

KNOWLEDGE BUILDERS

POETRY AND DRAMA

IN THE SAVANNA

By Jenn Larson

In Africa's savanna, the grasslands they say,
A hyena is laughing and a zebra brays,
A giraffe is feeding on leaves from a tree,
A rhino is drinking, as calm as can be.

Elephants gather in their family group,
Chimpanzees are playing in their close-knit troop.

5TH GRADE FICTION

VOCABULARY
from the poem and drama

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

darting
moving quickly from one place to another

ecosystem
plants and animals living in the same area

COMPREHENSION

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

TRUE	FALSE
Liam had no idea how shallow tidepools are.	Grandma took Ava and Liam to the tidepools.
Sea urchins have spines when they're alive.	Sea urchins open during the day and close at night.

**POETRY, DRAMA,
AND PROSE**

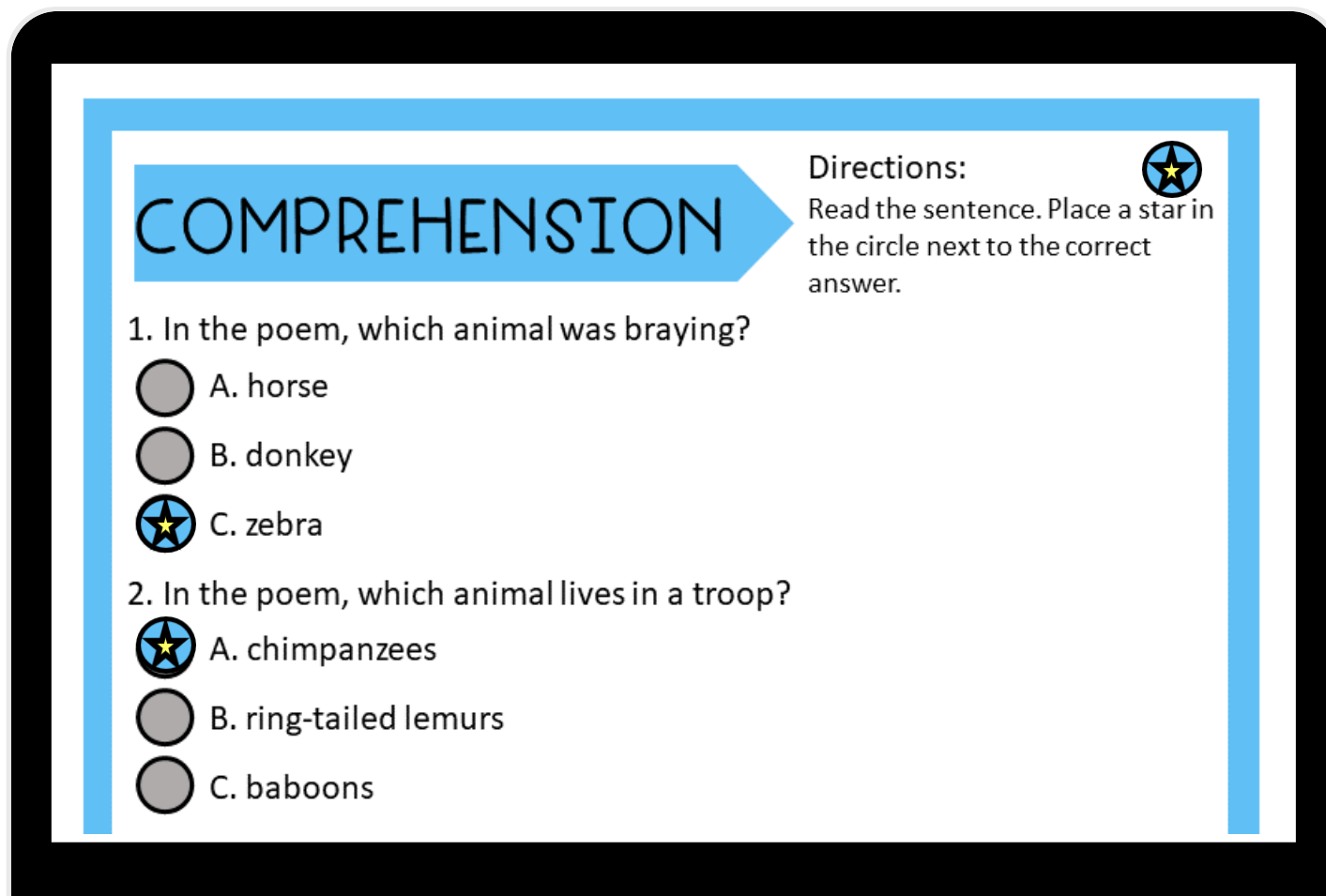
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DIGITAL FORMAT

DRAG AND DROP – INTERACTIVE

NO-PREP, EASY TO ASSIGN

JUST CLICK AND SEND! 



COMPREHENSION

Directions: Read the sentence. Place a star in the circle next to the correct answer.

1. In the poem, which animal was braying?

- ☐ A. horse
- ☐ B. donkey
- ☒ C. zebra

2. In the poem, which animal lives in a troop?

- ☒ A. chimpanzees
- ☐ B. ring-tailed lemurs
- ☐ C. baboons






TWO OF EACH: POEMS, DRAMA, AND PROSE

READING SKILL FOCUSED

HIGH-INTEREST STORIES

THAT KEEP STUDENTS ENGAGED!



POETRY AND DRAMA

AN AFRICAN SAFARI

Setting: Cape Town, South Africa - Jumbari Safari

Characters: Isaiah, his parents (Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Jackson) and the tour guide

{The Jackson family went to South Africa on vacation. One of the activities they did was to go on a safari. They took pictures as they rode along in a covered jeep.}

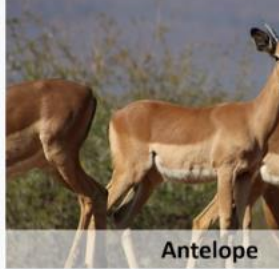


ISAIAH: (looking out the window) I can't believe we found a whole family of lions. I wish we could just sit here and watch them all day!

MR. JACKSON: (nodding) I know! They're one of my favorite animals in the grasslands. I'm hoping we'll see elephants too, though.

MRS. JACKSON: (holding binoculars) Look over there! Under that acacia tree. It may not be an elephant, but I see a group of giraffes. I wonder if they're anxious about the lions over here.

ISAIAH: (speaking softly) I think they know the lions are at the watering hole. They're probably on high alert while they eat.

TOUR GUIDE: We're going to move on now. If we're lucky, we might see elephants too. You never really know which animals will be active and visible on a safari.



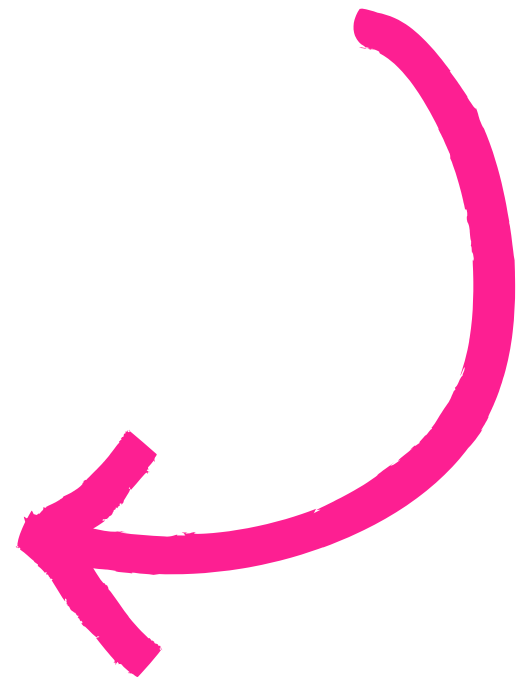
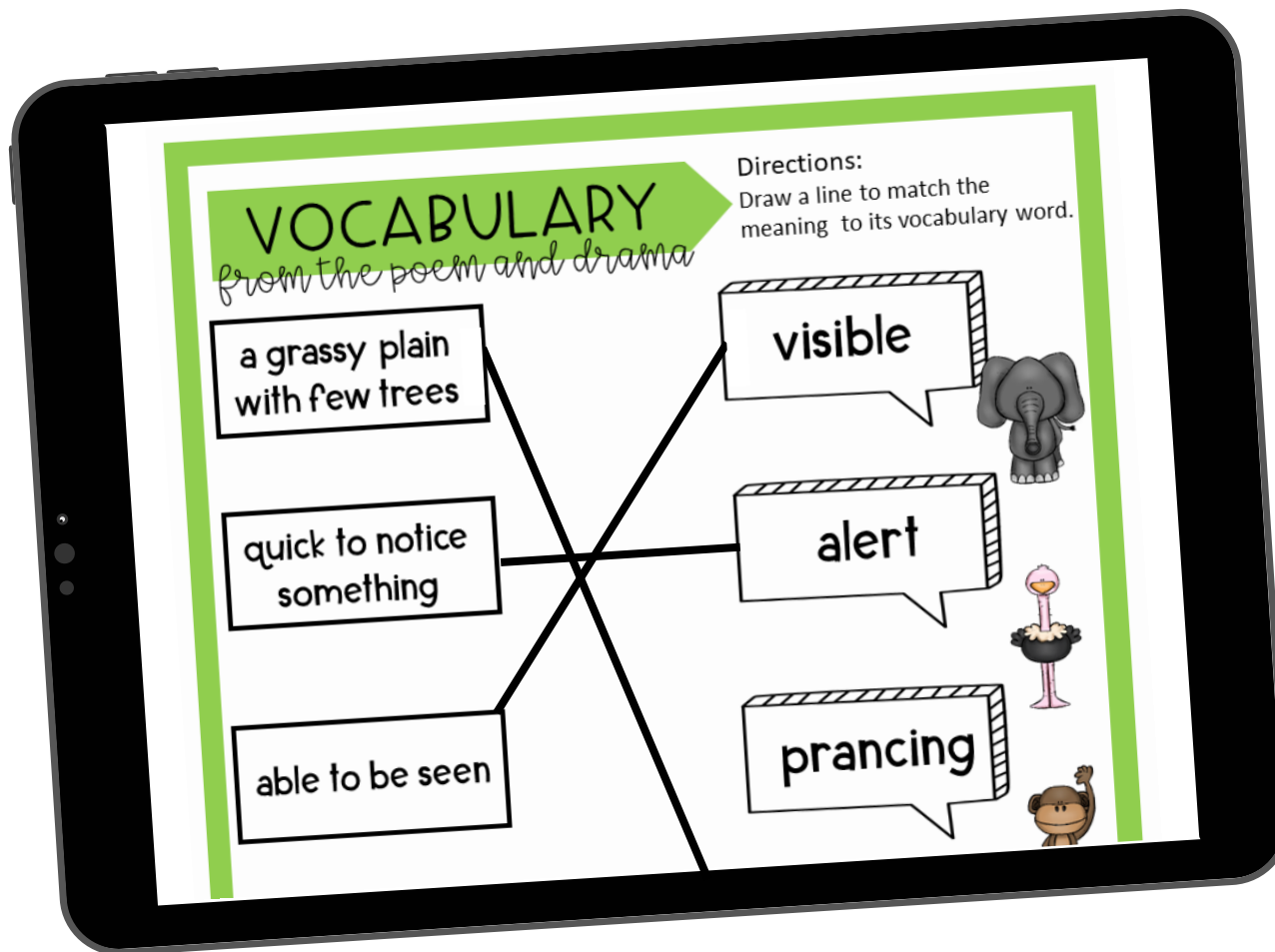
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USE FOR
CENTERS OR
INDEPENDENT
WORK



VOCABULARY

TARGET WORDS IN CONTEXT
FROM THE PASSAGE
WITH INTERACTIVE PRACTICE!



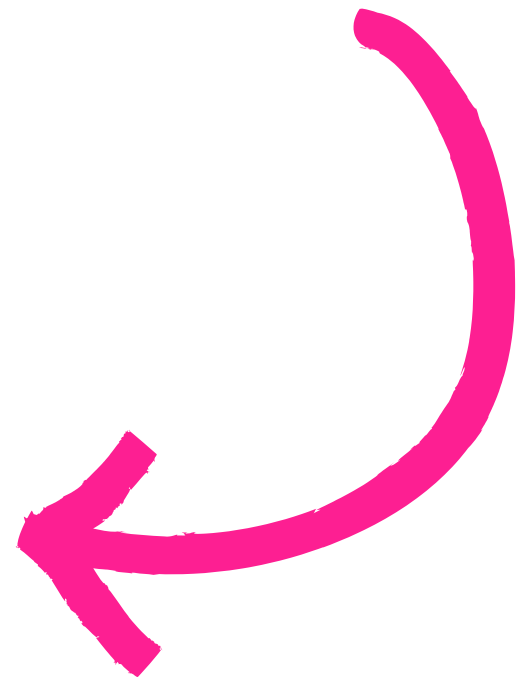
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STUDENTS PRACTICE
DIGGING INTO THE TEXT
TO SHOW UNDERSTANDING!

COMPREHENSION

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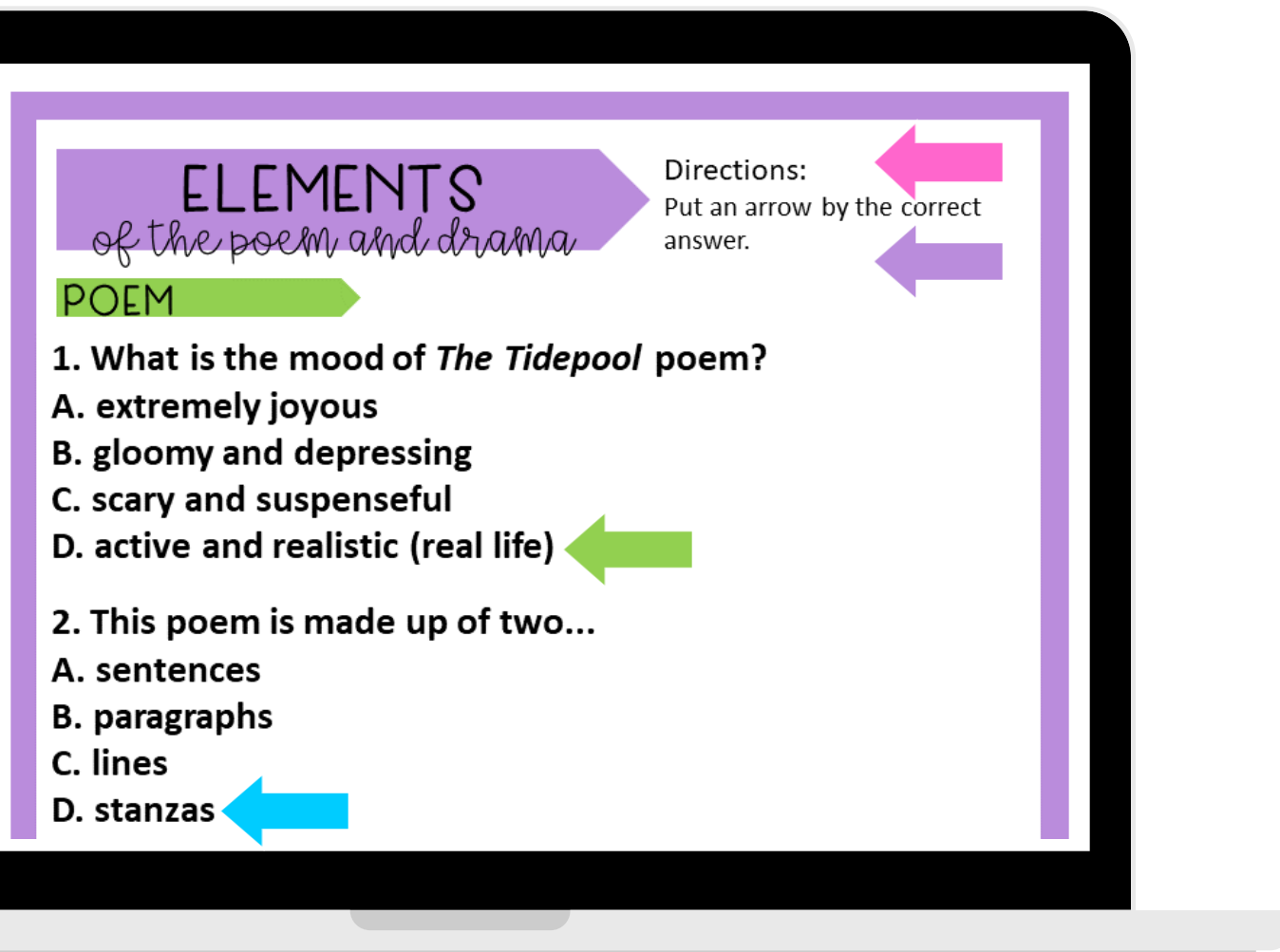


SKILLS FOCUSED

REINFORCE ELEMENTS OF

POETRY, DRAMA, AND PROSE

USING A VARIETY OF APPROACHES!



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ASK THE EXPERTS

**"VERY WELL WORTH THE
MONEY. THE ACTIVITIES KEPT
THE STUDENTS INTERESTED!"**

– SANDRA, 5TH GRADE TEACHER

**"GREAT DIGITAL ACTIVITY.
EASY FOR STUDENTS TO
NAVIGATE!"**

– REBECCA, 5TH GRADE SPED TEACHER

**"GREAT RESOURCE! MY 5TH
GRADERS WERE BIG FANS!"**

– TARA, 5TH GRADE SPED TEACHER

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KNOWLEDGE BUILDERS FAQ

Which classrooms would benefit from a Digital Poetry, Drama, and Prose Unit like this?

This set of Poetry, Drama, and Prose 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 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.

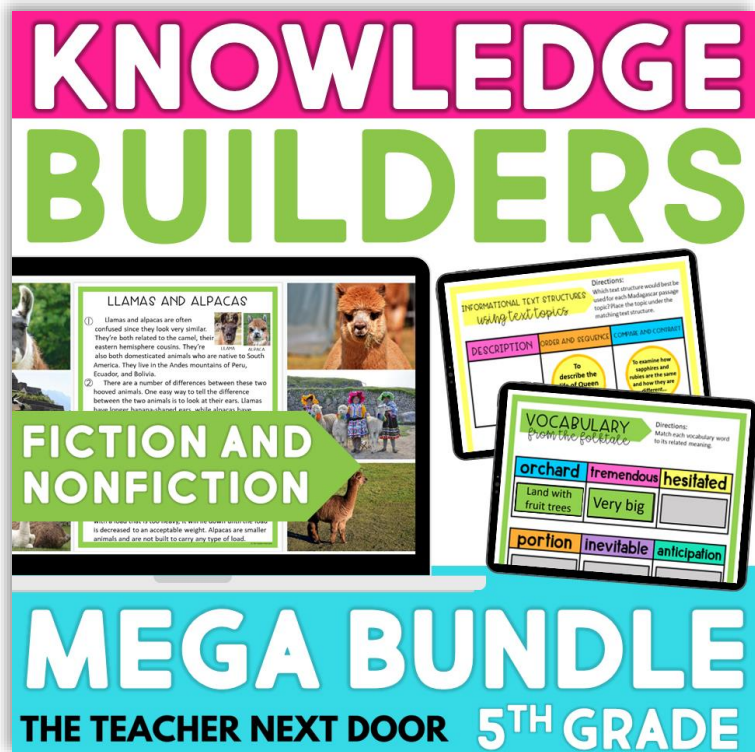
A NOTE ABOUT OUR CEO AND FOUNDER: Jenn Larson is the creator and founder of The Teacher Next Door. With over 20 years of experience in the classroom and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction, Jenn specializes in creating resources for upper elementary students. Her goal is to support teachers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

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THANK YOU, YEAR AFTER YEAR.

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