

What's included?

4 short stories

Short Stories	Outer Space	Name:	Date:
JUPITER'S STORM RAIDERS			
The wind howled loudly as it raced past the window, shaking the glass. Below the transparent floor, orange clouds swirled like boiling soup. Kael gripped the control bar of the training shuttle as he and his team rattled above Jupiter. The Storm Raiders was a survival training program for young explorers. Kael had joined two months ago and had seen more of the galaxy than he ever imagined. Their training had taken them throughout the solar system, where they learned skills and practiced important drills to prepare them for outer space exploration missions. This training mission was an exciting one. The Storm Raiders were going to land on Jupiter and collect dust samples to take back to the laboratory for study. It was the first time they were going to land their shuttle and step onto another planet. They had performed simulations back at the training station, but this was the real deal. A bright, pulsing blue light beamed through the orange clouds, letting the Storm Raiders know their instructors had landed safely on Jupiter. They were setting up a base for the trainees to land. "Let's start our descent!" Luma, the team leader called enthusiastically. The trainees cheered, all doing their part to prepare the shuttle to go down to Jupiter. Once all systems were in place, Kael and his teammates buckled themselves into their seats. Then suddenly, a tremendous gust of wind pushed through the skies surrounding Jupiter. The blue lights of the base station flickered rapidly, then disappeared. It was a cloud storm! The orange color intensified, reducing visibility for the Storm Raiders.			

• Story titles (300-400 words each)

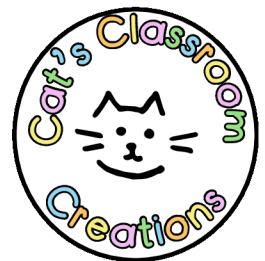
- Mercury Mission: Solar Flare
- Venus Cloud Colony
- Asteroid Outpost Alpha
- Jupiter's Storm Raiders

Comprehension questions

Short Stories	Outer Space	Asteroid Outpost Alpha		
Comprehension Questions				
What challenge does Zara face, and how does she solve it?				
What happened because Zara found the alien structure?				
What qualities make Zara a strong leader?				
Why do you think Zara's speech worked?				
What does "ambassador" mean?				
Main Idea				
What is the main idea of the story? Tick the sentence you think best explains the main idea.				
	Zara uses her knowledge and skills to make change.			
	Zara wants to become a mechanic.			
	Zara likes wearing metal boots when she walks.			
	Zara is a tourist visiting a new destination.			
Theme				
What words best describe the theme of the story? Circle the words you think.				
Power	Trust	Honesty	Bravery	Knowledge

Extension prompts

Short Stories	Outer Space	Venus Cloud Colony	
Summarize the Story			
Who is the main character?			
Describe the setting.			
What is the main problem?			
What is the resolution?			
Write a paragraph summarizing the story.			
Extension Activities			
Design Challenge	Creative Writing	News Article	Code Crack
Design a cloud city in the mountains on Venus.	Continue the story and write about more events after the saboteur was exposed.	Write a news report explaining what happened with Dr Mira Vale in the research station.	Think of the encrypted message Leo found and write it using a picture or number code.



Why you'll love it.



Easy to read short story



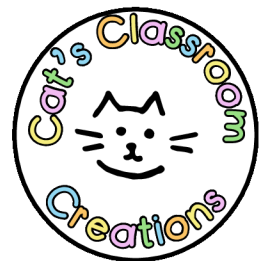
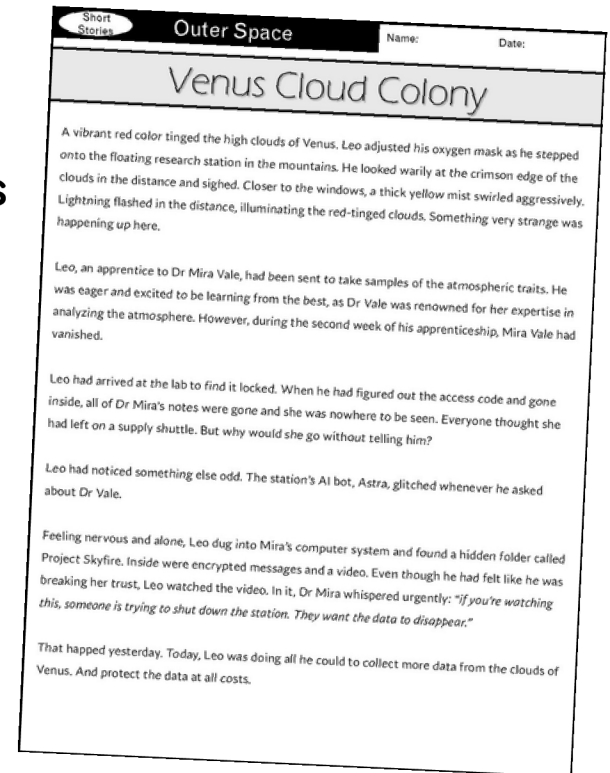
Comprehension questions & activities



Four ready to print stories



Perfect for independent reading

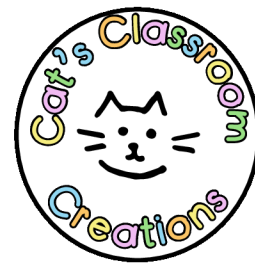


Ways to use this product.

- ✓ Independent reading practice
- ✓ Supplement explicit reading strategies
- ✓ Intervention task
- ✓ Homework activity
- ✓ Small group reading

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Creative Writing	Visual Thinking	Persuasive Writing	Alternate Ending		
Write about the contest from the perspective of another contestant. Make up the colony where they are from.	Design a badge for the Alliance of the Moons, including interesting symbols.	Write a full length version of Zara's speech, convincing the council to change the contest structure.	Write a different ending of the story where the alien structure isn't deactivated and the contest is rigged.		

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Visual Drawing	Diary Entry	STEM Design	Creative Writing		
Draw a picture of what Jupiter and the sky looks like from the training shuttle.	Write a reflective diary entry from Kael's perspective after the mission has ended.	Design and build a replica of the Storm Raider's training shuttle.	Write a prequel to the story based on the Storm Raiders' training sessions.		



Teach reading!

Engage students in reading comprehension.

Help students find evidence in the text on each page.

Make reading comprehension feel achievable.

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The story continued.		
The trainees looked around the shuttle, panic spreading across their faces. "Let's follow protocol," Luma instructed, keeping her voice steady despite her fear. The cloud storm was coming in fast with swirling vortexes of wind gusts approaching. Thinking quickly, Kael pulled up the pressure maps on his watch and projected them onto the main screen of the shuttle. "Great idea!" His teammate sitting next to him said with a sigh of relief. The Storm Raiders quickly worked together to study the pressure systems in real time. "We need to fly around it!" "Let's redirect the ship." "Re-routing commencing now." Together, the Storm Raiders redirected the ship's path to avoid the ongoing vortexes of the cloud storm. They veered away in a wide arc successfully, and Kael's eyes widened as he saw the raging winds surge past the windows. Everyone in the shuttle drew a deep breath as they realized what they had narrowly avoided. "Wow!" Luma exclaimed once they were safely descending. "Thanks for pulling up the maps."		

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Comprehension Questions				
What mystery does Leo solve in the story?				
What actions show that Leo is clever and brave?				
What caused Dr. Vale to disappear? What effect did it have on Leo?				
What does "encrypted" mean in the context of this story?				
Why did Dr. Vale trust Leo to help her?				
Main Idea				
What is the main idea of the story? Tick the sentence you think best explains the main idea.				
	Venus has many clouds and mountains.			
	It is important to pay attention to hidden details.			
	Don't trust everyone at the lab.			
	The atmosphere had mist and clouds.			
Theme				
What words best describe the theme of the story? Circle the words you think.				
Research	Holidays	Data	Trust	Relaxing

