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READING

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VOCABULARY & CONTEXT CLUES

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Rescue Dogs

A rescue dog is part of police, fire, or other rescue services. Rescue dogs are good at finding lost people, especially after a disaster. Rescue dogs have excellent hearing, a smart brain, a good sense of smell, and lots of bravery. Rescue dogs must be able to stay focused and block out distractions.

They have to be very obedient to the other members of the team. Rescue dogs are usually only certain types of dogs, ones that adapt well to working in dangerous rescue situations. They must also have strong legs for running, digging, and climbing. Some of these breeds include Saint Bernards, German Shepherds, and Labrador Retrievers.

A rescue dog barks to alert his team when he finds someone. When a rescue dog is a puppy, it begins training for up to two years. The dog's handler also has to go through many hours of training. A rescue dog typically retires by age ten.

VOCABULARY & CONTEXT CLUES

What do you already know about the word services?

What is a context clue for the word adapt?

What does the word adapt mean?

a. Become adjusted to new conditions.
b. To be good at finding people.

Fluency Track	1st Read	2nd Read	3rd Read
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VOCABULARY & CONTEXT CLUES



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Women Can Vote	Vocabulary / context clues
Rescue Dogs	Vocabulary / context clues
Shooting Stars	Vocabulary / context clues
The Digger Bee	Vocabulary / context clues
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Pilgrims	Mixed skills
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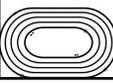
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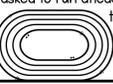
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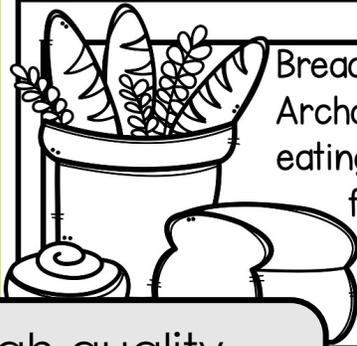
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Non-fiction titles

VOCABULARY & CONTEXT CLUES

The History of Bread

Comprehension skill indicated



Bread was one of the earliest human inventions.
 Archaeologists discovered that humans have been eating bread for 30,000 years! Bread is a type of food with flour and water as the main ingredients. There are well over 100 different types of bread in the world.

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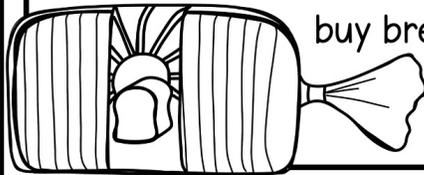
Who first ate bread were the Ancient Egyptians. To make bread, the Egyptians cracked and crushed grains into flour. The flour was mixed with water and then baked in a clay oven. Since there was no sugar available the Ancient Egyptians used honey, dates, and fruit juice to sweeten the dough.



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Word count provided

Egyptian bread looked like flatbread, but eventually the bread bakers started to add yeast to make the bread rise. In 1928 the bread slicer was invented. This was the first-time people could buy bread already sliced. Without bread we would not be able to enjoy pizza, French Toast, or grilled cheese!



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Shape indicates the level

Level	1st Read	2nd Read	3rd Read
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Fluency tracker at the bottom of each passage

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the questions – skill focused

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VOCABULARY &
CONTEXT CLUES

The History of Bread

Comprehension
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What is a context clue for
the word invention?

- a. "a type of food"
- b. "to make bread"



What do you already know
about the word invention?

What does the word
invention mean?

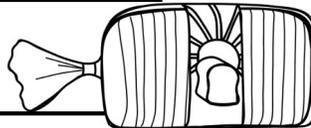
- a. A type of machine created that
didn't exist before.
- b. A type of
archaeologist.

What is a context clue for
the word civilization?



6 question
pages focused
on target skill

What do you know about
the word civilization?



What does the word
civilization mean?

- a. A group of people
living in an area with
the same culture.
- b. People who make
bread.

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TAKE A LOOK!

the questions – mixed review

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VOCABULARY &
CONTEXT CLUES

Community Garden

Comprehension
focus indicated

What is a context clue for
the word urban?

- a. "to grow a garden"
- b. "isn't enough land space"

Why are there community
gardens in the city?

- a. There isn't enough room for everyone to have their own garden.
- b. They don't like to garden.



What does the word urban
mean?

6 questions per
passage



A big city

A farm

What are three examples
of goods?

- a. fresh vegetables, fresh fruits, and fresh flowers
- b. trees, butterflies, and bees.

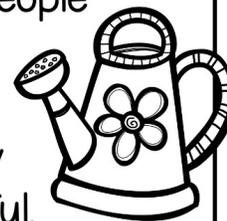
Why do you think
community gardens
promote a healthy lifestyle?

- a. They are pretty to see.
- b. They give people the chance to eat healthy.



What does the
mean?

- a. Things that people use or sell.
- b. Things that make the city more beautiful.



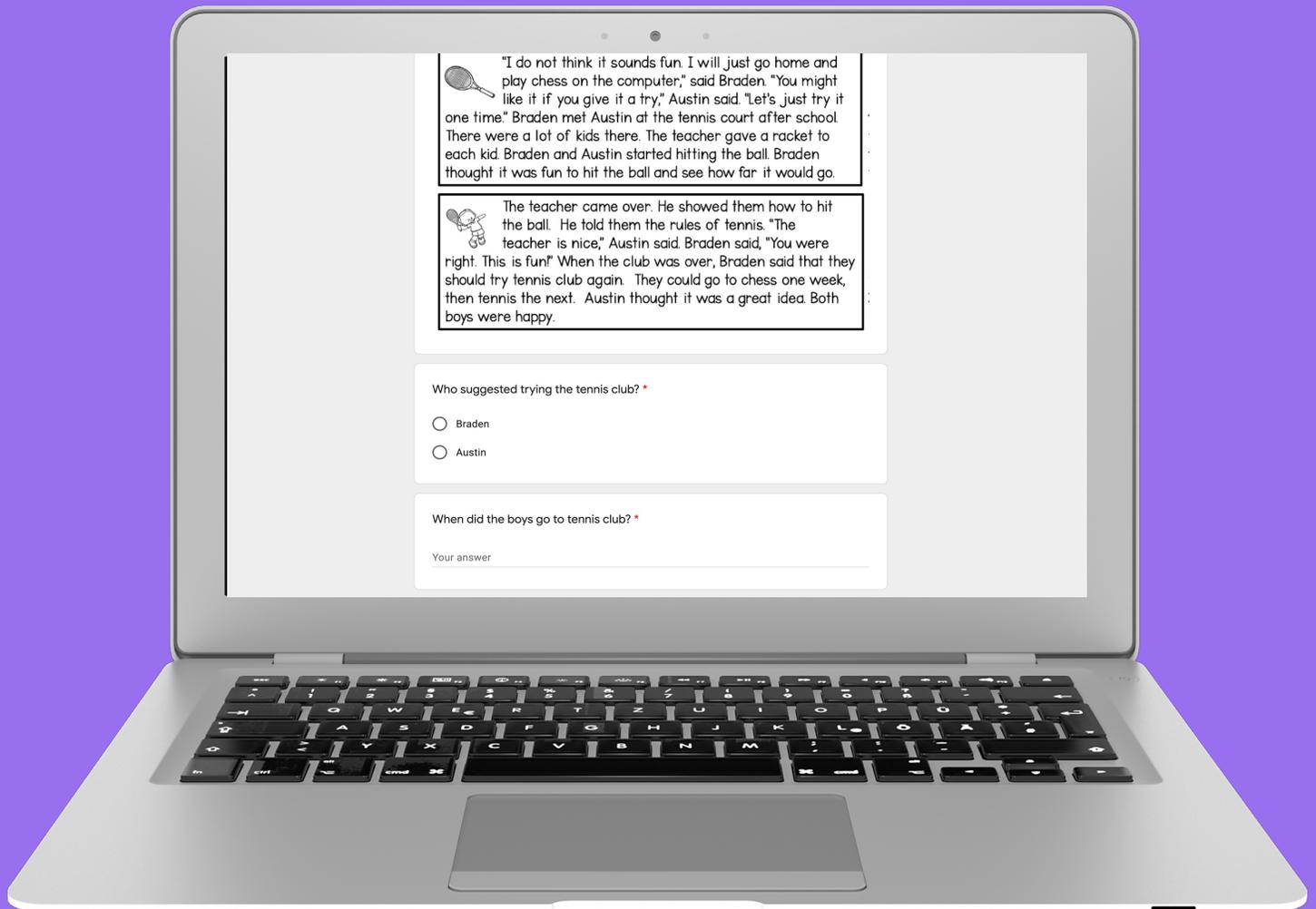
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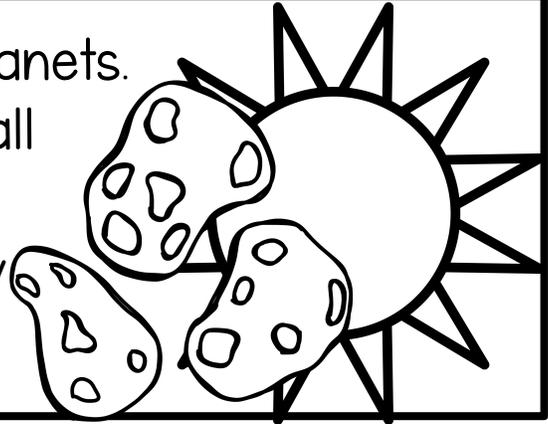
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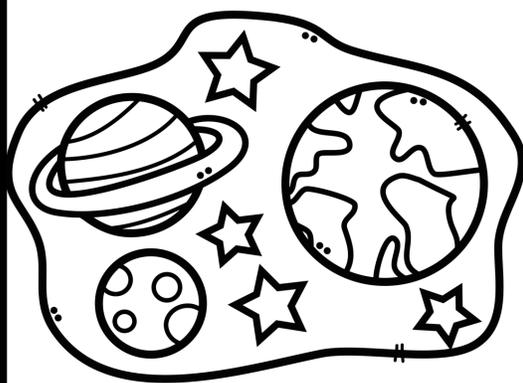
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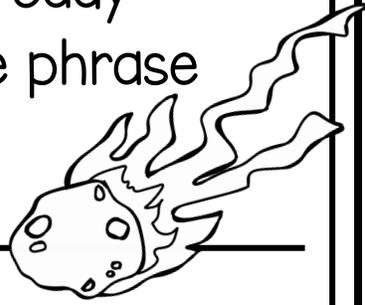
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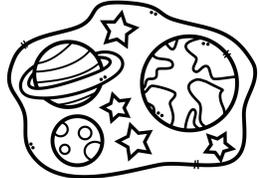
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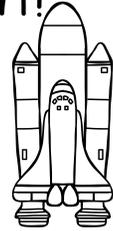
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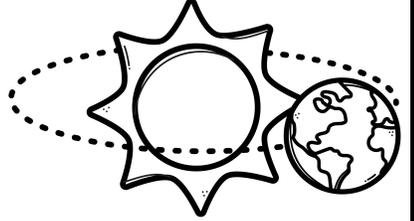
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A rocket launching into space.

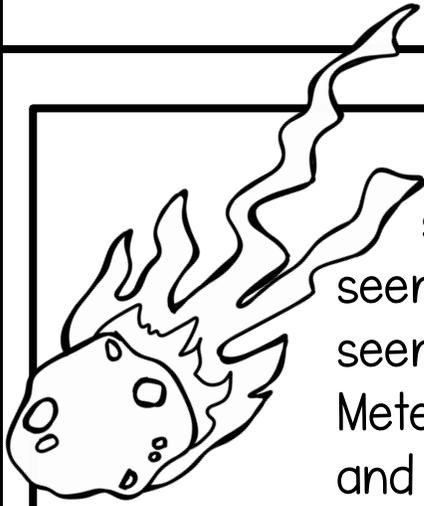


A curved path around another object.



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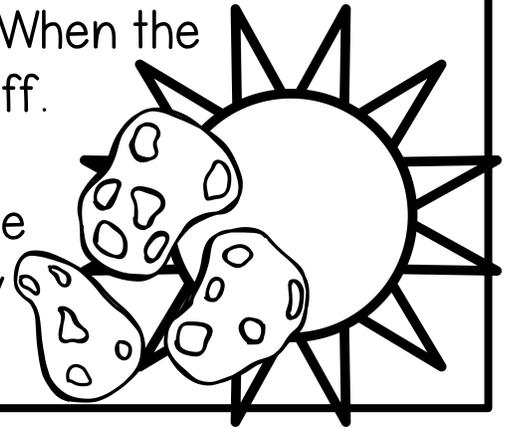
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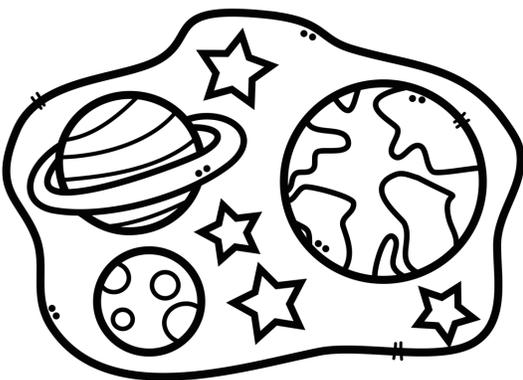
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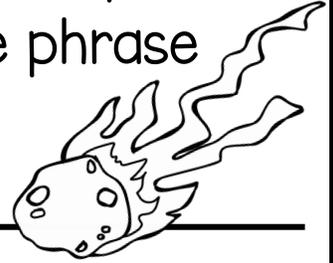
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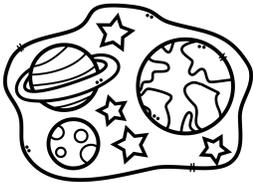
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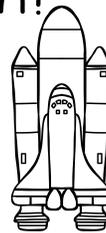


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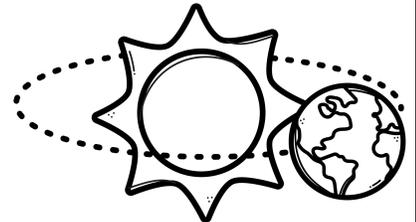
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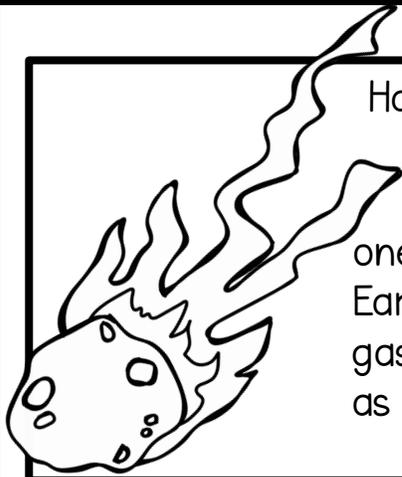
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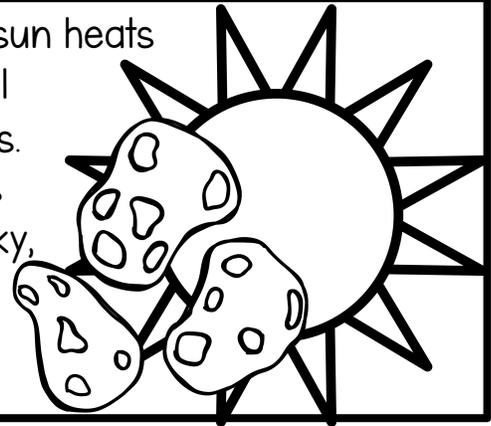
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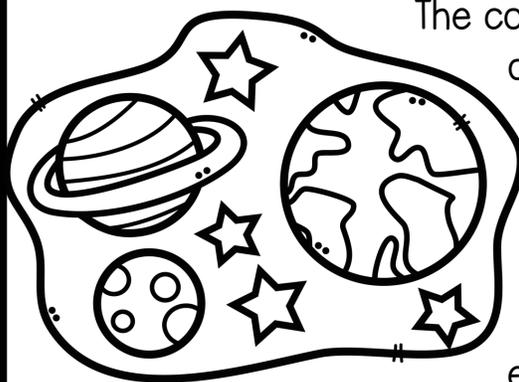
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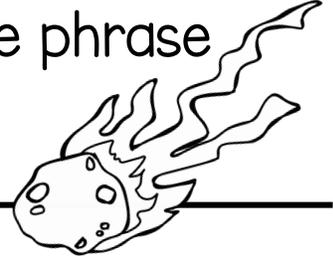
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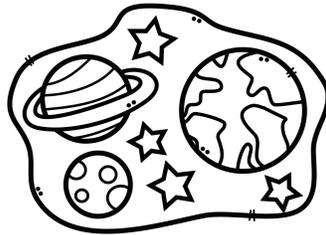
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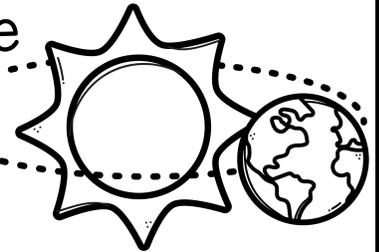
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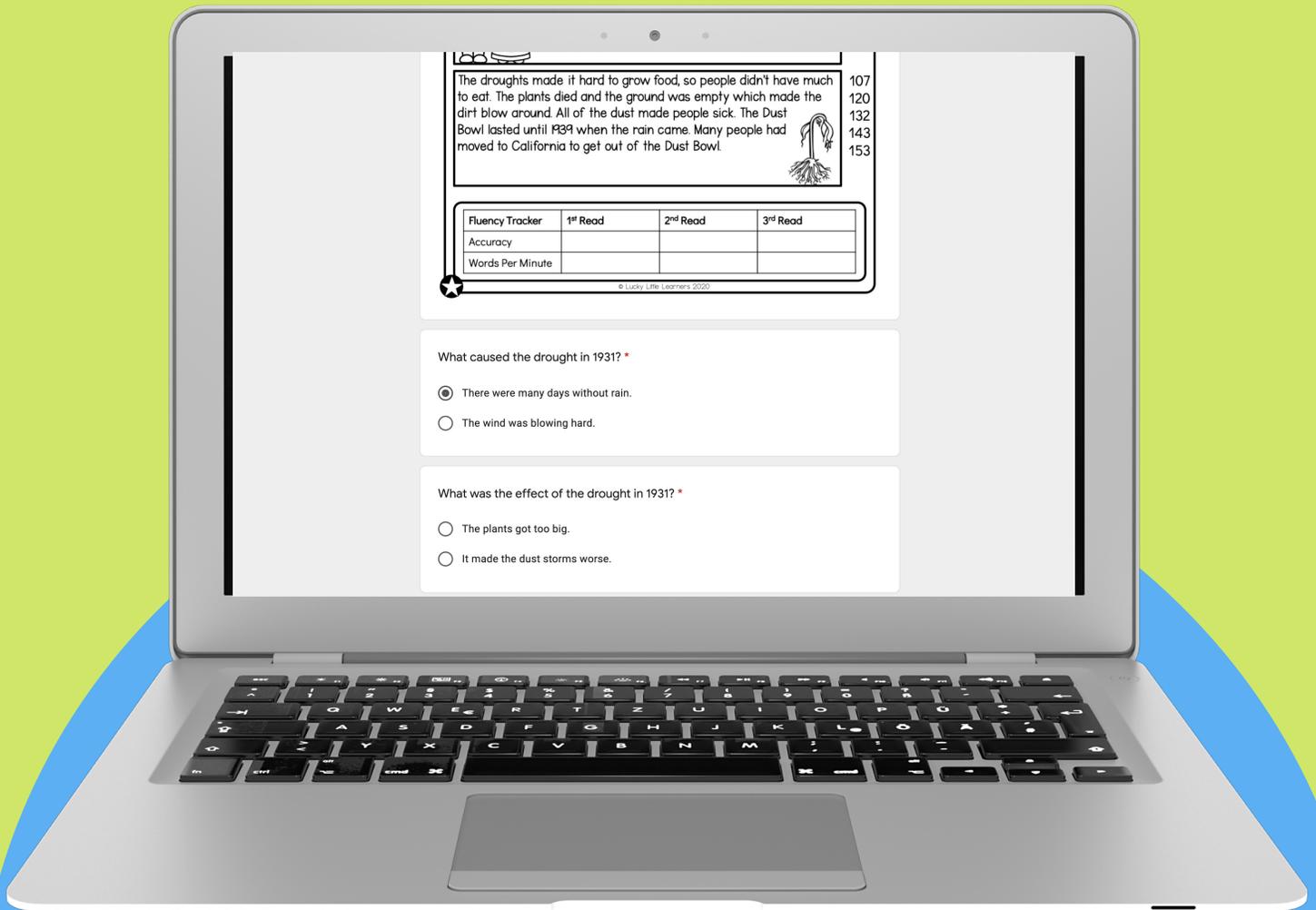
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