

# READING COMPREHENSION READING ASSESSMENTS PRINT AND DIGITAL

## The Woodpecker, The Turtle, and the Deer

Folktale from India

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The woodpecker flew to warn her friends that the hunter was coming. The deer started to run into the woods, but the turtle was exhausted from chewing through the trap and was extra slow. The hunter seized the turtle, put him in a bag, and tied it to a tree. The deer ran back to distract the hunter and led him into the woods. Soon the hunter became lost. Then the deer rushed back to the lake and freed the turtle. The woodpecker flew down to meet his friends, and they were grateful to be together. The deer thanked both of them for saving his life and urged the friends to hide until the hunter was truly gone. When the hunter navigated out of the woods, he went to retrieve the turtle. Once he saw that the turtle was gone, he was furious and vowed never to return to the lake again. So, the three friends lived happily ever after.

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- A. Bravery B. Caring
2. Which friend was the most helpful?
- A. Woodpecker B. Turtle
3. Which paragraph tells about the hunter's reaction?
- A. The first paragraph B. The second paragraph
4. What is the theme of the story?
- A. Follow your dreams B. Be brave
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Number Correct: 5

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### THE COYOTE AND THE TURTLE

Native American (Hopi) Folktale

One summer morning, Turtle crawled out of his home in the river and went for a walk. As he walked, he found so many good things that he continued crawling farther and farther away from his home. If he was too far from the water, he would dry up.

As Turtle trudged around and go back home, he decided to climb into a tree. He felt sorry for himself, as he was singing. Coyote was interested in him.

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### THE MISERLY FARMER

Chinese Folktale

A farmer carted pears to market. The pears were ripe and beautiful, and the farmer hoped to make a tidy profit from them. A monk with a tattered robe asked him for a pear. The farmer scoffed at the monk and told him to leave. The monk told the farmer that he had hundreds of pears and that he was surprised that the farmer couldn't spare one. The villagers urged the farmer to give the monk a pear, but he refused. A merchant saw what was taking place from his shop and took his own money to buy the monk a pear.

The monk thanked him and explained to the bystanders that he had beautiful pears to share with all of them. The villagers were perplexed and asked why he didn't eat his own pears then. The monk told them that he needed a seed first, so he could show them. He ate the pear quickly, saving the seeds. When he was finished, he took the seeds and planted them in the ground. The moment he finished watering the seeds, the plant sprouted and turned into a tree! It blossomed and was filled with fragrant pears. The monk gave all the pears to the villagers. When the pears were gone, he took an ax and felled the tree. It came down with a crash! He placed the tree on his shoulder and walked away.

The farmer was in the crowd, watching the monk's magic and had forgotten about his own pears. When he returned to his cart, he saw that his pears had vanished. He realized the pears the monk had given away had been his own. Then the farmer looked at his cart. He saw that the handle of the cart had disappeared. He chased after the monk and when he turned the corner, he found the wooden handle on the ground. He realized the pear tree must have been the cart handle. The farmer searched for the monk, but he was nowhere to be found. When the crowd realized what had happened, they laughed heartily.

1. Which character trait was NOT shown by the farmer?
- A. Stubborn B. Generous C. Stingy D. Unkind
2. What does it mean when the text says the monk's robe was "tattered"?
- A. Old and torn B. New and beautiful C. Fancy and expensive
3. Which paragraph tells about how the monk got the pears?
- A. The first paragraph B. The second paragraph
4. What is the theme of this folktale?
- A. Gossip is destructive. B. Selfishness leads to loss.
5. What character trait was shown by the monk?
- A. Cautious B. Trustworthy

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Reading Comprehension

5th  
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# 3 STANDARDS-BASED ASSESSMENTS

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1. Which character trait did each of the three friends show?  
A. Bravery B. Caring C. Loyalty
2. Which friend was never captured in this story?  
A. Woodpecker B. Turtle C. Deer
3. Which paragraph tells about how the woodpecker saved the deer?  
A. The first paragraph B. The second paragraph
4. What is the theme of this folktale?  
A. Follow your dreams. B. Best friends are like family.
5. Which word means very large?  
A. Grateful B. Distract C. Massive

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Reading Comprehension A

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One summer morning, Turtle crawled out of his home in the river and went for a walk. As he walked, he found so many good things to eat. He was so hungry that he ate everything he found. Turtle was foolish and greedy. If he was too dried out, he could become a skeleton.

As Turtle trudged on, he felt the heat of the sun. He decided to climb into a shady hole in a big rock to rest. He felt sorry for himself, and he began to cry. Coyote heard him singing. Coyote was intrigued and wanted to learn the song.

Coyote found Turtle and demanded that Turtle swallow him whole. Turtle told Coyote that he could not. Coyote then threatened to throw him in the river. Coyote said he wouldn't mind since he could crawl under the rock. He would throw Turtle into the river. Turtle smiled and said he would throw Coyote into the river. Turtle smiled and said he would throw Coyote into the river. Turtle smiled and said he would throw Coyote into the river.

1. Which character trait did Turtle show when he was hungry?  
A. Brave B. Clever C. Generous
2. What does it mean when the text says "Coyote was intrigued"?  
A. He was interested. B. He was angry.
3. Which paragraph tells about Coyote's threat?  
A. The first paragraph B. The second paragraph
4. What is the theme of this folktale?  
A. Clever thinking can save the day B. Jealousy is a bad trait
5. In this folktale, the trickster gets tricked. Who is the trickster?  
A. Coyote B. Turtle C. River

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Reading Comprehension B

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4. What is the theme of this folktale?  
A. Gossip is destructive. B. Selfishness is not rewarded. C. Accepting yourself leads to happiness.
5. What character trait was shown by the merchant?  
A. Cautious B. Trustworthy C. Giving D. Dishonest

Number Correct: 5  
Reading Comprehension C

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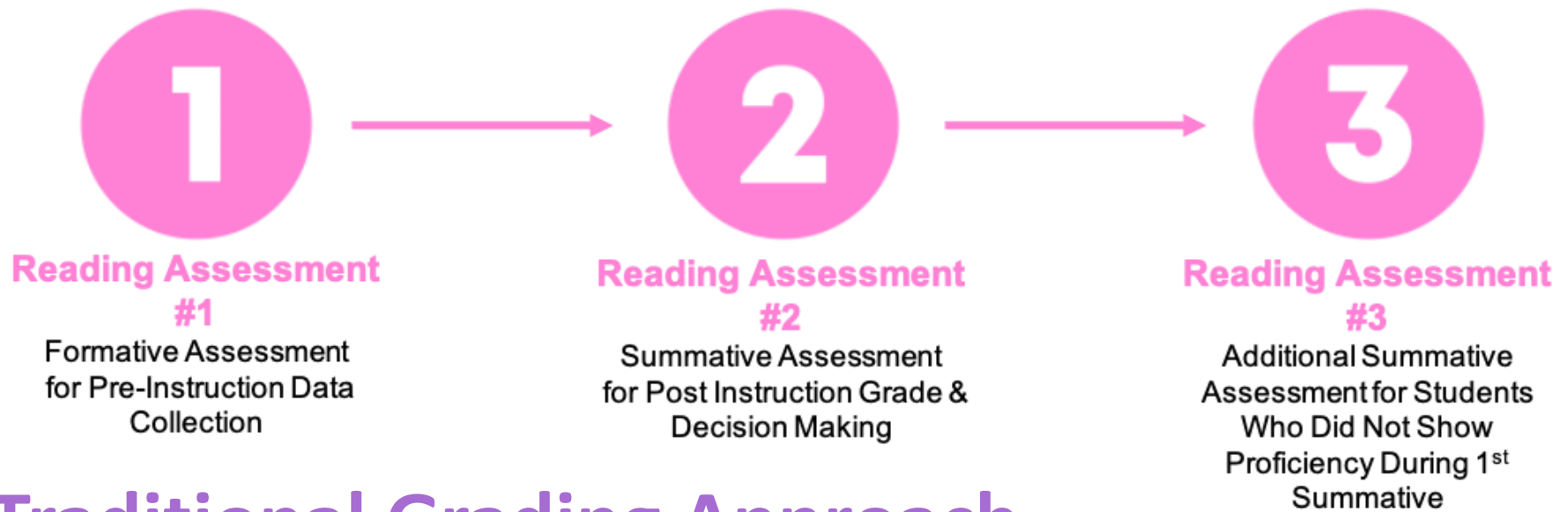
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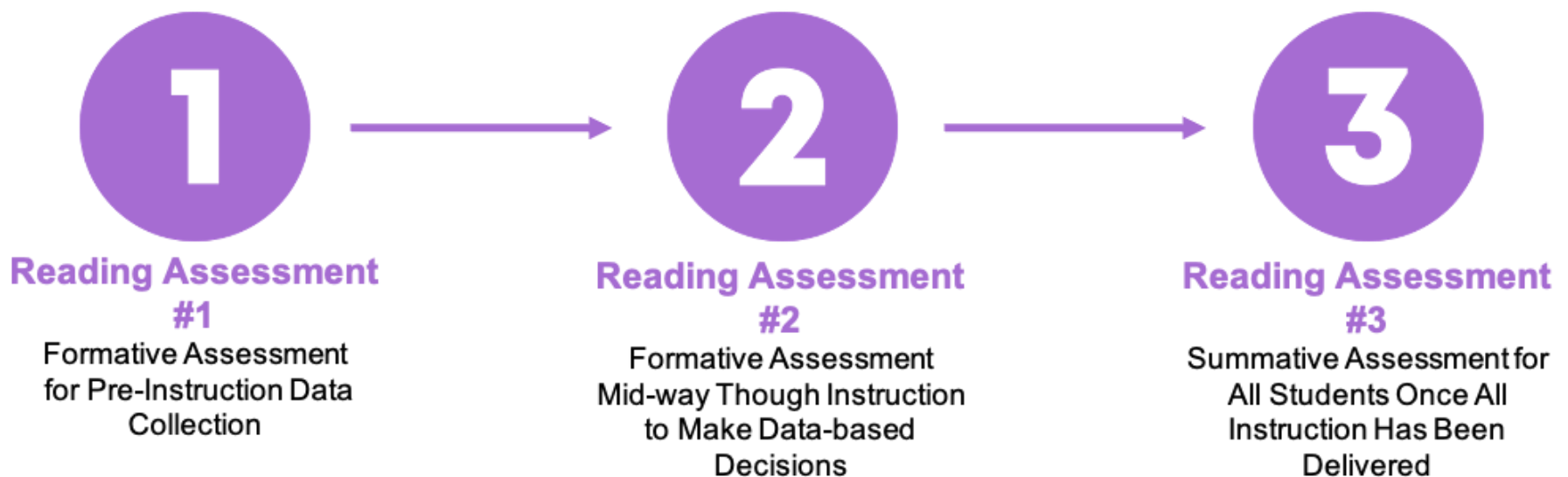


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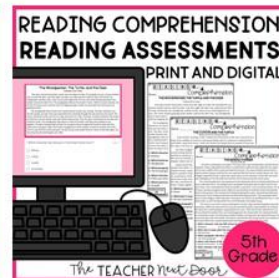
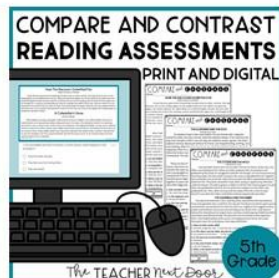
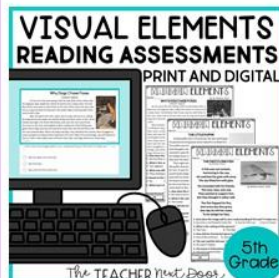
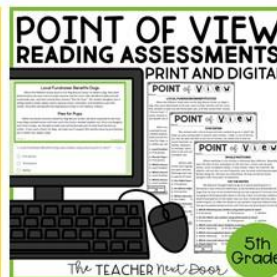
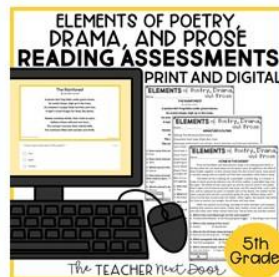
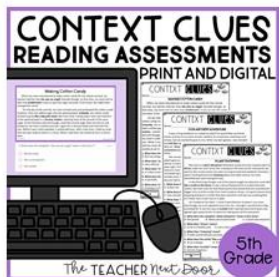
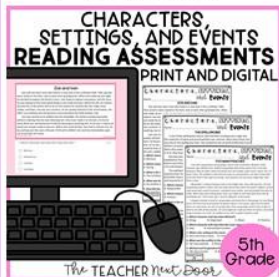
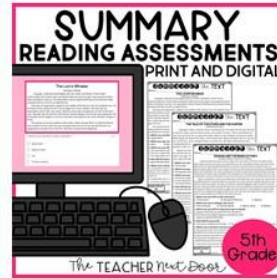
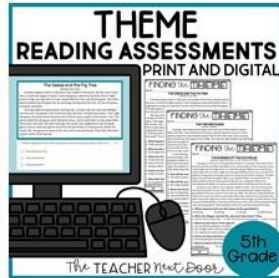
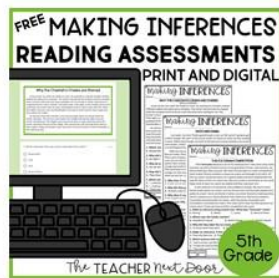
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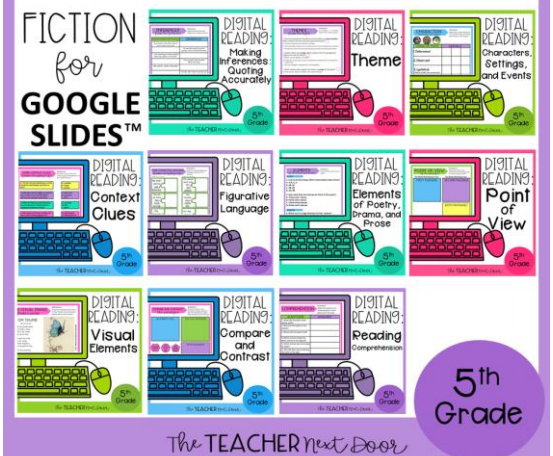
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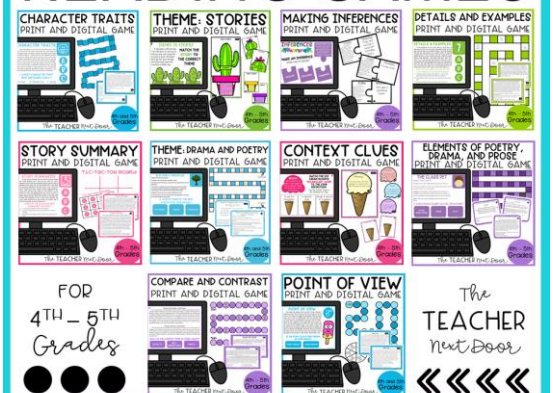
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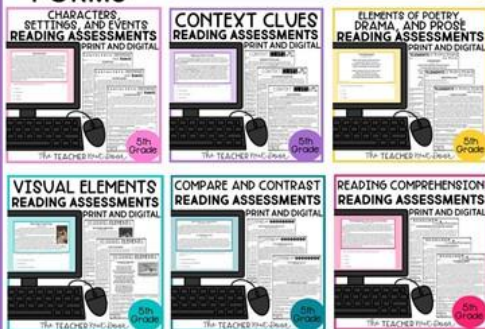


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