

Specific Skill Builders



Teacher's Guide

The *Specific Skill Builders Story Cards - Level 1* series was created to give students targeted practice with key comprehension skills. By focusing on one comprehension skill at a time, struggling readers will have an opportunity to master that skill and improve overall reading and comprehension skills.

This Teacher's Guide includes a **Reading Progress Chart**, a blank **Answer Key Template** for each *Specific Skill Builders* boxed set, as well as a list of **Topics**, **Reading Levels (RL)**, **Word Counts (WC)**, **Genres**—fiction (F), nonfiction (NF), or realistic fiction (RF), and **Words to Know** for each story.

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Level
1

Reading Progress Chart

STUDENT'S NAME	STORY #														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	

Story #	Topics	Genre	RL	WC
1	Protecting the Whales	NF	2.1	151
2	Seeing Eye Cat	RF	2.2	147
3	Organizing Homework	F	2.5	149
4	Charlie Gets a Pet	F	2.6	148
5	A Day at the Library	F	2.6	152
6	Visiting the Huntington	RF	2.7	147
7	Museum of Children's Art	NF	2.8	153
8	Being a DJ	NF	2.8	150
9	Fall Foliage in the White Mountains	NF	3.0	149
10	Elizabeth Blackwell	NF	3.1	149
11	The Bats of Austin, Texas	RF	3.2	148
12	Visiting Coney Island	RF	3.3	148
13	Wild Ponies	RF	3.4	151
14	Somerford Grove Adventure Playground	RF	3.5	154
15	Being a Rescue Swimmer	NF	3.5	141

Words to Know

Story #1	protect	propeller	tangled			
Story #2	bumping	lonely				
Story #3	assignments	organized				
Story #4	freshwater	flakes				
Story #5	miserable	enter	slides			
Story #6	amazing	galleries				
Story #7	famous	breakable	touring	recycled	sculpt	budding
Story #8	partner	interview	listeners			
Story #9	capped	foliage	chlorophyll			
Story #10	decided	graduated				
Story #11	pedaled	urban	barely			
Story #12	subway					
Story #13	cargo	ancestors				
Story #14	permission	imagination				
Story #15	rescue	arrive	dangerous			

Name _____

Getting the Main Idea

Story # _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. (A)

(B)

(C)

5. _____

Name _____

Getting the Main Idea

Story # _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. (A)

(B)

(C)

5. _____

Story #	Topics	Genre	RL	WC
1	The Great Salt Lake	RF	2.0	152
2	Climbing Mt. Rainier	RF	2.2	149
3	Artist Will Barnet	NF	2.3	152
4	A Flood	F	2.3	154
5	Shortfin Mako Sharks	NF	2.4	141
6	A Note in a Bottle	F	2.4	142
7	Volunteering at a Hospital	F	2.8	154
8	Pittsburgh Steeler's Training Camp	NF	3.0	147
9	Electric Cars	RF	3.2	149
10	Hummingbirds	NF	3.2	141
11	Rock 'n' Roll Marathon	RF	3.2	154
12	The Statue of Liberty	RF	3.3	152
13	Golfer Lorena Ochoa	NF	3.3	149
14	Thomas Jefferson	NF	3.4	154
15	Making S'Mores	F	3.4	143

Words to Know

Story #1	boring	landlocked	depth	float		
Story #2	flights	prepared				
Story #3	muggy	abstract				
Story #4	repair	belongings				
Story #5	sleek	surprise	escape			
Story #6	remove	ripped				
Story #7	familiar	volunteer				
Story #8	skills	scrimmage	autographs	improve	accurately	
Story #9	charger	pollute	consider			
Story #10	blur	dart	nectar	fascinating		
Story #11	hopped	course				
Story #12	sightseeing	symbol	distance			
Story #13	ranked					
Story #14	inventor	modern	unusual			
Story #15	toast	yummy				

Name _____

Using the Context

Story # _____

1. (A)

2. (A)

3. (A)

(B)

(B)

(B)

(C)

(C)

(C)

4. _____

5. _____

Name _____

Using the Context

Story # _____

1. (A)

2. (A)

3. (A)

(B)

(B)

(B)

(C)

(C)

(C)

4. _____

5. _____

Story #	Topics	Genre	RL	WC
1	Paddle Boarding	NF	2.3	149
2	Visiting Maine	RF	2.4	147
3	A Vacation in Hawaii	F	2.5	155
4	Making Piñatas	RF	2.6	143
5	How Hail is Formed	NF	2.8	145
6	A Night at the Academy Awards	F	2.9	143
7	Kanzi the "Talking" Ape	NF	2.9	159
8	Nolan Ryan	NF	3.0	149
9	Biblioburro	RF	3.1	151
10	Beverly Cleary	NF	3.3	151
11	J.K. Rowling	NF	3.3	147
12	White Shark Café	NF	3.3	154
13	Larry Bird	NF	3.4	152
14	San Francisco	NF	3.5	149
15	Purple People Eaters	NF	3.5	151

Words to Know

Story #1	tricky	steer	
Story #2	explored		
Story #3	stressful	booked	
Story #4	celebrations	hums	
Story #5	impossible	property	severe
Story #6	buzzing	dimmed	
Story #7	connected		
Story #8	umpire	dugout	
Story #9	borrow		
Story #10	published		
Story #11	flashed	adventures	extremely
Story #12	unusual	mate	curious
Story #13	scholarship	drafted	
Story #14	scenic	steep	
Story #15	gracefully	delicate	tentacles

Name _____

Finding the Facts

Story # _____

1. (A)

2. (A)

(B)

(B)

(C)

(C)

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Name _____

Finding the Facts

Story # _____

1. (A)

2. (A)

(B)

(B)

(C)

(C)

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Story #	Topics	Genre	RL	WC
1	Snow Tubing	NF	2.2	154
2	Growing Pumpkins	RF	2.3	153
3	Making Banana Bread	F	3.1	149
4	A Day at Camp	F	2.6	148
5	Building a Deck	RF	2.8	144
6	Getting a Horse Ready to Ride	F	2.1	147
7	A Camping Trip	F	2.7	147
8	Saved by a Calf	F	2.4	148
9	Tara Becomes an Artist	F	2.4	153
10	How Bees Make Honey	NF	3.4	152
11	Becoming an Actor	F	2.8	149
12	The Audubon Zoo	RF	3.3	149
13	Rodeo Champ Ty Murray	NF	3.4	146
14	Train Trip to New York	RF	3.5	148
15	How Hurricanes Form	RF	2.7	150

Words to Know

Story #1	resorts	groomed	padding	mounds
Story #2	vines	ripe	sprinkled	appeared
Story #3	mashed	poured	deliveries	
Story #4	stretched	drowsy		
Story #5	stake	materials		
Story #6	nicker	munched	hitching	
Story #7	cozy	delicious		
Story #8	sideways	stubborn	poisonous	
Story #9	studied	sketch	squeezed	
Story #10	nectar	gooey	seal	
Story #11	audience	applause	memorize	accents
Story #12	rare			
Story #13	competed	bronc	gymnastics	
Story #14	explore			
Story #15	basking	moisture	moist	spiral

Name _____

Detecting the Sequence

Story # _____

1. (A)

2. (A)

(B)

(B)

(C)

(C)

3.

4.

Name _____

Detecting the Sequence

Story # _____

1. (A)

2. (A)

(B)

(B)

(C)

(C)

3.

4.

Story #	Topics	Genre	RL	WC
1	Pizza for Dinner	F	3.0	151
2	Studying for a Test	F	2.4	149
3	Gary Misses School	F	2.0	153
4	Ruby's Dream	F	2.1	154
5	Borrowing the Car	F	2.0	148
6	Visiting Portland, Oregon	F	3.2	154
7	Dog Rescues Owner	F	2.8	146
8	Learning to Ski	F	3.5	147
9	Tenzing Norgay's Dream	NF	2.6	145
10	Soccer Practice	F	3.3	157
11	Elephant Orphanage in Kenya	RF	3.5	145
12	Making a Corn Maze	NF	2.3	147
13	Olivia Bouler & the Oil Spill	NF	3.5	149
14	Baseball Legend Ty Cobb	NF	3.2	144
15	Walt Disney	NF	3.1	146

Words to Know

Story #1	scent	bubbling		
Story #2	attention	invites		
Story #3	accept	grinned	giggled	
Story #4	surface	glides	skimming	webbed
Story #5	meter			
Story #6	stories	hilly		
Story #7	adopt	shelter	rescue	
Story #8	instructor	gliding		
Story #9	altitudes			
Story #10	pleaded	challenged	dribbling	
Story #11	weak	orphanage	released	
Story #12	maze	design		
Story #13	protects	wildlife		
Story #14	attitude	inducted		
Story #15	successful	animated		

Name _____

Drawing Conclusions

Story # _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. (A)

(B)

(C)

5. _____

Name _____

Drawing Conclusions

Story # _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. (A)

(B)

(C)

5. _____

Story #	Topics	Genre	RL	WC
1	The Vacant House	F	2.1	145
2	Being a Fireman	RF	2.1	148
3	A Bike Ride	F	2.2	147
4	Koalas	NF	2.3	148
5	All About Sneezing	NF	2.5	144
6	Youngest Person to Sail Around the World	NF	2.8	150
7	A Trip to the Grand Canyon	RF	2.9	149
8	Visiting a Rain Forest	RF	3.1	146
9	Alaska Train Trip	RF	3.2	144
10	Drawing a Cartoon Strip	NF	3.3	144
11	History of Computers	NF	3.5	152
12	First Woman Baseball Umpire	NF	3.5	145
13	Soccer Great David Beckham	NF	3.5	142
14	Being an Acrobat	NF	3.5	145
15	Jane Goodall	NF	3.5	148

Words to Know

Story #1	attractive	excellent	vacant
Story #2	resistant	escape	self-contained
Story #3	managed	streaming	
Story #4	cuddly	pleasant	marsupials adorable
Story #5	pollen	experts	
Story #6	yacht	shaky	
Story #7	canyon	swooped	
Story #8	canopy	creatures	moist
Story #9	route	scenic	gracefully
Story #10	characters	aliens	
Story #11	possible		
Story #12	umpire	respected	referee
Story #13	contract	opinion	
Story #14	somersaults	unicycle	flexible
Story #15	discovery	amazed	observations research

Name _____

Identifying Fact & Opinion

Story # _____

1. (A)

2. (A)

3. (A)

(B)

(B)

(B)

(C)

(C)

4.

5.

Name _____

Identifying Fact & Opinion

Story # _____

1. (A)

2. (A)

3. (A)

(B)

(B)

(B)

(C)

(C)

4.

5.
