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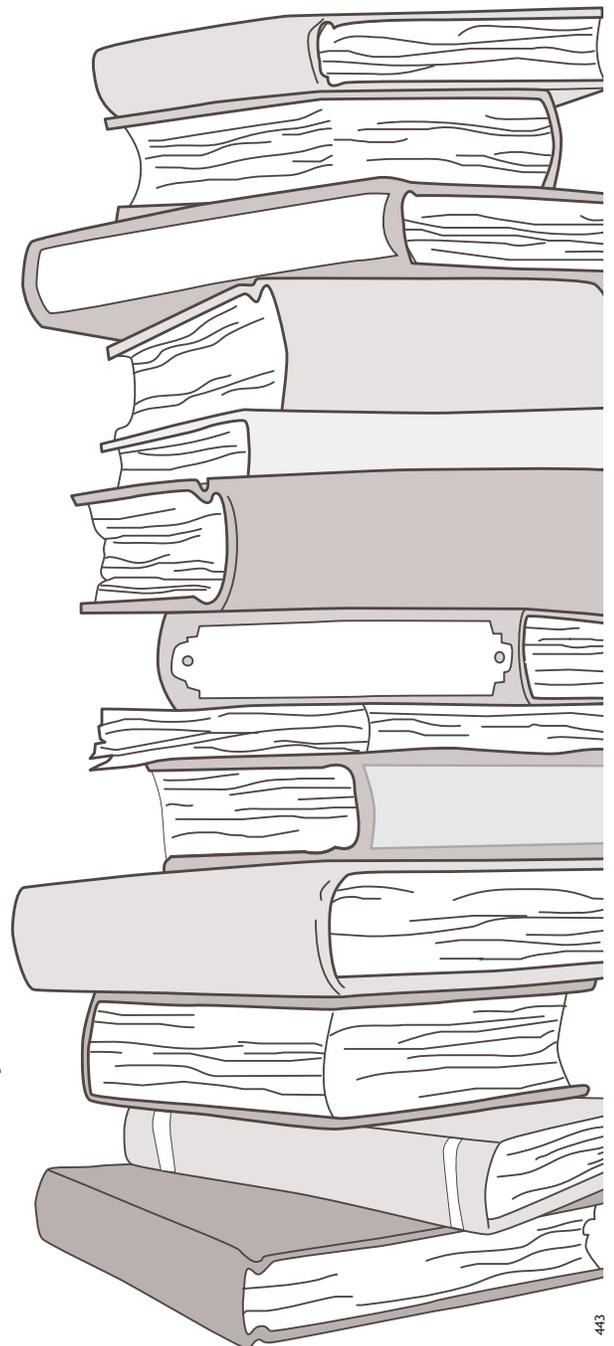
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INTRODUCTION

These fun-loving stories are designed to capture student interest while building key vocabulary, comprehension, thinking, and writing skills. Their broad appeal and high degree of review make them suitable for a variety of ages and reading levels. Each story has been rated according to the Fry Graph readability scale. *

Each story features five components: (1) vocabulary words, to enhance comprehension and for use in additional dictionary or writing activities, (2) cloze practice, to improve literal comprehension as well as the ability to use semantic and syntactic clues, (3) story questions, to target comprehension and thinking skills, (4) Extended Activities, located at the back of the book, to provide simple research and/or writing exercises for students desiring an extra challenge, and (5) crossword puzzles, to be used for periodic review after every third story.

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A Note on Readability

* Readability scales are useful as long as one realizes their limitations. Results are guidelines only. Depending on the scales used, their results may differ from each other by as much as 2.5 grade levels. Since readability scales measure word and sentence length, both valid readability factors, we at Remedia do use them. Using such scales also helps us provide vocabulary-controlled materials in order to meet the special education needs of many of our valued clients. At the same time, we realize that they are not designed to measure every other factor affecting readability, such as sentence structure or appeal to the reader. We are also aware of the variance in standards and expectations set for each grade level. What is first grade material in one school may be second grade in another. At Remedia we strive to take all these factors into consideration as we develop and revise materials. We leave the rest in your capable hands. Regarding readability, you—and your students—will be the final judge.

HELPING TO BRING YOU CHRISTMAS

Words to Know

Christmas	Christ • mas
Michigan	Mich • i • gan
spruce	spruce
Scotch	Scotch
Austrian	Aus • tri • an
Balsam fir	Bal • sam fir



Hi! I'm Nathan. I grow Christmas trees. I work for my uncle. He has a Christmas tree ranch. It's in Michigan.

Michigan is the perfect place to grow Christmas trees. There is both rain and snow. It gets very cold in the winter. It gets hot in the summer. All that makes for healthy trees.

We grow eight kinds of trees. We grow the Scotch, Eastern white, and Austrian pine. We grow Colorado blue, and Black Hills spruce. We grow lots of Douglas and Balsam firs.

You can ask me anything about Christmas trees. I can tell you.

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1. Michigan is a good place to grow Christmas trees. What describing word in the story tells us this? _____
 2. Write one reason why healthy trees grow in Michigan. _____

 3. Nathan is sure he knows how to do his job. Write the two sentences in the story that tell us this. _____

Name _____

HELPING TO BRING YOU CHRISTMAS

place about work spruce
tree eight rain healthy



Use the words in the box to fill in the blanks.

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1. Name the three kinds of pine trees in the story. _____

2. Name the two kinds of fir trees in the story. _____

3. Name the two kinds of spruce trees in the story. _____

4. Would you like the weather in Michigan? Why or why not? _____

ANIMAL LOVERS LOVE THIS JOB!

Words to Know

hometown	home • town
owner	own • er
longhaired	long • haired
hamster	ham • ster
exercise	ex • er • cise



Hi! I'm John. I do pet-sitting in my hometown. I take care of pets for people on vacation. I really like animals.

I take care of all kinds of pets. I take care of dogs, cats, birds, fish, and even hamsters. Dogs are the most work. They need exercise. Sometimes I have to walk them. Other times I play with them in their own yards. Longhaired dogs need a good brushing too!

I also just walk dogs for their owners. The owners don't have time or can't get out very often. I make pretty good money, and it's fun.

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1. Why do people need pet-sitters? _____

 2. Write the sentence in the story that names the pets John takes care of.

 3. How are pet-sitting and baby-sitting alike? _____

Name _____

ANIMAL LOVERS LOVE THIS JOB!

time hometown cats walk
are good vacation brushing



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1. How are pet-sitting and baby-sitting different? _____

2. Which animal is the most work? Why? _____

3. Write two things John does for dogs. _____

4. Do you think John has money to spend? Why? _____

WORKING WITH THE ELEPHANTS!

Words to Know

bored	bored
elephants	el • e • phants
bathe	bathe
perform	per • form
Amigo	A • mi • go
harmonicas	har • mon • i • cas



Hi, I'm Jack. I am a zoo worker at the Denver Zoo.

I work with the elephants. Their names are Amigo and Hope. My job is to feed and bathe them. I don't do it by myself. I work with Kim, another zoo worker.

Amigo and Hope perform every morning. They paint pictures and they play harmonicas. The people who come to visit them love it. We also take them for walks through the zoo. That way they don't get bored.

After Amigo and Hope are done with their walk, we give them a bath. They really love playing in the water. They like to squirt us. Soon all of us are wet. It's great fun!

1. Who are Amigo and Hope? _____

2. What is Jack's and Kim's job? _____

3. Write the sentence in the story that says what the elephants do when they perform.

4. Why do Jack and Kim take the elephants for walks? _____

Name _____

WORKING WITH THE ELEPHANTS!

pictures wet feed bath
myself playing Zoo morning



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1. How do the zoo workers get wet? _____

2. True / False The elephants take a walk after they take a bath.

3. Does Jack like his job? How do you know? _____

4. Would you like Jack's job? Why or why not? _____
