

Story Retell

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Story Retell**Webber® Photo Cards – Story Retell**

includes:

- 60 stories with colorful photographs
- Level 1 has 20 stories
 - 5–7 sentences long
 - Readability level of grades 2–3
- Level 2 has 40 stories
 - 8–10 sentences long
 - Readability level of grades 4–5

*Readability levels were obtained using the Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level Formula.

Read-A-Rama – Teacher pairs students together. One student reads a story while the other student listens, then retells the story. Teacher awards up to three points for retelling the story depending on the amount of detail. Students take turns reading the stories to each other and retelling the stories. Student with the most points wins!

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The ability to retell stories is an important skill for students to know. Story retelling requires students not only to remember what they have heard or read, but also to understand the text. This skill involves an understanding of vocabulary and sequencing of story events. Below are some suggestions to aid students that have difficulty mastering story retelling:

- Explain the task to the students before reading the text.
 - Model the retelling activity to show the students what you are expecting them to do.
 - Reread the story to allow the students to hear it again before attempting to retell it.
 - Ask the students to tell what happened in the beginning, middle, and end of the story.



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A Pinch, a Flinch, and a Grinch

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Cooper loved Aunt Edna, but he did not like it when she pinched his cheeks! When he heard Aunt Edna was coming for a visit, he got right to work coming up with a plan to avoid "the pinch."

The day of Aunt Edna's arrival finally came. Cooper grabbed his old football helmet and stuck it on his head before going downstairs to greet her. "Oh no," Cooper moaned when he saw four people standing at the door. "Aunt Edna brought friends!" Before he had time to react, Uncle Charlie grabbed the helmet and pulled it off of Cooper's head. Cooper flinched as he received a pinch on the cheek from each of the visitors! "Rats!" he grumbled.

The title of this story is "A Pinch, a Flinch, and a Grinch." What is a "grinch"? (a grumpy person who likes to spoil another person's fun)

Why could Cooper be called a *grinch*? (Cooper tried to keep Aunt Edna from pinching his cheeks. When his plan didn't work, he was grumpy.)



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Good Morning, Marcel

Marcel was having a rough morning. He always looked forward to "Mango Monday," but the zoo was out of mangos and served papayas instead! On top of that, the zookeeper put new "Do Not Feed the Animals" signs up outside of the macaque enclosure, so there would be no treats from the guests today! But the worst part of the morning was that the macaques' hot tub was busted!

Marcel was hungry, cold, and miserable. As he sat with his head hung low, he suddenly felt two pairs of arms encircle him. Abu and Bingo had sat beside him and had wrapped their arms around him in a warm embrace. Soon they were joined by Rafiki and Francine. "Maybe it won't be such a horrible day after all!" thought Marcel.

What does "embrace" mean? (to hug or hold closely)

When do you *embrace* someone? When does someone embrace you?
(Answers will vary.)