The Apple Puzzle

Teacher Instructions

Phonics Focus: Two-syllable words with closed and consonant '-le' syllables

WARM-UP WORDS* **apple** **example** **little** ♥ father

DECODABLE PASSAGE

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"Start from the edges and work to the middle," Uncle Marco said. 72

Omar's father gave him a snack to nibble on, and then he and Uncle Marco left to go into the den to talk. 87 95

Omar got started. There were one hundred parts in the puzzle. Omar got the parts that formed the edge of the puzzle first. He stuck them all together. 109 123

The hard part was going to be the middle. That was where all the apples were, and there was a lot of red! Omar had to inspect the example on the box a lot. It was a struggle. He turned, twisted, and wiggled parts until they all finally fit together. 139 157 171 173

Omar did the puzzle all by himself. He was so happy! 184

Language Comprehension Extension

VOCABULARY tackle, nibble, den, inspected, struggle

QUESTIONS

What was Omar trying to accomplish?

What part was difficult? Why?

What was Uncle Marco's tip?

What are some of the things Omar did to get the puzzle together?

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DECODABLE PASSAGE

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Mannon was in the kitchen. He was fixing a sample platter with a French dish — ham, butter, and pickle sandwiches. He had extra pickles, so he turned them into a dip. Yum! He started the kettle of water to fix a tasty drink they would serve. 84 96 112 116

Odet got the cradle from the attic for Uncle Simon's baby girl to nap in. 131

Margo hung twinkle lights on the porch where the dinner would be held. 144

Zoe was strong. She was able to cut the logs that they will burn later. 159

The dinner was super! After they were done, they sat around the burning logs and told one thing they were thankful for. 172 181

Language Comprehension Extension

VOCABULARY extended family, maple, utensils, platter, ladle, cradle

QUESTIONS

Who might be at the dinner if their extended family was coming?

Where was the dinner going to be held?

What French dish was Mannon making in the kitchen?

Why was Zoe given the task of cutting the logs?

Reread the last sentence. What holiday might the family be celebrating together?

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