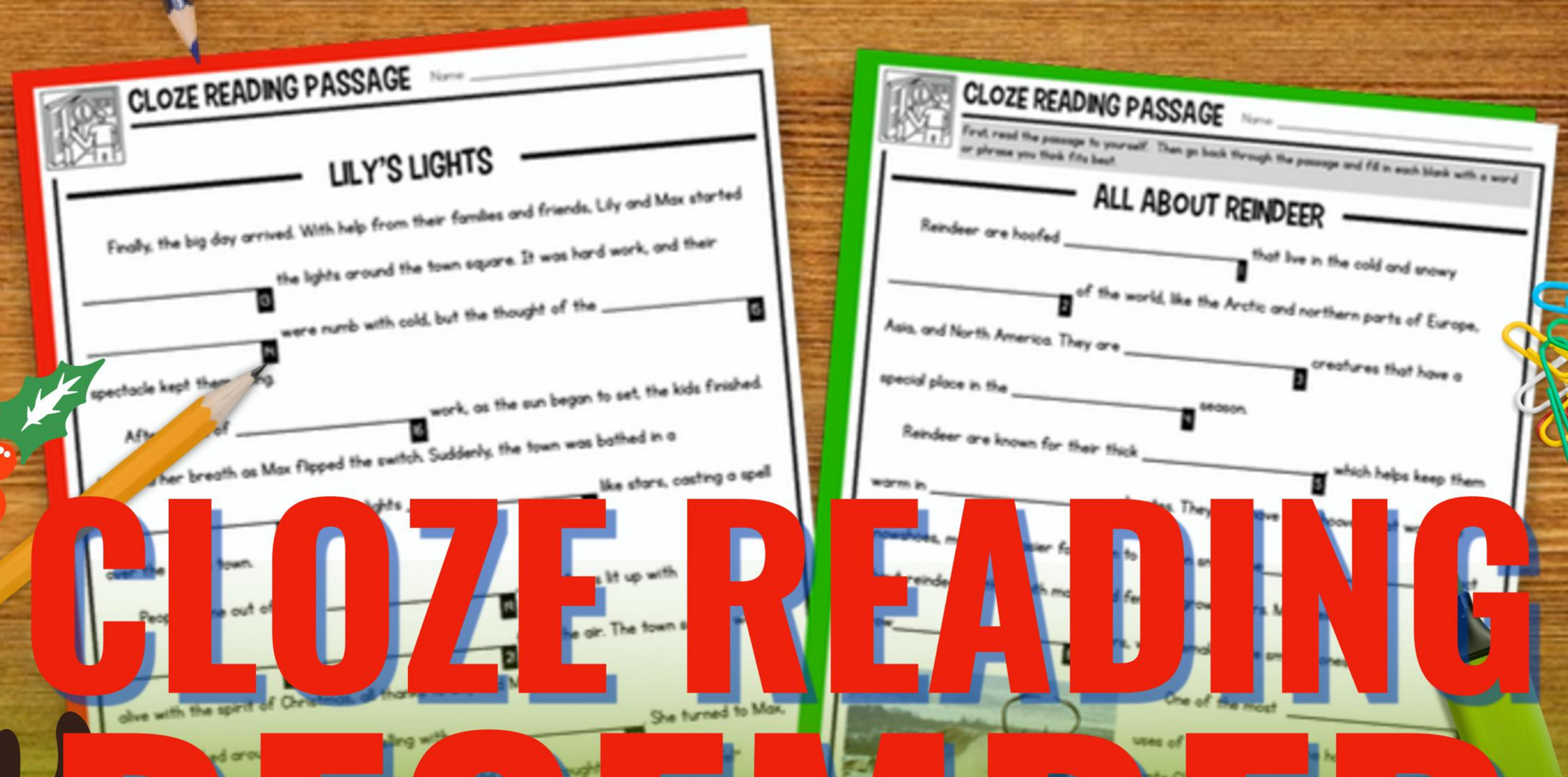
DEVELOP VOCABULARY & COMPREHENSION

GRADES 3–5



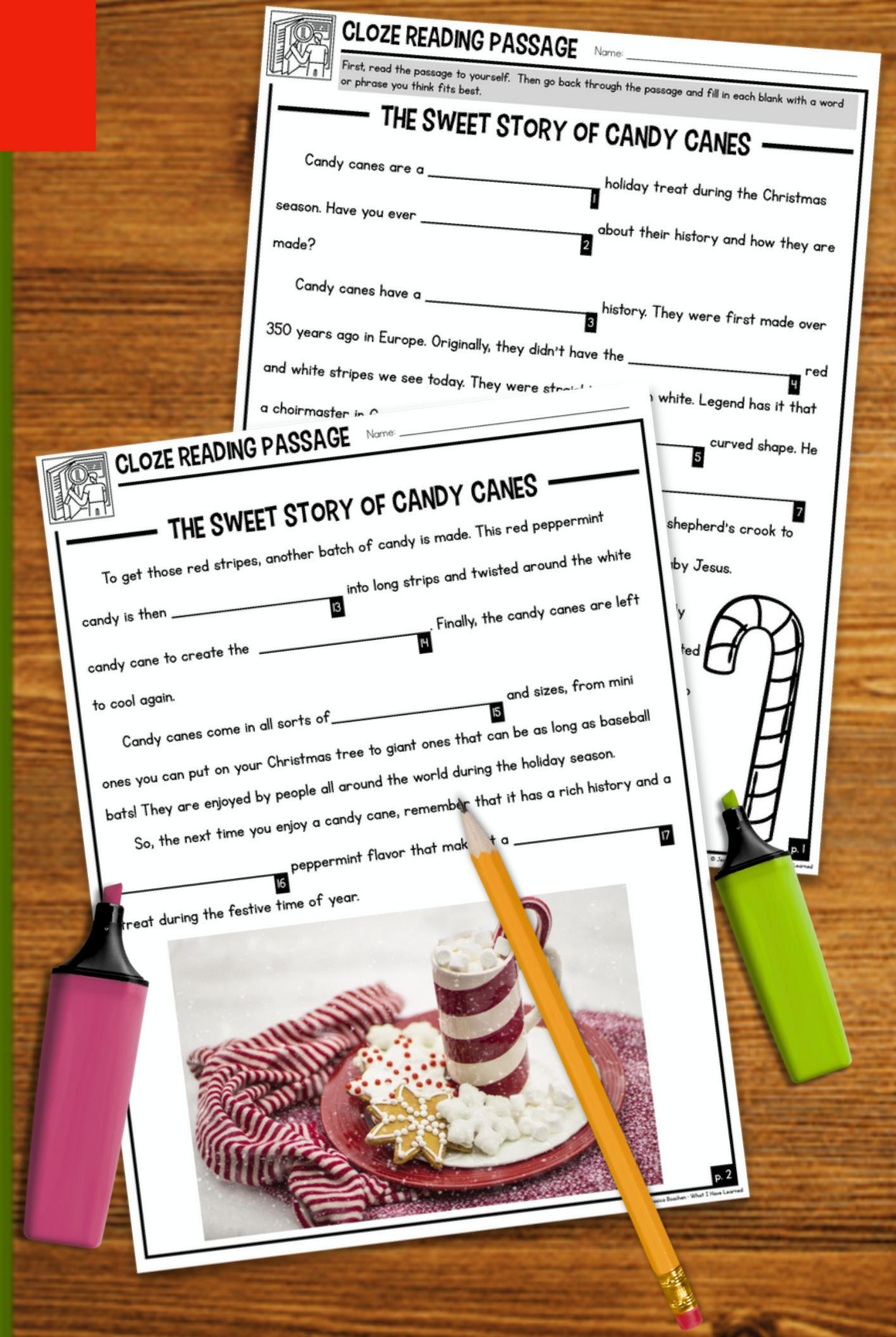
CLOZE READING DECEMBER

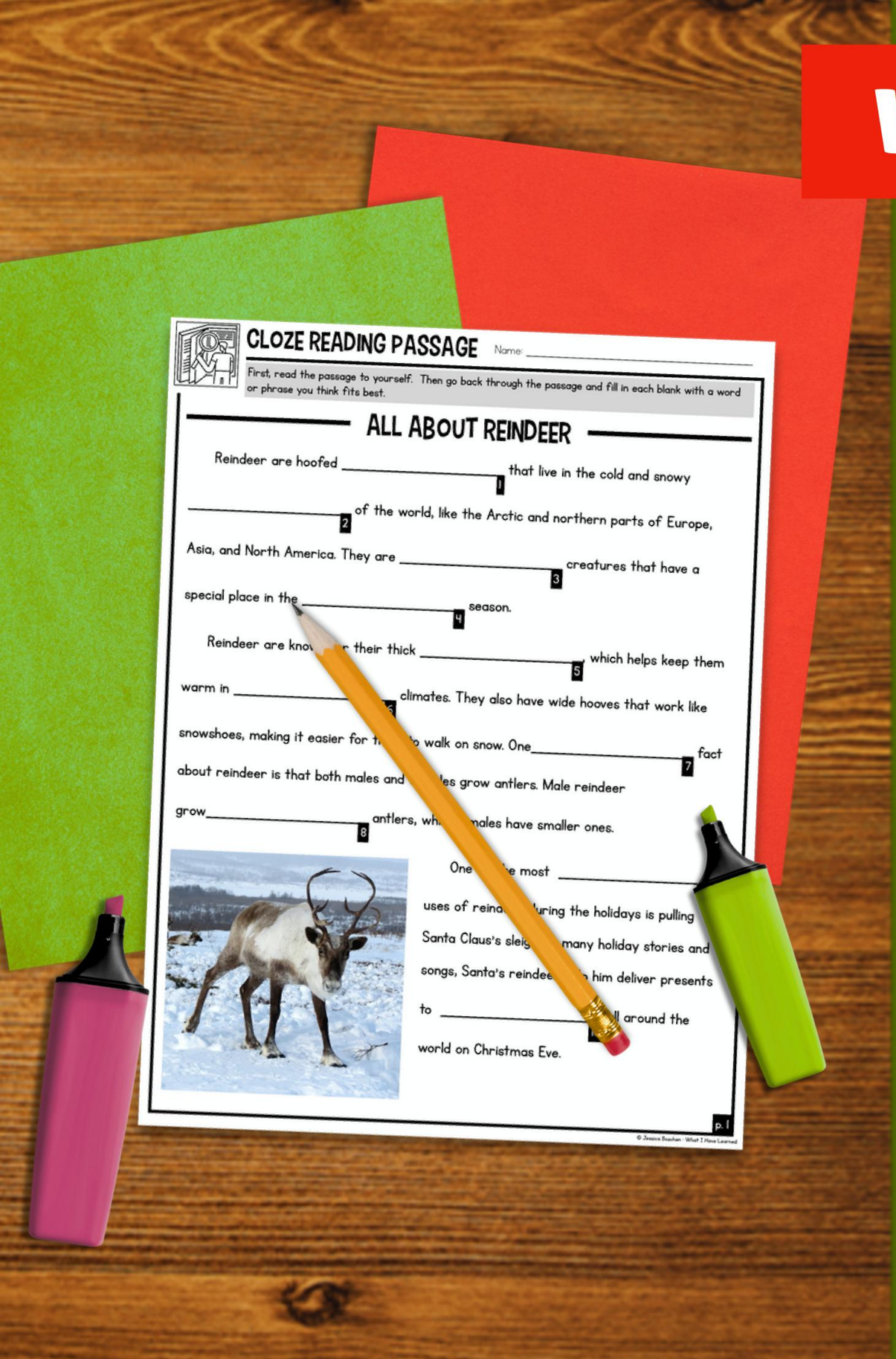
KEEP SCROLLING TO SEE WHAT'S INSIDE!

WHAT IS CLOZE READING?

Cloze reading is a **fill-in-the-blank activity** that challenges students to **think deeper**.

Words are **removed from a passage**, and students must use **context clues** and **grammar** to choose the best answer.





WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- 5 December Reading Passages
- Reflection Sheet
- Suggested Words for the blanks
- Teacher Directions

CLOZE READING PASSAGES

CLOZE READING PASSAGE Name: _____

LILY'S LIGHTS

Finally, the big day arrived. With help from their families and friends, Lily and Max started _____ (13) the lights around the town square. It was hard work, and their _____ (14) were numb with cold, but the thought of the _____ (15) spectacle kept them going.

After hours of _____ (16) work, as the sun began to set, the kids finished. Lily held her breath as Max flipped the switch. Suddenly, the town was bathed in a _____ (17) glow. The lights _____ (18) like stars, casting a spell over the entire town.

People came out of their _____ (19), their faces lit up with _____ (20) _____ (21). filled the air. The town square was alive with the spirit of Christmas, all thanks to Lily and Max.

Lily looked around, her heart swelling with _____ (22). She turned to Max, who was grinning from ear to ear, and said, "We did it! We brought a fairy tale to life!"

That night, as she fell asleep under the twinkling lights, her _____ (23) filled

CLOZE READING PASSAGE Name: _____

First, read the passage to yourself. Then go back through the passage and fill in each blank with a word or phrase you think fits best.

ALL ABOUT REINDEER

Reindeer are hoofed _____ (1) that live in the cold and snowy _____ (2) of the world, like the Arctic and northern parts of Europe, Asia, and North America. They are _____ (3) creatures that have a special place in the _____ (4) season.

Reindeer are known for their thick _____ (5) which helps keep them warm in _____ (6) climates. They also have wide hooves that work like snowshoes, making it easier for them to walk on snow. One _____ (7) fact about reindeer is that both males and females grow antlers. Male reindeer grow _____ (8) antlers, while females have smaller ones.



One of the most _____ (9) uses of reindeer during the holidays is pulling Santa Claus's sleigh. I

CLOZE READING REFLECTION

Answer the following questions to reflect on the Cloze Reading activity.

1. Did you choose the same words as your partner or small group? Why do you think there were differences in the words you chose?

2. Did you [c]hange any of the words you originally wrote down? Why did you choose to change som[e] those words?

3. How might this activity [h]elp you think differently about the words you choose when writing?

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CATALOGS IN THE MAIL

Have you ever received _____ (1) catalogs in the mail from y[our] favorite stores? Some people think these catalogs are super cool and _____ (2) while others believe they might not be such a great _____ (3). L[et's] take a look at both sides of the _____ (4) and decide for ou[r]selves.

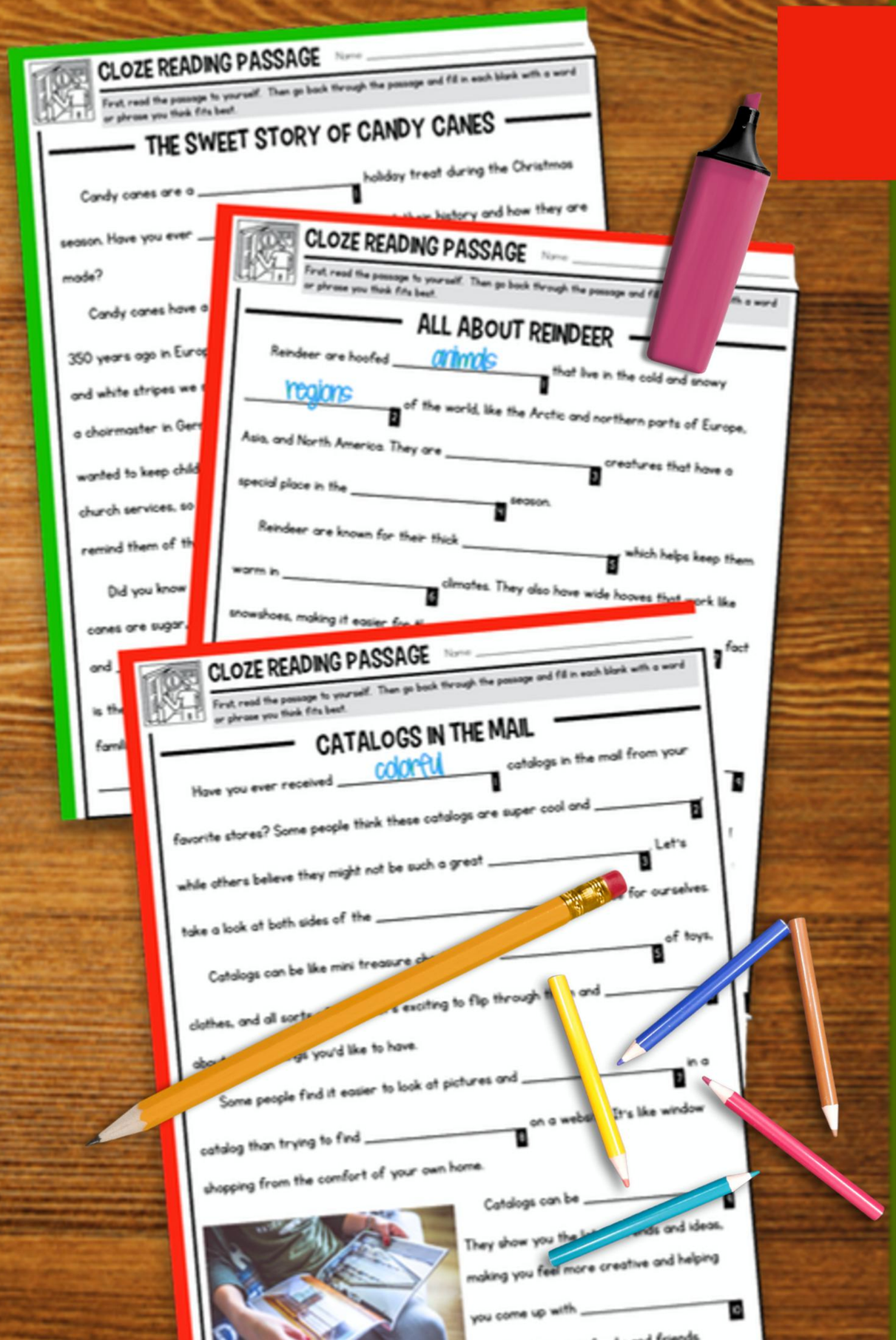
Catalogs can be like mini treasure chests full of _____ (5) clothes, and all sorts of things. It's exciting to flip through them and _____ (6) about all the things you'd like to have.

Some people find it easier to look at pictures and _____ (7) in a catalog than trying to find _____ (8) on a website. It's like window shopping from the comfort of your own home.

Catalogs can be _____ (9). They show you the latest trends and ideas.

DECEMBER TITLES INCLUDE

- **JIMMY'S DRONE**
- **CANDY CANES**
- **REINDEER**
- **CATALOGS IN THE MAIL**
- **LILLY'S LIGHTS**



WAYS TO USE IN THE CLASSROOM

- **Independent Practice –** Students fill in blanks on their own.
- **Partner Work –** Compare and discuss answers in pairs.
- **Small Groups –** Share responses and debate word choices.
- **Whole-Class –** Discuss varied answers together.
- **Language Focus –** Explore grammar, vocabulary, and word meaning.

YOU WILL LOVE THIS BECAUSE



Improves Comprehension

Students actively use context clues and syntax, deepening their reading skills while practicing vocabulary in meaningful, authentic ways.



Encourages Collaboration

Partner and group discussions build communication, critical thinking, and justification of choices, enhancing peer learning opportunities.



Flexible Strategy

Can be used with any passage—fiction, nonfiction, or content-area texts—making it a versatile tool for all subjects.

TEACHERS LOVE IT!

My students enjoyed the activities and loved reading their Passages aloud to their group.

Sonya S.

I really love this resource! It is very helpful in my classroom! thank you! :)

Cheerful Teaching



My passion is making learning accessible to all students. I love scaffolding learning, breaking down the concepts and building them up so that students can see the connections. I love figuring out the small components that build up to the big ideas and helping students see it all.



What I have LEARNED