

First Nonfiction Reading

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UNIT OVERVIEW

★ Student Book

Big Question

This helps the teacher to get students thinking about the topic and understand what they are about to learn. It's a great preview activity for students to start learning vocabulary.

Read

Realistic fiction passages explore a large range of interesting topics rooted in nonfiction concepts. This helps students smoothly transition from fiction reading to nonfiction reading. All of the words in the reading are leveled and controlled so that students can gradually and steadily improve their reading ability. Key words are highlighted, and phonics concepts are presented with red text to help students focus on the main learning objectives of each unit. The last sentence of each passage is a fun, natural English expression that students learn in the context of the passage and can use in real life in the appropriate context.



The image shows a page from a student book for Unit 8, titled "Family Picnic". The page is set against a background of a picnic basket and a red and white checkered blanket. The main title "Unit 8 Family Picnic" is at the top left. Below it, there is a "BIG QUESTION" box with the question "What is the family doing?". To the right of this is a "Key Words" box with the words "dad", "sister", "brother", and "mom" labeled on a cartoon illustration of a family having a picnic. Below the "Key Words" box are two boxes: "Phonics Words" with "cook" and "food", and "Sight Words" with "picnic" and "chair". To the right of these boxes is a "Read" section with a passage about a family picnic. The passage includes questions about what each family member is doing, with key words highlighted in yellow. At the end of the passage is the sentence "The food smells great!". Below the "Read" section is a "Quick Check" box with the instruction "Circle the people in the family".

Unit 8 Family Picnic

BIG QUESTION
What is the family doing?

Key Words
dad, sister, brother, mom

Phonics Words
cook, food

Sight Words
picnic, chair

Read

It's a very nice day.
Let's have a family picnic.

What's your **dad** doing?
He's **cooking** the **food**.

What's your **mom** doing?
She's sitting in the chair.

What's your **sister** doing?
She's playing with the ball.

What's your **brother** doing?
He's flying a kite.

What's your dog doing?
He's sitting on the ground.

The food smells great!

Quick Check
Circle the people in the family.

Key Words

Key words build students' core vocabulary around the topic of each unit. Students can use the key words along with the grammar pattern to read, understand, and speak about the topic.

Phonics Words & Sight Words

Phonics and sight words are selected to develop students' reading fluency. Phonics words help students review phonics rules and help them transition from emergent to early-level reading ability by reviewing, comparing, and contrasting phonics sounds. Sight words help students quickly recognize whole words and their meaning.

Quick Check

This exercise ensures that students understand points and details from the reading.



Comprehension

This checks the students' understanding of the main idea and the details in the reading passage. By answering these questions, students develop and demonstrate their comprehension of the reading.

Sentence Practice

This helps students to reconstruct key grammatical patterns from the passage along with the key words.

Comprehension

★ Choose the correct answer.

- This story is about _____.
 a. a family b. friends
- What's your _____ doing? He's cooking the food.
 a. brother b. dad
- He's _____.
 a. sitting on the ground b. flying a kite

Sentence Practice

★ Circle and write.

- a. He fly a kite.
 b. He's flying a kite.

- a. She's playing with a ball.
 b. She's play a ball.

- a. She sitting a chair.
 b. She's sitting on a chair.

Key Words Practice

★ Say, write, and match.

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a. d

b. m

c. b r

d. s i

Speaking Skills

★ Look and speak.

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What is your doing?

He's/She's _____

Key Words Practice

Students strengthen and solidify their vocabulary by reviewing key words after the reading.

Speaking Skills

Students consolidate and utilize the language they learn in the unit and practice speaking with short, simple dialogues.

★ Workbook

Key Words

Students practice writing by reviewing and solidifying their understanding of key words.

Unit 8 Family Picnic

Key Words

★ Match and trace.

1. 

2. 

3. 

4. 

a. mom

b. brother

c. dad

d. sister

Key Sentences

★ Write.

What's your brother doing?



1. _____ your brother doing?

2. What's _____ brother doing?

3. What's your _____ doing?

4. What's your brother _____ ?

5. _____ ?

Key Sentences

Students recall key sentence patterns by writing them with the correct structures.

Word List

Students can review all of the words they have learned in each unit. They can build confidence by keeping track of how many words they learn in total.



Key Words List



Phonics Words List



Sight Words List

Detachable flashcards

Detachable flashcards provide students with a quick, easy, and fun way to learn, study, and remember all of the key words and sight words from each unit.



Key Words Flashcards



SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

Title	Nonfiction Learning Point	Key Words				Phonics Focus
Unit 1 What Can You Draw?	Math: Observe and understand how many sides common shapes have.	side	roof	door	window	Comparing sounds double-letter vowel: -oo- and -ou-
Unit 2 Let's Travel	Science: Learn about different animals and their habitats.	sea	jungle	desert	forest	Contrasting sounds double-letter vowel: -ea-
Unit 3 Playtime at School	Social Studies: Think about playing and making decisions together.	spring horse	jungle gym	monkey bars	climbing net	Comparing sounds double-letter consonant: -ch- and -ck
Unit 4 A Special Bird	Science: Learn about the body parts of birds.	special	good	long	sharp	Comparing sounds single-letter vowel -ow- and double-letter vowel -ou-
Unit 5 Where Is It?	Science: Learn about places outside.	bush	fence	rock	pond	Contrasting sounds double-letter vowel: -ou-
Unit 6 Dinner Time	Social Studies: Learn about contributing to household duties and work.	cup	fork	spoon	plate	Contrasting sounds double-letter vowel: -ow- and -ow
Unit 7 Fruit Salad	Social Studies: Learn about healthy and delicious foods.	apricot	banana	cherry	kiwi	Contrasting sounds double-letter vowel: -ui-
Unit 8 Family Picnic	Social Studies: Understand the importance of family time and leisure.	dad	mom	sister	brother	Contrasting sounds double-letter vowel: -oo-
Unit 9 My Pet Dog	Science: Observe and compare similarities in the appearance of different animals.	panda	zebra	skunk	cow	Comparing sounds double-letter consonant <i>wh</i> , and long vowel <i>o-e</i>
Unit 10 Push or Pull	Science: Compare the difference between two different physical forces.	rope	cart	wagon	scooter	Contrasting sounds double-letter consonant: -sh and -st-
Unit 11 Ready for School	Social Studies: Think about what is necessary to prepare oneself for school.	pencil	book	crayon	scissors	Comparing sounds double-letter consonant <i>wr</i> -, and single-letter consonant <i>r</i> -
Unit 12 Camping Trip	Social Studies: Learn about nature activities.	tent	campfire	marshmallow	flashlight	Comparing sounds long vowel: -ite and -ight
Unit 13 The Music Parade	Music: Learn the names of different instruments.	horn	drum	whistle	cymbal	Contrasting sounds short vowel -y-, and long vowel -y
Unit 14 In the Forest	Science: Learn about different animals that dwell in the forest.	worm	squirrel	butterfly	robin	Comparing sounds short vowel: <i>aw/</i> and <i>all</i>
Unit 15 Wild Animal Safari	Science: Learn about wild animals.	hippo	flamingo	alligator	gorilla	Contrasting sounds single-letter consonant: -g (hard) and -ge (soft)
Unit 16 Let's Play Basketball	Science: Learn about human body parts.	hands	arms	legs	feet	Contrasting sounds single-letter vowel: -ow

