





KNOWLEDGE BUILDERS



ANGKOR WAT

① Angkor Wat is the largest temple in the world and is located in Cambodia. This temple is the national symbol of Cambodia and is the source of great pride for the Cambodian people. A picture of Angkor Wat can be found on the Cambodian flag and on much of their currency.

② This "City of Temples" was built by King Suryavarman II who ruled the country in the 12th century (about one thousand years ago). The main entrance to Angkor Wat faces the west (the setting sun symbolizes the end of the life cycle) which is unusual for that area. For this reason, some archeologists believe that the king might have created the temple as his tomb.

that all of the carvings used to be painted. Very few traces of paint remain today.

5TH GRADE NONFICTION

VOCABULARY from the text

Directions: Match the meaning to its related vocabulary word.

- currency
- money used in a particular country
- converted
- traces
- ancestors

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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> engineer
<input type="checkbox"/> doctor
<input type="checkbox"/> lawyer

conquer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> defeat
<input type="checkbox"/> build
<input type="checkbox"/> beat

risky
<input type="checkbox"/> simply
<input type="checkbox"/> a chance of loss
<input type="checkbox"/> dangerous

bribed
<input type="checkbox"/> persuaded with a gift
<input type="checkbox"/> money given to influence behavior
<input type="checkbox"/> avoid

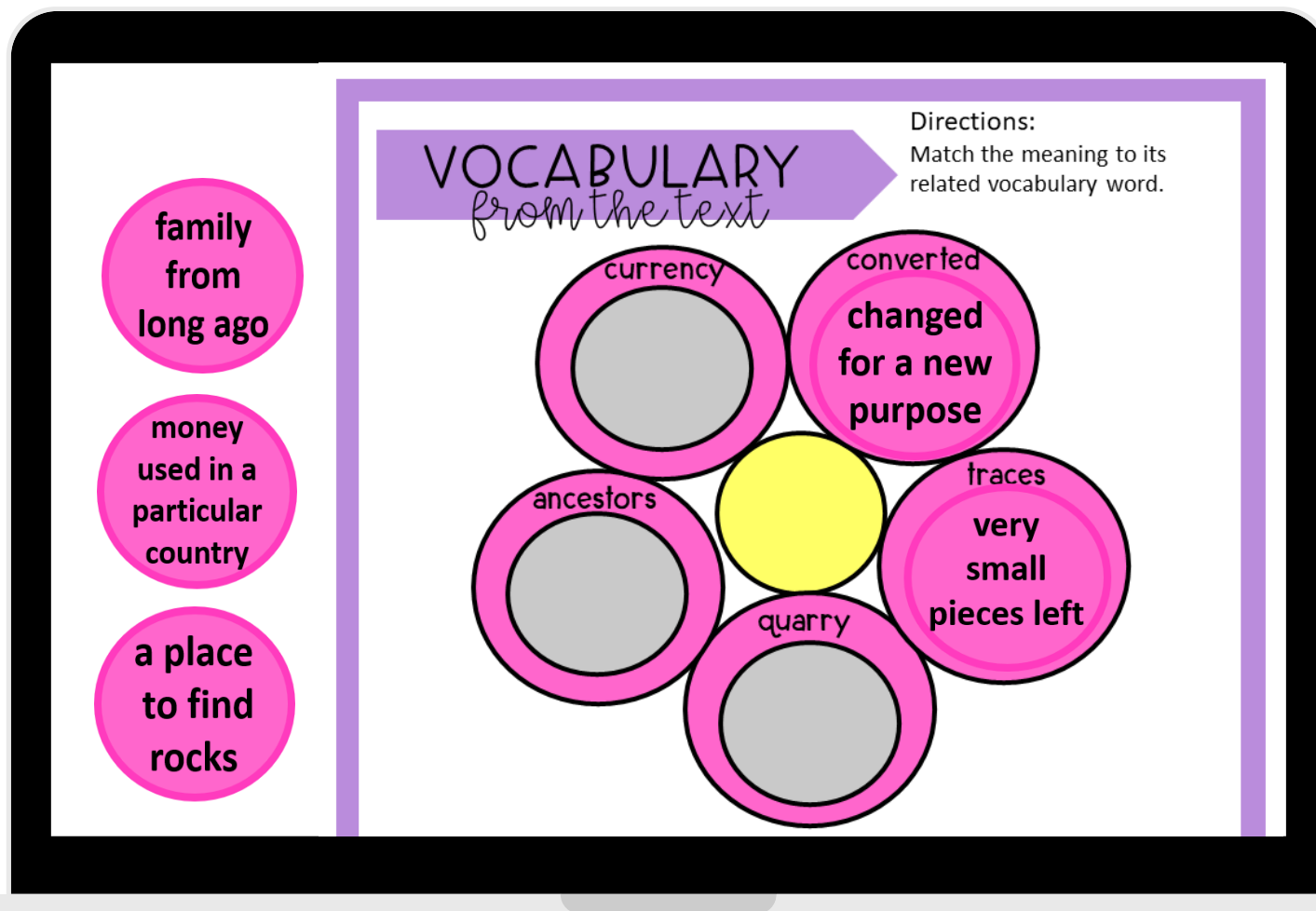
MAIN IDEA

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DIGITAL FORMAT

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

JUST CLICK AND SEND! 



The screenshot shows a digital interface for a vocabulary matching activity. On the left, there are three pink circles containing definitions: "family from long ago", "money used in a particular country", and "a place to find rocks". In the center, a purple banner reads "VOCABULARY from the text". Below the banner are five pink circles with vocabulary words: "currency", "converted", "ancestors", "quarry", and "traces". A yellow circle is in the center of these five words. To the right of the banner, the directions state: "Directions: Match the meaning to its related vocabulary word." A large pink arrow points from the definitions on the left towards the vocabulary words in the center.

family from long ago

money used in a particular country

a place to find rocks

VOCABULARY
from the text

Directions: Match the meaning to its related vocabulary word.

currency

converted
changed for a new purpose

ancestors

quarry

traces
very small pieces left



TWO PASSAGES

READING SKILL FOCUSED

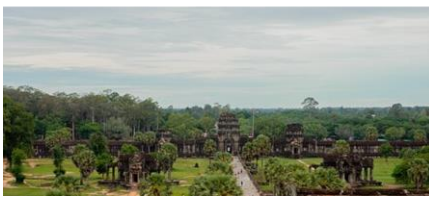
HIGH-INTEREST STORIES

THAT KEEP STUDENTS ENGAGED!

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- ⑤ In the 14th century, Angkor Wat was converted to a Buddhist temple. Many statues of Buddha were added to the temple. In fact, in the main tower on the third level there are four large Buddhas. Each one is placed in a different cardinal direction. It is thought to be good luck to face each of these Buddhas.
- ⑥ The city of Angkor was once the capital of the Khmer Empire. Angkor Wat is not the only temple there. Other smaller temples and ruins are located in the 154 square mile area. At one time, Angkor's population may have been over 500,000 people. Many of the people living there today can trace their ancestors back to the Angkor period. Inhabitants living there now are scattered throughout the area and are mostly rice farmers.
- ⑦ In 1992, Angkor Wat was made into a UNESCO World Heritage Site to help restore and protect the landmark. Two million people visit the temple each year.

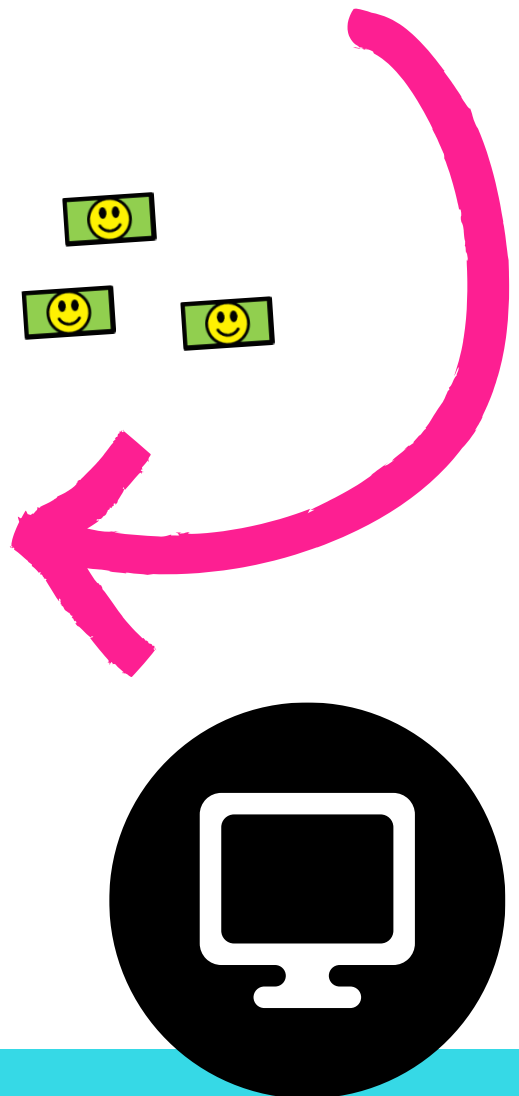
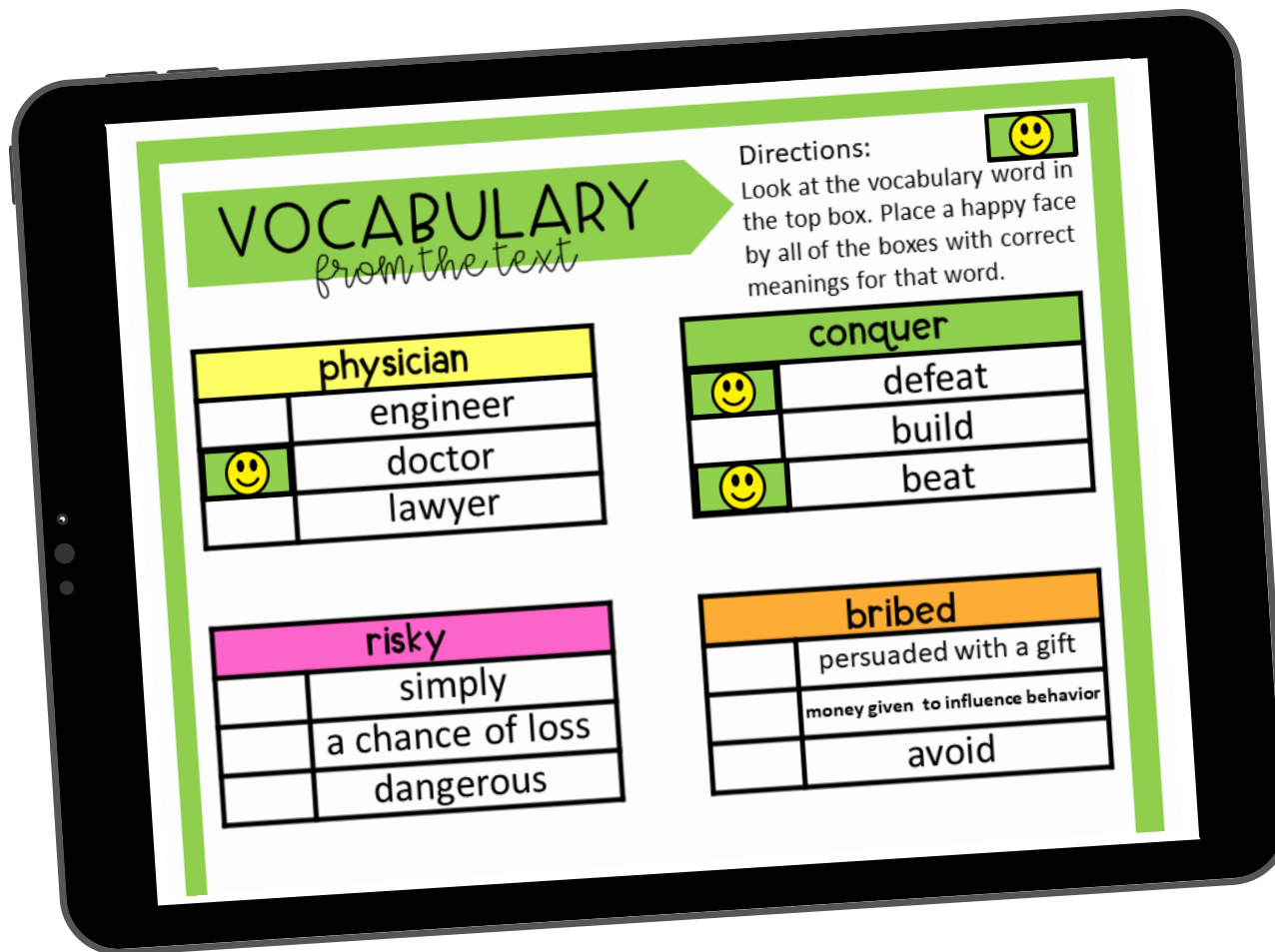


USE FOR
CENTERS OR
INDEPENDENT
WORK



VOCABULARY

TARGET WORDS IN CONTEXT
FROM THE PASSAGE
WITH INTERACTIVE PRACTICE!



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">Sendler was sent to prison.Sendler was a social worker.Sendler helped save 2,500 children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sendler took her cat into the ghetto.Hitler invaded Poland in World War 1.

- Sendler risked her life to save others.
- Sendler put slips of paper in a wooden box.
- Sendler lived in Germany.

SKILLS FOCUSED

REINFORCE THE

MAIN IDEA CONCEPT

USING A VARIETY OF APPROACHES!

MORE MAIN IDEAS
and supporting details

Directions:
Each set of five sentences has four supporting details and a main idea. Move the arrow boxes with the same color under the correct categories.

MAIN IDEA: [arrow box]

SUPPORTING DETAILS:

[arrow box] [arrow box]

[arrow box] [arrow box]

MAIN IDEA: [arrow box]

SUPPORTING DETAILS:

The Wildlife Alliance has been working to bring animals back to Angkor Wat rainforests.

Gibbons were released into the rainforest.

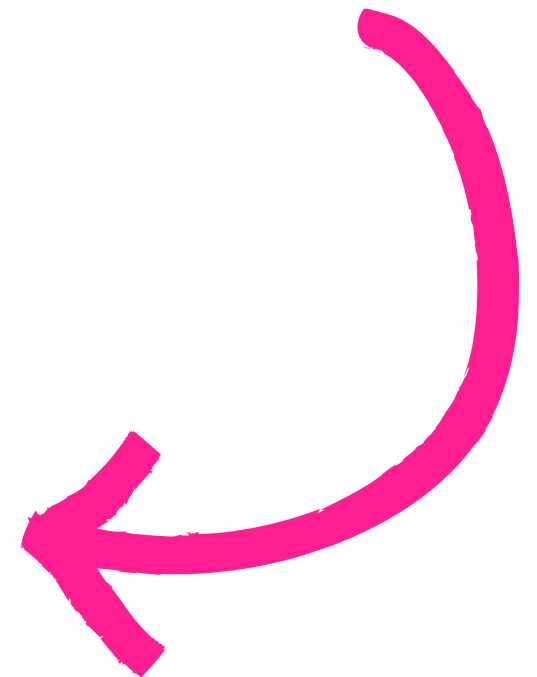
Silver Langurs have been added back into the rainforest.

Sambar deer will be added soon.

There are also plans to release leopards, peacocks, binturongs, and civets.

The rainforest around Angkor Wat lost much of its wildlife in the 1980's and 1990's.

Some animals were sold illegally as pets.



ASK THE EXPERTS

**"THIS RESOURCE IS AMAZING.
MY STUDENTS ABSOLUTELY
LOVED USING THIS USE!"**

– T. L., 5TH GRADE SPED TEACHER

**"LOVED THE VARIETY OF
ACTIVITIES WITHIN THIS
RESOURCE!"**

– DARLENE, 5TH GRADE TEACHER

**"MY STUDENTS LOVED
THIS! SUPER ENGAGING!"**

– HANNAH, 5TH GRADE TEACHER

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KNOWLEDGE BUILDERS FAQ

Which classrooms would benefit from a Digital Reading Main Idea Unit like this?

This set of Main Idea and Supporting Details 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 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.

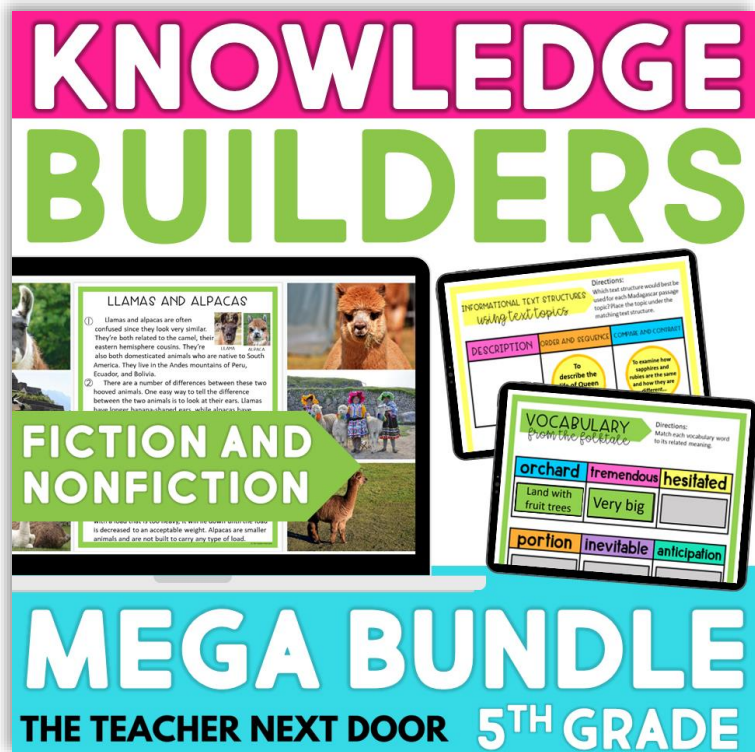
A NOTE ABOUT OUR CEO AND FOUNDER: Jenn Larson is the creator and founder of The Teacher Next Door. With over 20 years of experience in the classroom and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction, Jenn specializes in creating resources for upper elementary students. Her goal is to support teachers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

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YOUR FUTURE TEACHER-SELF WILL
THANK YOU, YEAR AFTER YEAR.

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