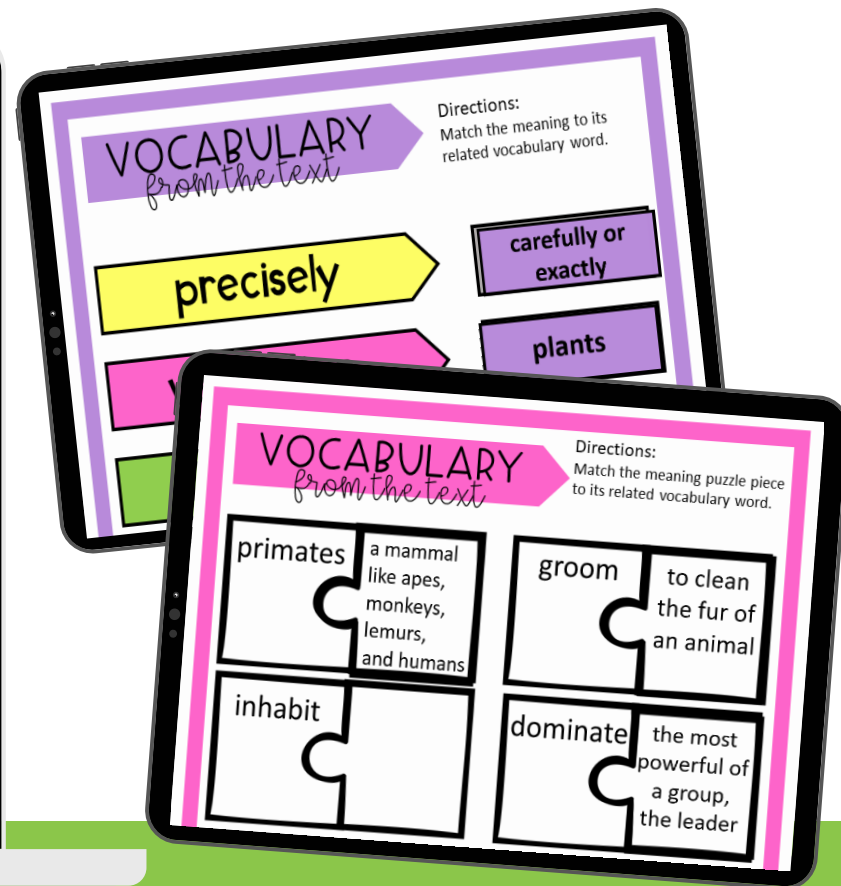


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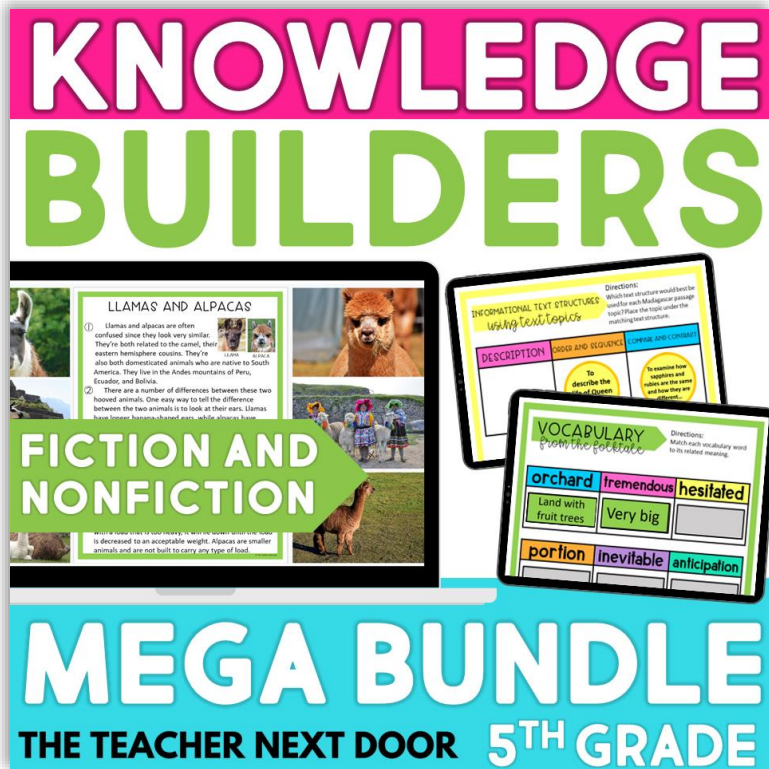


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COVERS KEY SKILLS



NONFICTION

- **Inferences**
- **Main Idea**
- **Cause and Effect**
- **Context Clues**
- **Informational Text Structures**
- **Point of View**
- **Information from Multiple Sources**
- **Text Evidence**
- **Paired Passages**
- **Reading Comprehension Using Literature**


DIGITAL FORMAT

DRAG AND DROP – INTERACTIVE
NO-PREP, EASY TO ASSIGN

JUST CLICK AND SEND! 



Ostrich



INFORMATIONAL TEXT



using a chart

OSTRICHES AND EMUS


Ostriches and emus are both large, flightless birds. They look very similar with long necks and feathered bodies. They have strong legs that they use for sprinting, with emus running up to 25 mph and ostriches up to 42 mph. They also use their legs to defend themselves. Both birds are omnivores, although they mostly eat plants. They both eat small insects, but ostriches also eat lizards and mice.

The birds are also different in a number of ways. Ostriches live in Africa while emus inhabit Australia. An ostrich is unique as a bird, having only two toes, while an emu has three toes. An emu can grow to about 90 lbs. and has a lifespan of up to 20 years. An ostrich is much larger weighing up to 325 lbs. and living up to 70 years.

Characteristics	Emu	Ostrich
Lives in:	Australia	Africa
Eats:		
Weighs:		
Toes:	three	two
Lifespan:		



Emu



plants, insects,
lizards, and mice

plants and insects




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PASSAGES



READING SKILL FOCUSED

HIGH-INTEREST STORIES

THAT KEEP STUDENTS ENGAGED!



Masonry





MACHU PICCHU


① Machu Picchu (Mah-choo Peek-choo) is an abandoned stone city built by the Incas. It can be found at 8,000 feet above sea level in the Andes Mountains of Peru in South America. Archaeologists believe that the city was built in the 1400s, at the height of the Inca Empire.

② No one is sure why the Inca King Pachacutec decided to build the city. Some think since it was built in a beautiful location and was warmer than the capital city of Cuzco, that it may have been built as a refuge for the Inca aristocracy. Some think since it contains several different temples, it was built as a religious center. Others believe that the steep cliffs and narrow trails may mean that it was built as a fortress. Possibly, it was built for a combination of these theories.

③ Machu Picchu is made up of over 150 buildings, including houses, baths, temples, and sanctuaries. Most of the buildings were made from granite stones which were precisely cut and wedged tightly together. The Incas didn't use mortar to hold the stones together. Each stone was heavy, weighing 50 lb. or more. Workers moved the rocks up steep hills using grass ropes and levers. It is thought that they didn't use carts or animals to move the stones.



The Temple of the Sun



USE FOR
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VOCABULARY

TARGET WORDS IN CONTEXT
FROM THE PASSAGE
WITH INTERACTIVE PRACTICE!

VOCABULARY
from the text

Directions: Look at the vocabulary word in the top box. Place a happy face by all of the boxes with correct meanings for that word.

physician

	engineer
😊	doctor
	lawyer

risky

	simply
	a chance of loss
	dangerous

conquer

😊	defeat
	build
😊	beat

bribed

	persuaded with a gift
	money given to influence behavior
	avoid



COMPREHENSION

STUDENTS PRACTICE
DIGGING INTO THE TEXT
TO SHOW UNDERSTANDING!

COMPREHENSION

Directions: Place the sentences under the correct true or false headings.

TRUE	FALSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">An American flag is carved into the castle walls.St. Margaret's Chapel is the oldest structure in Scotland.Edinburgh Castle is located in Scotland.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">St. Margaret's Chapel was destroyed by Robert the Bruce.No one has ever seen a ghost in the castle.

Edinburgh Castle was built on an active volcano.

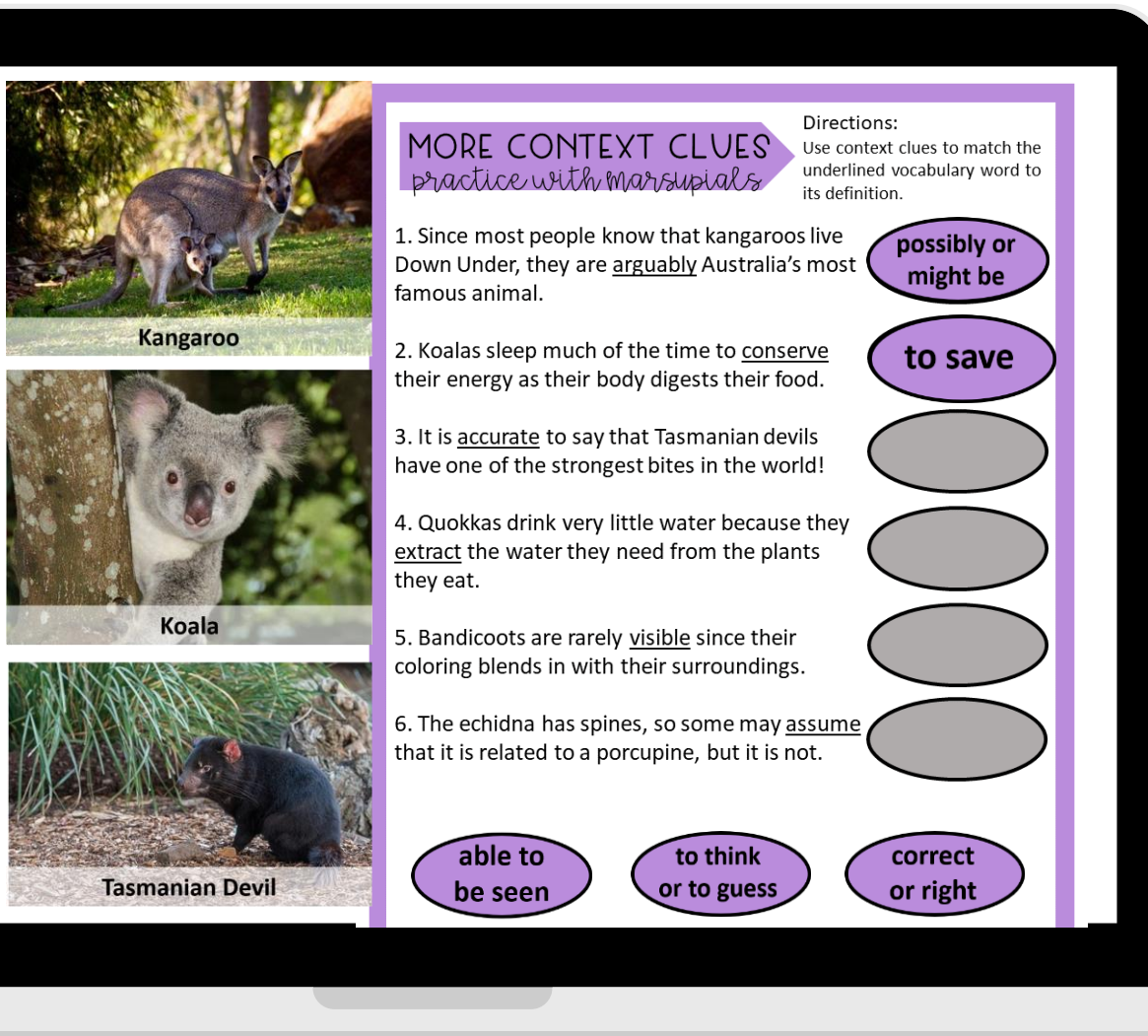
The castle was only used as a home for kings and queens.



SKILLS FOCUSED

REINFORCE

NONFICTION READING SKILLS USING A VARIETY OF APPROACHES!



MORE CONTEXT CLUES
practice with marsupials

Directions:
Use context clues to match the underlined vocabulary word to its definition.

1. Since most people know that kangaroos live Down Under, they are arguably Australia's most famous animal.

2. Koalas sleep much of the time to conserve their energy as their body digests their food.

3. It is accurate to say that Tasmanian devils have one of the strongest bites in the world!

4. Quokkas drink very little water because they extract the water they need from the plants they eat.

5. Bandicoots are rarely visible since their coloring blends in with their surroundings.

6. The echidna has spines, so some may assume that it is related to a porcupine, but it is not.

Kangaroo

Koala

Tasmanian Devil

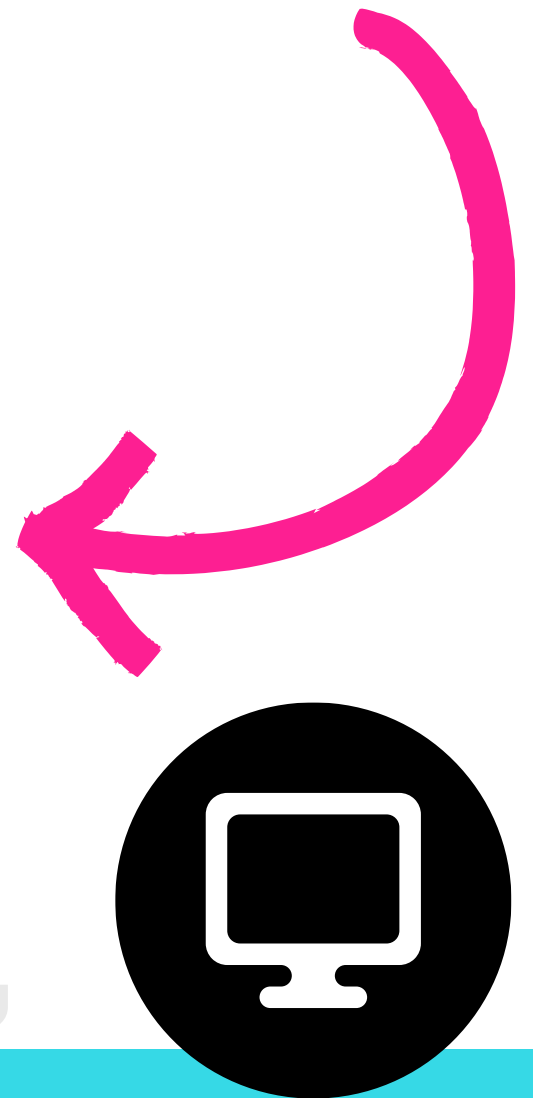
possibly or might be

to save

able to be seen

to think or to guess

correct or right



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KNOWLEDGE BUILDERS FAQ

Which classrooms would benefit from a KNOWLEDGE BUILDERS NONFICTION BUNDLE like this?

This 5th Grade Knowledge Builders Nonfiction Bundle is for you **if your reading curriculum is lacking** when it comes to focused reading skills practice or your students could benefit from more content knowledge. If you'd like to **stop endlessly searching for high-interest reading activities** that align with this reading standard and are looking for **easy-to-use** reading activities, this resource is for you.

What age is best suited for this Knowledge Builder?

This digital reading unit is **aligned to 5th grade reading standards**. It can also be used with **older students in need of extra practice** and support or for **enrichment for younger students**. Teachers, homeschool educators, and tutors have used the materials successfully.

How can this resource be used in my classroom?

This resource is **extremely versatile**. Many teachers will use the knowledge builder as part of their weekly literacy stations. You can also use the digital unit for independent work, partner practice, test prep, and for whole-class lessons. Our **best recommendation is to use them for independent or partner work while you meet with small groups to differentiate**.

WHO IS TTND?

At **The Teacher Next Door**, we know that you strive to be an effective reading teacher while maintaining a healthy work-life balance. In order to do that, you need resources that are impactful yet simple. The problem is that most reading resources and curriculums out there are far from simple. The pages upon pages of daily lesson plans are just plain overwhelming. We believe teachers should be living their lives outside the classroom and not spending hours lesson planning and searching for resources.

Now, more than ever, teachers need space to be themselves, which is why we create and support teachers with time-saving tips and standards-aligned resources.

We can't wait to help you get started.

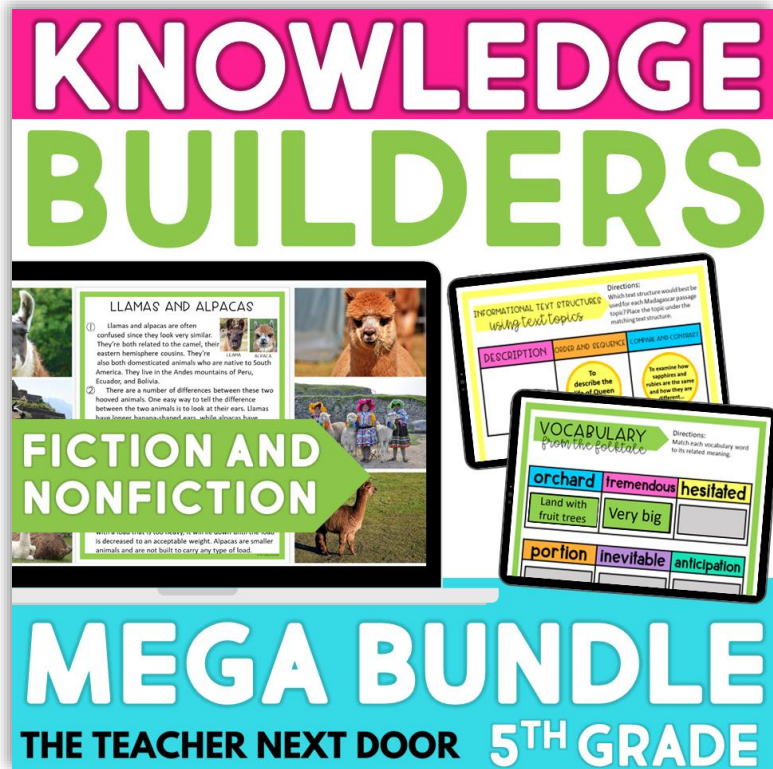
A NOTE ABOUT OUR CEO AND FOUNDER: Jenn Larson is the creator and founder of The Teacher Next Door. With over 20 years of experience in the classroom and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction, Jenn specializes in creating resources for upper elementary students. Her goal is to support teachers by providing ready-to-use resources that target standards and help students grow in amazing ways.



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