

VALENTINE'S DAY

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The Valentine's Baker

There was a baker who always worked really late at night. He worked until 1 o'clock in the morning most nights and woke up at 6 o'clock in the morning to go back to work. All he ever did was bake at his bakery, and he was rather lonely. Today was no different for the baker: It was Valentine's Day, but the baker still went to work at 6 o'clock in the morning and planned to stay all night.

At 8 o'clock at night, the baker was about to close his shop and clean up when a little boy walked up to the front door. The little boy was named Max and he was starving! He asked the baker if he had any food to eat and the baker almost said "No", but thought since it was Valentine's Day, he should be nicer to this little boy. So, he let him in.

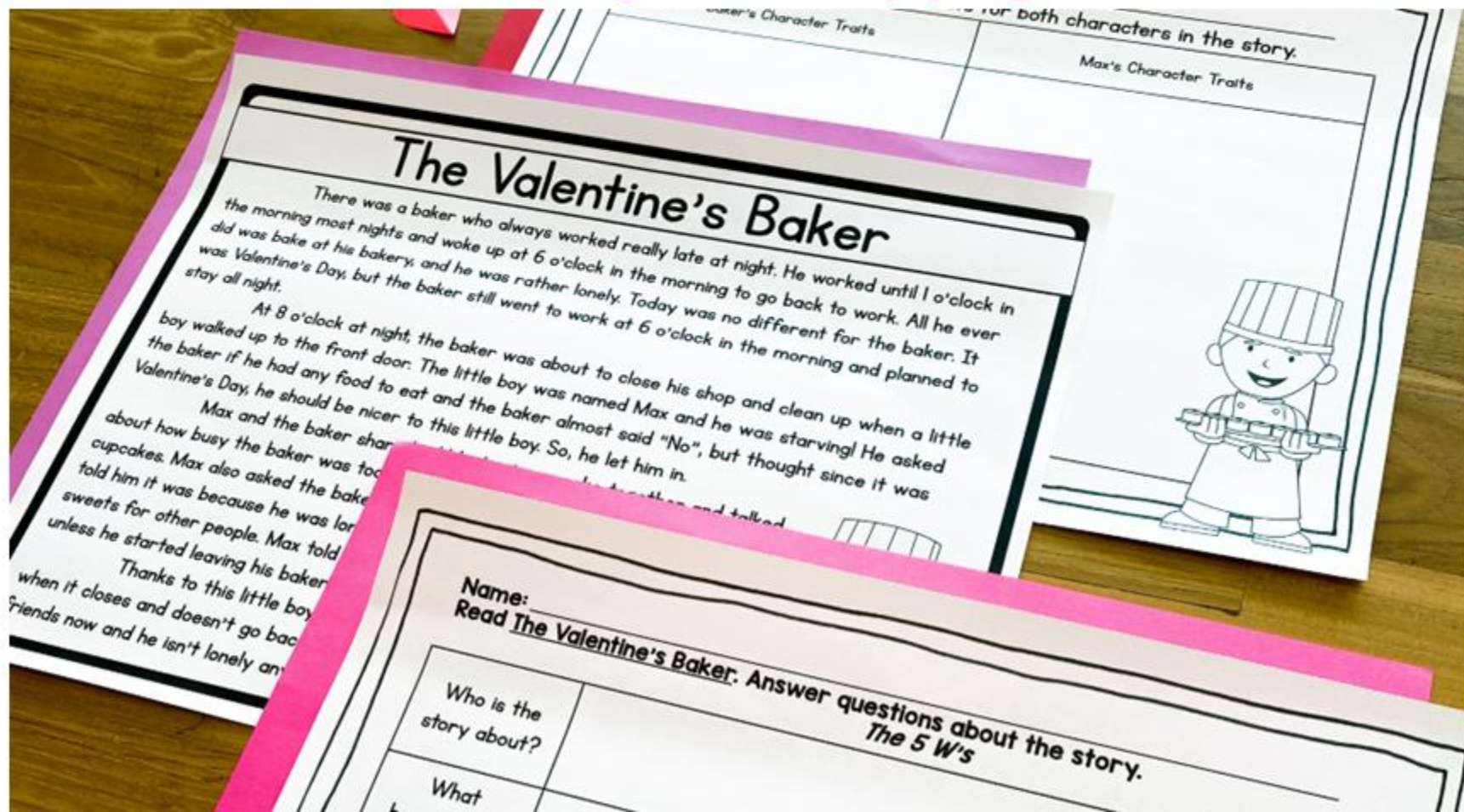
Max and the baker shared a Valentine's cupcake together and talked about how busy the baker was today. He made over 60 batches of cakes and cupcakes. Max also asked the baker why he never goes home at night. The baker told him it was because he was lonely at home and he loved making all sorts of sweets for other people. Max told the baker that he was going to be very sad unless he started leaving his bakery and going to spend time with friends.

Thanks to this little boy named Max, the baker now leaves his bakery when it closes and doesn't go back to work until it opens. He hangs out with his friends now and he isn't lonely anymore!



WHAT'S INCLUDED

There are 5 reading comprehension sets.
Each set has 1 fiction passage and
2 follow-up activity pages.



WHAT TEACHERS SAY

"I love bringing in seasonal text to practice reading comprehension skills. This resource was exactly what I needed to reinforce skills that need some spiral review."

"My 2nd graders loved these passages! They get so excited when they are successful with each passage!"

"These passages were great! I'm always looking for fun passages to boost my student reading fluency and help them practice and these were perfect!"



DIGITAL CONVERSION

**These reading passages are converted into Google Slides!
Link will be available within the PDF.**



HOW YOU CAN USE THEM

These passages can be used as:

- Valentine's Day week reading activities
- Independent reading
- Small group work
- Homework
- Morning work
- Assessments
- Early finisher activities
- Sub plans

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I set out all my ingredients that I needed for baking these cupcakes. First, I poured my cake mix into a bowl, then cracked open my eggs and put them in, too. I added my vegetable oil to the eggs and cake mix, then began to stir it up. Mom said I had to stir until there were zero lumps or chunks. They were perfectly stirred and mixed, so I poured a little bit of cake batter into 24 little cupcake trays. Mom put the cupcakes into the oven for me since kids aren't supposed to touch it. After about 20 minutes, mom took them out of the oven and let them cool down.

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After a very long day and night, Cupid headed back to New York City where his house was and tucked himself into his heart bed and fell asleep quickly. What a long, exhausting day!

A Valentine for My Brother

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Still had to go to the store with my mom to buy him something even though I really don't like it. I walked up and down the Valentine's aisle and found the smallest bag of candy to give to him. Mom and I checked out at the store, then went home. When I got home, I found a huge box on my bed. I unwrapped it to find four big bags of candy and a very big card. My card was in the shape of a heart and had a lot of lace trim. On the inside of the card, I saw that words "Happy Valentine's Day, Sarah. I love you so much. You are the best sister ever. Love, Blake." I smiled. My brother had never, ever been so sweet to me. He wrote me a card and got me a very nice present. How could I be so mad at him when he is so nice to me?

I ran down to my mom and explained to her that I needed to go to the store to buy him a better present. Mom agreed and when she came home, I gave my brother two boxes of candy and a huge teddy bear with a heart on it. I need to remember my brother being so nice to me next time he annoys me. Maybe I won't get so angry!



STORY #1

Name: _____

Use your creative mind to write an ending about who the Valentine might be from.

Whose Valentine?

It was Valentine's Day in my classroom. The room was such a mess. When I looked around the room, I saw candy wrappers and trash everywhere. I also saw a lot of crumbs all over the floor. We had a lot of cleaning up to do, but we just had to get on with it.

All of the Valentine's cards were given out and everyone had their own. We started to clean. We were picking up the trash and sweeping up the crumbs. We all looked over at Ellen and she was holding a huge pink, lacey heart. It was for and no one said who it was from. There was no name on the card. Who was it for?

We had to figure out who might have left this mystery Valentine. We asked out who it was for. Our first strategy was to walk around the room asking each other if it was their gift. Then, we tried having the gift giver stand up while we all laid our heads down. Still, no one knew who this mystery Valentine was for!

I don't know why anyone would want to keep it a secret that they brought that amazing Valentine. Maybe they were embarrassed. Maybe it was someone from another class. All I know is that the mystery Valentine never found an owner and it is still hanging on our bulletin board just in case someone wants it.

Name: _____

Read *Whose Valentine?*. Answer questions about the story.

What is the conflict in this story?

What is one way the class tried to solve their conflict?

What is another way the class tried to solve their conflict?

Summarize the story.



STORY #2

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Write a fictional story about what other journeys Cupid may go on.

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Name: _____

Read *The Tale of Cupid's Journeys*. Write about what happens at the beginning, middle, and end of the story.

Beginning

Middle

End



STORY #3

Name: _____

Make a list of character traits for both characters in the story.

Baker's Character Traits

Max's Character Traits

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Name: _____

Read The Valentine's Baker. Answer questions about the story.
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Who is the story about?

What happened in the story?

When was the story?

Where did the story take place?

Why did Max help the baker?



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STORY #4

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Now was the fun part. I got to decorate them with vanilla icing on each cupcake, shook lots of pink and red sprinkles on them, and placed one little conversation heart on each cupcake. My friends are going to love them!

Name: _____

Think about your favorite sweet treat. Write a detailed recipe of how you think you might bake them.

Name: _____

Read How I Made Valentine's Treats. Fill in the step by step directions that the main character took.

First...

Then...

After that...

Next...

Finally...



STORY #5



Name: _____

Write a story about how you were kind to someone on Valentine's Day. If you can't remember a time, then write about how you could be kind.

Name: _____

Read A Valentine for My Brother. Answer how the questions relate to your personal experience.

When I read about shopping for Valentine's Day...

I thought about...

When I read about the girl's happiness when she got her present...

I thought about...

When I read about the girl buying a gift for her brother...

I thought about...

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