Comprehension Review

2nd-3rd Grade



Fairytales Around the World Escape Room

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WELCOME TO FAIRYTALES AROUND THE WORLD

From Japan to Ghana, and the plains of America to the tip of India, this four-course fairy tale feast is fit for a king! From fable to table, take your taste buds on a trip around the world with these food-filled fairy tales!

Challenge #1

1. Read the fairy tales and answer the questions.
2. Use your answers to hear the fairy tale titled *Two Dinners for Anansi* from Ghana.
3. Collect a souvenir from the first course of this Fairy Tale Feast, then move on to the next challenge!



I. The Empire's Dragon
(A Chinese Alternative Fairy Tale)

At twilight, the people crowded China's streets. They celebrated the emperor's birthday with parades. Gr
dragon puppets danced under the glow of lanterns and the full moon's light. The emperor watched the festivities f
the palace, and he was pleased that his people loved him.

Music floated on the nighttime breeze. Then, a scream tore through the palace. A huge, hulking gob
emperor's only son in its claws. In a flash, the creature burst through the stone wall, taking the emperor's so

The emperor's guards ran after the goblin, and they tracked it to a tall tower. The emperor's so
inside. It was heavily guarded at its base by more ferocious goblins.

The emperor wanted his son back. He offered half the empire to anyone who could save him. Man
fight the goblins and get into the tower, but they all failed. The emperor's heart broke without his only son by

One night, a dragon was making its nightly sweep of the skies. It heard crying from the tall tower. Ti
dragon landed on a window at the top of the tower. Peeking inside, it saw the emperor's son.

"Why do you cry?" the dragon asked.

The emperor's son snapped up his head and wiped his eyes. "I am trapped here. No one can save me."

The dragon squeezed in through the tower window. It lowered before the emperor's son. "Get on. I
you back to the palace."

The emperor's son climbed onto the dragon's back. Under the cover of darkness, the dragon easil
the goblins below. When they arrived at the palace, the emperor was overjoyed.

"You have returned my son, Dragon!" he said. "Half the empire is yours!"

The dragon shook its head. "I do not want half the empire."

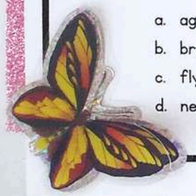
1. Which of the following best describes how the emperor felt without his son?
   a. bored
   b. scared
   c. broken-hearted
   d. generous

2. What was the emperor willing to offer the person who could save his son?
   a. the entire kingdom
   b. a hug
   c. a dragon
   d. half of the empire

3. Read this sentence from the fairy tale.

   It was heavily guarded at its base by more <u>ferocious</u> goblins.

   Which of the following could replace the underlined word in the sentence?
   a. aggressive
   b. brave
   c. flying
   d. nervous





2.

Connla and the Fairy Maiden (A Celtic Retelling)

Connla of the Fiery Hair stood with his father, Conn of the Hundred Fights, on the Hill of Usna. A maiden dressed in strange clothes approached him.

"Where have you come from, maiden?" Connla asked.

"I come from the Plains of the Ever-Living," the maiden said. "Where there is no death, no aging, no wrong-doing. It is a pleasant place where we feast and amuse ourselves."

Conn and the rest of the company were confused because they could hear the maiden's voice, but they could not see her as Connla could.

"Who are you speaking to?" Conn asked his son.

"Connla speaks to a young, fairy maiden, who will never age," the maiden said. "I wish to take Connla with me to the Plains, for I love him. Come with me, Connla, and you will never die."

The king, fearing that his son would be taken from him, called for his Druid, Coran. "Coran of

4. **What was Connla able to do that no one else could do?**
   a. hear the fairy maiden's words
   b. cast a spell to send away the fairy maiden
   c. see the fairy maiden
   d. see the crystal curragh

5. **Read the sentence from the fairy tale.**

   A yearning for the maiden grew in him as well.

   Which of the following could replace the underlined word in the sentence?
   a. longing
   b. curiosity
   c. hatred
   d. confusion

6. **What does Connla choose at the end of the fairy tale?**
   b. to travel back and forth between his home and the Plains of the Ever-Living
   c. to leave his father and his folk to go with the maiden
   d. to send away the maiden in her curragh
   e. to go away with the fairy maiden and his father

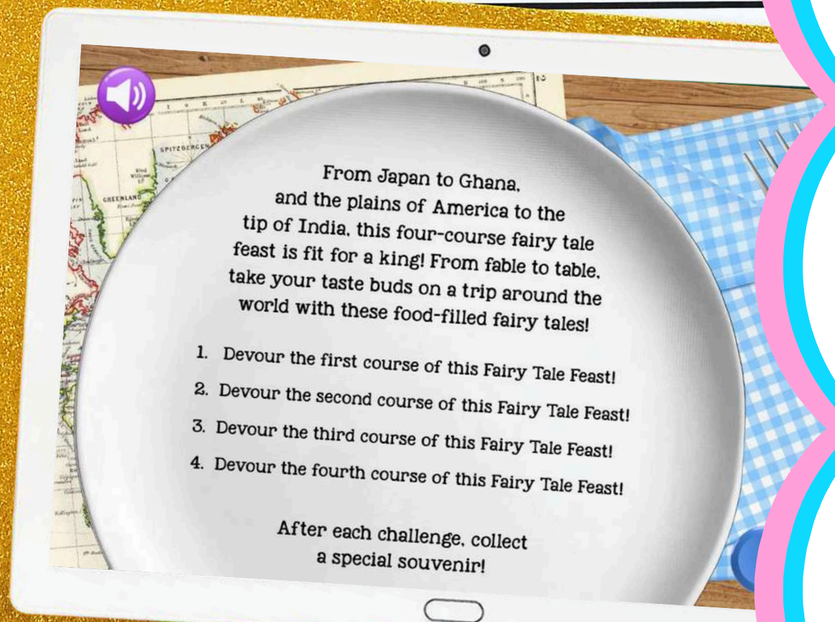
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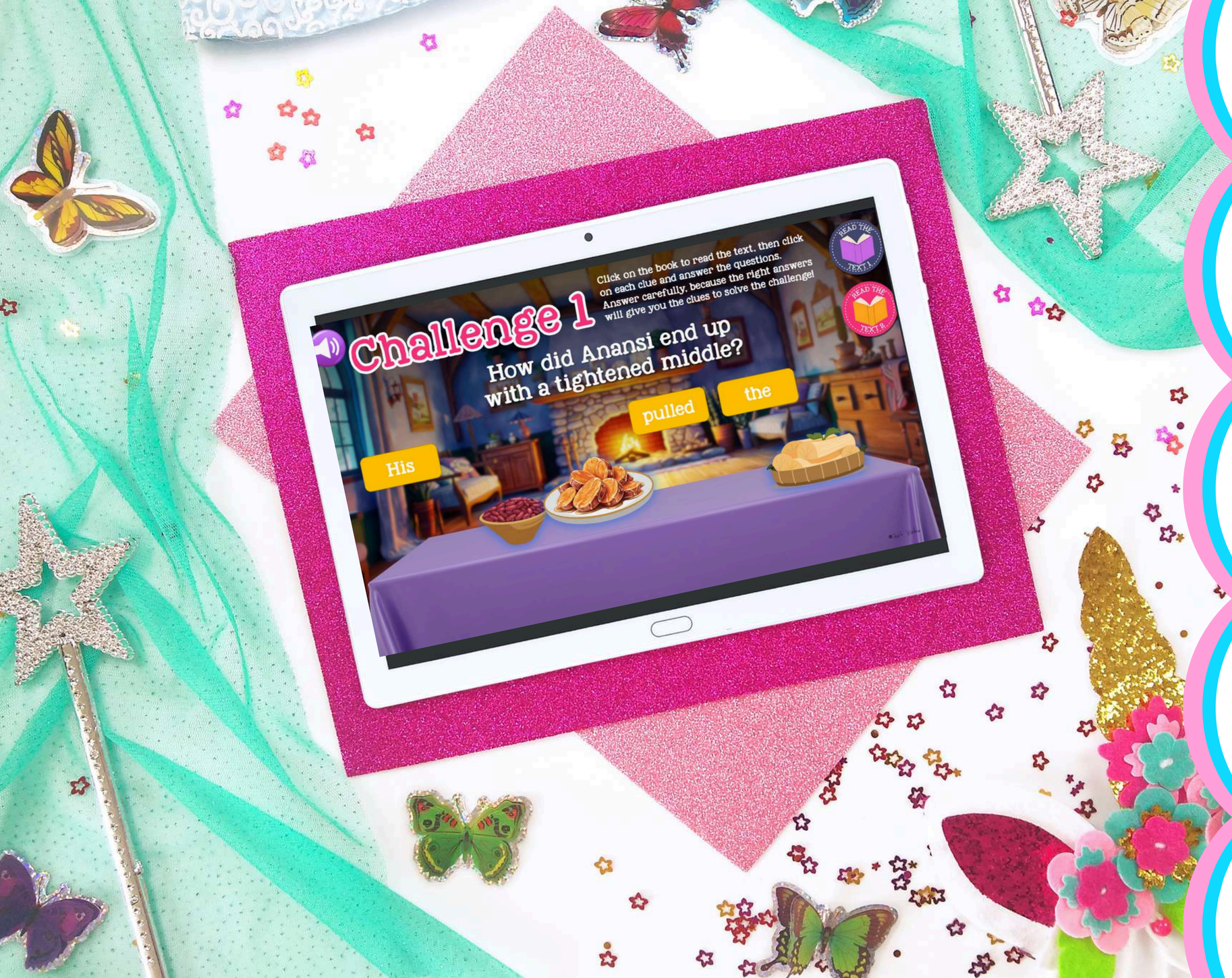


SKILLS ADDRESSED

- Reading Comprehension
- Identifying Story Elements (characters, setting, plot)
- Understanding Theme / Moral

TEXT GENRES

- Fairytale
  - The Empire's Dragon
  - The Enchanted Palace and Etc.



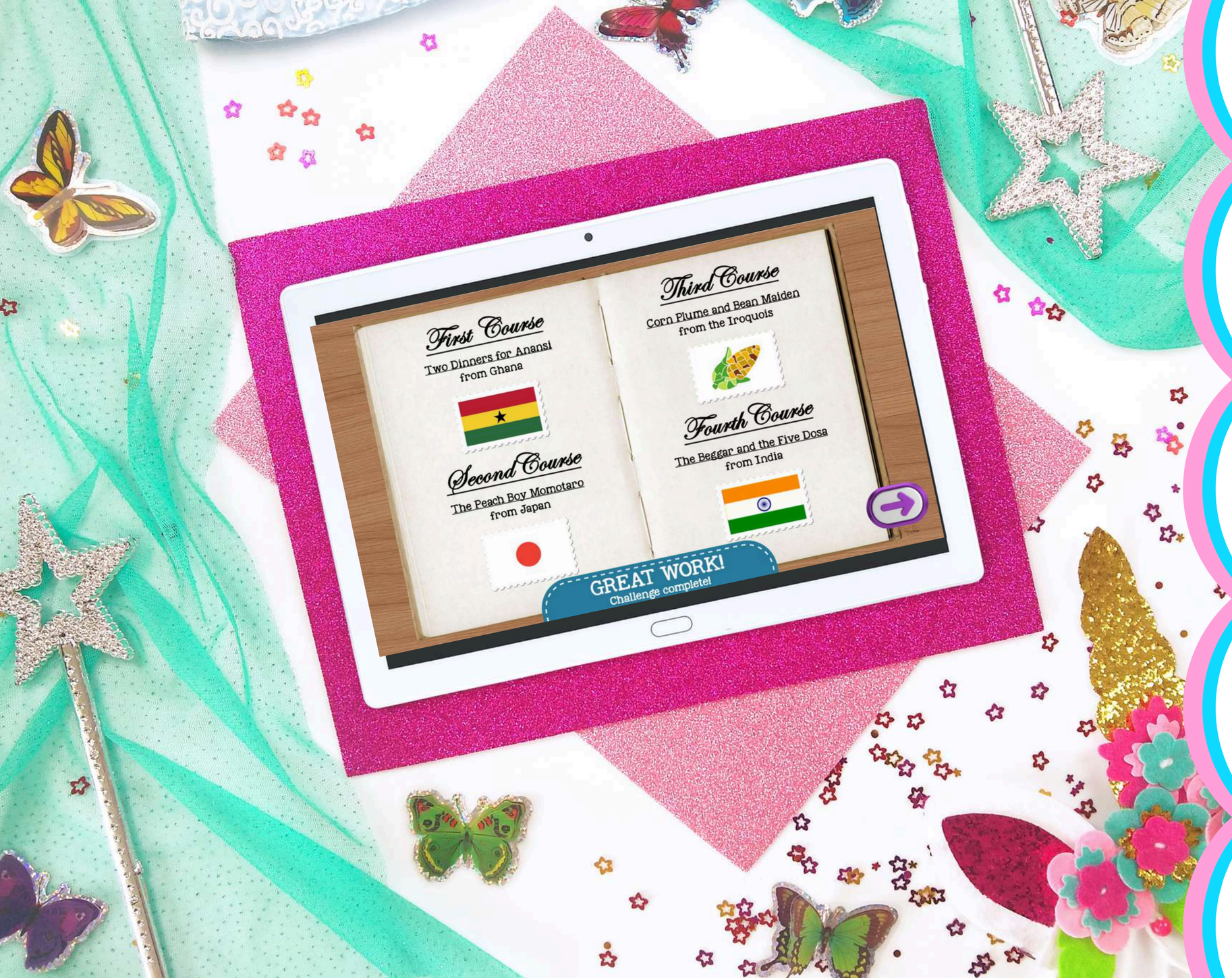
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