

KNOWLEDGE BUILDERS

WHY THE SKY IS SO HIGH
A Folktale from India

Long ago, the Sky wasn't very high. In fact, it was so low that if you stood on a chair and raised your hands as high as they would go, you could even touch the Sky.

In a small village where the Sky was particularly low, there was a humble hut. It was constructed of mud and had a thatched roof made of straw. In this hut, lived a proud Old Woman. This woman was so elderly that people used to say that she was the oldest person in the world. The woman had no living family and no friends. Without anyone to talk to, she was often very lonely. All day long, she worked tirelessly

repeatedly.

5TH GRADE FICTION

VOCABULARY
from the folktale

Directions: Look at the vocabulary word in the top box. Place a star by each word which is a synonym for the vocabulary word.

crafty	devised
tricky	destroyed
silly	created
	invented

COMPREHENSION

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

TRUE	FALSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tortoise was a trickster.Hippo tried to pull tortoise into the water.Tortoise became friends with elephant and hippo.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tortoise was stronger than elephant and hippo.Elephant and rhino were best friends.This folktale is from Europe.

CONTEXT CLUES

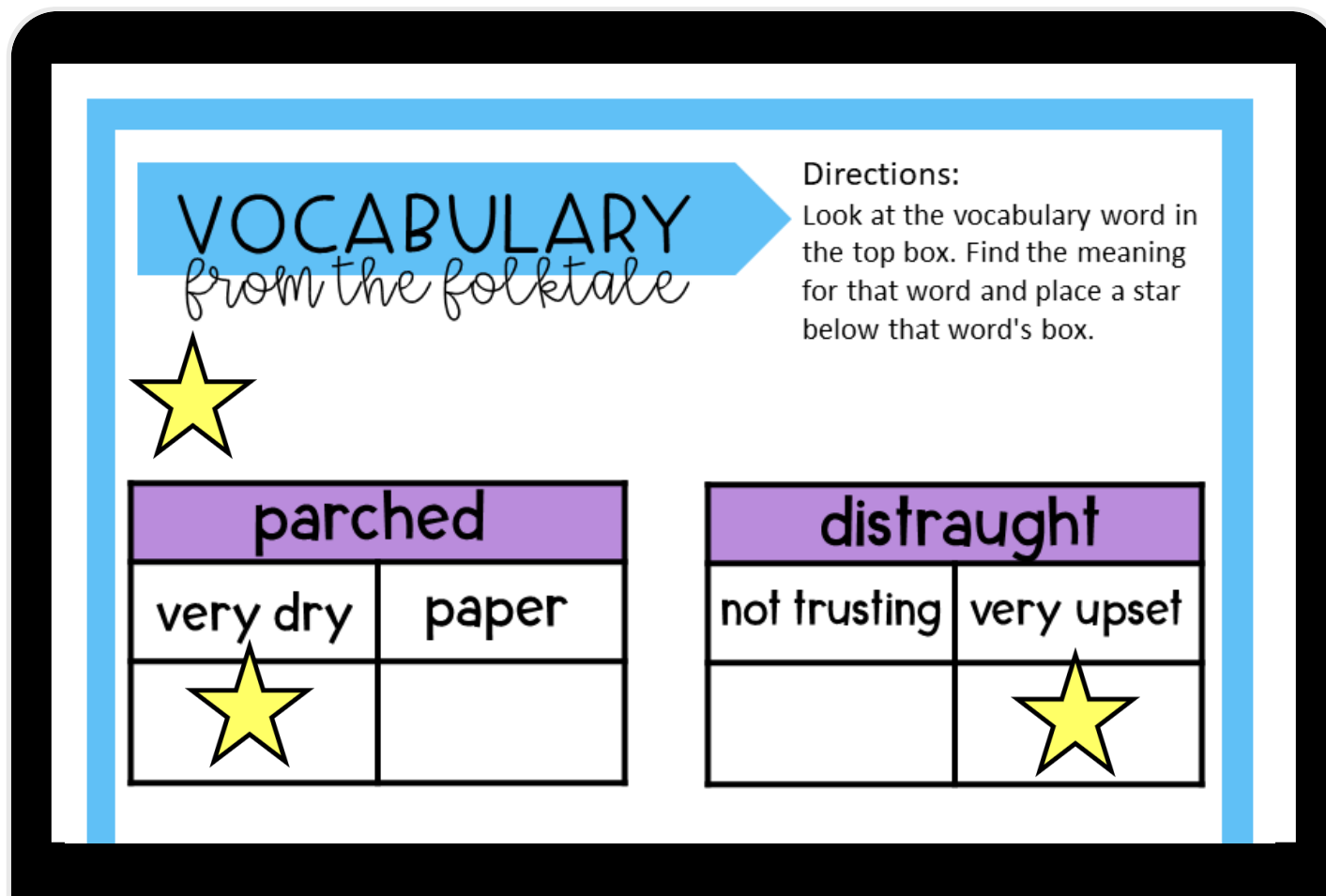
THE TEACHER NEXT DOOR

DIGITAL FORMAT

DRAG AND DROP – INTERACTIVE

NO-PREP, EASY TO ASSIGN

JUST CLICK AND SEND! 



VOCABULARY
from the folktale

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Directions:
Look at the vocabulary word in the top box. Find the meaning for that word and place a star below that word's box.

parched	
very dry	paper
★	

distracted	
not trusting	very upset
	★

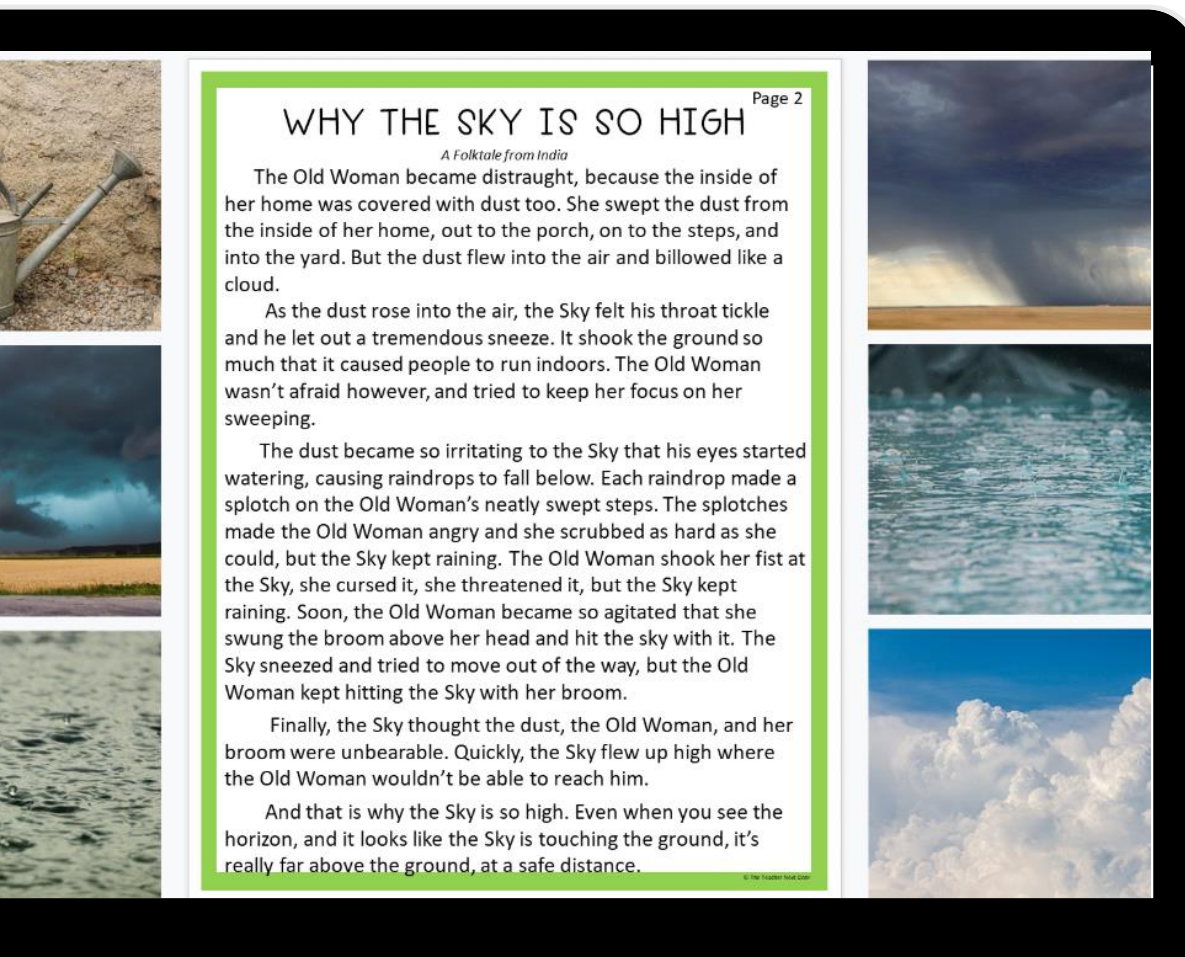


TWO PASSAGES

READING SKILL FOCUSED

HIGH-INTEREST STORIES

THAT KEEP STUDENTS ENGAGED!



USE FOR
CENTERS OR
INDEPENDENT
WORK



VOCABULARY

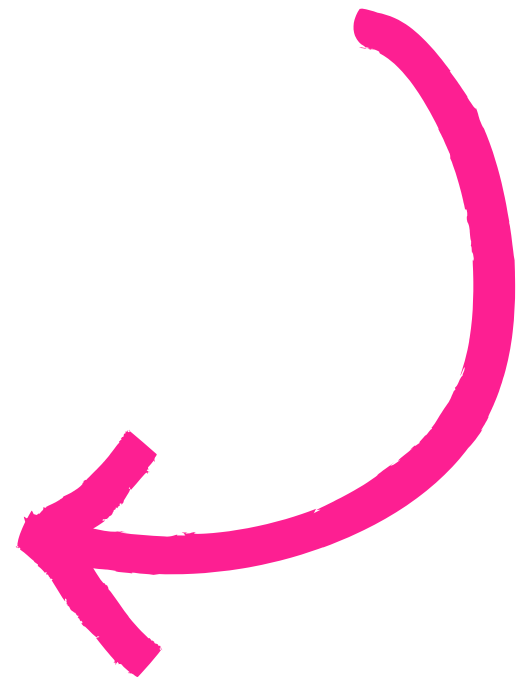
TARGET WORDS IN CONTEXT
FROM THE PASSAGE
WITH INTERACTIVE PRACTICE!

VOCABULARY
from the folktale

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★	tricky
	silly
★	sly
	serious

devised	
	destroyed
★	created
★	invented
★	planned



COMPREHENSION

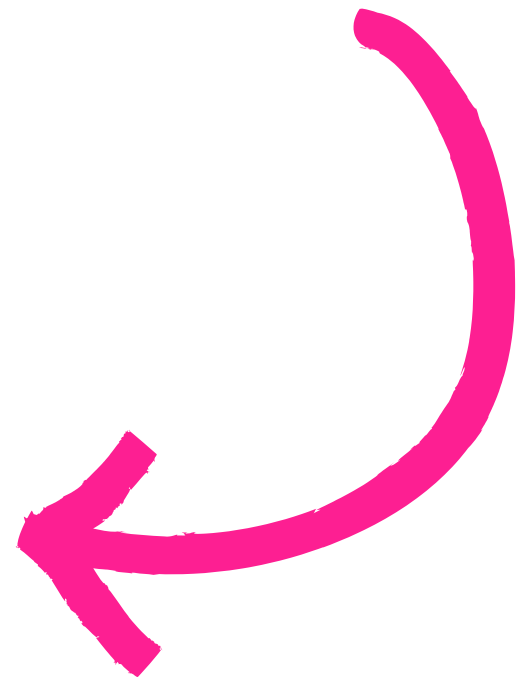
STUDENTS PRACTICE
DIGGING INTO THE TEXT
TO SHOW UNDERSTANDING!

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SKILLS FOCUSED

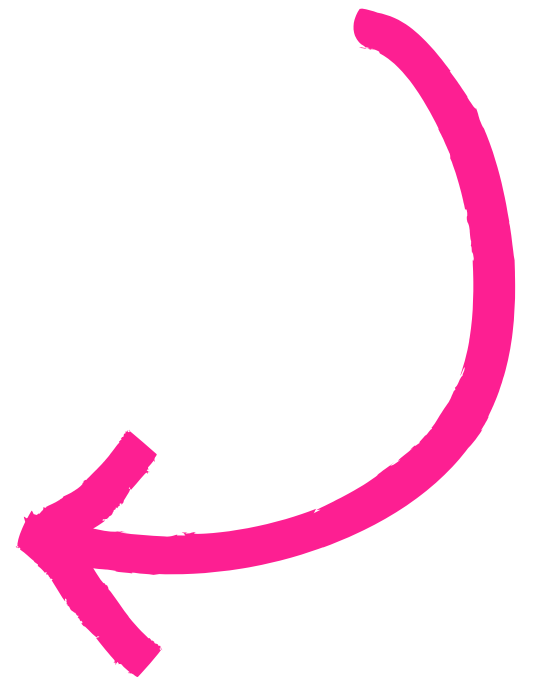
REINFORCE THE CONCEPT OF CONTEXT CLUES

USING A VARIETY OF APPROACHES!

MORE CONTEXT CLUES
from everyday life

Directions:
Read the sentence. Move the arrow to point to the definition of the underlined word.

1. The tour bus was leaving soon, so they needed to walk <u>briskly</u> to get there in time.	A. carefully B. slowly C. quickly
2. Although snails are <u>edible</u> , my brother and I weren't sure if we'd be able to work up the courage to taste them.	A. safe to eat B. poisonous C. slimy
3. When the little stray dog showed up on our back porch, I knew we had to <u>convince</u> our parents to keep it.	A. persuade B. trick C. ignore
4. We looked out the back window and	A. walk towards



ASK THE EXPERTS

**"LOVE THESE! GREAT
RESOURCE!"**

– HALEY, 5TH GRADE TEACHER

**"MY STUDENTS ENJOYED
WORKING WITH THIS
ACTIVITY!"**

– VIVIAN, 5TH GRADE TEACHER

**"EASY TO USE, AND
STUDENTS WERE
COMPLETELY ENGAGED!"**

– T. D. W., 6TH GRADE ELL TEACHER

KNOWLEDGE BUILDERS FAQ

Which classrooms would benefit from a Digital Context Clues Unit like this?

This set of Context Clues Knowledge Builders is for you **if your reading curriculum is lacking** when it comes to focused reading skills practice or your students could benefit from more vocabulary and content knowledge. If you'd like to **stop endlessly searching for high-interest 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 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.

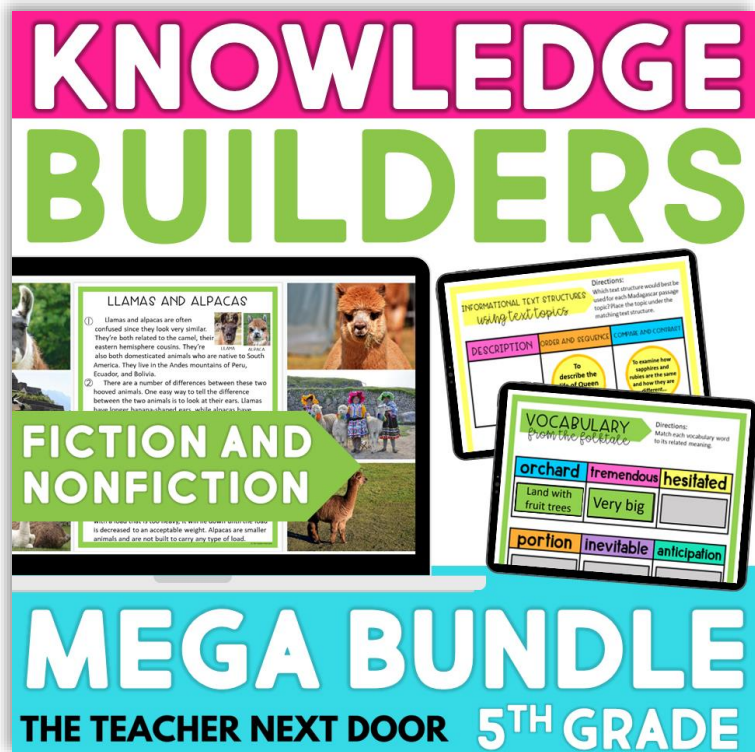
A NOTE ABOUT OUR CEO AND FOUNDER: Jenn Larson is the creator and founder of The Teacher Next Door. With over 20 years of experience in the classroom and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction, Jenn specializes in creating resources for upper elementary students. Her goal is to support teachers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

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NEXT DOOR**

TAKE BACK YOUR TEACHER TIME!



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NO MORE HOURS OF LESSON PLANNING!
YOUR FUTURE TEACHER-SELF WILL
THANK YOU, YEAR AFTER YEAR.

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