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1. My mother said I could have a party for my birthday. She said I could choose to go bowling, roller skating or swimming for my party. I wanted to go swimming at the lake, but it was too cold. We went bowling instead.




Where did we go for my party?

2. Anne, Tim, and Angelo are in math class together. They are sitting in the same row. Anne is sitting behind Tim and Tim is sitting behind Angelo.



Who is sitting first in the row?

3. Sally told Anne she got a new pup and it has spots. Anne told David that Sally got a new puppy that is really cute. David told his friend J that Sally has a new puppy.




Who talked about Sally's new puppy?

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28. My dad told me if I cleaned up my room then I can go to the baseball game. After I finished cleaning my room, my friends came to pick me up.




Can I go with my friends?

29. Felicia, Marco, and Chris took their math test today. Marco and Chris finished first and Felicia finished last.



Who finished their math test?

30. My little sister is riding her bike behind me. My mother is riding her bike in front of me.




Where is my mother?

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7. When there is a snowstorm, the school puts notices on TV, and the internet to school is cancelled.




Where can I look to see if school is cancelled?

7. I look on the computer or turn on the TV.




8. John got a present from Mary and Paul got a present from Tom.




Who received the presents?

8. The presents were given to John and Paul.




9. My friend doesn't get home until 6:00. I tried to knock on his door at 4:00 but no one answered.



Why wasn't there an answer?

9. He wasn't home yet. It was too early.



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The cards present target words used in complex sentences that may throw off the meaning for our students who are language learners. I used these cards with my 4th and 5th graders although older students may benefit from their use also.

Words are presented within the context of a short paragraph, two to four sentences in length. A question is then asked targeting a specific word. Words specifically targeted include; neither/nor, either/or, instead, usually, unless, if/then, except, both, after, before, while, when, any, until, during, although. Prepositions such as first, last, between, and middle that indicate a position of individuals are also included.

The download consists of 12 sheets of cards for a total of 36 card sets. The cards are meant to be printed on cardstock. They are 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch by 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in size.

A question card is located beside an answer card. Do not cut the center line and the answer card can be folded behind and glued to the question card. This makes a sturdier card and provides the answer when the card is flipped over. You may also want to separate them for some activities. They make good draw cards for student games..

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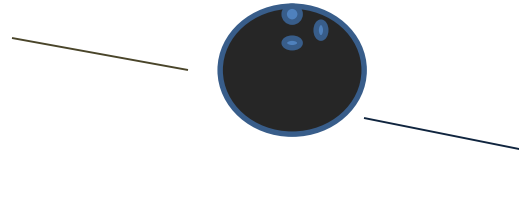


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2.

Anne, Tim, and Angelo are in math class together. They are sitting in the same row. Anne is sitting behind Tim and Tim is sitting behind Angelo.

Anne



Angelo



Tim

Who is sitting first in the row?

2.



Angelo is first in the row.



3.

Sally told Anne she got a new puppy and it has spots. Anne told David that Sally got a new puppy that is really cute. David told his friend Jeff that Sally has a new puppy.



Who talked about Sally's new puppy?

3.



Sally, Sue and David talked about the new puppy.



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4. We were throwing balls in the gym. My teacher told me to throw the basketball or the baseball.



How many balls did I throw?



I threw one ball.



5. Three cars are parked in the parking lot. There is a green one, a blue one, and a red one. All of the cars work except the yellow one.



5. The yellow one isn't working.



6. My little sister is riding her bike behind me. My mother is riding her bike in front of me.



Where am I?



I am between my mother and little sister. I am in the middle.



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