

WINTER ESCAPE ROOM

READING COMPREHENSION

EMPOWER YOUR
READERS WITH
WINTER LOGIC FUN

1ST & 2ND GRADE

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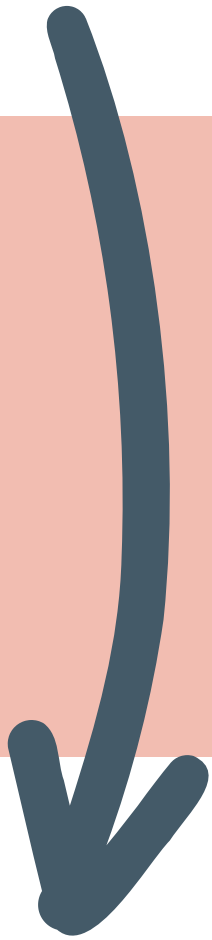
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Word Bank: sip lake sled grunt hat ice

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1	We watched the _____ zip across the snow.		
2	The _____ was frozen and covered in snow.		
3	The cocoa was hot, so I took a tiny _____		

SCROLL
to take a look inside!



ENGAGING, PRINT-AND-GO PUZZLES THAT ACTUALLY BUILD SKILLS

- ★ No prep!
- ★ Controlled, decodable text
- ★ Reading tasks are decoding-based
- ★ Easy to use, fun to complete
- ★ Covers reading comprehension skills, phonics, & logic

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Word Bank: off trip fast yellow rope snow

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2	The sled had a long _____ in the _____		

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name: _____

Cross Off the Broken Sleds!

The snowstorm came fast, and five sleds were left behind. But only one still works! Solve each puzzle to cross off sleds that are missing pieces or broken. When you're done, only one sled will be left, the one Liz and Max can use to get back!

Sled	Trait
Frost Flyer 	wet seat
Rocket Ride 	missing rope
Glow Glider 	glows in the dark
Snow Zoomer 	torn back
Speedy Fox 	cracked side

EASY-TO-USE, TEACHER-APPROVED, STUDENT-LOVED

Includes:

- 4 interactive printable escape room puzzles
 - 2 Vocabulary Unlock (Clue Quest) puzzles
 - 2 Hidden Hints (reading comprehension) puzzles
- Full-page sled tracking chart for logic elimination
- Teacher instructions and clickable table of contents
- Answer keys for all puzzles
- Printable certificate for student success
- Color and black-and-white versions included!



STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

Teacher Instructions:

Blizzard Trouble: A Winter Reading Escape Room (Grade 2)

Goal: Students work to eliminate damaged sleds that target one trait. They know which one will be the blizzard!

Preparation

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Hidden Hints puzzles 3 & 4

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How to Play

Introduce the story: Tell students they're stuck in a blizzard and must pick the one safe sled to escape. But watch out, some sleds are broken!

Explain the rules:

- Students will complete four puzzles.
- Each puzzle helps them eliminate one broken sled.
- When all four puzzles are complete, only one sled will remain.
- That's the sled they will ride to safety!

Clue Quest puzzles (Puzzles 1 & 2):

Fill in the blanks using the words from the

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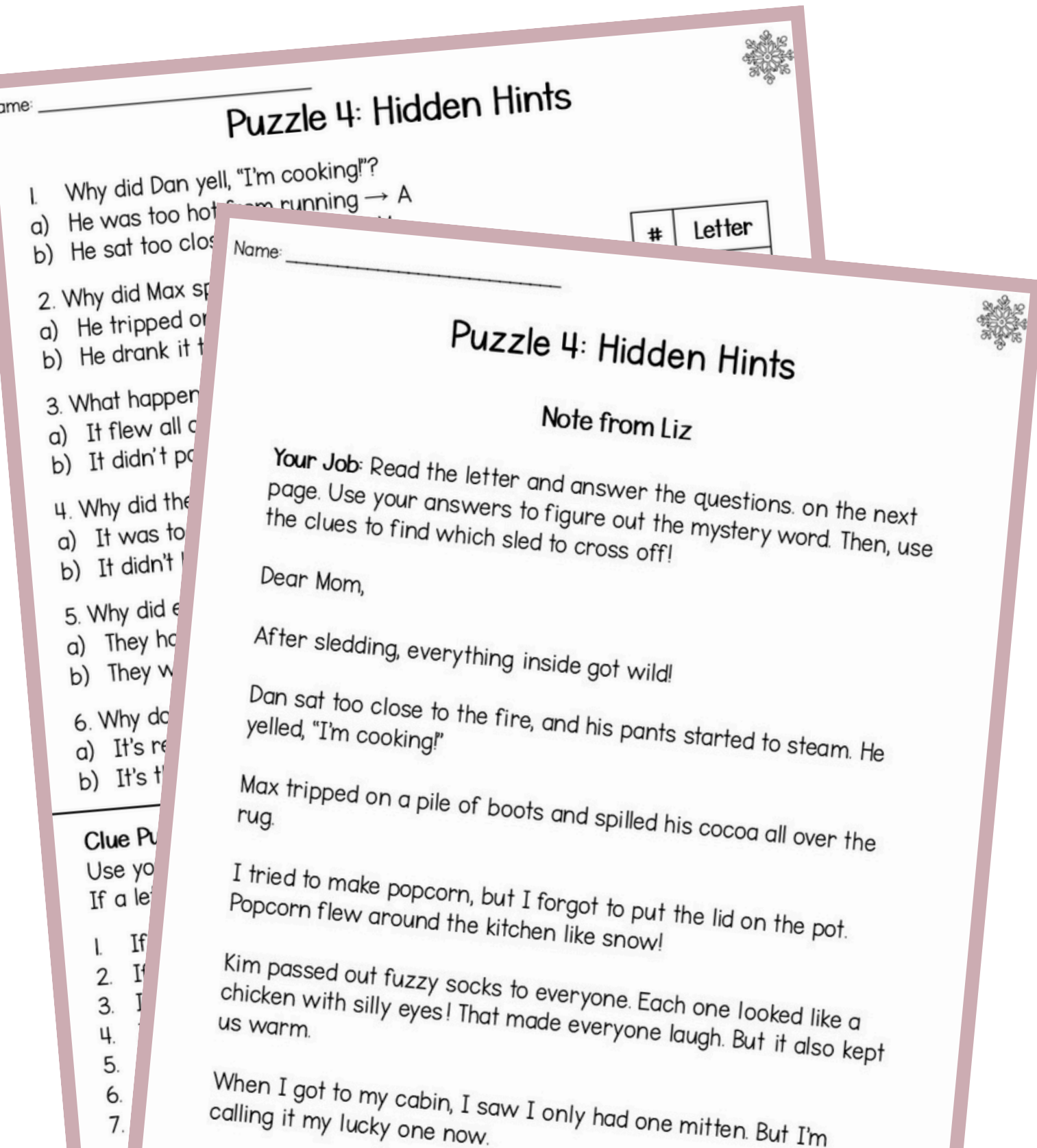
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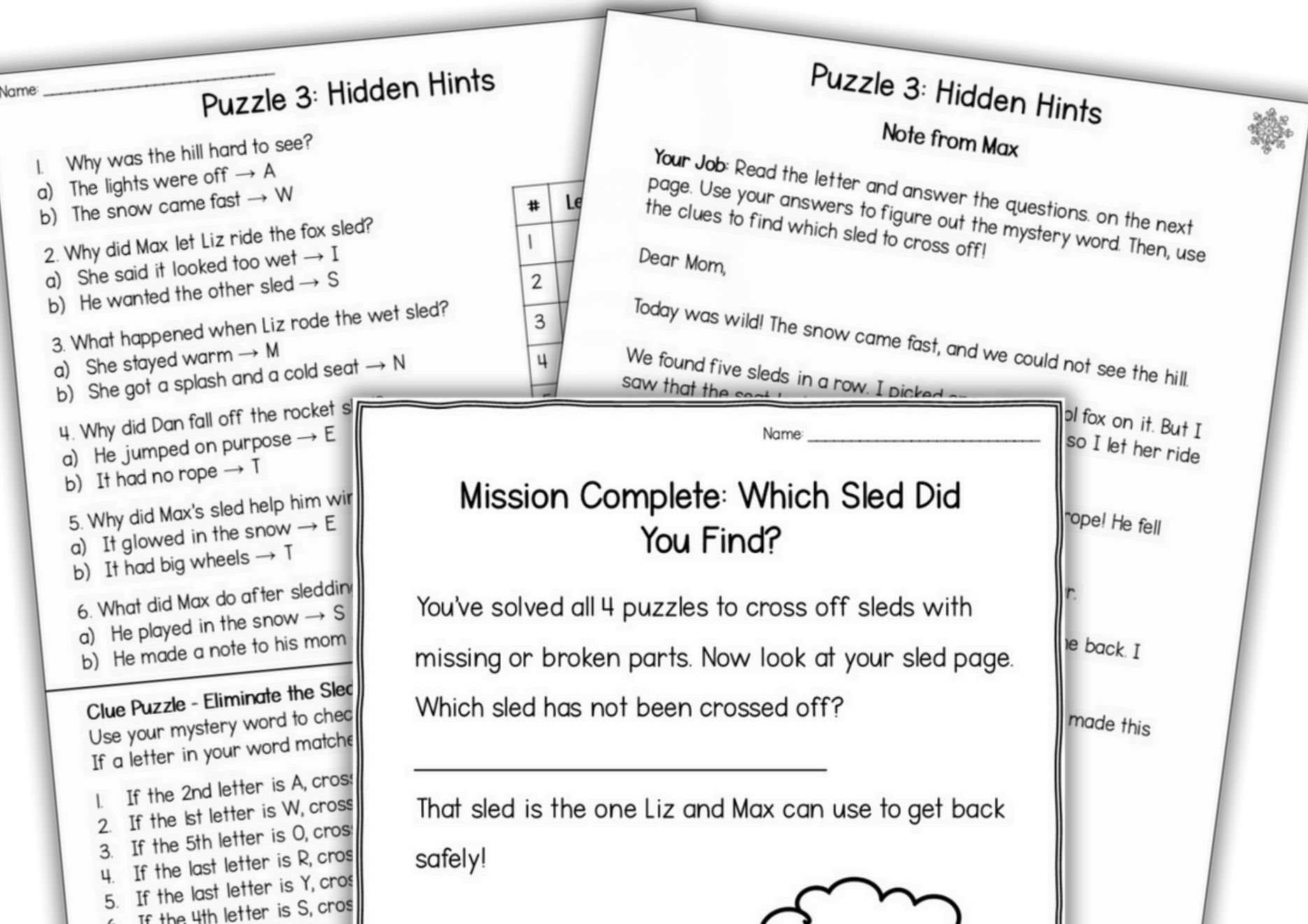
SKILLS COVERED

- Using context clues to determine vocabulary
- Cause and effect comprehension questions
- Phonics-aligned decoding with mystery word building
- Deductive logic and trait elimination
- Multi-step reading strategy practice



HOW IT WORKS

- Students read a short, winter-themed story or sentence set
- Each puzzle includes a vocabulary or reading task
- Students solve to reveal a mystery word
- Mystery word is used to check clues (some true, some false)
- Matching letters trigger elimination of broken sled traits
- After all 4 puzzles, students have crossed off all but one sled
- The last working sled is the one they “found” in the snowstorm!



ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING WITH ZERO PREP REQUIRED

★ Review skills

★ Small groups

★ Sub plans

★ Classroom parties



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Mission Complete: Which Sled Did You Find?

You've solved all 4 puzzles to cross off sleds with missing or broken parts. Now look at your sled page. Which sled has not been crossed off?

That sled is the one Liz and Max can use to get back safely!





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3	The cocoa was hot, so I took a tiny _____.		
4	We slid across the frozen _____ at the park.		
5	The snow made a loud _____ as it fell from the roof.		
6	Don't forget to wear your _____ in the snow!		

Mystery Word: _____

Step 2: Clue Puzzle - Eliminate the Sled Trait
Use your mystery word to check the clues below.
If a letter in your word matches the clue, cross off that sled's trait!

- If the last letter is N, cross off Glow Glider's glowing light
- If the second letter is L, cross off Rocket Ride's missing rope
- If the third letter is D, cross off Frost Flyer's wet seat
- If the first letter is B, cross off Snow Zoomer's torn back
- If the fourth letter is O, cross off Speedy Fox's cracked side

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Clue Quest puzzles (Puzzles 1 & 2):

- Students fill in the blanks using the words from the word bank.
- The first letter of each word spells out the mystery word.
- Using the mystery word, they check all the clues.
- Three clues will match their word and all point to the same sled trait.
- The other clues are false and won't lead to any sleds being crossed out.
- If they find three clues targeting the same sled, they cross the sled off.

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