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Help for your small group digital reading struggles!



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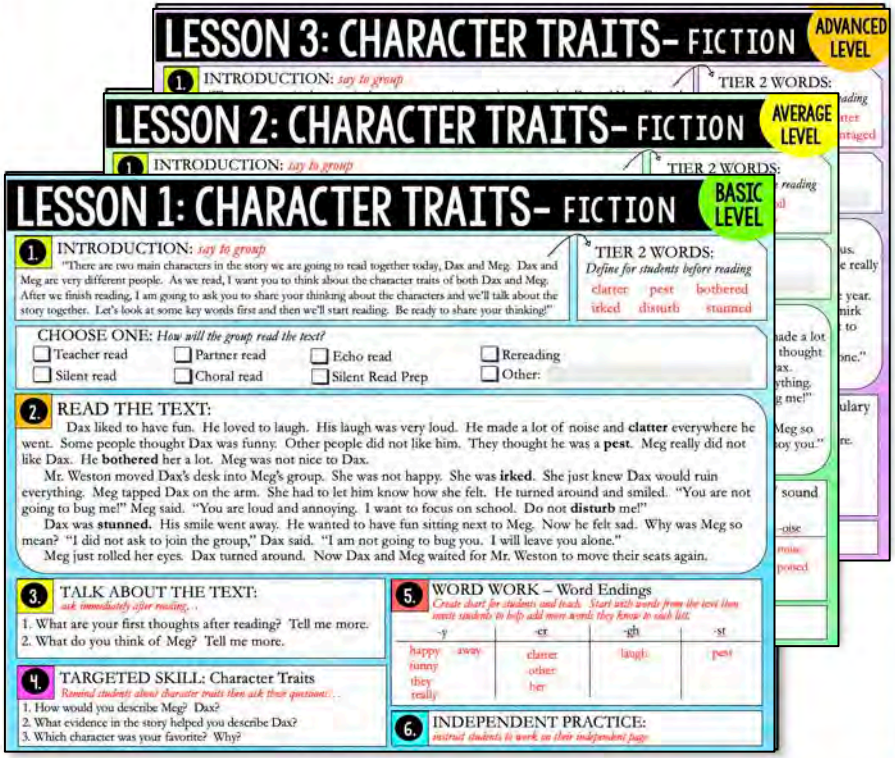


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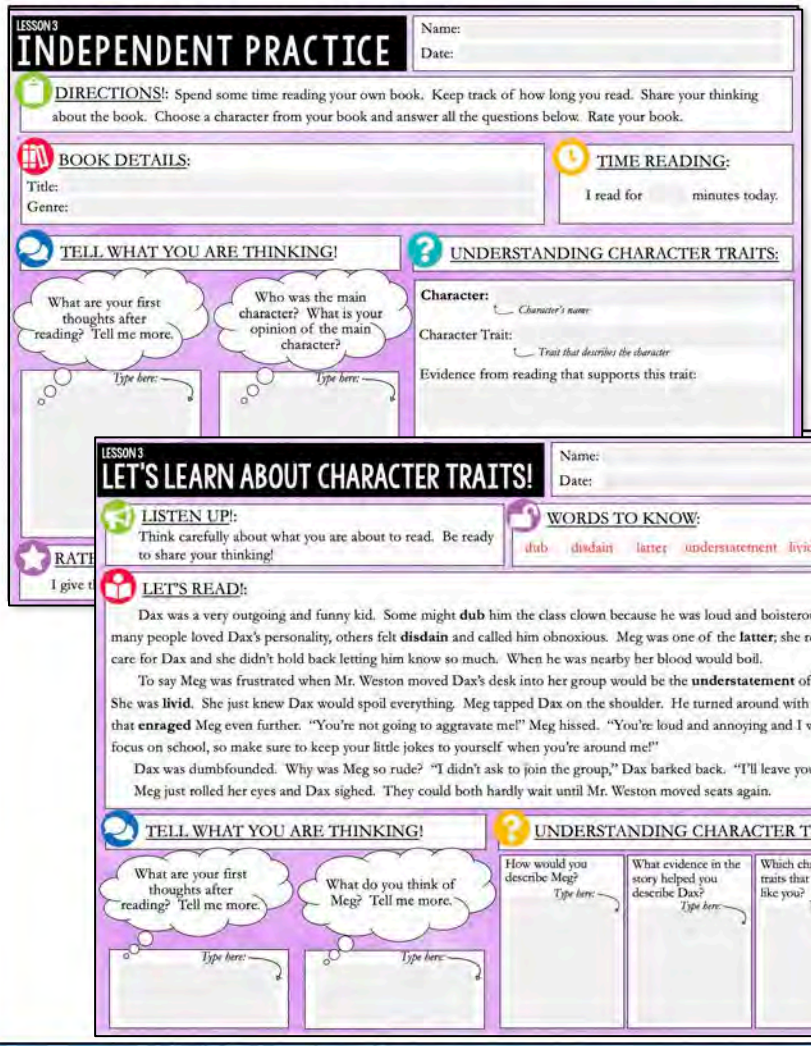
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Teach all 6 steps of a DIGITAL small group reading lesson!

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Tier 2 Vocabulary Answer Key- Character Traits

TIER 2 WORDS:	MEANING IN THE TEXT:	SYNONYMS:
LESSON 1: Basic Fiction		
clatter	A continuous rattling sound of hard objects rattling or hitting each other	clang clash bang
		nuisance bother annoyance
		disturbed troubled worried
		Irritate annoy rattle
		interrupt trouble muddle
		astonished amazed bewildered
		happy glad delighted
		rotten harmed marred
		composed assured unflappable
		tactic trick scheme
		name nickname label
		contempt scorn disrespect
		later end final
		minimize restraint underestimate
		furious angry irate
		angered maddened infuriated

LESSON 5

LET'S LEARN ABOUT CHARACTER TRAITS!

Name: _____

Date: _____

LISTEN UP!:
Think carefully about what you are about to read. Be ready to share your thinking!

WORDS TO KNOW:
scroll splendid sprung strain

LET'S READ!:

The real-life story of how braille was invented is very interesting. Braille is a system for people who are blind to read. When reading Braille, you **scroll** your finger over raised bumps. The raised dots stand for a different letter in the alphabet.

Louis Braille invented this **splendid** way of reading when he was only 15-years-old. Louis was not born blind. When he was 3-years-old he had an accident. He was playing in his father's leather shop. He was using a strong, sharp tool to put a hole in some leather. The tool **sprung** loose. It went straight into Louis' eye. This happened in the year 1812. There was no medicine to help. An infection spread to both of Louis' eyes. By the time he was 5-years-old, he was blind.

A wealthy friend helped Louis attend the first school in the world for the blind. It was in Paris, France. He learned to read and write by tracing giant letters. Louis saw this as a **strain**. He thought there must be an easier way. That's when he created the dot system for reading. Louis Braille had a major accident, but it led to a whole new way for people who are blind to read!

TELL WHAT YOU ARE THINKING!

What are your first thoughts after reading? Tell me more.

Louis was only 15 years old when he came up with an idea that changed how blind people can read.

What do you think of Louis? Tell me more.

I think that Louis was brave after having his accident.

UNDERSTANDING CHARACTER TRAITS:

What traits did Louis have? How do you know?	What was one strength and one weakness Louis had?	What is something you are still wondering about Louis?
Louis is a problem solver because he knew tracing giant letters wasn't an efficient way to read so he developed a better way.	A strength was that he wasn't born blind and a weakness was that he was poor and needed help paying for school.	I wonder what he did as an adult. Did he have a family? Was he a teacher?

6 Complete small group lessons

Everything is on ONE page!

ANSWER KEYS INCLUDED AS A GUIDE

LESSON 3

LET'S LEARN ABOUT CHARACTER TRAITS!

Name:

Date:

LISTEN UP!:
Think carefully about what you are about to read. Be ready to share your thinking!

WORDS TO KNOW:
dub disdain latter understatement livid enraged

LET'S READ!:

Dax was a very outgoing and funny kid. Some might **dub** him the class clown because he was loud and boisterous. While many people loved Dax's personality, others felt **disdain** and called him obnoxious. Meg was one of the **latter**; she really didn't care for Dax and she didn't hold back letting him know so much. When he was nearby her blood would boil.

To say Meg was frustrated when Mr. Weston moved Dax's desk into her group would be the **understatement** of the year. She was **livid**. She just knew Dax would spoil everything. Meg tapped Dax on the shoulder. He turned around with a smirk that **enraged** Meg even further. "You're not going to aggravate me!" Meg hissed. "You're loud and annoying and I want to focus on school, so make sure to keep your little jokes to yourself when you're around me!"

Dax was dumbfounded. Why was Meg so rude? "I didn't ask to join the group," Dax barked back. "I'll leave you alone." Meg just rolled her eyes and Dax sighed. They could both hardly wait until Mr. Weston moved seats again.

TELL WHAT YOU ARE THINKING!

What are your first thoughts after reading? Tell me more.

Type here:

What do you think of Meg? Tell me more.

Type here:

UNDERSTANDING CHARACTER TRAITS:

How would you describe Meg?	What evidence in the story helped you describe Dax?	Which character had traits that are most like you?
Type here:	*Type here:*	*Type here:*

LESSON 3

INDEPENDENT PRACTICE

Name:

Date:

DIRECTIONS!: Spend some time reading your own book. Keep track of how long you read. Share your thinking about the book. Choose a character from your book and answer all the questions below. Rate your book.

BOOK DETAILS:

Title:

Genre:

TIME READING:

I read for minutes today.

TELL WHAT YOU ARE THINKING!

What are your first thoughts after reading? Tell me more.

Type here:

Who was the main character? What is your opinion of the main character?

Type here:

UNDERSTANDING CHARACTER TRAITS:

Character:
Character's name

Character Trait:
Trait that describes the character

Evidence from reading that supports this trait:

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RATE THE BOOK

I give this book stars because

Each lesson comes with 2 student pages

The first page is used during the small group time

The second page is used to apply the reading skill into independent reading



Designed to provide EVERYTHING you need for Online Small Group Lessons

Black and White printable version also available!

Included in This Resource:

1. 6 complete guided reading lessons for teaching character traits. *See detailed small group lesson summary page for more information.*
2. **IMPORTANT:** There are two passages. One fiction and one nonfiction. The passages are adjusted to be used in 3 levels. In each level the word work, vocabulary and text complexity changes. The reading levels are: Basic (grades 1-2), Average (grades 3-4), Advanced (grades 5-6). *See differentiation code page for more.*
3. Small group summary lesson page.
4. Detailed description with time suggestions for each of the 6 small group steps.
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6. A complete teacher page for each lesson.
7. 2 student pages for each lesson.
8. Digital and printable (black and white) formats included.
9. **ANSWER KEYS!**

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Lesson Breakdown:

*** there is one fiction and one nonfiction passage that is adapted for each lesson.

Lesson 1: The *basic* fiction text.
Lesson 2: The *average* fiction text.
Lesson 3: The *advanced* fiction text.
Lesson 4: The *basic* nonfiction text.
Lesson 5: The *average* nonfiction text.
Lesson 6: The *advanced* nonfiction text.

How are the Lessons Different?

- Each lesson comes with a completely different set of tier 2 vocabulary focus words.
- It also includes a completely separate word work focus.
- The questions for focusing on the comprehension skill in step 4 are different for the advanced level.
- The passage changes in each of the three levels, adding sentence complexity, multi-meaning words and figurative language, along with new vocabulary.

PRO TEACHING TIP:

- If a group of students use the basic level and show success, the teacher can **absolutely use the average level with that same group** (since vocabulary, word work, and text complexity changes).
- They can even use the advanced level as well.
- They'd likely change the way in which the text was read in the group.
- For example, in the basic level the students may read silently after the introduction.
- In the average level they may choose to echo read.
- In the advanced level it may be teacher read.
- In fact, there is so much power in rereading and trying out new ideas and thinking each time.

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Use the Different Levels with the Same Students!

Are you unsure whether your students are ***really* reading** or simply trying to memorize words?

- The 2 passages (1 F, 1 NF) are specifically designed to answer this question!
- Begin with lesson 1 or 4 (the basic level). Have students read the passage after the introduction and complete the lesson.
- Use lesson 2 or 5 (the average level) with the same group. This may be the next day, week, or months later. Choose a reading format for step 2. This may be different than your first time reading.
- Because the tier 2 vocabulary and the complexity of the text changes, students will be forced to adjust their reading. Yes, the text is about 80% the same, but they will have to show that they can adapt to the changes when they reread the new version. There is POWER in rereading!
- When students are strong enough readers, try out lesson 3 or 6 (the advanced levels) with the group. It may be teacher-led reading, but the thinking after the new version of the text, the comprehension focus, and the new tier 2 vocabulary discussion will be even richer.

TEACHER CHALLENGE:

Consider these bullet points above when trying out the adjusted passage from the basic, average, to advanced level with a group of readers!

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6 Steps in Small Group Reading Lessons:

Step	Time	Description	Tips:
1: The Introduction	2-3 minutes	The teacher shares helpful information with students about the text they are about to read and discuss. This is often planned in advance and designed to help students navigate their way through any potential places in the text where they may become stuck.	• Jot down a few sentences and plan to read them to the group. • Include a brief summary of what is about to be read. • Find a way to get students excited about reading the text. • Decode and define any vocabulary you believe the group may struggle reading. • Tell students to anticipate a group discussion after reading. • Instruct students what to do when finished reading.
2: Read the Text	3-4 minutes	The teacher decides how the group will engage in reading the text. Consult the 'How to Differentiate Within the Levels' page for ideas on which format you'll be reading the text with the group.	• Read the text in advance. Consider the needs and abilities of the readers when choosing how you will read the text. • **If the text appears too challenging, it is still OKAY to use the text in a small group!** Simply choose either teacher read or echo reading. The key is that students discuss and practice sharing their thinking after reading and consider the comprehension skill.
3: Talk About the Text	3-4 minutes	The teacher asks open-ended questions to the group immediately after reading. **Do not skip this step**! It's important to ask these questions immediately after reading so that you can see what exactly each reader is thinking about the text immediately after reading.	• Use student responses to drive your future instruction and answer reflective teaching questions like, "what are the readers noticing and what are they missing?" • Students can type responses into their student page while one or two answer aloud. • You can certainly have them type their answer and then turn in their student page after the lesson is complete. This is a great accountability check and gives you the opportunity to read everyone's thoughts, even if there is not enough time for each reader to share verbally during the group.
4: Targeted Skill	3-4 minutes	Now that you have heard what the students were thinking about the text immediately after reading, it's time to teach the targeted skill. Ask a few specific comprehension questions about the skill.	• Remind students what the skill is and define how readers use the skill. • Students can type responses into their student page while one or two answer aloud. • Pay attention to whether the students are mastering the skill or if they need more whole group, small group support.

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5: Word Work	2-3 minutes	The teacher will introduce either a spelling, phonics, grammar, or vocabulary activity. The teacher will begin building word work for students to see word patterns. Students will add ideas to each word pattern.	• Use an anchor chart to create the chart of word patterns. • Dry erase boards work too! • The teacher creates the chart, asking students to chime in and help build word patterns and understandings. • Keep this time brief and to the point so that you do not isolate words too much and take away from the meaning of the text as a whole.
6: Independent Practice	After the Lesson	The teacher will instruct students to complete the independent page after reading. Students will immediately apply the targeted skill into a text they are reading independently. They will submit their independent work to the teacher when complete.	• This is an excellent way to determine if students can apply the targeted skill into their own independent reading. • It works to differentiate, as students read books they have chosen based on preferences and ability. They can apply the skill into their own independent level. • Review the independent work, making teaching decisions on whether students need additional teaching support, or they have mastered the reading skill.
Total Time: 10-18 minutes			

All of these steps are completely designed and prepared for you in each lesson!

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Small Group Lesson Summary

Lesson	Level	Genre	Tier 2 Words Covered:	Targeted Skill:	Word Work:
1	Basic	Fiction	clatter, pest, bothered, irked, disturb, stunned	Character Traits	Word Endings
2	Average	Fiction	pleased, spoil, poised, ploy	Character Traits	Word families with /oy/ sound
3	Advanced	Fiction	dub, disdain, latter, understatement, livid, enraged	Character Traits	A deeper dive into vocabulary
4	Basic	NF	impossible, noble, mishap, attend, traced, major	Character Traits	Consonant blends with -s
5	Average	NF	scroll, splendid, sprung, strain	Character Traits	3 Letter Consonant Blends
6	Advanced	NF	prestigious, groundbreaking, cumbersome, saga, proper, mere	Character Traits	A closer look at vocabulary words

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How to Differentiate Within the Levels:

Don't skip this key step to ensure small group reading success!

BEFORE THE GROUP MEETS…

Decide how you will engage students in step 2, the reading of the text. This is KEY in ensuring reading success. Here's a quick guide to choosing which reading style you will use each time. Always consider the needs of the readers in the group as you decide.

Reading Style:	Description:	Times to Use this Reading Format:
Teacher Read	The teacher reads the text aloud to the small group while they follow along on the student page.	• When the text is too challenging for that group of students to read on their own, even with an introduction. • If time is short and the teacher would like to focus more on the comprehension portion than reading fluency practice.
Silent Read	The students read the text independently after they have heard the introduction and gone over the key vocabulary words. If a student finishes reading before others, that student is instructed to read the passage again until the group is ready to discuss.	• When the text is instructional and can be read successfully after an introduction. • When the text is at the students' independent reading levels. • When the teacher wants to conduct a running record or one-on-one reading time.
Partner Read	Students get together in a chat online or whisper read in person. One student reads the passage, then the other student reads the entire passage. Both students should read aloud the entire passage.	• When the text is instructional and can be read successfully after an introduction. • When asking students to share thinking with a partner. • When the teacher wants to be free to push in and listen to a partnership read together.
Choral Read	Reading aloud in unison with the whole class, in a small group, or with a partner. Use this strategy to build students' confidence, fluency, stamina, and reading motivation.	• When the text is too challenging for that group of students to read on their own, even with an introduction. • Use when there is a variety of readers in the group (some may be able to read the passage independently while others may need more support). • To keep all students in the group engaged and ensure that they read the entire passage. • To build reading stamina, confidence, fluency, and reading motivation.

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Reading Style:	Description:	Times to Use this Reading Format:
Echo Read	Teacher reads a short section of text (paragraph or sentence) and the students read it back aloud together. Focus on rereading with the same fluency.	• When the text is too challenging for that group of students to read on their own, even with an introduction. • To practice reading accuracy, fluency, motivation, and confidence. • For a shared reading experience.
Silent Read Prep	Have students read silently before reading aloud to prep for strong reading fluency and expression.	• When the text is just a bit too challenging for that group of students to read on their own without practicing in advance. • To ensure the group is reading successfully. • To provide more than one opportunity to read the text in a small group time.
Rereading	Have students reread a text 2-3 times, focusing on fluency and expression each time.	• When the text is instructional and can be read successfully after an introduction. • When working to build writing stamina and confidence. • When looking to dig deeper below the surface of a text and ensure higher level thinking conversations after reading.

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