PROBLEM AND SOLUTION

task cards

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Matthew was learning to play the guitar, and he wanted to play in the school's talent show, but he was nervous that he was going to mess up on the stage. He picked his favorite song and practiced every day after school. He couldn't get it perfect and kept making mistakes at the end. He asked his music teacher for help. She made him feel more confident, but he was still nervous to be on a stage. One day at school, he told his friend Sophie about the talent show. She said, "You are going to be awesome! What if I sing with you while you play the guitar?" Matthew thought that was a great idea because having Sophie on stage would make him less nervous! On the day of the talent show, M and Sophie performed, and everyone clapped and cheered.

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Problem/Solution Challenge
Write a different way the problem could be solved in each story.

Ways to Use Task Cards

1. **Centers**
2. **Scoot:** Pass out one card for each student. Set a timer and say, "scoot!" when the timer goes off. Students move seats to the next card. They continue to rotate until they are back at their original seat.
3. **Scavenger Hunt:** Hide cards around the room. Students search for cards and answer them.
4. **Jenga:** Number Jenga blocks. Students stack the blocks, then take turns pulling blocks. Students answer the corresponding number card.
5. **Whole class practice:** Teacher displays card on the projector. Students answer on mini white boards.
6. **Exit Tickets:** Give each student a task card at the end of the lesson. Have them answer on a sticky note.

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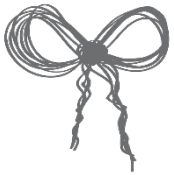
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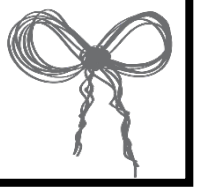
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4. Problem/Solution

Ralph was a house cat who loved to have the house to himself all day. He laid on the windowsill and sunbathed. He batted at his toys and climbed his cat tower. One day, his owner brought home a new kitten named Vinny. Vinny was very playful and liked to jump on Ralph. Ralph did not like to be jumped on while he was sunbathing. Vinny clawed up Ralph's favorite toys. Ralph did not like having Vinny in the house. He jumped on top of the couch to try to ignore him. Vinny jumped up to cuddle with him. Ralph didn't like pouncing, but he did like the cuddling. Then, at dinner, Vinny didn't eat all his tuna, and Ralph got to finish it. Ralph definitely liked that. He started to think, "Maybe I can get used to this new cat."



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Answer Key

Card	Sample Student Response
1.	The problem is Kim cannot roller skate by herself. The solution is Kim's dad slowly teaches her to roller skate.
2.	The problem is Laura is jealous that she did not get a prize in school. The solution is Laura works really hard on her math problems and gets a prize.
3.	The problem is Nina wanted pizza and fries but the restaurant was closed. The solution is Nina makes pizza and fries at home with her mom's help.
4.	The problem is Ralph does not like having the new cat, Vinny, in the house. The solution is Ralph learns to like some of the things that Vinny does.
5.	The problem is Carly is sad that she doesn't have enough money for ice cream. The solution is Michael buys an ice cream for the two of them to share.
6.	The problem is Leslie is nervous about getting her tonsils taken out. The solution is Leslie likes that she gets to eat popsicles after the surgery.
7.	The problem is Timmy keeps crying while Jackie is babysitting. The solution is Jackie takes Timmy outside to play, and he stopped crying.
8.	The problem is Bailey pulls on Sue when they take walks. The solution is Sue takes Bailey to puppy class, and he learns to walk calmly.
9.	The problem is the store doesn't have the costume that Violet had wanted. The solution is Violet and her mom make the costume with things at home.
10.	The problem is Scout couldn't find any stinky socks to chew on. The solution is Scout finds clean socks in the sock drawer to chew on instead.
11.	The problem is Jessie doesn't have enough money to buy a new tablet. The solution is Jessie does work around the neighborhood to earn money.
12.	The problem is Curtis made a mess while he was cooking dinner for his family. The solution is Curtis cleaned up the mess with his dad's help.
13.	The problem is Lucas wants to read with Alexis but she already has a partner. The solution is Alexis suggests that Lucas read with Michael.
14.	The problem is Gina Giraffe is too short to reach the leaves on the tree. The solution is Jenny Giraffe helps Gina by getting her some leaves.
15.	The problem is Mariah is having trouble getting her math homework right. The solution is her mom shows her a multiplication trick to help her.

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16.	The problem is Leo found a lost dog who was hurt. The solution is Leo and his mom took the pup to the vet and made posters to find the owners.
17.	The problem is Madison got gum stuck in her hair. The solution is Madison's mom put peanut butter on the gum and got it out.
18.	The problem is Nate left his group at the aquarium and got lost. The solution is Nate goes to an information booth, and they made an announcement, and his teacher came.
19.	The problem is Kiki's sled was cracked, and she couldn't go sledding with her friends. The solution is Christine had another sled in her garage that Kiki could borrow.
20.	The problem is Matthew is nervous about playing his guitar at the talent show. The solution is Matthew practices, and Sophie sings along with him on stage.
21.	The problem is Julie and Lizzy couldn't agree on what to do for family fun night. The solution is they compromised and watched a movie while they played a game.
22.	The problem is Roxy wants to go to the park with her family to play frisbee. The solution is Roxy jumps into the car to let her family know that she wants to go.
23.	The problem is Clara lost her voice the day before the school musical. The solution is Clara's mom takes good care of her, and she gets her voice back.
24.	The problem is Audrey cannot decide which kitten to adopt. The solution is Audrey's mom suggests that they adopt both kittens.
25.	The problem is no one wants to try Mr. Harrison's new flavor of ice cream. The solution is Johnny suggests a new flavor that everyone likes.
26.	The problem is Dylan wants to play soccer with his friends, but he has to mow the lawn. The solution is Tim helps Dylan mow, and then they get to play soccer.
27.	The problem is Hannah does not know what to write about for writing time. The solution is Hannah draws a picture of her dog and decides to write about her.
28.	The problem is Paul accidentally broke his mom's favorite plate. The solution is Paul glued the plate together and told his mom what happened.
29.	The problem is Mother Robin wants to teach the babies to fly, but they aren't flying. The solution is a cat scares the babies and mother, and they all fly to safety.
30.	The problem is Ann is too short to ride on the roller coaster. The solution is Max and Emma don't go on the roller coaster, and they all go on the teacups instead.

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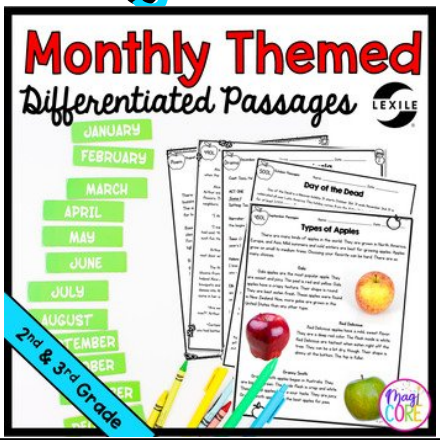
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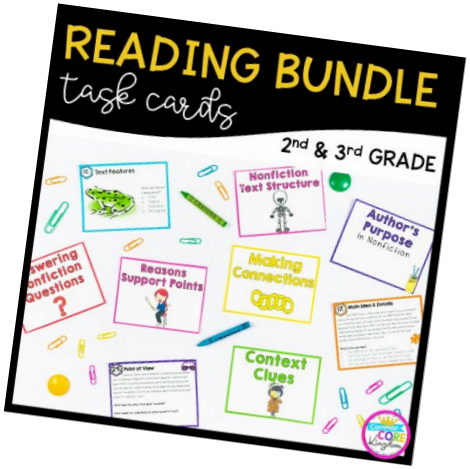
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