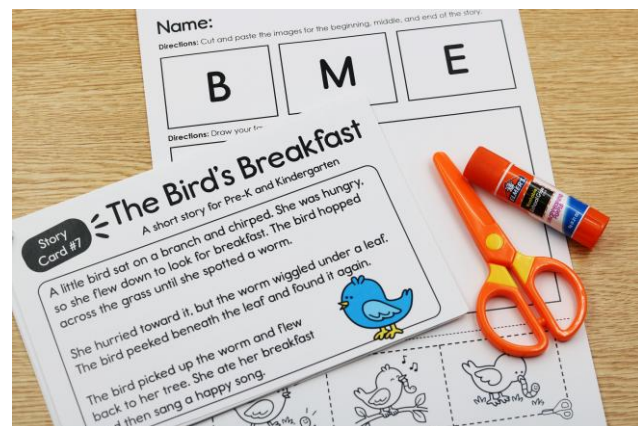
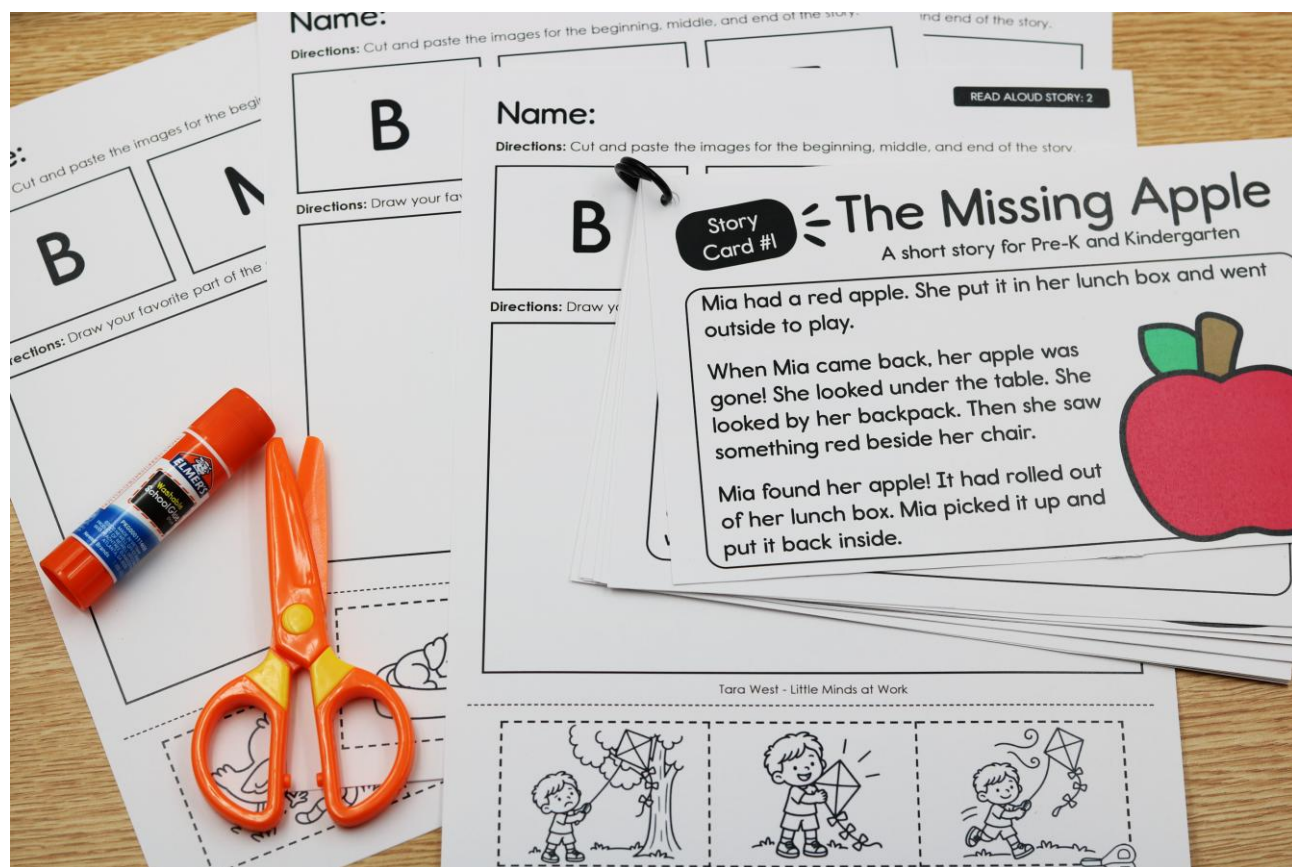


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Thanks so much for downloading these free Listening Comprehension Read Alouds! This resource includes 10 short stories designed for Pre-K and Kindergarten students, along with a simple response page for each story where students sequence the beginning, middle, and end and draw their favorite part. These are perfect for practicing listening comprehension, story sequencing, and retelling during whole-group lessons, small groups, or literacy centers. If you have questions as always, feel free to email me at littlemindsatworkllc@gmail.com, follow me on [Facebook](#), or visit my blog, [Little Minds at Work](#).



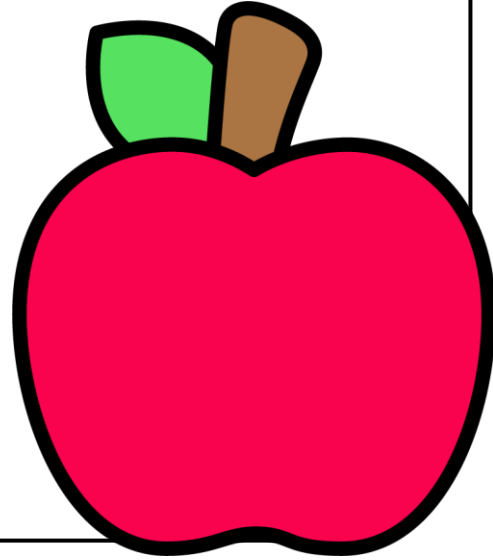
The Missing Apple

A short story for Pre-K and Kindergarten

Mia had a red apple. She put it in her lunch box and went outside to play.

When Mia came back, her apple was gone! She looked under the table. She looked by her backpack. Then she saw something red beside her chair.

Mia found her apple! It had rolled out of her lunch box. Mia picked it up and put it back inside.



The Windy Kite

A short story for Pre-K and Kindergarten

Leo had a bright blue kite. He took it to the park on a windy day. Leo held the string tight and started to run. Up, up, up went the kite! The wind carried it high in the sky. Then the kite got stuck in a tree. Leo pulled the string, but the kite would not come down.

A big gust of wind blew through the branches. Whoosh! The kite came loose and floated back down. Leo grabbed his kite and smiled. He was ready to fly it again!



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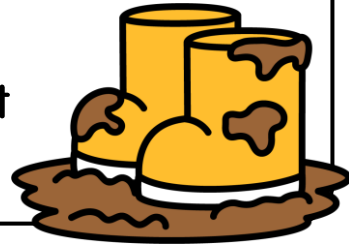
The Muddy Boots

A short story for Pre-K and Kindergarten

Norah put on her yellow boots and went outside. It had just stopped raining. She found a big puddle and jumped right in. Splash!

Norah looked down. Her yellow boots were covered in brown mud! She walked to the hose and sprayed them with water. The mud washed away.

Soon, Norah's boots were clean again. She set them by the door to dry and went inside.



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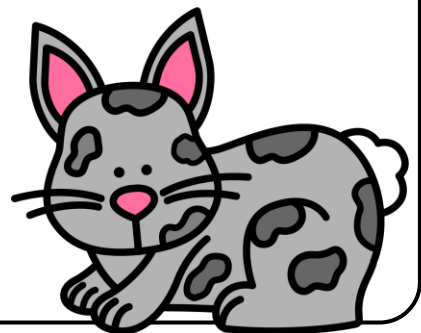
The Hungry Bunny

A short story for Pre-K and Kindergarten

A little bunny hopped through the grass. He was hungry and looking for something to eat.

The bunny found a garden. He saw a big orange carrot growing in the dirt. He pulled and pulled until the carrot popped out!

The bunny carried the carrot under a shady tree. He crunched his tasty carrot and wiggled his little nose.





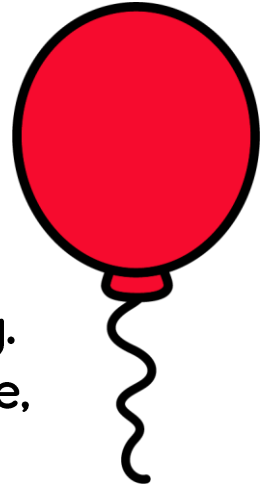
The Red Balloon

A short story for Pre-K and Kindergarten

Sam had a bright red balloon. He held the string as he walked outside. The balloon bobbed above his head.

Suddenly, Sam let go of the string! The red balloon floated up into the air. Sam watched as it landed in a nearby bush.

Sam hurried to the bush and grabbed the string. He was happy to have his balloon back. This time, Sam held on tight!



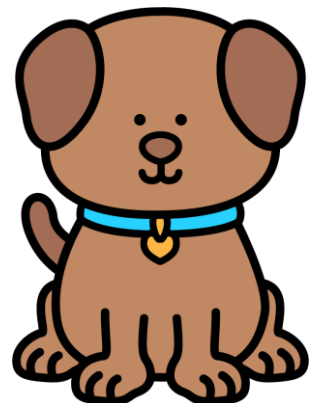
The Sleepy Puppy

A short story for Pre-K and Kindergarten

Max the puppy played with his red ball in the yard. He chased it across the grass and brought it back again and again.

After a while, Max grew tired. He carried his ball to his dog bed and curled up beside it.

Soon, Max closed his eyes and fell fast asleep. His red ball rested right beside him.



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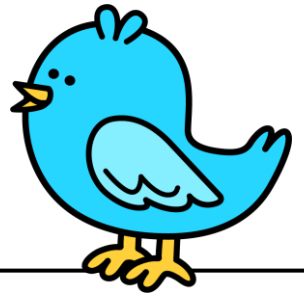
The Bird's Breakfast

A short story for Pre-K and Kindergarten

A little bird sat on a branch and chirped. She was hungry, so she flew down to look for breakfast. The bird hopped across the grass until she spotted a worm.

She hurried toward it, but the worm wiggled under a leaf. The bird peeked beneath the leaf and found it again.

The bird picked up the worm and flew back to her tree. She ate her breakfast and then sang a happy song.



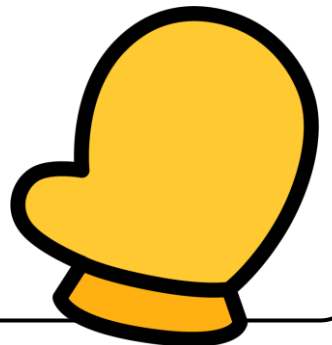
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The Missing Mitten

A short story for Pre-K and Kindergarten

Lily put on her coat, hat, and mittens before going outside to play in the snow. She made snowballs and built a little snowman. When Lily was ready to go inside, she noticed one mitten was missing. She looked beside the snowman and followed her footprints through the snow. There it was!

Lily picked up her mitten and slipped it back onto her hand. Then she waved goodbye to her snowman and went inside where it was warm.



The Picnic Surprise

A short story for Pre-K and Kindergarten

Ella packed a sandwich, an apple, and a juice box for a picnic. She carried her basket to the park and spread a blanket under a tree. Ella opened her basket and reached for her sandwich. Just then, a little squirrel ran past and knocked over her apple. The apple rolled down the hill!

Ella hurried after it and picked it up near a flower bush. She carried the apple back to her blanket and finally sat down to enjoy her picnic.



The Rainy Walk

A short story for Pre-K and Kindergarten

Owen put on his raincoat and boots before going for a walk. Gray clouds filled the sky, so he carried his umbrella, too. Soon, raindrops began to fall. Owen opened his umbrella and hurried along the sidewalk. He splashed through a few puddles on the way.

When Owen reached home, he closed his umbrella and took off his wet boots. He was glad he had remembered his rain gear!



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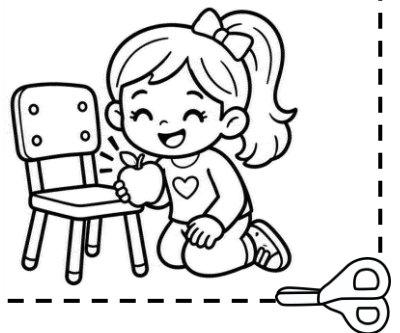
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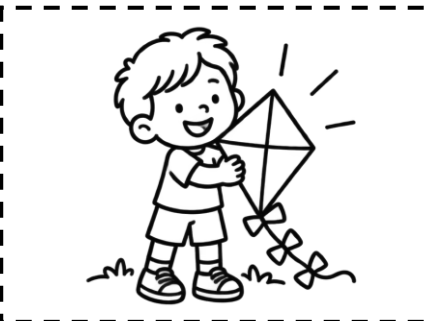
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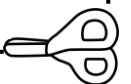
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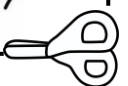
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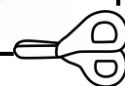
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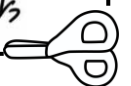
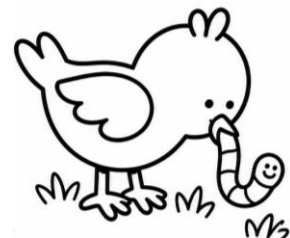
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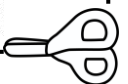
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