

180 Days of READING

for Second Grade



DATE: _____

Johnny Appleseed

Johnny Appleseed lived long ago. He was born in 1774 in Ohio. He was famous for spreading apple seeds around. He knew where they should be planted. These are places for trees to grow. These are sold to people. Then people plant them. Apple trees to grow over large areas and protect things in nature. Over the years, some of the stories have been exaggerated. It is not true.

He treated the land carefully. He lived a simple life and looked after the people. He was a good person.

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DIRECTIONS Read "Johnny Appleseed" and answer the questions.

- Who might make a connection to the text?
 - A a little girl who does not like to eat apples
 - B a teacher who is warm and kind to children
 - C a young boy who cleans up local beaches
 - D a man who plants seeds in his garden
- This story of Jonny Appleseed is:
 - A a fable
 - B a folktale
 - C a full tale
 - D a folk tale
- What is a hero?
 - A a strong person
 - B a person who lives a simple life
 - C a person who is admired by others
 - D a person who lived long ago
- Where did Johnny Appleseed live?
 - A He planted apple trees and protected large areas of nature.
 - B He bought and sold apples.
 - C He baked apple pies.
 - D He was good to animals and people.
- Which statement gives the best summary?
 - A Johnny Appleseed is a famous farmer.
 - B Johnny Appleseed's life story is a folktale that many people know.
 - C Johnny Appleseed invented the apple.
 - D Johnny Appleseed knew a lot about trees.

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HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

180 Days of Reading for Second Grade offers teachers and parents a full page of daily reading comprehension and word-study practice activities for each day of the school year.

Easy to Use and Standards Based

These activities reinforce grade-level skills across a variety of reading concepts. The questions are provided as a full practice page, making them easy to prepare and implement as part of a classroom morning routine, at the beginning of each reading lesson, or as homework.

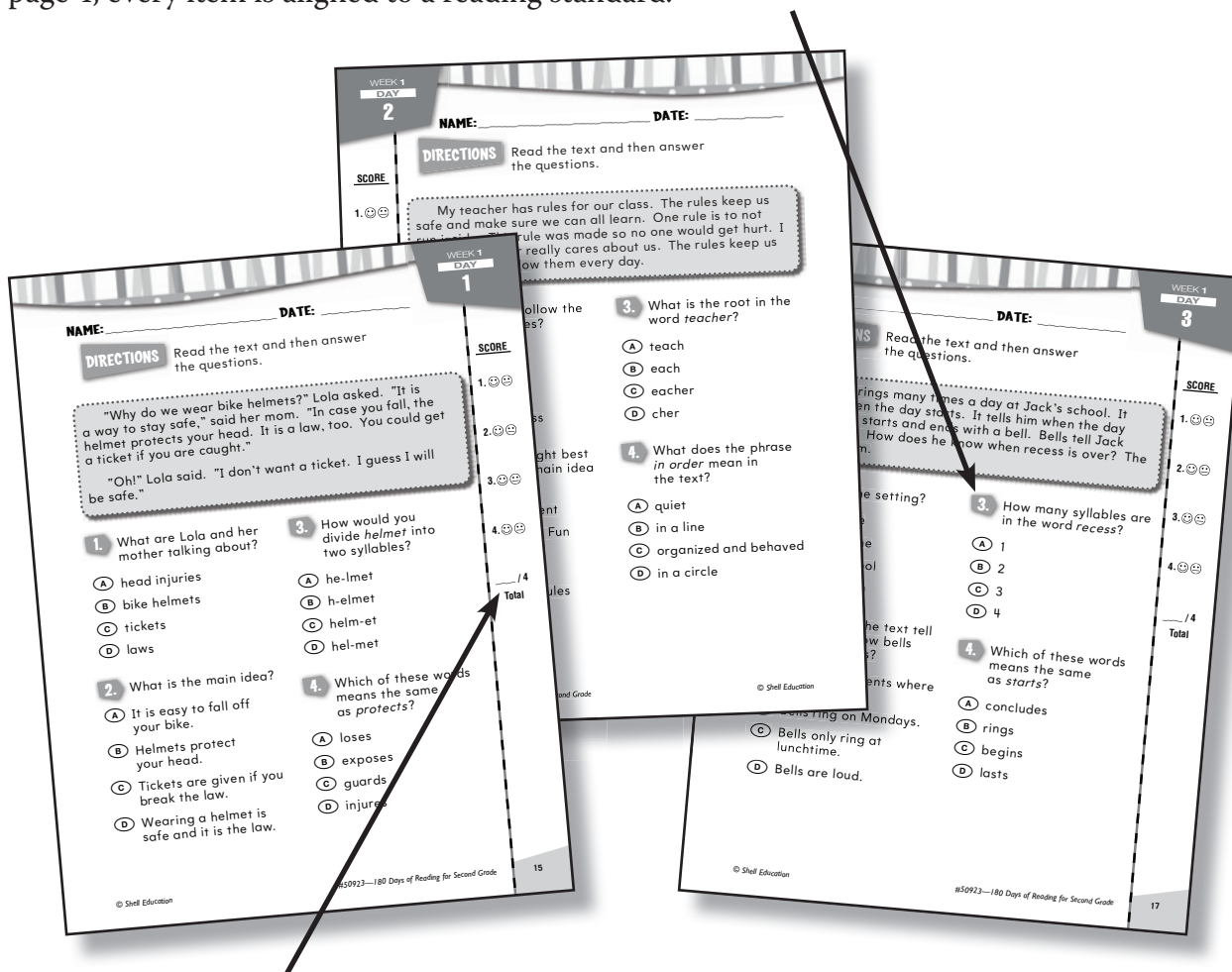
Every second-grade practice page provides questions that are tied to a reading or writing standard. Students are given the opportunity for regular practice in reading comprehension and word study, allowing them to build confidence through these quick standards-based activities.

Question	College and Career Readiness Standards
Days 1–3	
1–2	Reading Anchor Standard 1: <i>Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it</i> or Reading Anchor Standard 2: <i>Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.</i>
3	Reading Foundational Skills Standard: <i>Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.</i>
4	Reading Anchor Standard 4: <i>Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.</i>
Day 4	
1	Reading Anchor Standard 1: <i>Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it.</i>
2–3	Reading Anchor Standard 10: <i>Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.</i>
4–5	Reading Anchor Standard 2: <i>Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.</i>
Day 5	
	Writing Anchor Standard 4: <i>Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.</i>

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Using the Practice Pages

Practice pages provide instruction and assessment opportunities for each day of the school year. The activities are organized into weekly themes, and teachers may wish to prepare packets of each week's practice pages for students. Days 1, 2, and 3 follow a consistent format, with a short piece of text and four corresponding items. As outlined on page 4, every item is aligned to a reading standard.

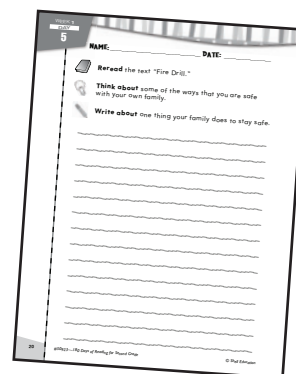
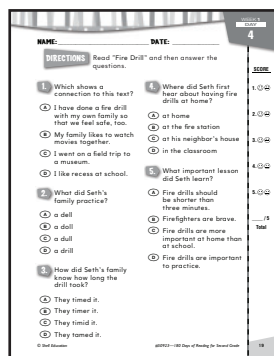
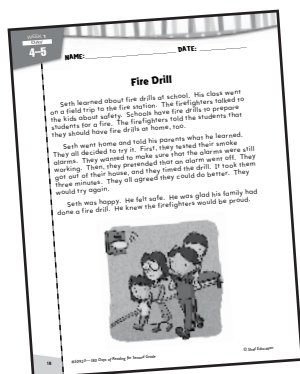


Using the Scoring Guide

Use the scoring guide along the side of each practice page to check answers and see at a glance which skills may need more reinforcement.

Fill in the appropriate circle for each problem to indicate correct (☺️) or incorrect (☹️) responses. You might wish to indicate only incorrect responses to focus on those skills. (For example, if students consistently miss items 2 and 4, they may need additional help with those concepts as outlined in the table on page 4.) Use the answer key at the back of the book to score the problems, or you may call out answers to have students self-score or peer-score their work.

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A longer text is used for Days 4 and 5. Students answer more in-depth comprehension questions on Day 4 and complete a written response to the text on Day 5. This longer text can also be used for fluency practice (see page 7).

Writing Rubric

Score students' written responses using the rubric below. Display the rubric for students to reference as they write (G2_writing_rubric.pdf).

Points	Criteria
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses an appropriate organizational sequence to produce very clear and coherent writing • Uses descriptive language that develops or clarifies ideas • Engages the reader • Uses a style very appropriate to task, purpose, and audience
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses an organizational sequence to produce clear and coherent writing • Uses descriptive language that develops or clarifies ideas • Engages the reader • Uses a style appropriate to task, purpose, and audience
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses an organizational sequence to produce somewhat clear and coherent writing • Uses some descriptive language that develops or clarifies ideas • Engages the reader in some way • Uses a style somewhat appropriate to task, purpose, and audience
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not use an organized sequence; the writing is not clear or coherent • Uses little descriptive language to develop or clarify ideas • Does not engage the reader • Does not use a style appropriate to task, purpose, or audience
0	Offers no writing or does not respond to the assignment presented

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INTRODUCTION AND RESEARCH

The Need for Practice

In order to be successful in today’s reading classroom, students must deeply understand both concepts and procedures so that they can discuss and demonstrate their understanding. Demonstrating understanding is a process that must be continually practiced in order for students to be successful. According to Marzano, “practice has always been, and always will be, a necessary ingredient to learning procedural knowledge at a level at which students execute it independently” (2010, 83). Practice is especially important to help students apply reading comprehension strategies and word-study skills.

Understanding Assessment

In addition to providing opportunities for frequent practice, teachers must be able to assess students’ comprehension and word-study skills. This is important so that teachers can adequately address students’ misconceptions, build on their current understanding, and challenge them appropriately. Assessment is a long-term process that often involves careful analysis of student responses from a lesson discussion, a project, a practice sheet, or a test. When analyzing the data, it is important for teachers to reflect on how their teaching practices may have influenced students’ responses and to identify those areas where additional instruction may be required. In short, the data gathered from assessments should be used to inform instruction: slow down, speed up, or reteach. This type of assessment is called *formative assessment*.

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DIRECTIONS

Read the text and then answer the questions.

"Why do we wear bike helmets?" Lola asked.

"It is a way to stay safe," said her mom. "If you fall, the helmet will protect your head. It is a law, too. You could get a ticket if you are caught riding without a helmet."

"Oh!" Lola said. "I don't want a ticket. I guess I will be safe."

1. What are Lola and her mom talking about?

- (A) head injuries
- (B) bike helmets
- (C) tickets
- (D) laws

2. What is the main idea?

- (A) It is easy to fall off your bike.
- (B) Helmets protect your head.
- (C) Tickets are given if you break the law.
- (D) Wearing a helmet is safe and it is the law.

3. How would the word *helmet* be divided into two syllables?

- (A) he-lmet
- (B) h-elmet
- (C) helm-et
- (D) hel-met

4. Which of these words means the same as *protect*?

- (A) lose
- (B) expose
- (C) guard
- (D) injure

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My teacher has rules for our class. The rules keep us safe and make sure we can all learn. One rule is to not run inside. This rule was made so no one would get hurt. I think my teacher really cares about us. The rules keep us in order, so I follow them every day.

1. Who has to follow the teacher's rules?

- (A) the student
- (B) the teacher
- (C) the principal
- (D) the whole class

2. Which title best fits the text?

- (A) A Caring Student
- (B) Running Is Not Fun
- (C) Keeping Order with Rules
- (D) Breaking the Rules

3. What is the root word in *teacher*?

- (A) teach
- (B) each
- (C) eacher
- (D) cher

4. What does the phrase *in order* mean in the text?

- (A) quiet
- (B) in a line
- (C) organized and behaved
- (D) in a circle

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DIRECTIONS

Read the text and then answer the questions.

The bell rings many times a day at Jack's school. It tells him when the day starts. It tells him when the day ends. Lunch starts and ends with a bell. Bells tell Jack where to go. How does he know when recess is over? The bell alerts him.

1. What is the setting?

- (A) Jack's bike
- (B) Jack's home
- (C) Jack's school
- (D) Jack's room

2. How do bells help students?

- (A) Bells tell students where to go.
- (B) Bells ring on Mondays.
- (C) Bells only ring at lunchtime.
- (D) Bells are loud.

3. How many syllables are in the word *recess*?

- (A) one syllable
- (B) two syllables
- (C) three syllables
- (D) four syllables

4. Which of these words means the same as *starts*?

- (A) concludes
- (B) rings
- (C) begins
- (D) lasts

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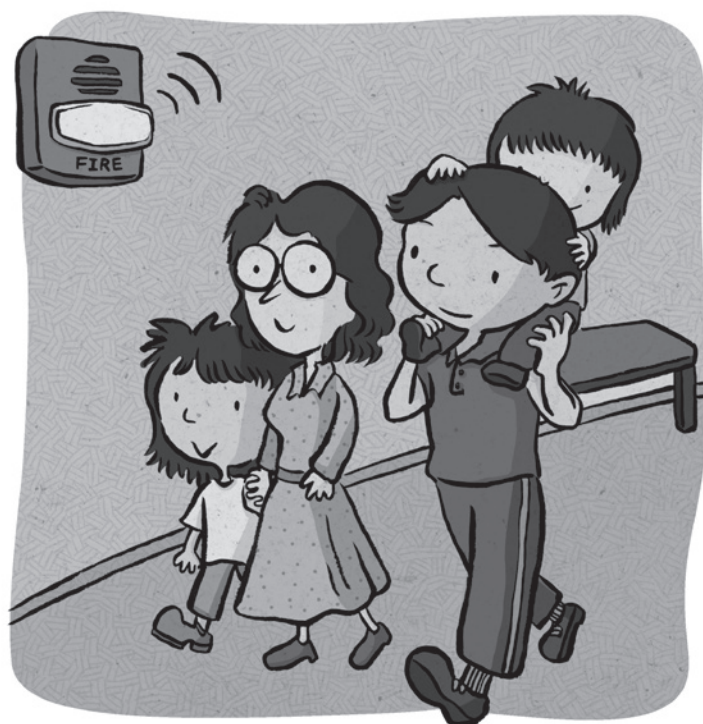
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Fire Drill

Seth learned about fire drills at school. His class went on a field trip to the fire station. The firefighters talked to the students about safety. Schools have fire drills to prepare students for a fire. The firefighters told the students that they should have fire drills at home, too.

Seth went home and told his parents what he learned. His family decided to try a fire drill. First, they tested their smoke alarms. They wanted to make sure that the alarms were still working. Then, they pretended that an alarm went off. They got out of their house, and they timed the drill. It took them three minutes. They all agreed they could do better. They would try again.

Seth was happy. He felt safe. He was glad his family had done a fire drill. He knew the firefighters would be proud.



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DIRECTIONS

Read "Fire Drill" and then answer the questions.

1. Which shows a connection to this text?

- (A) I have done a fire drill with my own family so I feel safe, too.
- (B) My family likes to watch movies together.
- (C) I went on a field trip to a museum.
- (D) I like recess at school.

2. What did Seth's family practice?

- (A) a dell
- (B) a doll
- (C) a dull
- (D) a drill

3. How did Seth's family know how long the drill took?

- (A) They timed it.
- (B) They timer it.
- (C) They timid it.
- (D) They tamed it.

4. Where did Seth first hear about having fire drills at home?

- (A) at home
- (B) at the fire station
- (C) at his neighbor's house
- (D) in the classroom

5. What important lesson did Seth learn?

- (A) Fire drills should be shorter than three minutes.
- (B) Firefighters are brave.
- (C) Fire drills are more important at home than at school.
- (D) Fire drills are important to practice.

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Reread the text "Fire Drill."



Think about some of the ways that you are safe with your own family.



Write about one thing your family does to stay safe.
