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## Grandpa <br> Book Unit



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This packet contains graphic organizers for an interactive notebook and game activities covering vocabulary, comprehension, constructive response writing, and skill practice. I hope your students enjoy a book study using the engaging method of using interactive notebooks.


# The War with Grandpa 

By Robert Kimmel Smith

Genre ~ Fiction
Interest Level ~ Grades 3 - 5
Grade level Equivalent: 4.5
Lexile Measure ${ }^{\circledR}$ : 640L
Soon to be a major motion picture!
Robert De Niro's 'War with Grandpa' is set to be released on October 21, 2017.

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| Read | Vocabula <br> Vocabulary | List <br> Booklet | Comprehension Quiz | Constructive Response Question | Skill Practice |
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| Chapters 1-3 | billboard Venetian blind | Page 1 | Chapters 1-3 | Point of View | Stringy and Run-on Sentences Organizer |
| Chapters 4-6 | ledger attitude | Page 2 | Chapters 4-6 | Course of Action | Stringy and Run-on Sentences Practice |
| Chapters 7-9 | illustrate pirouettes | Page 3 | Chapters 7-9 | Figurative Language | Sentence vs. Fragment \& Clauses Organizers |
| Chapters 10-12 | by my lonesome tyranny | Page 4 | Chapters 10-12 | Setting | Correcting <br> Sentences Practice |
| Chapters 13-15 | revolutionary declaration | Page 5 | Chapters 13-15 | Summarizing | Homophones/ Homographs Organizer |
| Chapters 16-18 | strategy digital | Page 6 | Chapters 16-18 | Problem and Solution Chain | Homophones/ Homographs Games |
| Chapters 19-21 | truce psychological | Page 7 | Chapters 19-21 | Character Traits of Peter, Billy, and Steve | Comma Rules Graffiti Notes |
| Chapters 22-24 | meander campaign | Page 8 | Chapters 22-24 | Comparing Characters | Comma Rules Practice |
| Chapters 25-27 | pizzazz asterisks | Page 9 | Chapters 25-27 | Figurative Language | Figurative Language Organizers |
| Chapters 28-30 | miserable diabolical | Page 10 | Chapters 28-30 | Character Traits - <br> Grandpa | Figurative Language Response Cards |
| Chapters 31-33 | garment retaliate | Page 11 | Chapters 31-33 | Cause and Effect <br> Theme | Context Clues Organizer |
| Chapters 34-37 | translate moonlight | Page 12 | Chapters 34-37 | Plot Development | Context Clues Task Cards |
|  | Vocabulary Test |  |  |  |  |

# How to Use this Resource for 

## Teaching Vocabulary

The following items are available to aid in teaching vocabulary:

- A Suggested Vocabulary Teaching Method - I have included the method that I use to teach vocabulary. I have used this method with $3^{\text {rd }}, 4^{\text {th }}, 5^{\text {th }}$, and $6^{\text {th }}$ graders with success. There are many other successful methods. If your class is struggling to learn new vocabulary words, you may wish to give this method a try. If you have a different method that is successful, you probably will not want to change.
- A Vocabulary List with Two Words from Each Chapter - This list contains the words, definitions, several synonyms for each word, the part of speech as the word is used in the chapter, and the sentences from the text which include the words. In some cases, I have included several sentences to aid students in determining the meaning of the word.
- Vocabulary Bookmarks - These bookmarks contain the complete vocabulary list. I have included both colored and blackline versions. I have found these bookmarks are extremely helpful for students who have been absent. Students may use the list to help catch up missing vocabulary words. The bookmark list also aids students who lose vocabulary cards.
- Word Cards - In my classroom, I use the printable word cards on a word wall. I change the word wall with each unit. I use index cards for students to make response cards. If you are not limited in the number of copies you use, you may wish to print these cards onto cardstock for students to use in place of the index cards. The bold typed words are easy to read whereas some student writing is extremely difficult. You may also wish to use the printable cards to differentiate instruction.
- Vocabulary Storage Pocket - This pocket is intended for the vocabulary response cards. It will hold either the printable cards or the index cards.
- Vocabulary Practice Book - This book contains a half page daily practice with each pair of vocabulary words. At the end of each five day period, you will find a half page review of all words up to the review point.
- Matching Vocabulary Test
View this free four minute video for more information on using the vocabulary materials in this unit.


## Vocabulary List

## Chapter 1 ~ Peter's Strokes's True and Real Story

billboard (noun) - a large sign for advertisements that is next to a road, on the side of a building, etc.
synonyms: ad, announcement, poster, commercial, sign, display, public notice
p. 3 ~ Jennifer was wearing a Pac-Man cap, her Superman T-shirt, a jeans belt that said JEANS on it, and sneakers that said LEFT and RIGHT on the toes. She looked like a walking billboard.

## Chapter 3 ~ A Room without Gloom

Venetian blind (noun) - a covering for a window made of strips of wood, plastic, or metal that can be turned to block out or let in light
synonyms: shade, screen, canopy, roller blind
pp. 9-10 ~ I know how my room is in the morning, when the sun peeps over the roof of the Murphy house behind ours and comes through my Venetian blinds.

## Chapter 4 ~ The Deadly Dinner

ledger (noun) - a book that a company uses to record information about the money it has paid and received
synonyms: account book, record book, register, archive, journal
p. 12 ~ Now, after telling you all that, I have to be truthful and say I don't know what Dad does exactly. Except he uses a calculator and some big books called ledgers a lot.

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Chapter 5 ~ Sad and Blue as the Sky
attitude (noun) - a way of thinking and behaving that people regard as unfriendly, rude, etc.
synonyms:
approach, outlook, manner, position, mindset, opinion, viewpoint, thought
p. 19 ~ "If you have that attitude, you will hate it," Dad said. "Give it a chance, Peter."

## Vocabulary Practice Booklet

This unit contains a 12 page vocabulary practice booklet with 24 focus words. See a sample on the next page. Following the sample page is the answer key.

~ Page 8 © Gay Miller ~

## Chapters 34-37 [translate and moonlight]

Read these definitions of translate.
a. to change words from one language into another language
b. to explain (something) in a way that is easier to understand
c. to have the same meaning
d. to change (something) into a different form

Determine which definition is used in each of the sentences below. Write $a, b, c$, or $d$ in the blanks to show your answer.

1. $\qquad$ The play translated extremely well to a motion picture.
2. The students speak Spanish. Will you translate what they are saying?
3. ___ Twenty-six point nine percent of Americans are 19 years or younger; this translates to approximately 61,400,000 people.
4. $\qquad$ Can you translate these computer terms for me?
5. $\qquad$ This book has been translated into 40 different languages.
6. Circle the phrases that mean moonlighting.

| do two jobs | love what you do |
| :--- | :--- |
| do work on the side | burn the midnight oil |
| have a night job | a jungle gym |

have a night job
a jungle gym

## Chapters 1-3 [billboard and Venetian blind]

1. Circle five words in the box that are synonyms or closely related to the word billboard.

| announcement | sign |
| :--- | :--- |
| profit-making | song |
| magazine spread | commercial |
| television infomercial | public notice |
| radio spot | advertisement |

2. Venetian means $\qquad$
3. Why must Venetian blind be capitalized?
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4. Draw a picture of a Venetian blind.


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2. Venetian means $\qquad$ coming from Venice (a city in Italy)
$\qquad$ .
3. Why must Venetian blind be capitalized?

Venetian blinds were originally made in Venice, Italy in the late 1700 s . Because the names of cities are proper nouns, the word Venetian must be capitalized.
4. Draw a picture of a Venetian blind.


## Comprehension

This section contains a one page printable comprehension practice for each reading selection. The chart below is the key to the types of questions for the comprehension questions. The section also contains constructive response exercises. The constructive response pages that are chapter specific list the chapters they should be used with. If chapter numbers are no $\dagger$ listed the questions are flexible and may be used at different points in the story.

Types of Questions Key
detail / inference
main idea /
summarizing / theme
character/ setting /
plot / events
word meaning /
figurative language
text structure
point of view
different forms of the
same story
compare and contrast

## Option 1

Have students use the graphic organizer for notes. Notice the notes are not in complete sentences. Glue the organizer to the left side of the notebook page. On the right side of the notebook, students use the notes to write the details in paragraph form.


## Common Core State Standards Reading: Literature

## 3rd Grade

## Point of View

Course of Action
Figurative Language
Setting
Summarizing
Problem and Solution Chain
Character Traits of Peter, Billy, and Steve
Comparing Characters
Figurative Language [2 Choices]
Character Traits - Grandpa
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## Common Core State Standards Reading: Literature

## $5^{\text {th }}$ <br> Grade

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Theme
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## The War with Grandpa ~ Chapters 1-3

1. The main idea of Chapters $1-3$ is ---.
a. Jennifer shares her secret with Peter.
b. Peter has spent his entire life in one room, and he doesn't want to give it up.
c. Peter is writing the story of how his grandpa came to live in his house taking over his room.
d. Jennifer wants Peter's story to have PacMan and Wonder Woman in it.

Read this passage from Chapter 3.
I know how my room is in the morning, when the sun peeps over the roof of the Murphy house behind ours and comes through my Venetian blinds.
Which type of figurative language is used?
a. metaphor
b. personification
c. alliteration
d. simile
5. Read this passage from Chapter 1.

I am typing it out on paper without lines on my dad's typewriter because Mrs. Klein, she's my 5th grade English teacher, said that we should write a story about something important that happened to us and to tell it"true and real" and put in words that people said if we can remember and to put quote marks around them and everything.

What does quote most likely mean in this sentence?
a. to tell someone the price at which something can be bought
b. to say a short line from a writing
c. to mention an example
d. something that a person says
2. How does the reader know The War with Grandpa is told in $1^{\text {st }}$ person point of view?
a. The narrator uses pronouns like I, me, and my.
b. Only the thoughts of Jennifer are told.
c. The narrator uses pronouns like he, she, it, and they.
d. The narrator tells the story to another character using the word 'you.'
4. Which word best describes Jennifer?
a. uninterested
b. impolite
c. Ionely
d. gossip

6. Match each cause to its effect.

Grandpa
___ Jennifer hears Mom talking to Dad.
__ Grandpa has a hurt leg.

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d) Jennifer
knows Grandpa is going to stay in Peter's room.
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b) Peter will have to live on the third floor.
c) Grandpa moves in with the Stokes.
d) Jennifer knows Grandpa is going to stay in Peter's room.
7. Name two ways Peter and Jennifer are different and two ways they are alike.

| Different | Alike |
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| Peter must give up his room when Grandpa <br> comes. | They both enjoy Grandpa's visits. |
| Peter is 10 years old and in $5^{\text {th }}$ grade. He <br> likes baseball. <br> Jennifer is younger. She loves horses, super <br> heroes, and secrets. | Both Peter and Jennifer are siblings. |

## Constructive Response - Point of View

After answering the following questions about point of view, write a response in paragraph form.

From which point of view is the story told? What is the narrator's perspective?

How does the narrator's point of view change how the events are being described?

How does the narrator's point of view influence how the events are described?

Why do you think the narrator described the
events the way he did?

How would the story change if a different
character was the narrator?

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.6 Distinguish their own point of view from that of the narrator or those of the characters. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.4.6 Compare and contrast the point of view from which different stories are narrated, including the difference between first- and third-person narrations.
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-1st Person Point of View

How does the narrator's point of view influence how the events are described?

- Since the story is told from the perspective of a 10 year old's written narrative, many grammar errors are included. This gives the story authenticity.

Why do you think the narrator described the events the way she did?
-The reader becomes strongly connected to Peter. The reader empathizes with his struggles as his grandpa takes over his room.

How would the story change if a different character was the narrator?
-The reader would not form a close bond to Peter if the story were told in third person. The reader would not have as good an understanding of this character.

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Author, Robert Kimmel Smith, decided to tell the story in The War with Grandpa from an unusual perspective. In the first chapter, the main character, Peter, is asked to write a story by his English teacher. The rest of the book is the story Peter has written.

To make the book feel like it was written by a fifth grader, it includes grammar and spelling mistakes. Many of the language arts lessons will focus on the mistakes Peter made while writing.
Day 1 Problems \#1-2 ~ Stringy and Run-on Sentences Organizer
Day 2 Problems \#1-2 ~ Stringy and Run-on Sentences Practice
Day 3 Problem \#3 ~ Sentence vs. Fragment \& Clauses Organizers
Day 4 Problem \#3 ~ Correcting Sentences Practice
Day 5 Problem \#4 ~ Homophones/Homographs - Organizer
Day 6 Problem \#4 ~ Homophones/Homographs - Games
Day 7 Problem \#5 ~ Comma Rules - Graffiti Notes
Day 8 Problem \#5 ~ Comma Rules - Practice
Day 8 Figurative Language Organizers
Day 10 Figurative Language Response Cards
Day 11 Context Clues - Organizer
Day 12 Context Clues - Task Cards

## Common Core Alignment




## Sentence Fragments

Three versions of these organizers are provided depending on the needs of your students.

* Students will write definitions and examples.
* Students fill in key words in the definitions and write examples.
* The third copy of the organizer may be used as an answer key, for differentiated instruction, for students who were absent during instruction, or if you wish for the students to have the sentences already completed.


## Instructions:

1) Simply copy the organizer onto colored paper.
2) Trim the outer edges so the organizer will fit into interactive notebooks.
3) Have students fold the organizer on the dotted lines and cut on the solid line between the words so the organizers open with two flaps.

Fragments vs. Sentence
Dependent vs. Independent Clauses
(Note: Just two versions of this organizer are provided.)

## Sentence Fragment <br> Sentence

## Fragment vs. Sentence

## Homophones and Homographs

Three versions of this organizer are provided depending on the needs of your students.

* Version \#1 ~ Students will write definitions and examples.
* Version \#2 ~ Students fill in key words in the definitions and write examples.
* Version \#3 ~ The third copy of the organizer may be used as an answer key, for differentiated instruction, for students who were absent during instruction, or if you wish for the students to have the sentences already completed.


## Two Flap Flip

1) Print the organizer onto colored paper.
2) Students will fill in the missing information in the blank spaces.
3) Trim around the four edges on the lines indicated.
4) Fold the page in half vertically so that the title "Homonyms, Homophones, Homographs, \& Heteronyms" will show.
5) Cut on the lines indicated on the inside of the organizer, up to the fold so that the organizer opens with two flaps.


## Homophones and Homographs

## Setting Up the Game for Play

This game may be played with two to four players.

## The Object of the Game

to be the last person to cover a sentence in the center of the game board

## Rules for Playing

1. Roll a die or spin a spinner to determine which player goes first.
2. When it is a player's turn, s/he rolls the die and moves the indicated number of spaces. The player then reads the word. If there is a sentence that uses the same meaning of the word in the center of the game, the player covers the sentence with a marker. If the sentence is already covered $\mathbf{O R}$ if the sentence uses a different meaning of the word, the player simply does nothing until his/her next turn.
3. If a player lands on a "Free Space," s/he may cover any sentence.
4. Play continues until all the sentences in the center of the game board are covered. The person to cover the last sentence is the winner.


## Comma Rules

Review clauses using the organizer provided for Day \#3 before beginning this lesson.
Having students draw and color notes (a left brain activity) while learning facts (a right brain activity) promotes active learning since both sides of the brain are active. The improved communication helps students focus and retain information. In several of my units, I have created resource pages based on this idea. I call these resource pages "Graffiti Notes." If you have students cut away the borders, these will fit nicely into an interactive notebook for reference.

Following each printable, an answer key is provided. As with the foldable organizers the answer keys may be used as a sample for students to follow, for differentiated instructions, or for students who were absent.

Here is what is provided:

- Coordinating Conjunctions
- Subordinating Conjunctions
- Prepositional Phrases



## Figurative Language Common Core Alignment

| $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ Grade | $4^{\text {th }}$ Grade | $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade |
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|  |  | CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.5.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative language such as metaphors and similes. |
| CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L. 3.5 <br> Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships and nuances in word meanings. | CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.5 <br> Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. | CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.5.5 <br> Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. |
| CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.5.A <br> Distinguish the literal and nonliteral meanings of words and phrases in context (e.g., take steps). | CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.5.A <br> Explain the meaning of simple similes and metaphors (e.g., as pretty as a picture) in context. | CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.5.5a <br> Interpret figurative language, including similes and metaphors, in context. |
|  | CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.5.B Recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms, adages, and proverbs. | CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.5.5.b Recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms, adages, and proverbs. |

Three versions of the organizer are offered:
Version \#1 - one with blanks for students to write the definitions and samples
Version \#2 - one with key words missing from the definitions ~ Students write samples

Version \#3 - one with the answers provided ~ The third copy of the organizer may be used as an answer key, for differentiated instruction, for students who were absent during instruction, or if you wish for the students to have the organizer already completed.


## Context Clues Common Core Alignment

| $3^{\text {rd }}$ Grade | $4^{\text {th }}$ Grade | $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade |
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| CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.4.A <br> Use sentence-level context as a <br> clue to the meaning of a word <br> or phrase. | CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.4.A <br> Use context (e.g., definitions, <br> examples, or restatements in <br> text) as a clue to the meaning <br> of a word or phrase. | CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.5.4.a <br> Use context (e.g., cause/effect <br> relationships and comparisons in text) <br> as a clue to the meaning of a word or <br> phrase. |
|  |  | CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.5.5.c <br> Use the relationship between <br> particular words (e.g., synonyms, <br> antonyms, homographs) to better <br> understand each of the words. |

## Context Clues Organizers

Three organizers are offered. The first contains 4 context clue types, the second contains $\mathbf{6}$ context clue types, and the third contains 8 context clues types.

The organizers come in three versions:

- The first has lines where students write definitions and sample sentences.
- The second copy of the organizer includes the definitions with key words missing for students to fill in. Students must also write definitions and sample sentences.
- The third copy is completed. It may be used as an answer key, as a sample for students to follow, for differentiated instructions, or for students who were absent.


## Instructions for Making the Organizer

1) Print the organizer on colored paper.
2) Have students trim around the four sides of the organizer on the bold lines.
3) Fold on the dotted lines and cut on the solid lines to form six flaps.
4) After discussing the types of context clues, have students write a definition and a sample sentence for each type on the lines provided.


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