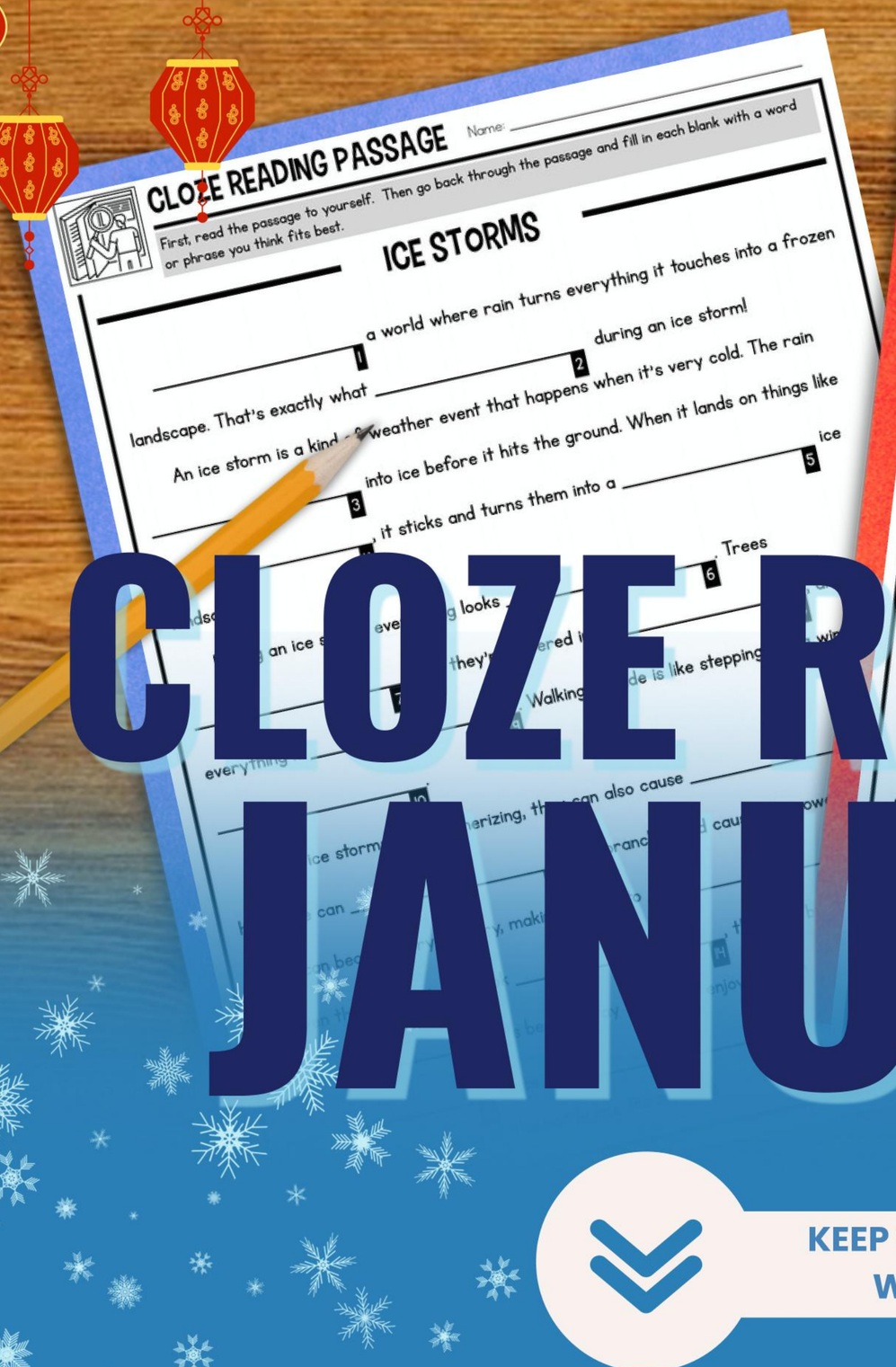
GREAT TO DEVELOP WORD KNOWLEDGE

GRADES 3–5

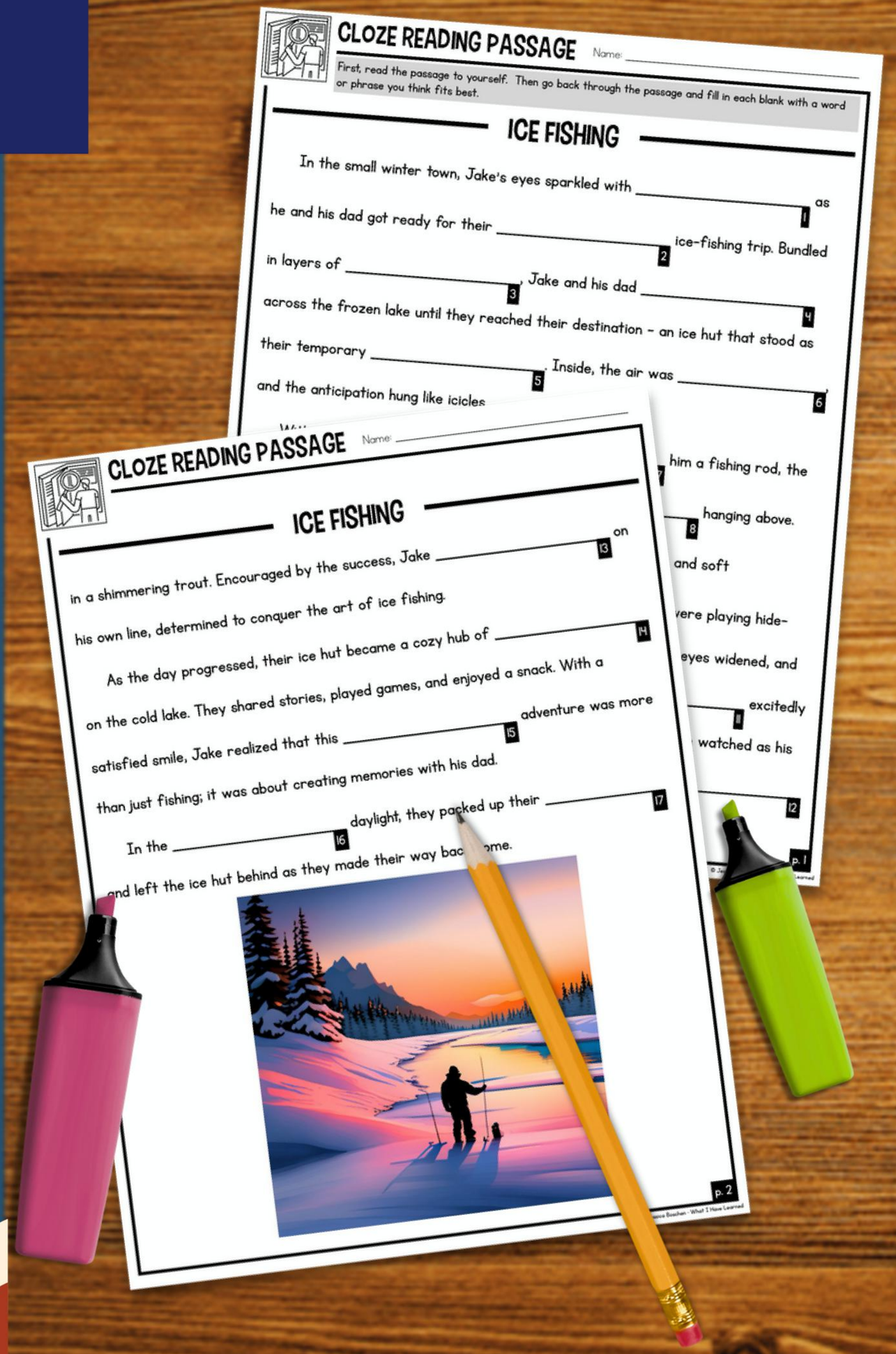


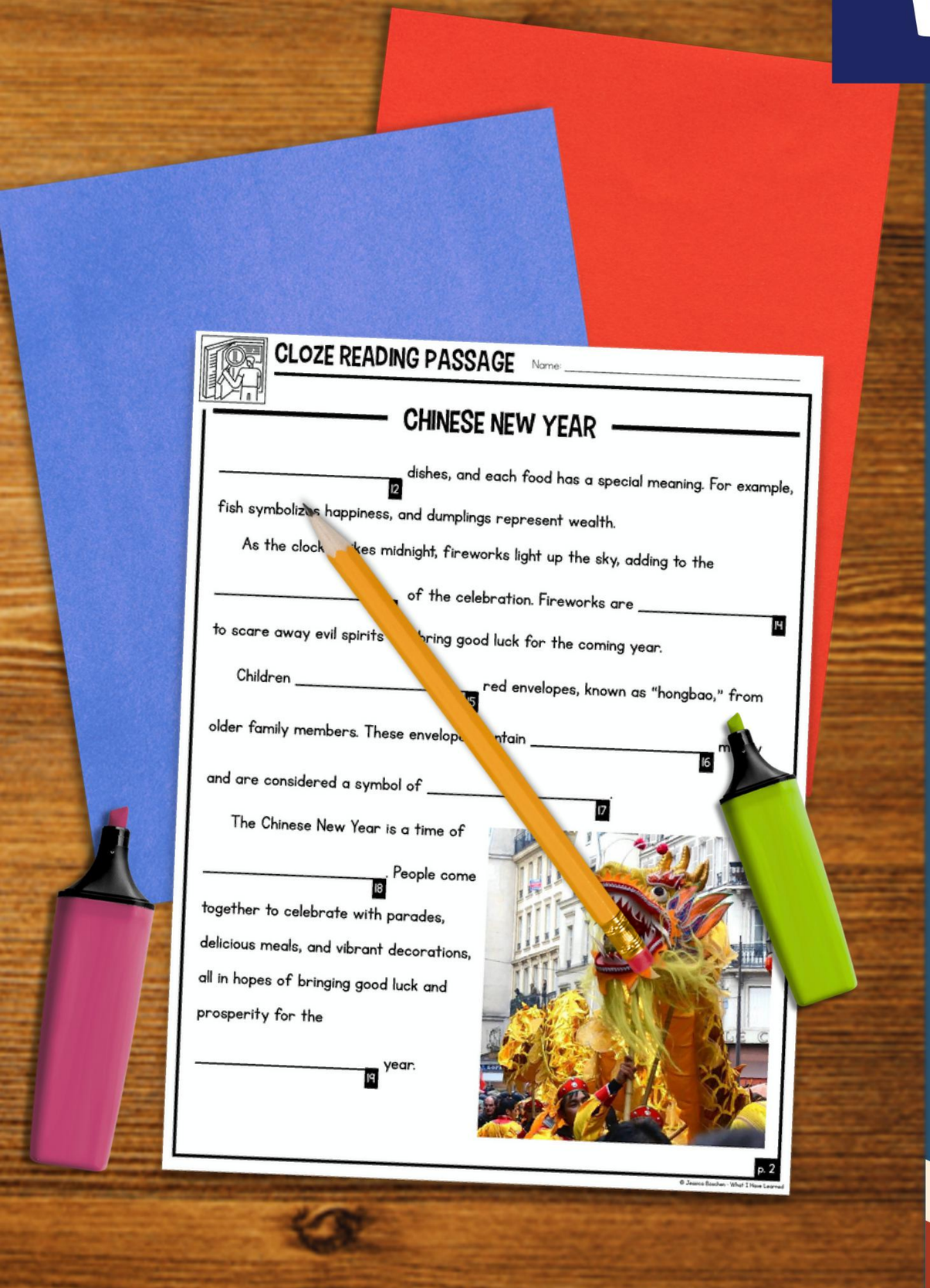
CLOZE READING JANUARY

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

CLOZE READING PASSAGES



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.

ICE STORMS

_____ [1] a world where rain turns everything it touches into a frozen landscape. That's exactly what _____ [2] during an ice storm!

An ice storm is a kind of weather event that happens when it's very cold. The rain _____ [3] into ice before it hits the ground. When it lands on things lik _____ [4], it sticks and turns them into a _____ [5] landscape.

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ICE FISHING

In the small winter town, Jake's eyes sparkled with _____ [1] as he and his dad got ready for their _____ [2] ice-fishing trip. Bundled in layers of _____ [3], Jake and his dad _____ across the frozen lake until they reached their destination – an ice hut t _____ their temporary _____ [5]. Inside, the air was _____ and the anticipation hung like icicles.

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HOW SNOWFLAKES FORM

Under _____ [11] microscope, the diversity of snowflakes becomes apparent. Th _____ [12] ricate patterns are determined by the conditions the snowflake encounters du _____ its journey through the atmosphere. Factors such as temperature, humidity, and ev _____ he presence of other ice crystals affect the _____ the final snowflak

Despite their _____ [13] size, snowflakes are _____ risingly strong. The _____ of a snowflake _____ from a small water drop _____ o a _____ [15] crystal is a reminder of the _____ [16] that exists within the natural _____ d.





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? W there were differences in the words you chose?

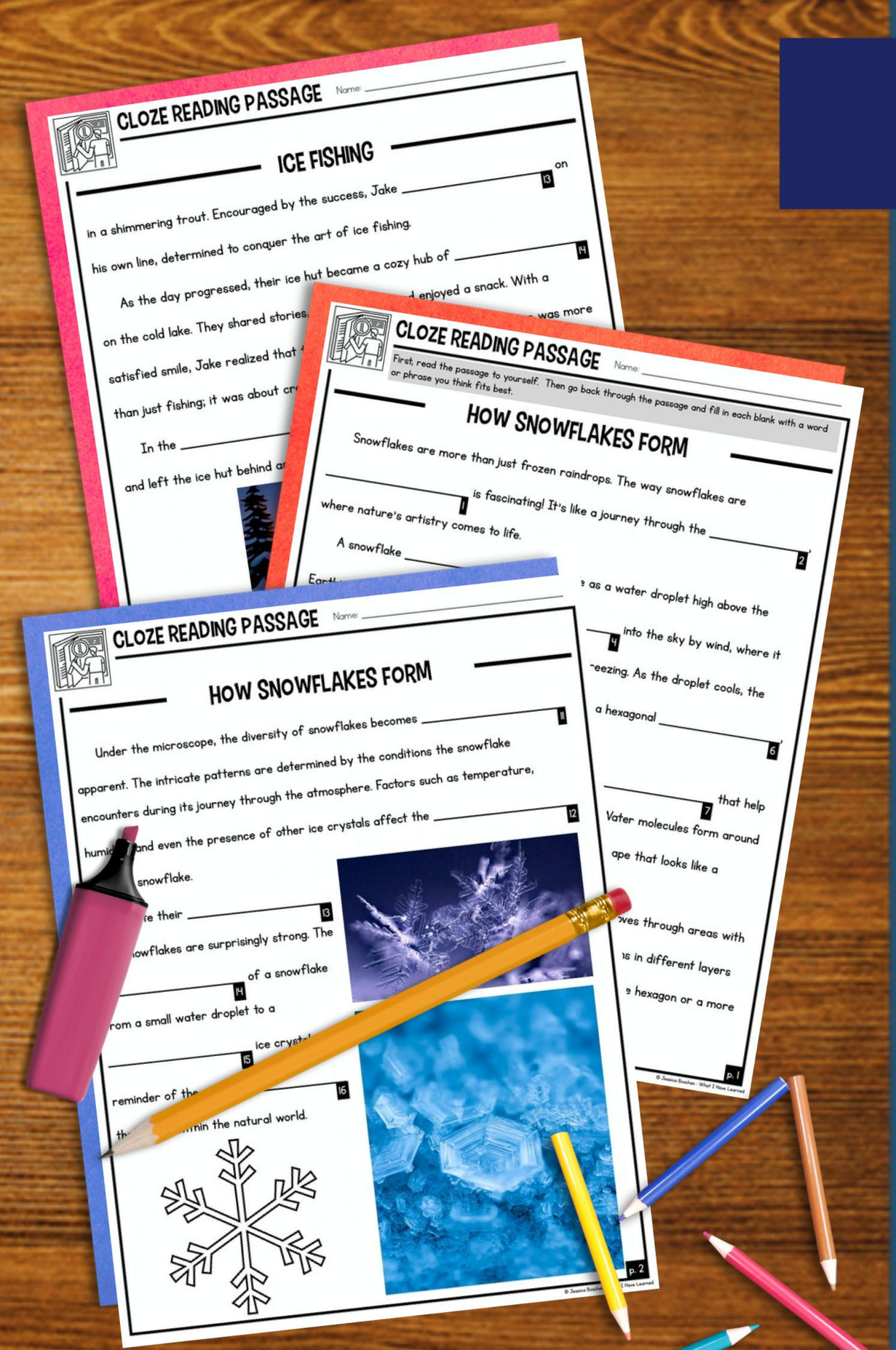
2. Did you change any of the words you originally wrote down? Why did y change some of those words?

3. How might this activity help you think differently about the words you choo writing?

4. What did you learn about vocabulary and grammar from doing this activity?

JANUARY TITLES INCLUDE

- **CHINESE NEW YEAR**
- **ICE STORMS**
- **THE ICY ADVENTURE**
- **ICE FISHING**
- **HOW SNOWFLAKES FORM**



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.



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