

Backpack Bear's

Essential Questions

Common Core ELA Standards

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How can asking and answering questions about important parts of the story help us better understand the books we read?



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How can using important details help us retell stories?



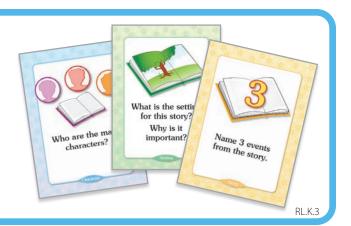






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Why is it important to recognize story elements like characters, setting, and major events?



How can we learn about new words in the books we listen to and read?



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What are some types of texts and how are they different from one another?



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How do the author and illustrator work together to tell a story?



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How do pictures help us better understand a story?

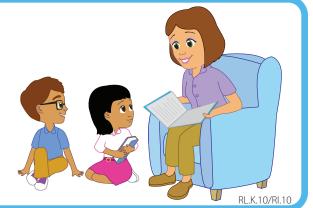


How are the characters from two different stories and their adventures alike? How are they different?



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How can we actively participate in reading activities?



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How does asking and answering questions about informational books help us learn new things?



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How can talking about the informational books we read help us learn new things?



What connections between individuals, events, ideas, or information in a text can we identify?



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How does understanding new words help us better understand the text?



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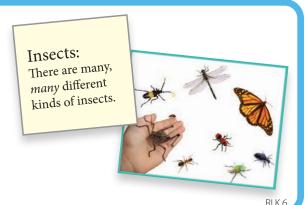
Where are the front cover, back cover, and title page of an informational book?



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How do the author and illustrator each present information or ideas in an informational text?



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What is the connection between the pictures and words in an informational book?



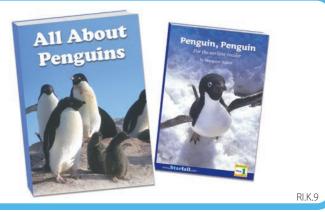
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How do we know what information in a text is important?



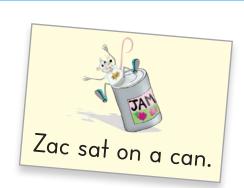
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How might two books about the same topic be alike and how might they be different?



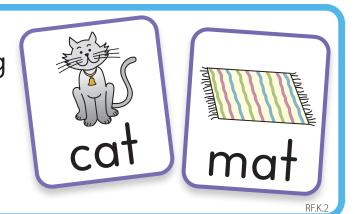
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Why is it important to understand the organization and basic features of print?



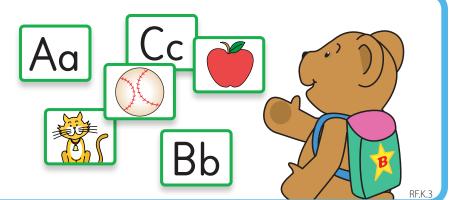
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How will understanding rhyming words and how to blend sounds and word parts make me a better reader and writer?



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How does knowing letter sounds help me read words?



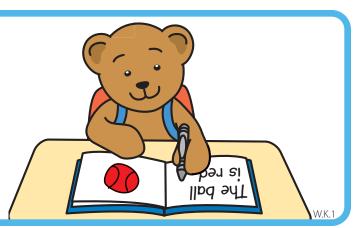
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Why do we care to become good readers?



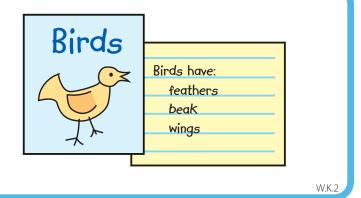
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How can we use drawings, letters and words to share our opinions about stories we have heard or read?



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How can we use drawings, letters, and words to share information?



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How can we use drawings, letters, and words to write about something that happened in our lives and how we felt about it?



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How can taking suggestions from others make our writing better?



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What tools can we use to publish our writing?



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How can we work together to create shared research and writing projects?



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How can remembering and gathering information from our experiences help us write answers to questions?



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What can we learn by having conversations about topics and texts with different people and groups? What rules should we follow while doing this?



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Why should we ask questions to better understand or clarify information that is presented to us?



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What are some things we can do to help us understand something?



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How can we better describe people, places, things, and events, and add detail to our writing?



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What can we add to descriptions to provide additional detail?



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How can we share thoughts, feelings, and ideas in a way our classmates will understand and enjoy what we say?



Why should we use words correctly when we are writing or speaking?



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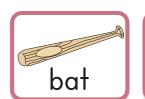
Why is it important to use capital letters, correct spelling, and punctuation when we write?

My name is Zac!

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How can we understand the way a word is used and find its meaning?





I see a **bat** in the sky.

How can looking for ways words are related help us understand slight differences in their meanings? walk

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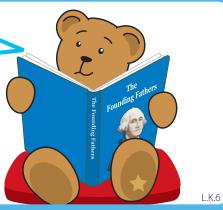
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Why should we use the new words we have learned?

In colonial times...



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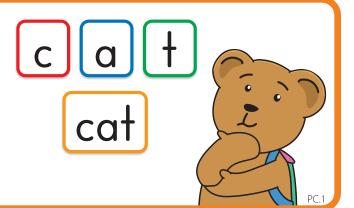
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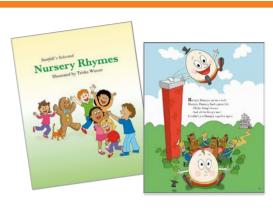
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What is the difference between a letter and a word?



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How are words in nursery rhymes different from words in most stories?



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How can we learn new words and what they mean?



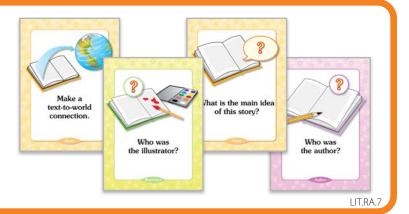
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How can we read so that everyone will understand?



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How can understanding story elements show that we understand fiction and nonfiction text?



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How can we use writing and drawing to communicate so others will understand?



How does learning to use good listening and speaking strategies help us learn?



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What technology resources help us learn?



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How can we develop our technology skills?



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