

FREE CANDY CORN READING GAME FOR 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS

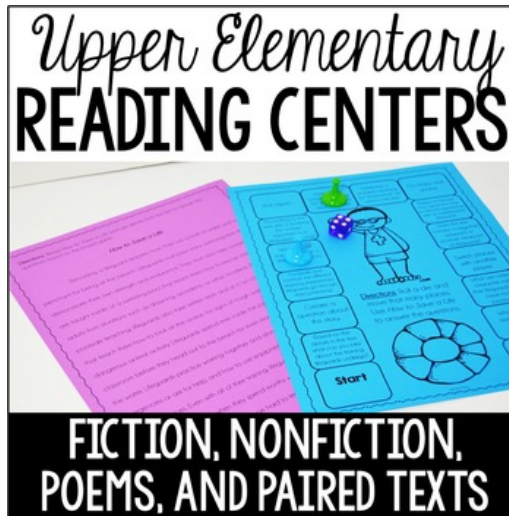


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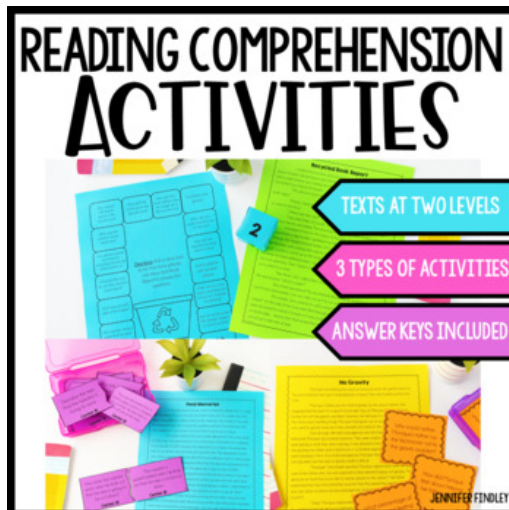
This exclusive free resource includes a nonfiction reading game about candy corn. The text is written at a 4th/5th grade reading level and the questions are general comprehension questions.

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Options for Use

Option 1: Copy the passage, and give the copies to the students at the beginning of the week. Have the students read the passage prior to going to the center. Then when they come to the center, they are ready to play the “game”. The passage could even be read as a whole group, sent home for homework, or read in a small group.

Option 2: This option works well if the students will have a chance to go to the center three times a week. On the first day or two, students will read the passage and discuss it. On the second or third days, the students will “play” the game.

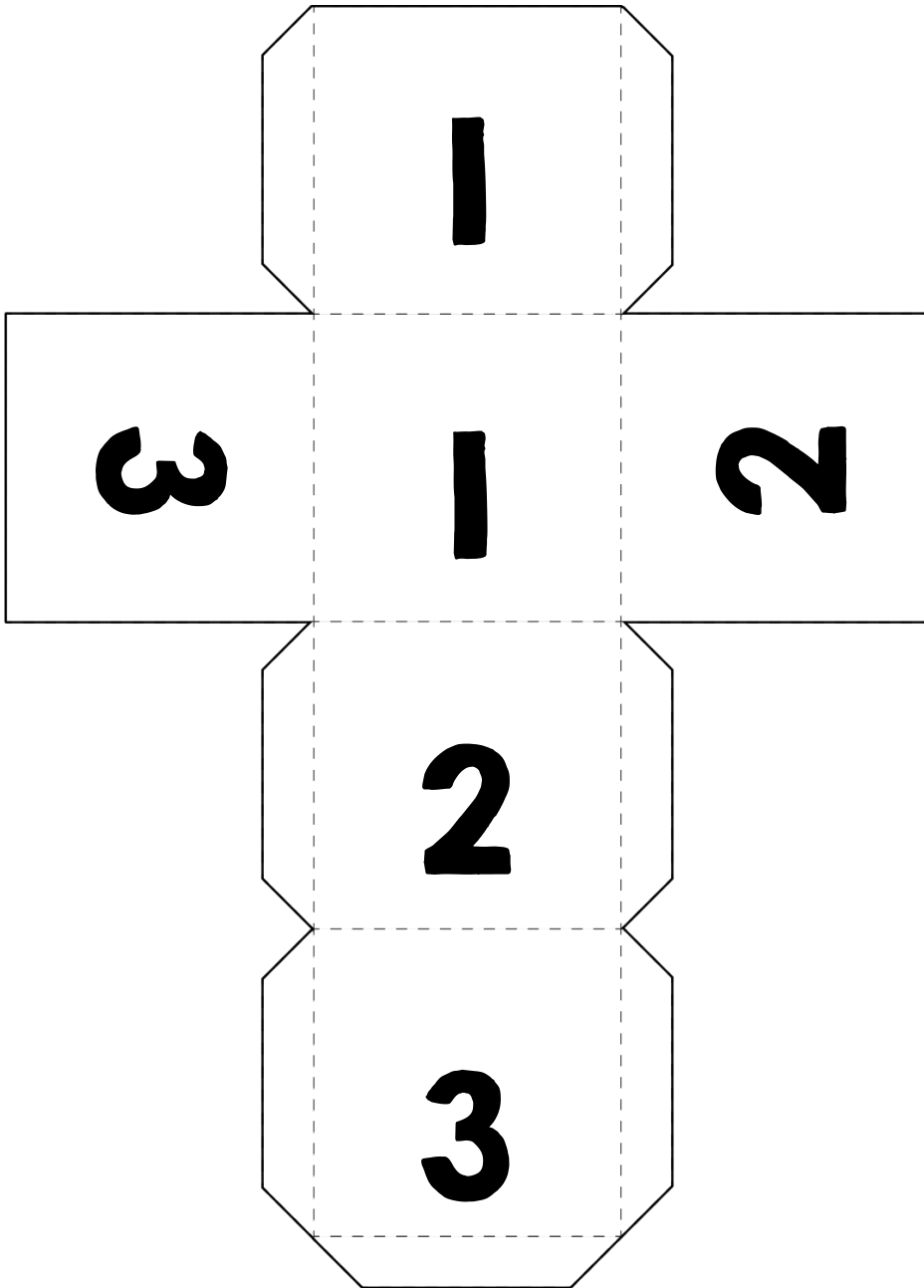
Options for Playing the Game

Option 1: Have the students take turns rolling and moving that many places. Have the student who rolled answer the question, while the other student listens and adds to the answer before checking the answer.

Option 2: Have the students take turns rolling and moving that many places. However, have both students answer the question in a written format before discussing.

Option 3: Have both students roll and move that many places. Then both students write the answers to their questions at the same time before discussing with each other.

**Use the cube on the following page to have the students move more slowly across the board, answering more questions.



Use this die if you want your students to move more slowly across the board.

Candy Corn

When Halloween approaches, get ready for candy corn. It's unavoidable. It didn't start out tied to this holiday. However, it sure is now. In fact, around 35 million pounds are produced each year. This is mainly for the Halloween season. To put that another way, that's around nine billion "kernels"!

Like many older candies, candy corn's beginnings are a little cloudy. Most candy historians point to a candymaker in Philadelphia. His name was George Renninger. In 1898, Renninger's candy corn concept was mass-produced by the Goelitz Confectionary Company. Today, this company is well known under its new name of Jelly Belly. The Goelitz Company had a unique approach to marketing its product. Although it was changing, at the time, much of the United States was still rural. As a result, the product was first called "Chicken Feed". This was to connect to Americans' historical identity as farmers. There was a rooster on the box. The slogan was "Something worth crowing for". The company produced other farm-themed sugar candies, as well. These included candy turnips, clovers, and pumpkins, but the candy corn is what stuck around.

Originally, the three-colored pieces were made by hand. Now, like almost everything else, machines do most of the work. However, the recipe is still pretty much the same. Sugar, fondant, corn syrup, vanilla flavoring, and marshmallow creme are mixed into a liquid. It's then colored in three batches. Finally, the "kernels" are assembled. All that's left is stuffing your face! According to a poll, only 47% of people eat the whole "kernel" at once. Another 43% nibble from the white end, and 10% nibble from the wider yellow end.

Describe the packaging and slogan that was first used for candy corn.

What other types of farm-themed candies were produced by the same company as candy corn?

How has the production/making of candy corn changed over time?

Go back one space.

What was the first name given to candy corn?

What are the ingredients for candy corn?

What was the original name of the company that first mass-produced candy corn?

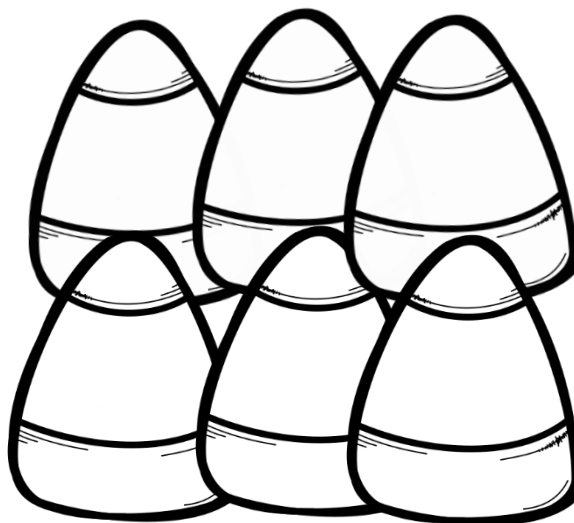
According to the poll cited in the text, what percentage of people eat candy corn in one bite?

Who do most historians say invented candy corn?

Directions: Roll a dice and move that many places. Use the text to answer the questions.

Switch places with another player.

Go ahead one space.



About how many pounds of candy corn are produced each year?

According to the poll cited in the text, do more people nibble on the white end first or the yellow end?

START

FINISH

Candy Corn

Candy Corn: Recording Sheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

Question	Answer
About how many pounds of candy corn are produced each year?	
Who do most historians say invented candy corn?	
What was the original name of the company that first mass-produced candy corn?	
What was the first name given to candy corn?	
Describe the packaging and slogan that was first used for candy corn.	

Candy Corn: Recording Sheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

Question	Answer
What other types of farm-themed candies were produced by the same company as candy corn?	
How has the production/making of candy corn changed over time?	
What are the ingredients for candy corn?	
According to the poll cited in the text, what percentage of people eat candy corn in one bite?	
According to the poll cited in the text, do more people nibble on the white end first or the yellow end?	

Candy Corn: Answer Key

Question	Answer
About how many pounds of candy corn are produced each year?	About 35 million pounds of candy corn are produced each year.
Who do most historians say invented candy corn?	Most historians say that George Renninger invented candy corn.
What was the original name of the company that first mass-produced candy corn?	The original name of the company that first mass-produced candy corn was Goelitz Confectionary Company.
What was the first name given to candy corn?	The first name for candy corn was "Chicken Feed".
Describe the packaging and slogan that was first used for candy corn.	Candy corn was packaged with a rooster and a slogan of "Something worth crowing for".
What other types of farm-themed candies were produced by the same company as candy corn?	Candy turnips, clovers, and pumpkins were also produced by the same company.
How has the production/making of candy corn changed over time?	Candy corn used to be made by hand, but it is now made by a machine.
What are the ingredients for candy corn?	The ingredients are sugar, fondant, corn syrup, vanilla flavoring, and marshmallow creme.
According to the poll cited in the text, what percentage of people eat candy corn in one bite?	According to the poll, 47% of people eat candy corn in one bite or all at once.
According to the poll cited in the text, do more people nibble on the white end first or the yellow end?	According to the poll, more people (47%) nibble from the white end instead of the yellow end (10%).

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