



Differentiated Literacy Centers

Meet the
needs of
all learners



Grades
K-5

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Differentiate your literacy instruction

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help students develop key, grade-level literacy skills through 3 levels of hands-on activities. These standards-based kits include activities and manipulatives that boost student engagement and interest. Everything you need comes packed in a clear, durable storage tote.



Differentiated Literacy Centers Kit, Grade 3

**Student Materials
Available in Spanish**

- Kits include **63 total activities with 3 levels of differentiation** for each learning objective
- Easy-to-read activity cards and hands-on tools **engage students in key literacy skills and help build academic vocabulary**
- Ready-to-use, streamlined solution **for centers and small groups**

Why differentiate instruction?

Classrooms are filled with students who:

- Have different needs
- Have different language abilities
- Have different interests
- Have different learning styles
- Come from different educational backgrounds

Take a look inside...

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Select appropriate level

☆☆☆ Approaching

I Spy Nouns

A game for 2-3 people

Materials

- I Spy Game Board
- Noun Spinner Spinner Overlay
- Color Chips

Get Ready

- A **noun** is a word that represents a person, place, or thing.
- A **proper noun** is a specific name for a person, place, or thing such as Mr. Nelson, Lake Michigan, or Jupiter.
- All sentences must have a noun to be a complete sentence.

Play

- Spin. Place a chip over a picture of a person, place, or thing.
- Continue taking turns until all chips have covered 3 nouns in each category.
- Keep track of the nouns you write on your own page.

Look at the nouns in the game board. Write a sentence or sentences using at least one noun.

Grade 1 • Words and Sentences

1

Pick a topic

☆☆☆ Meeting

Noun Detective

An activity for 1 person

Materials

- Blackline Master #1 (Noun Detective)
- Noun Detective Cards

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Play

- Read the hints about the nouns on the Noun Detectives page.
- Find the picture cards that match the hints.
- Write the words in the spaces provided.
- Use the cards to sort the nouns by person, place, or thing.

Write a story using some of the picture cards. Include proper nouns. What new nouns did you use?

Grade 1 • Words and Sentences

3

Grab manipulatives

I-Spy

Verb Action

Finish

Materials

- I-Spy Game Board
- Noun Spinner Spinner Overlay
- Color Chips

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Play

- Pick a Noun Sentence card. Read the sentence aloud.
- Find a rod with a noun that fits the sentence.
- Take turns until all the sentences are done.
- Sort the nouns into person, place, or thing.
- Which nouns could be replaced with a proper noun?

Pick 2 noun rods that you did not use in the activity. Write a sentence using both words.

Grade 1 • Words and Sentences

Hands-on Materials add interest and understanding to literacy concepts.

Words and Sentences

Grade 1

Objective	Skill Level	Activity	No. of Students	Materials	Baseline Measure
1 Use Nouns	☆☆☆	I-Spy Nouns	2-3	I-Spy Game Board, Noun Spinner Spinner Overlay, Color Chips	1
2 Use Verbs	☆☆☆	Verb Bingo	2	Verb Bingo Card, Verb Action Cards, Color Chips	1
3 Use Adjectives	☆☆☆	Describe It	2-4	Describe It Card, Picture Cards, Color Chips	2
4 Use Conjunctions	☆☆☆	Put It Together	2-3	Put It Together Card, Picture Cards, Color Chips	3
	☆☆☆	All Aboard!	2-3	All Aboard! Card, Picture Cards, Color Chips	
	☆☆☆	Making Connections	2	Making Connections Card, Picture Cards, Color Chips	

Activity Charts detail exactly what's needed for every activity.

☆☆☆ Beyond

Missing Nouns

An activity for 2 people

Materials

- Noun Sentence Cards
- Sentence Rods (green)

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Play

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Activity Cards include an engaging game, writing prompt, and skills practice section.

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Differentiated Literacy Centers

3 levels of differentiated activities for each objective

Grade K

Topics Covered

1. Letters, Sounds and Words
2. Comprehension
3. Words and Sentences

Kit Includes

- 63 Student Activity Cards (Letters, Sounds and Words, Comprehension, Words and Sentences)
- 3 Lesson Planner Cards
- 03 Teacher Notes
- Model Text Cards
- Game Boards
- Spinners
- Manipulatives

Grade 1

Topics Covered

1. Letters, Sounds and Words
2. Comprehension
3. Words and Sentences

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- 3 Teacher Notes
- Model Text Cards
- Game Boards
- Manipulatives

Grade 2

Topics Covered

1. Letters, Sounds and Words
2. Comprehension
3. Words and Sentences

Kit Includes

- 63 Student Activity Cards (Letters, Sounds and Words, Comprehension, Words and Sentences)
- 3 Lesson Planner Cards
- 3 Teacher Notes
- Model Text Cards
- Game Boards
- Spinners
- Manipulatives

Grade 3

Topics Covered

1. Word Work
2. Comprehension
3. Language/Conventions

Kit Includes

- 63 Student Activity Cards (Word Work, Comprehension, Language/Conventions)
- 3 Lesson Planner Cards
- 3 Teacher Notes
- Model Text Cards
- Game Boards
- Journals
- Spinners
- Manipulatives

Grade 4

Topics Covered

1. Word Work
2. Comprehension
3. Language/Conventions

Kit Includes

- 63 Student Activity Cards (Word Work, Comprehension, Language/Conventions)
- 3 Lesson Planner Cards
- 3 Teacher Notes
- Model Text Cards
- Game Boards
- Journals
- Spinners
- Manipulatives

Grade 5

Topics Covered

1. Word Work
2. Comprehension
3. Language/Conventions

Kit Includes

- 63 Student Activity Cards (Word Work, Comprehension, Language/Conventions)
- 3 Lesson Planner Cards
- 3 Teacher Notes
- Model Text Cards
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