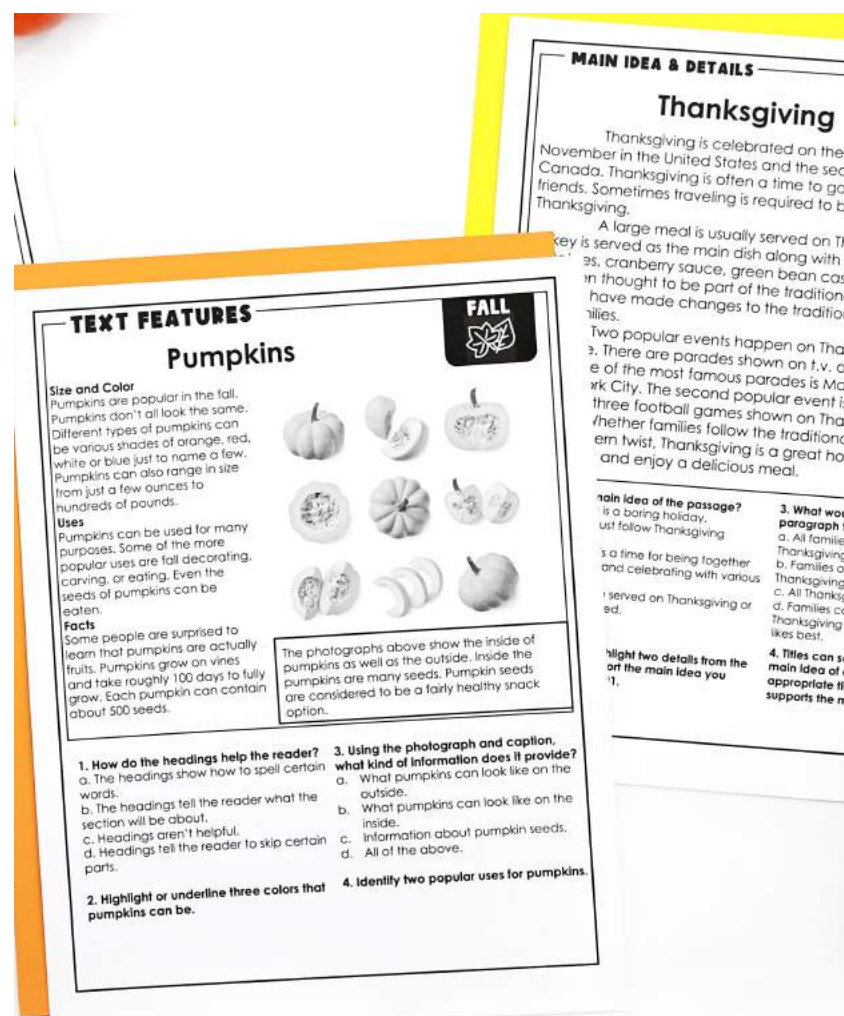
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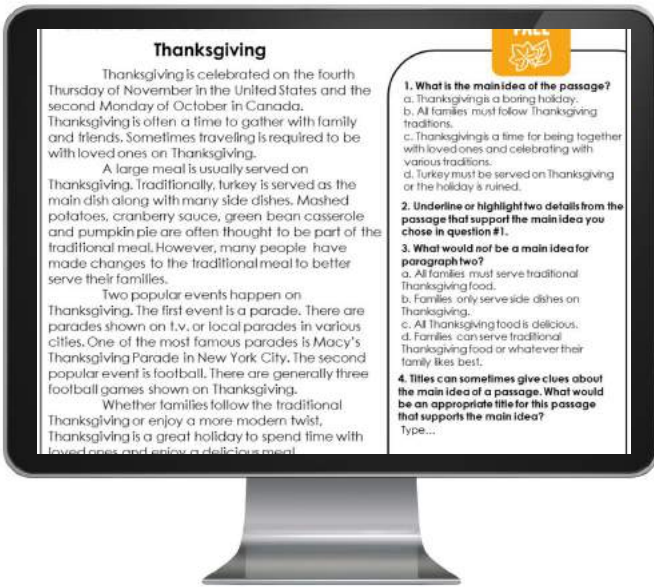


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## AUTHOR'S PURPOSE

### Autumn

FALL



Autumn is the season that comes after summer but before winter. It is generally considered to occur from mid-September to mid-December. Autumn is often referred to as fall because of the leaves falling off of trees.

During autumn or fall, nature changes. The leaves on certain types of trees will change color. Typically green leaves will turn various shades of orange, red or yellow. This is because the leaves do not get enough sunlight due to the shorter daylight hours. As the food stored in the leaf is used up, it turns brown and falls off the tree.

Animals need to begin to prepare for winter during autumn. This is the time when some animals will grow thicker hair to keep warm during the colder months. Other animals store food to have during the winter time while some other animals migrate to a warmer climate.

1. What is the author's purpose in writing *Autumn*?

- To persuade the reader.
- To inform the reader.
- To entertain the reader.
- To make the reader hungry.

3. If the author wanted to persuade the reader, what changes would need to be made?

2. Highlight or underline one statement in the passage that helps support the answer you chose in question one.

# RETEACHING & SMALL GROUPS

# DURING READING BLOCK

**CAUSE AND EFFECT**  
**Apple Orchard**  
Jon and his family wanted to visit an apple orchard during the fall to find the best tasting apples. They had never been to an apple orchard before and it was finally time to pack the car up and head out. Jon's family headed toward the check-out desk and he saw a sign that said "Please place your baskets in the baskets here." He looked at the baskets and saw that they would have to carry them to the truck. He thought, "I wonder if I can help my family carry the baskets." He decided to help his family carry the baskets to the truck. He was proud of himself for helping his family.

**VETERANS DAY**  
On November 11, 1918 World War I came to an end. This day was known as Armistice Day. Eventually the day became known as Veterans Day and is celebrated on the eleventh of November each year. There are several symbols that are associated with Veterans Day. One of the most significant symbols is the poppy. Poppies are small and have bright red petals. The American flag is also a popular symbol for Veterans Day. The American flag is also a popular symbol for Veterans Day. The American flag is also a popular symbol for Veterans Day.

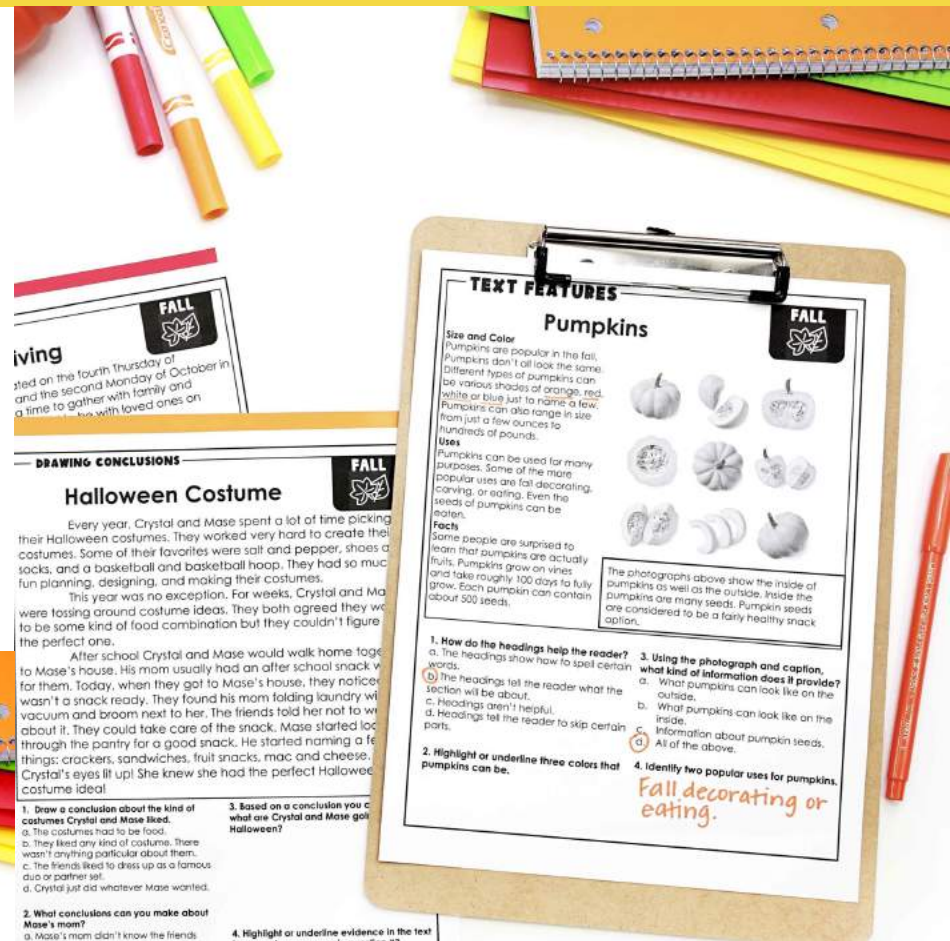
**COMPARE & CONTRAST**  
**Leaves**  
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**TEXT FEATURES**  
**Pumpkins**  
**Size and Color**  
Pumpkins are popular in the fall. Pumpkins don't all look the same. Different kinds of pumpkins can be various shades of orange, red, white or blue just to name a few. Pumpkins can also range in size from just a few ounces to hundreds of pounds.  
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Pumpkins can be used for many purposes. Some of the more popular uses are for decorating, carving, or eating. Even the seeds of pumpkins can be eaten.  
**Facts**  
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## EXIT TICKETS



## MORNING WORK

# WAYS TO USE



## MAKING INFERENCES

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As Ally was eating her pumpkin seeds, she would try carving a pumpkin again!

1. Write 1-2 sentences explaining the beginning of the story.

2. Write 1-2 sentences explaining the middle of the story.

3. Write 1-2 sentences explaining the end of the story.

4. Which is the best summary?

- Ally thought carving a pumpkin was easy.
- Ally didn't enjoy carving a pumpkin.
- Lionel wasn't helpful.
- Painting a pumpkin is easier than carving one.

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# PARTNERS & GROUP ACTIVITIES

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3. Based on an inference you can make, what are Crystal and Mase going to be for Halloween?
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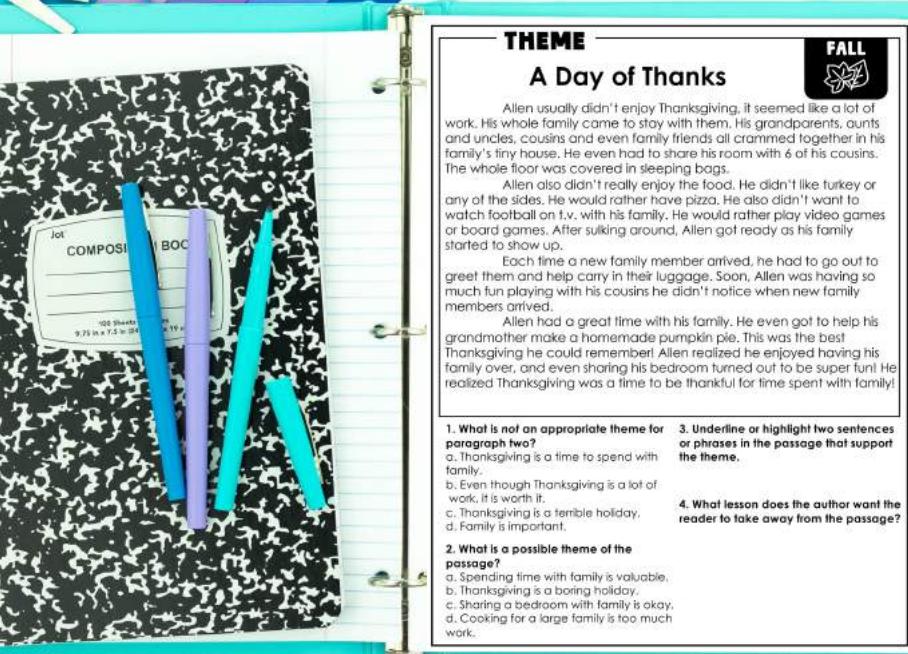
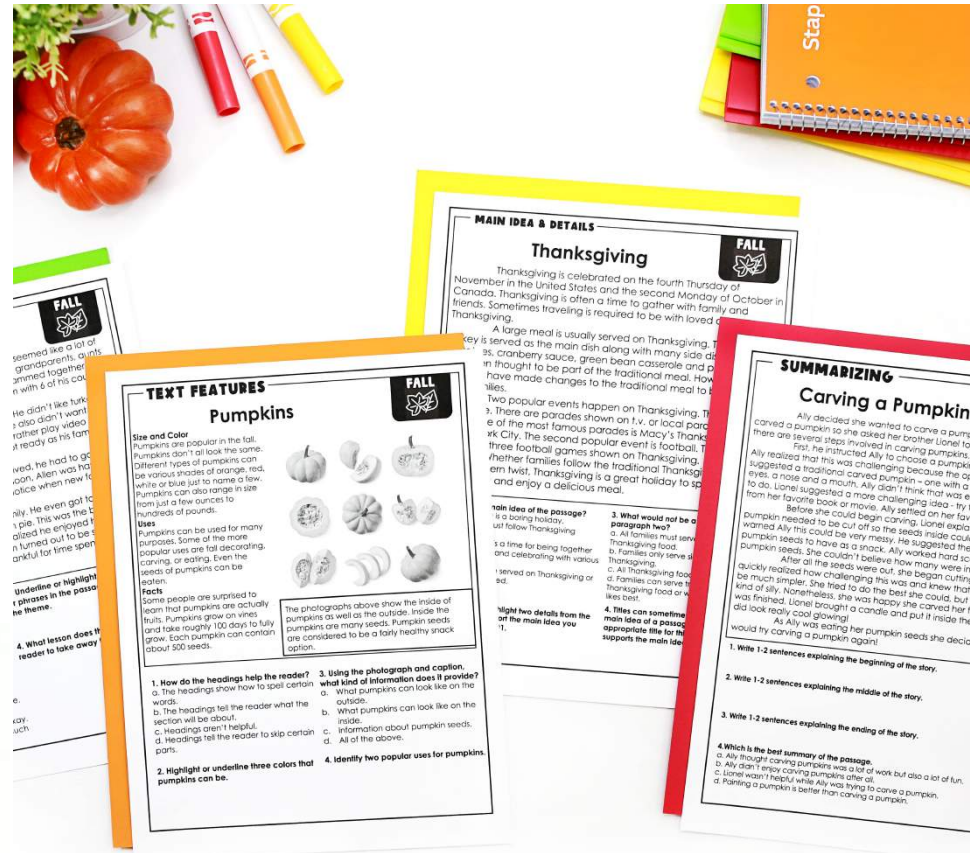
4. Highlight or underline evidence in the text to support your answer in question #3.

# GRADED ASSIGNMENT



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## INDEPENDENT WORK



## HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT



# 12 THEMED PASSAGES TO SUPPORT READING COMPREHENSION

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## THEME

### A Day of Thanks

FALL



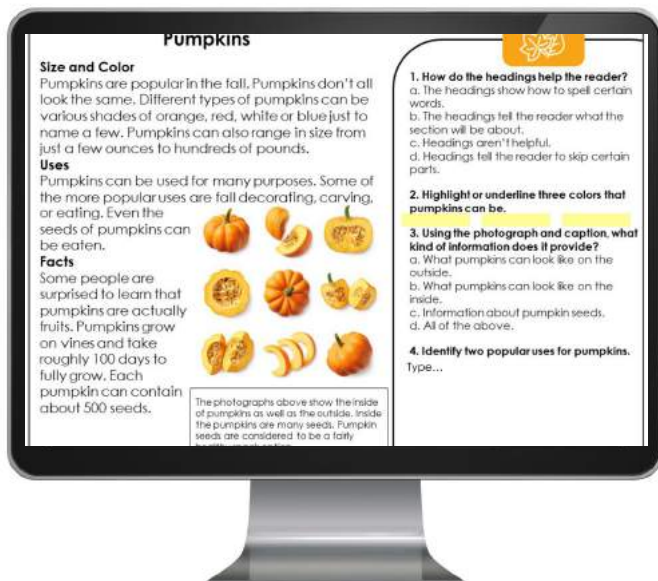
Allen usually didn't enjoy Thanksgiving, it seemed like a lot of work. His whole family came to stay with them. His grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins and even family friends all crammed together in his family's tiny house. He even had to share his room with 6 of his cousins. The whole floor was covered in sleeping bags.

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Each time a new family member arrived, he had to go out to greet them and help carry in their luggage. Soon, Allen was having so much fun playing with his cousins he didn't notice when new family members arrived.

Allen had a great time with his family. He even got to help his grandmother make a homemade pumpkin pie. This was the best Thanksgiving he could remember! Allen realized he enjoyed having his family over, and even sharing his bedroom turned out to be super fun! He realized Thanksgiving was a time to be thankful for time spent with family!

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**1. Make an inference about the costume idea.**  
a. The costume idea is a sandwich.  
b. The costume idea is a fruit and cheese sandwich.

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VERSIONS INCLUDED

# 12 READING SKILLS

## Context Clues

### MAIN IDEA & DETAILS

## Thanksgiving

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Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States and the second Monday of October in Canada. Thanksgiving is often a time to gather with family and friends. Sometimes traveling is required to be with family and friends. Thanksgiving is often a time to gather with family and friends. Sometimes traveling is required to be with family and friends.

A large meal is usually served on Thanksgiving. Turkey is served as the main dish along with potatoes, cranberry sauce, green bean casseroles, and stuffing. These are often thought to be part of the traditional Thanksgiving meal. Many people have made changes to the traditional Thanksgiving meal to fit their families.

Two popular events happen on Thanksgiving: a parade and a football game. There are parades shown on t.v. in many cities. One of the most famous parades is the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. The second popular event is a football game. Generally, three football games are shown on t.v. on Thanksgiving.

Whether families follow the traditional Thanksgiving meal or a more modern twist, Thanksgiving is a great time to spend with loved ones and enjoy a delicious meal.

1. What is the main idea of the passage?

- a. Thanksgiving is a boring holiday.
- b. All families must follow Thanksgiving traditions.
- c. Thanksgiving is a time for being together with loved ones and celebrating with various traditions.
- d. Turkey must be served on Thanksgiving or the holiday is ruined.

2. Underline or highlight two details from the passage that support the main idea you chose in question #1.

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## A Day of Thanks

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1. What is **not** an appropriate theme for paragraph two?

- a. Thanksgiving is a time to spend with family.
- b. Even though Thanksgiving is a lot of work, it is worth it.
- c. Thanksgiving is a terrible holiday.
- d. Family is important.

2. What is a possible theme of the passage?

- a. Spending time with family is valuable.
- b. Thanksgiving is a boring holiday.
- c. Sharing a bedroom with family is okay.
- d. Looking for a large family is too much work.

### CONTEXT CLUES

## Veterans Day

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On November 11, 1918 World War I came to an end. This day was originally known as Armistice Day. Eventually the day became known as Veterans Day and is celebrated on the eleventh of November each year.

There are several **symbols** that are associated with Veterans Day. The first symbol is a poppy. Poppies are small and bright red flowers. They are often seen in fields and along the streets.

Another symbol is a wreath. A wreath is a way to honor Veterans.

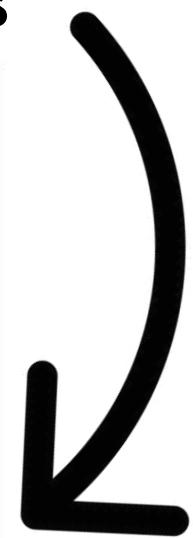
Other symbols are the colors red, white, and blue. These colors may be seen on flags and in decorations.

What in the passage helps you understand the meaning of the word "symbols"?

a. Poppies

b. Wreaths

c. Colors



## Cause & Effect

### CAUSE & EFFECT

## Apple Orchard

FALL



Zion and his family wanted to visit an apple orchard during the fall to find the best tasting apples. They had never been to an apple orchard before and thought it would be fun to visit as a family.

It was finally time to pack the car up and head to the apple orchard. The family headed toward the check in desk and bought their tickets. The ticket would allow them to ride the wagon out to rows and rows of apple trees where they could fill their baskets full of apples. When they finished picking apples, they would have to carry their baskets back to the parking lot.

All of the apples looked so delicious. Everyone began filling their baskets. Zion's dad reminded everyone not to make the baskets too heavy, because it was a long walk back to the car. Zion didn't pay attention to his dad. All he could think about was eating the apples. Finally, their baskets were full and they started the long walk back.

As they were walking, Zion had to stop every few feet because his basket was so full. He thought maybe he could drag his basket instead of carrying it. After only a few steps, the bottom of the basket broke and apples rolled everywhere. He realized that maybe his dad was right.

Match the cause with the correct effect:

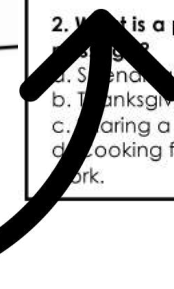
Cause

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- 1. Zion's family wanted to visit an apple orchard.
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## Main Idea & Details

## Theme



# 12 READING SKILLS

## Compare & Contrast

### STORY STRUCTURE

#### Family Game Night

Every Friday Petey and his family played board games. This Friday, Petey's sister chose the game, and it wasn't one Petey liked. After dinner, everyone gathered on the living room floor to set up the game.

The first round went by in a flash and Petey won. In the next round, Petey's mom won. Petey won the third and fourth rounds. Petey did his best attitude because he was tired of always losing. He didn't want to play again because he didn't want to play again because he didn't want to play again.

After a little persuasion, Petey agreed to play more time. This time he knew he was going to win. The game was close! Petey just had to beat his sister. He won more spins and Petey was up again. With his best attitude, Petey closed his eyes. When he finally opened his eyes, his sister was smiling. He lost again!

1. Circle the main character.
2. Write one description you learned about the main character from the story.
3. What is the setting of the story?

4. What is the problem of the story?

**Story Structure**  
(characters, setting, problem/solution)

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### COMPARE & CONTRAST

#### Leaves

FALL



Jolina and Gene loved fall! Their favorite part was admiring the leaves as they fell. They liked to pay special attention to the different colors of the fallen leaves and loved the crunch their shoes made as they walked over dried ones.

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#### Bonfires

The best part about fall is having bonfires! Bonfires are so much fun. They can include a few friends or a huge group. Either way, it is a great time. Since bonfires are held outdoors, there are so many activities to do. My friends and I love to play hide and seek when we are at a bonfire. My family hosts bonfires a few times a year. Since the leaves have usually fallen, we rake them up and add them to the bonfire pile.

Another great part of bonfires is the food. We almost always have hotdogs. Nothing tastes better than a hotdog roasted over the fire. I like to put ketchup, mustard, and pickle relish on my hotdog. Some of my friends like to put cheese on theirs. Sometimes if I am really hungry I will eat two or three hotdogs.

We also usually have s'mores. The first step to making the perfect s'more is roasting the marshmallow. I think it is best to burn the marshmallow so that it's extra crispy. Another way to roast a marshmallow is to warm it up and not let it get too brown. When the marshmallow is cooked, it is time to add the best part of the sandwich: all gets sandwiched between two graham cracker pieces.

Everything about bonfires is so much fun. I love to attend a bonfire during fall because everyone has.

1. What is the author's point of view about bonfires?

- a. The author thinks bonfires are just okay but enjoys the food.
- b. The author loves bonfires but hates the food.
- c. The author thinks bonfires are boring and would not suggest attending one.
- d. The author really enjoys bonfires and everything about them.

2. Highlight or underline 2 examples that support the author's point of view.

3. Circle 2 key details from the text.

4. Explain if the author's point of view is supported by the details from the text.

**Author's Point of View**

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### TEXT FEATURES

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##### Size and Color

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##### Uses

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##### Facts

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The photographs above show the inside pumpkins as well as the outside. Inside the pumpkins are many seeds. Pumpkin seeds are considered to be a fairly healthy snack.

1. How do the headings help the reader?

- a. The headings show how to spell certain words.
- b. The headings tell the reader what the text is about.

3. Using the photograph and caption, what kind of information does it provide?

- a. What pumpkins can look like outside.

**Text Features**

# 12 READING SKILLS

## Making Inferences & Drawing Conclusions

### POINT OF VIEW

#### Parent Teacher Conferences

FALL



You should attend parent-teacher conferences! A note has been sent home with your student regarding dates and times. All you have to do is return the form to your student's teacher to reserve your conference time. All of our teachers and staff look forward to meeting with you soon!

At my school parent-teacher conferences happen in October. I get so nervous about what my teachers will say about me. Sometimes I can get a little distracted. I also know I could work harder and earn better grades. My parents take school very seriously, and I know I always do my best.

Parent-teacher conferences are a great opportunity for teachers, parents, and students to meet and discuss progress. It is the perfect time to share student achievements and scores. It is also a time for families to see the progress their student does each day.

1. What point of view is paragraph one written in?
  - a. First person point of view
  - b. Second person point of view
  - c. Third person point of view
2. Circle 2 key words in paragraph one that support your answer.
3. What point of view is paragraph two written in?
  - a. First person point of view
  - b. Second person point of view
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5. What point of view is paragraph three written in?
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Point of View

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After school Crystal and Mase would walk home together to Mase's house. His mom usually had an after school snack waiting for them.

One day, they noticed there was laundry with the letter M on it. They were worried they had named a few of the costumes Mase. Mase started looking for a name that would be fun and not cheesy. He decided on Mase's favorite Halloween costume.

Write an inference you can make, and Mase going to be for

### SUMMARIZING

#### Carving a Pumpkin

FALL



Ally decided she wanted to carve a pumpkin this fall. She had never carved a pumpkin so she asked her brother Lionel to help. He explained that there are several steps involved in carving pumpkins.

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After all the seeds were out, she began cutting. Ally quickly realized how challenging this was and knew that it would be much simpler. She tried to do the best she could, but it didn't turn out as well as she had hoped. She was kind of silly. Nonetheless, she was happy she carved her first pumpkin. When it was finished, Lionel brought a candle and put it inside the pumpkin. It did look really cool glowing!

As Ally was eating her pumpkin seeds she decided she would try carving a pumpkin again!

1. Write 1-2 sentences explaining the beginning of the story.
2. Write 1-2 sentences explaining the middle of the story.
3. Write 1-2 sentences explaining the ending of the story.
4. Which is the best summary of the passage?
  - a. Ally thought carving pumpkins was a lot of work but also a lot of fun.
  - b. Ally didn't enjoy carving pumpkins after all.
  - c. Lionel wasn't helpful while Ally was trying to carve a pumpkin.
  - d. Painting a pumpkin is better than carving a pumpkin.

Summarizing

### AUTHOR'S PURPOSE

#### Autumn

FALL



Autumn is the season that comes after summer and before winter. It is generally considered to occur from mid-September to mid-December. Autumn is often referred to as fall because of the leaves falling off of trees.

During autumn or fall, nature changes. The leaves on certain types of trees will change color. Typically green leaves will turn various shades of orange, red or yellow. This is because the leaves do not get enough sunlight due to the shorter daylight hours. As the food stored in the leaves is used up, it turns brown and falls off the tree.

Animals need to begin to prepare for winter during autumn. This is the time when some animals will grow thicker hair to keep warm during the colder months. Some animals store food to have during the winter time while some other animals migrate to a warmer climate.

1. What is the author's purpose in writing *Autumn*?
  - a. To persuade the reader
  - b. To inform the reader.
  - c. To entertain the reader.
  - d. To describe the reader.
3. If the author wanted to persuade a reader, what changes would need to be made?

Author's Purpose

# ANSWER KEYS AND MORE!

Mix of multiple choice  
and short answer  
comprehension  
questions!

## COMPARE & CONTRAST

### Leaves

FALL



Jolina and Gene loved fall! Their favorite part was admiring the leaves as they fell. They liked to pay special attention to the different colors of the fallen leaves and loved the crunch their shoes made as they walked over dried ones.

Jolina loved to jump in the piles of leaves. She thought it was so much fun! The bigger the pile of leaves the better. Sometimes she found herself hidden at the bottom of the pile because there were so many leaves. Jolina could

spend hours raking leaves into a pile a would even join in on the fun. When Jc her. They stuck to her clothes, her hair, she didn't mind because she had fun.

Gene didn't love jumping in He enjoyed making huge piles of leav to have his yard look perfect again. W leaves all over himself, even in his shoe There was no doubt about it of the leaves!

## COMPARE & CONTRAST

### Leaves

FALL



1. Compare Jolina and Gene. Identify at least two ways they are the same.

## TEXT FEATURES

### Pumpkins

FALL



#### Size and Color

Pumpkins are popular in the fall. Pumpkins don't all look the same. Different types of pumpkins can be various shades of orange, red, white or blue just to name a few. Pumpkins can also range in size from just a few ounces to hundreds of pounds.

#### Uses

Pumpkins can be used for many purposes. Some of the more popular uses are fall decorating, carving, or eating. Even the seeds of pumpkins can be eaten.

#### Facts

Some people are surprised to learn that pumpkins are actually fruits. Pumpkins grow on vines and take roughly 100 days to fully grow. Each pumpkin can contain about 500 seeds.

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## TEXT FEATURES

### Pumpkins

FALL



1. How do the headings help the reader?
  - a. The headings show how to spell certain words.
  - b. The headings tell the reader what the section will be about.
  - c. Headings aren't helpful.
  - d. Headings tell the reader to skip certain parts.

2. Highlight or underline three colors that pumpkins can be.

3. Using the photograph and caption, what kind of information does it provide?
  - a. What pumpkins can look like on the outside.
  - b. What pumpkins can look like on the inside.
  - c. Information about pumpkin seeds.
  - d. All of the above.

4. Identify two popular uses for pumpkins.

## ANSWER KEY

### Bonfires

1. D
2. Answers will vary
3. Answers will vary
4. Answers will vary

### Family Game Night

1. Petey
2. Possible answer: Petey wanted to win.
3. Living room, home
4. Possible Answer: She picked i didn't like, Petey almost beat h

### Autumn

1. A
2. Answers will vary
3. Answers will vary

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## ANSWER KEY

### Thanksgiving

1. C
2. Answers will vary
3. D
4. Answers will vary

### Apple Orchard

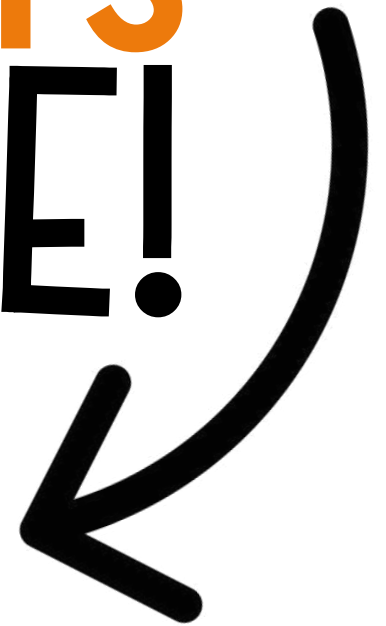
1. D
2. B
3. A
4. C
5. Possible answer: He couldn't carry it, the bottom fell out.

### Halloween Costume

1. C
2. B
3. Mac and cheese
4. Answers will vary

### Carving a Pumpkin

1. Answers will vary
2. Answer will vary
3. Answers will vary
4. A



Answer keys  
included!

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## DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

### Halloween Costume

FALL



Every year, Crystal and Mase spent a lot of time picking out their Halloween costumes. They worked very hard to create their costumes. Some of their favorites were salt and pepper, shoes and socks, and a basketball and basketball hoop. They had so much fun planning, designing, and making their costumes.

This year was no exception. For weeks, Crystal and Mase were tossing around costume ideas. They both agreed they wanted to be some kind of food combination but they couldn't figure out the perfect one.

After school Crystal and Mase would walk home together to Mase's house. His mom usually had an after school snack waiting for them. Today, when they got to Mase's house, they noticed there wasn't a snack ready. They found his mom folding laundry with the vacuum and broom next to her. The friends told her not to worry. They could take care of the snack. Mase started looking in the pantry for a good snack. He started naming a few ideas: salt and pepper, sandwiches, fruit snacks, mac and cheese. Crystal said, "That's it! She knew she had the perfect Halloween costume."

1. Write about the kind of costume Mase liked. Describe the food, the costume. There are many options about them. Write up as a famous writer.

2. Write about what Mase wanted.

3. Write about what you make about the costume.

4. Write about how the friends reacted to the costume.

5. Write about the kind of snack to fix. How did they usually go to Mase's house? How was she surprised.

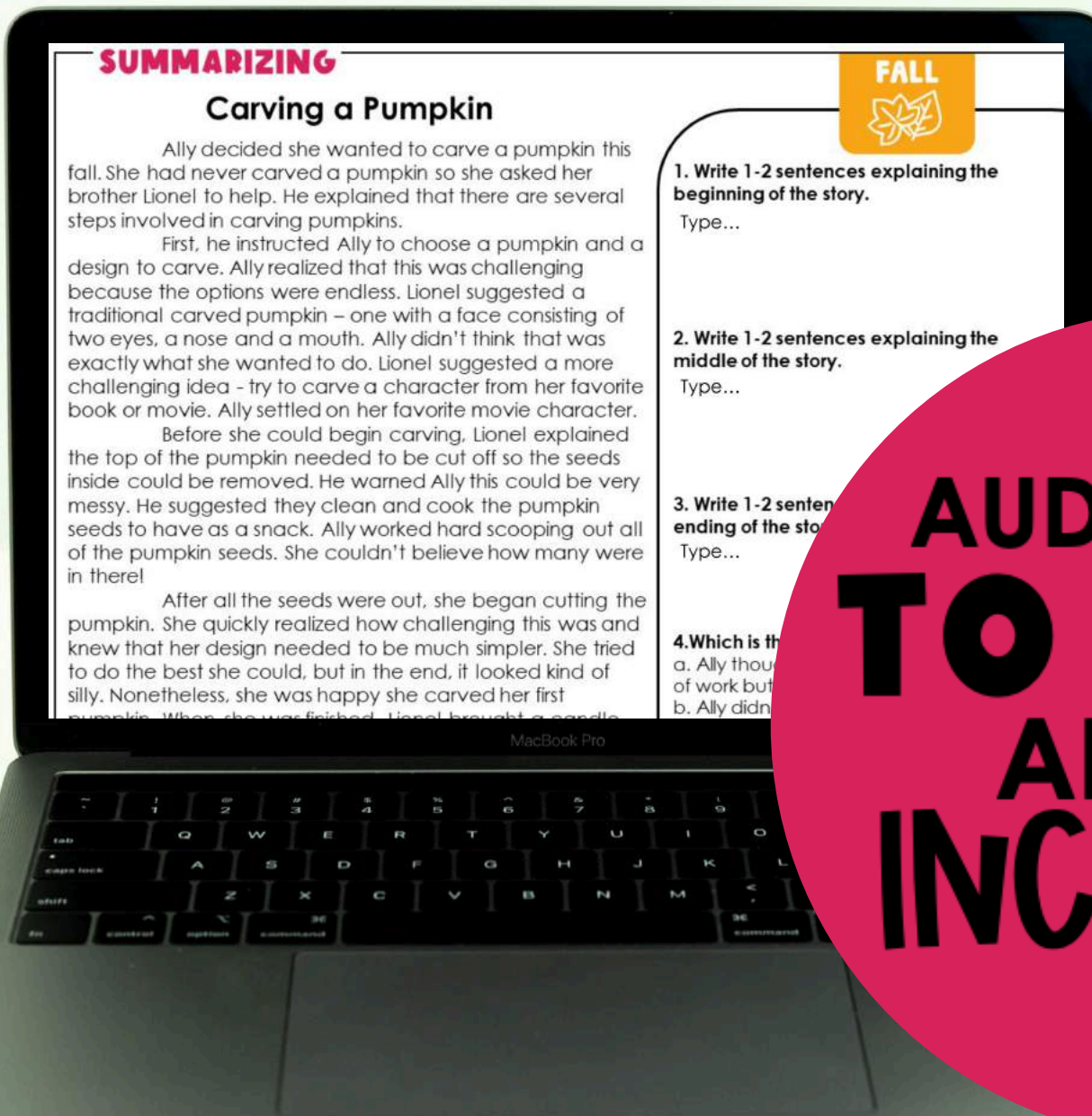
3. Based on a conclusion you can draw, what are Crystal and Mase going to be for Halloween?

4. Highlight or underline evidence in the text to support your answer in question #3.

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**SUMMARIZING**

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**FALL**

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a. Ally thought it was a lot of work but she was proud of it.  
b. Ally didn't like it.

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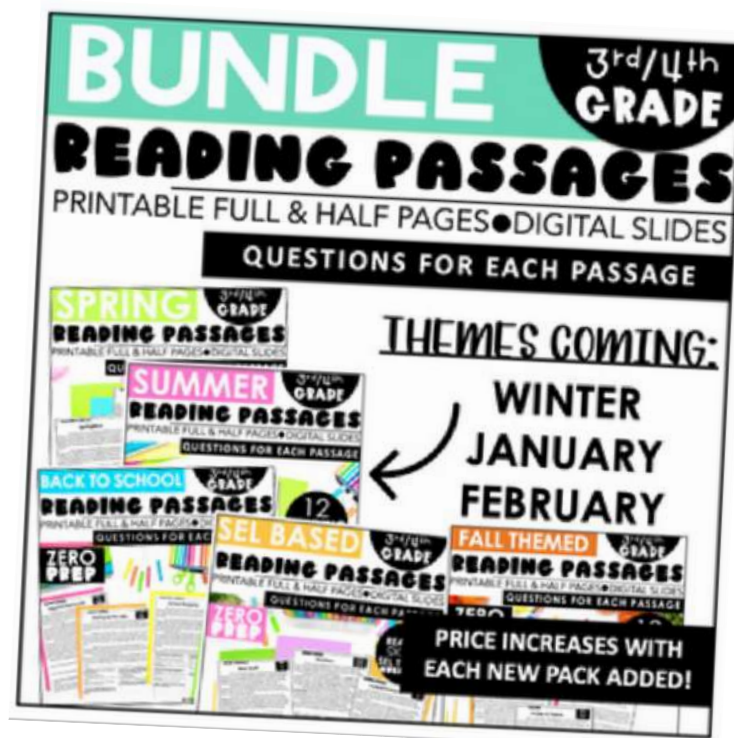
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