ABOUT THIS PACKET

The Close Reading Passages in this packet allow students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

TASK	OVERVIEW
TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK	The Fill in the Blank task has students using context clues to select the correct answer. Certain words are omitted, and students will use the word bank to find the correct answer.
TASK 2: VOCABULARY	This vocabulary activity helps kids understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
TASK 3: CROSSWORD	Students will read the passage searching for answers to the crossword puzzle.
TASK 4: TEXT MARKING	Students will reread the passage again looking for text-marking evidence and annotating the text.
TASK 5: TRUE OR FALSE	Now that students have read the passage several times, they should be able to answer the True or False questions with very little reference back to the reading. This task helps to show overall comprehension of the passage.
TASK 6: SUMMARY	After identifying key vocabulary words, searching for evidence and text-marking, students will fill out the final summary graphic organizer.

GRADE LEVEL	RANGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

TEXT

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TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

Directions: Use the words below to fill in the reading.

tongue	control	brain
awa	feel	spinal
organs	three	miles

The nervous system is responsible for communication between the body and the _____. To pick up a pencil, the brain sends signals to the hands and fingers telling them to grasp it. The brain is in constant communication with the rest of the body, sending signals back and forth about what is happening on the outside and how the body should react.

Each human body system is made up of certain body parts that work with different _____ to complete a job. The nervous system is made up of the brain, _____, and a network of nerve cells (neurons).

There are _____ types of neurons: sensory neurons, motor neurons, and relay neurons. Sensory neurons carry signals toward the brain from the eyes, ears, nose, _____, and skin. Motor neurons carry signals away from the brain to the muscles. Relay neurons allow the sensory and motor neurons to communicate.

The two main types of nerves in the body are motor nerves and sensory nerves. Motor nerves _____ our muscles. The brain and spinal cord use these nerves to send signals to our muscles to move. Sensory nerves are connected to our senses. They send signals to the brain about what is happening in the outside world, such as what we see, _____, taste or hear. Your body can send messages to your brain at speeds of more than 200 _____ per hour!

Sometimes, the body acts before the brain sends any signals. For example, if a person steps on a piece of sharp glass, the body will immediately move the foot _____. These automatic movements are called reflexes and instead of waiting for the brain to receive and send signals, the body acts quickly to stop the pain.

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TASK 2: VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Directions: Choose 5 words from the reading that are unfamiliar or new to you and fill in the diagram below.

WORD	PICTURE	DEFINITION

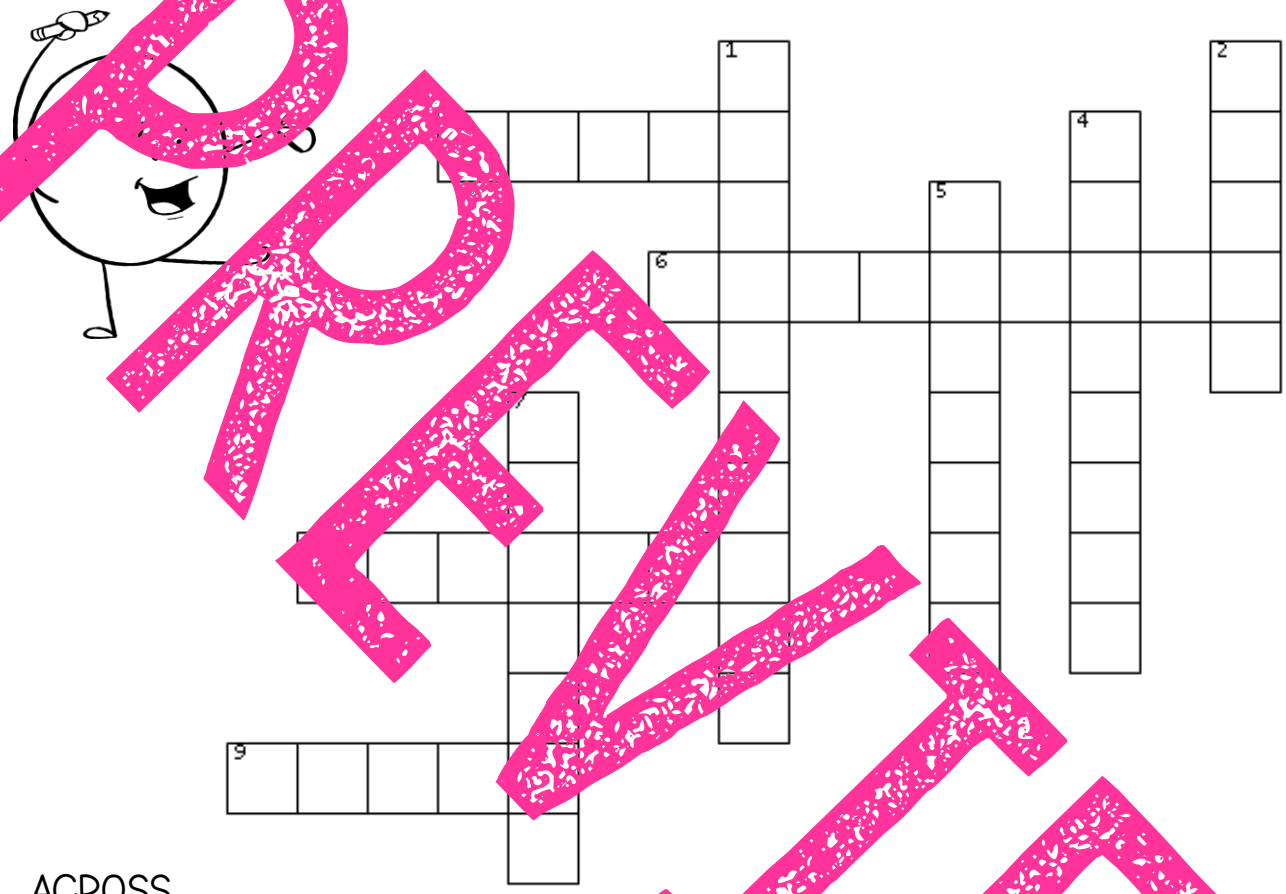
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TASK 3: CROSSWORD

Directions: Complete the crossword puzzle by reading the clues below and entering the correct response.



ACROSS

3. The brain is made up of _____ ma[illegible]s
6. The spinal column is made up of bo[illegible] called _____
8. _____ nerves run directly to the brain
9. _____ neurons carry signals away from th[illegible]ain to the muscles

DOWN

1. The _____ controls posture
2. There are _____ main types of neurons
4. Largest part of the brain
5. The _____ nervous system is the main processing center
7. _____ nerves are connected to our senses



PREVIEW

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TASK 6: SUMMARIZE

TOPIC SENTENCE

SUPPORTING DETAIL

SUPPORTING DETAIL

SUPPORTING DETAIL

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ESCAPE ROOMS

SCAVENGER HUNTS

SPY MYSTERY

TEXT DETECTIVE

SECRET MESSAGES

THINKTIVITY

BREAKOUTS

READING CHALLENGE

INTERACTIVE NOTEBOOK

DIGITAL ESCAPES

DIGITAL BOARD GAME

COLOR BY NUMBER

TASK CARDS GAME

GOOGLE SLIDES

GOOGLE FORMS

PUZZLE STATIONS

BOOM CARDS

BLOG