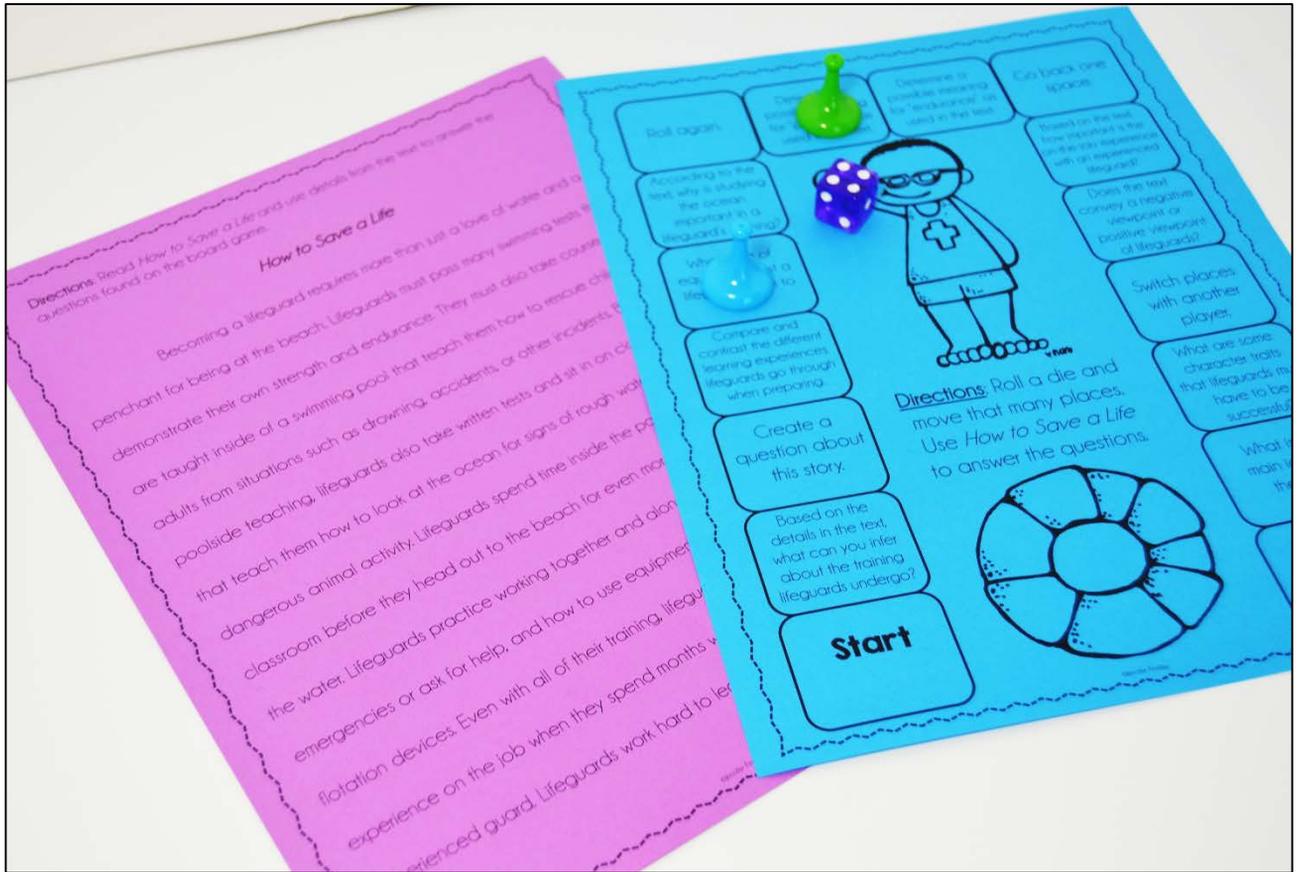


# Reading CENTER

{Upper Elementary}



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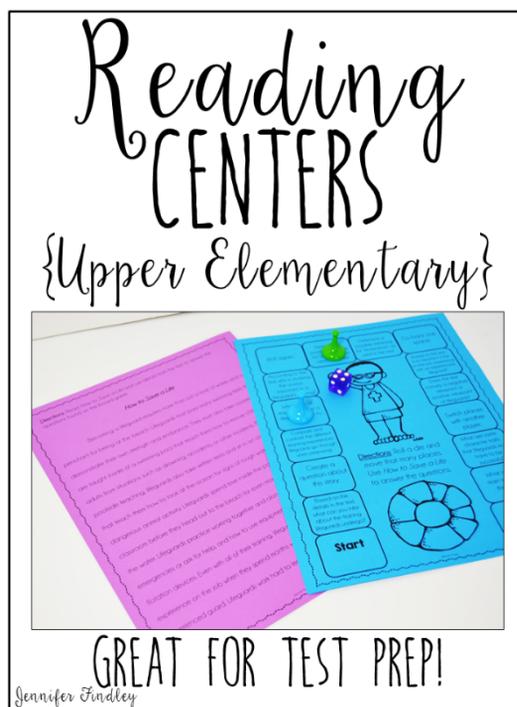
# About this Freebie

This resource is an exclusive freebie from a huge reading game set that includes 19 reading test prep centers that are rigorous and engaging. The full set includes:

- 6 fiction stories
- 4 poems
- 6 informational texts
- 3 paired texts

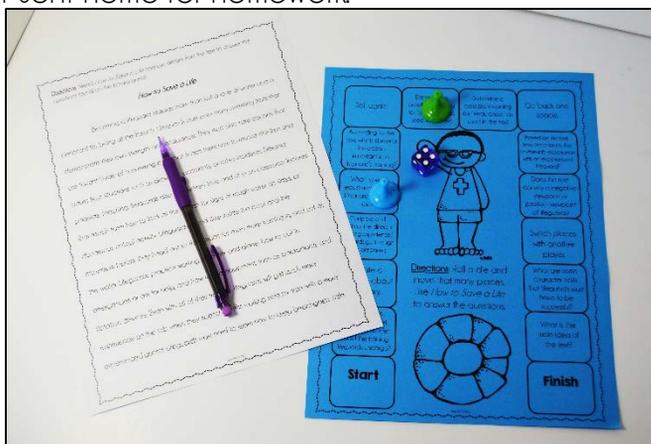
Each center includes a passage and a themed board game. The board game includes 10 text-dependent questions written on the actual board game. The center also includes an answer key with example answers. The students roll a dice to move around the board, answering the questions they land on.

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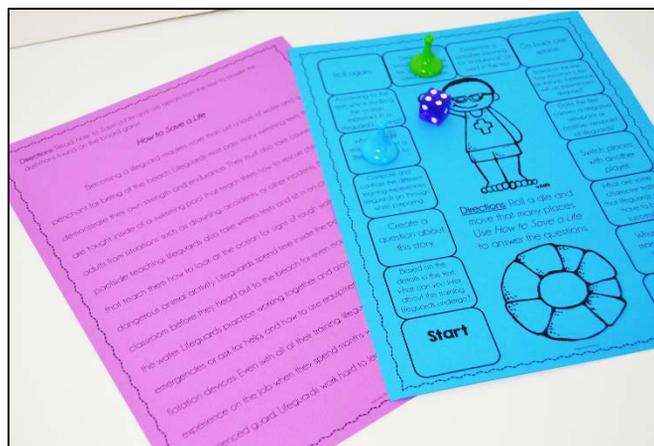


# Options for Use

**Option 1:** Print the passage for the students and give it to them 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” and answer the questions. The passage could even be read whole group or sent home for homework.



**Option 2:** This option works well if the students will have a chance to go to the center 2-3 times a week. The first day, the students will read the passage and discuss. Then on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> day, the students will “play” the game.



# Options for Playing

**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.

**Directions:** Read *How to Save a Life* and use details from the text to answer the questions found on the board game.

## *How to Save a Life*

Becoming a lifeguard requires more than just a love of water and a penchant for being at the beach. Lifeguards must pass many swimming tests that demonstrate their own strength and endurance. They must also take courses that are taught inside of a swimming pool that teach them how to rescue children and adults from situations such as drowning, accidents, or other incidents. Beyond poolside teaching, lifeguards also take written tests and sit in on classroom lectures that teach them how to look at the ocean for signs of rough water, rip tides, or dangerous animal activity. Lifeguards spend time inside the pool and the classroom before they head out to the beach for even more training in, and out of, the water. Lifeguards practice working together and alone, how to call in emergencies or ask for help, and how to use equipment, such as backboards and flotation devices. Even with all of their training, lifeguards will get much more experience on the job when they spend months working side by side with a more experienced guard. Lifeguards work hard to learn how to keep beachgoers safe.

Roll again.

Determine a possible meaning for "penchant" as used in the text.

Determine a possible meaning for "endurance" as used in the text.

Go back one space.

According to the text, why is studying the ocean important in a lifeguard's training?

What type of equipment must a lifeguard learn to use?

Compare and contrast the different learning experiences lifeguards go through when preparing.

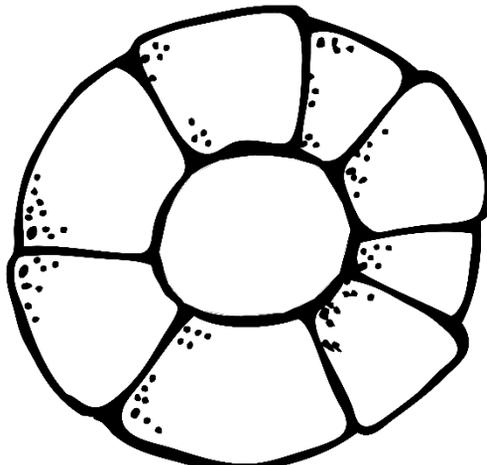
Create a question about this story.

Based on the details in the text, what can you infer about the training lifeguards undergo?

**Start**



Directions: Roll a dice and move that many places. Use *How to Save a Life* to answer the questions.



Based on the text, how important is the on-the-job experience with an experienced lifeguard?

Does the text convey a negative viewpoint or positive viewpoint of lifeguards?

Switch places with another player.

What are some character traits that lifeguards must have to be successful?

What is the main idea of the text?

**Finish**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Question	Answer
Based on the details in the text, what can you infer about the training lifeguards undergo?	
Compare and contrast the different learning experiences lifeguards go through when preparing.	
What type of equipment must a lifeguard learn to use?	
According to the text, why is studying the ocean important in a lifeguard's training?	
Determine a possible meaning for "penchant" as used in the text.	
Determine a possible meaning for "endurance" as used in the text.	
Based on the text, how important is the on-the-job experience with an experienced lifeguard?	
Does the text convey a negative viewpoint or positive viewpoint of lifeguards?	
What are some character traits that lifeguards must have to be successful?	
What is the main idea of the text?	

# Answer Key

Question	Example Answer
Based on the details in the text, what can you infer about the training lifeguards undergo?	The training is lengthy, intensive, and important to do the job.
Compare and contrast the different learning experiences lifeguards go through when preparing.	Lifeguards complete training in pools, classrooms, and on-the-job training with an experienced lifeguard.
What type of equipment must a lifeguard learn to use?	backboards and flotation devices
According to the text, why is studying the ocean important in a lifeguard's training?	Studying the ocean will allow a lifeguard to be aware of rough water, rip tides, or dangerous animal activity.
Determine a possible meaning for "penchant" as used in the text.	liking
Determine a possible meaning for "endurance" as used in the text.	stamina, ability to do something for a length of time
Based on the text, how important is the on-the-job experience with an experienced lifeguard?	The on-the-job training experience is extremely important because the text says this will provide them with much more experience.
Does the text convey a negative viewpoint or positive viewpoint of lifeguards?	positive viewpoint
What are some character traits that lifeguards must have to be successful?	brave, hard-working, smart
What is the main idea of the text?	Lifeguards must undergo extensive tests and learning as part of their training.

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