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INTRODUCTION

The **Hi/Lo Readers** provide extra practice in reading comprehension and writing for struggling readers or writers who are behind grade level. Most of the reading selections have been written in active voice. Active voice facilitates reading comprehension because it is easier for students to read than passive voice. The selections also provide repetitive words and sentence structures. This repetition allows students the opportunity to use new vocabulary within similar sentence structures. This approach also facilitates students' reading development.

Students who read these high-interest selections will build their vocabulary as they enjoy articles and short stories. The accompanying exercises are intended to improve overall comprehension and reading retention.

The index used to determine the readability level of stories in this book was the Flesch-Kincaid Scale.

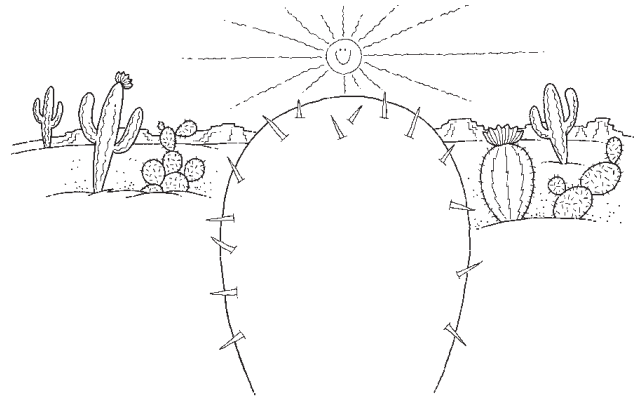
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DESERT

Words to Know

desert	des • ert
rainfall	rain • fall
Sahara	Sa • har • a
Mexico	Mex • i • co
cactus	cac • tus



A true desert gets only 10 inches or less of rainfall each year. Death Valley is a true desert. The Sahara is a true desert.

Some places are like deserts. These places get 20 inches or less of rainfall each year. Some parts of New Mexico are very dry, but these parts are not true deserts.

Cactus can grow in very hot or dry places like a desert. They have no leaves. They store lots of water. Some have lots of roots going deep into the earth.

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1. How much rainfall does a true desert get? _____
 2. What state is very dry but not a desert? _____
 3. Look in an encyclopedia and find out more about a desert. Write a sentence about what you learn. _____

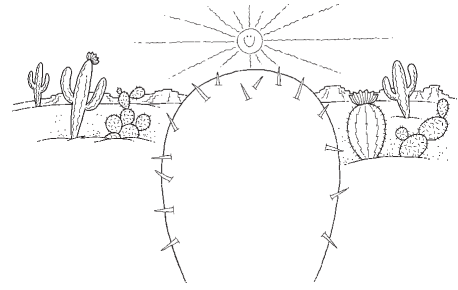
 4. Write a sentence about a cactus. _____

 5. Cactus can _____ in very hot or dry _____ like a _____.

Name _____

DESERT

grow the places true
like store new inches valley



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

A true desert gets only 10 _____ or less of rainfall each year. Death _____ is a true desert. The Sahara is a _____ desert.

Some places are _____ deserts. These _____ get 20 inches or less of rainfall each year. Some parts of _____ Mexico are very dry, but these parts are not true deserts.

Cactus can _____ in very hot or dry places like a desert. They have no leaves. They _____ lots of water. Some have lots of roots going deep into _____ earth.

Write three sentences about a desert.

1. _____

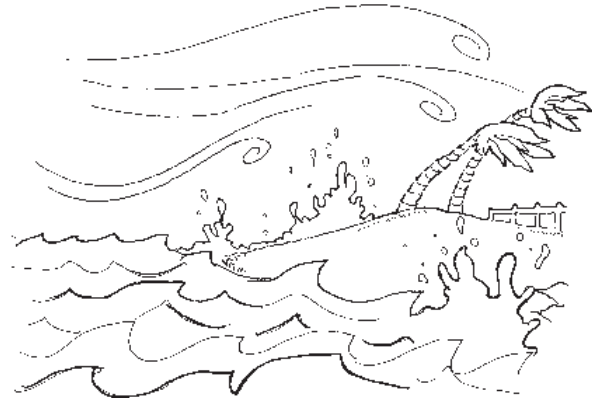
2. _____

3. _____

HURRICANES

Words to Know

higher	high • er
hurricane	hur • ri • cane
damage	dam • age
causes	caus • es
really	real • ly
closer	clos • er



The winds blow the waves higher and higher. The winds blow the palm trees down and the roof off the house. It's a hurricane.

Hurricanes cause lots of damage. The winds blow things down, and the rain causes floods. There is a lot of wind and rain. The winds of a hurricane blow in a really large circle.

Hurricanes start out over the ocean. The hurricane can move closer and closer to land. Have you ever seen a hurricane?

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1. Write a sentence telling what the winds of a hurricane do to waves. _____

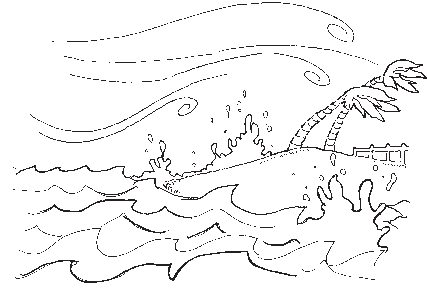
 2. Write a sentence telling how a hurricane causes damage. _____

 3. What does the rain cause? _____
 4. How do the winds of a hurricane blow? _____
 5. Look in an encyclopedia and find out more about hurricanes. Write a sentence telling what you learned. _____

Name _____

HURRICANES

wind over the higher
hurricane down really



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

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Hurricanes cause lots of damage. The winds blow things down, and _____ rain causes floods. There is a lot of _____ and rain. The winds of a hurricane blow in a _____ large circle.

Hurricanes start out _____ the ocean. The hurricane can move closer and closer to land.

Have you ever seen a hurricane?

Write three sentences about hurricanes.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

MUSEUM

Words to Know

museum	mu • se • um
animal	an • i • mal
dinosaur	di • no • saur
skeletons	skel • e • tons
lava	la • va



Our class took a great field trip to the museum. This museum had all kinds of animal skeletons. There were dinosaur skeletons. There were the bones of a mammoth and a giant sloth. We saw the bones of a small horse too.

We saw a movie at the museum too. The movie was about volcanoes. We saw lava erupt from the volcano. The lava rolled slowly down the side of the volcano. We saw smoke and ash erupt too. The smoke and ash went up into the sky. We had a great time!

1. Where did the class go on their field trip? _____
2. There _____ the bones of a _____ and a giant _____.
3. Look in an encyclopedia and find out more about dinosaurs. Write a sentence about what you learned. _____

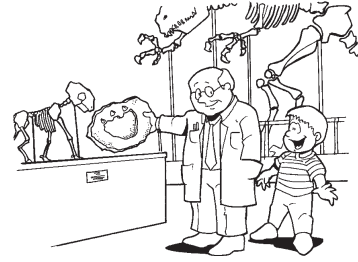
4. Write a sentence telling what the lava did after it erupted. _____

5. Write a sentence about a field trip you have taken. _____

Name _____

MUSEUM

into all mammoth field saw
erupt slowly skeletons about



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

Our class took a great _____ trip to the museum. This museum had _____ kinds of animal skeletons. There were dinosaur _____. There were the bones of a _____ and a giant sloth. We _____ the bones of a small horse too.

We saw a movie at the museum too. The movie was _____ volcanoes. We saw lava erupt from the volcano. The lava rolled _____ down the side of the volcano. We saw smoke and ash _____ too. The smoke and ash went up _____ the sky. We had a great time!

Write three sentences about a museum.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

CASTLE

Words to Know

Arthur	Ar • thur
knights	knights
famous	fa • mous
return	re • turn
adventure	ad • ven • ture



King Arthur's castle sits on a hill. The castle is safe there from any enemies. Inside the castle, the knights sit around the Round Table with King Arthur.

King Arthur and his knights are famous. People near and far have heard about them. King Arthur and his knights go out to help people. Then they return to the castle.

Some times a knight goes out by himself. He has an adventure. Then he returns to the castle. He tells his story to the other knights.

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1. King Arthur's _____ sits on a hill.
 2. Who sits around the Round Table? _____

 3. Write a sentence about a castle. _____

 4. Look in an encyclopedia to find out about castles. Write a sentence about what you learned. _____

 5. What does a knight do by himself? _____