

AUGUST INTERACTIVE POETRY NOTEBOOK

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Dog Days
 The dog days of summer
Bring heat so very hot
The sidewalks steam so scorching,
I could fry an egg without a pot!
The heat comes on so very soon
But will leave so very cool,
And Fall will come with its cool, cold air
So enjoy this dog day afternoon!

light **fly**

Two lightbulb cutouts with the words "light" and "fly" written inside them, used for a word association activity.

Beat the Heat
Popsicles, ice cream,
Diving in the pool
Sprinklers, fans,
Trying to stay cool!
Water balloons, shade trees
Umbrellas on the beach
I spend all of the hot long days
Keeping heat out of my reach!

Cool Categories
Find the items in the poem. Sort them into groups of something you use or something you eat to stay cool. Then add your own ideas.

Use	Eat

What's the Difference?
Compare two poems. How is it the same? How is it different? Write your ideas.

School

Rule

A scroll and a school building illustration.

Room

Room
class
cafeteria
gym
library
music
playground
science
social studies
teacher's office
art
computer lab
health
math
reading
writing

Interactive Poetry Notebook:
August Themes

Theme 1: Dog Days

Theme 2: Back to School

Theme 3: Beat the Heat

Theme 4: Fireflies

Skills Covered

- Responding to writing prompts
- Making lists and sorting items by attribute
- Sight words
- Fluency
- Vocabulary development
- Poetry reflections
- Justifying opinions
- Summarizing
- Synonyms
- Describing words of different magnitudes (ie, 'cool' and 'cold')
- Using exaggeration in writing
- Using and identifying conjunctions
- Generating -ule and -ool words
- Writing using 5 senses
- Illustrating one's writing
- Sorting nouns by function
- Generating synonyms
- Using a Venn diagram for comparing and contrasting
- Generating words by number of syllables
- Writing about 2 choices
- Descriptive writing
- Bossy 'R' words
- Verbs
- Ways to make the long 'I' sound
- Generating long vowel words

What You Get

2. For each week of poetry, you will receive:

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Would You Rather...?
Would you rather be really hot or really cold? Why?

Steam Heat
When something is hot, there are signs we see, such as steam rising from an item. What are other signs that something is hot?

Sort It!
Sort items into two groups. Things at your house that are hot, and things at your house that are cold.

Things At My House That Are Cold	Things At My House That Are Hot

POEM & 3 INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES

Words I Know

New Words

This poem is about...

Do you like this poem?

Kind of _____

4 REFLECTIVE & VOCABULARY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

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LARGE, WHOLE PAGE VERSION OF POEM

FOLDABLE WITH PHOTO & SIMPLE DIRECTIONS

What's the Difference?

cool hot

scorching hot

cool cold

Print out and cut out the words. Use the words to create a poem. The difference is that one is hot and the other is cold. Use the words to create a poem. The difference is that one is hot and the other is cold. Use the words to create a poem. The difference is that one is hot and the other is cold.

Dog Days
Many times, when we talk about how we feel, we exaggerate. This means we stretch the truth and make something sound more extreme than it actually is. Finish the sentences using exaggeration. Illustrate each one!

It's so hot outside, it feels like...	I'm so hungry, that I could eat...
I'm as fast as...	It's so cold outside, it feels like...

WRITING EXTENSION

Interactive Poetry Notebook: How-To

Day 1

Day 2

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Words I Know 

Blank space for writing words.

This poem is about... 

Blank space for writing the poem's topic.

New Words 

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Do you like this poem? 

Yes No Kind of

because _____

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At the beginning of the year, you can complete this notebook together as a class during the language arts block. As the year progresses, these notebook activities can be completed independently or in small groups at the poetry station, following the suggested schedule.

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Day 3

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Day 5

Plus writing extension & foldable!



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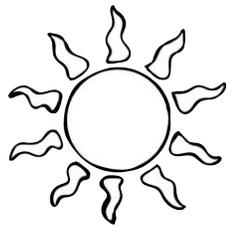
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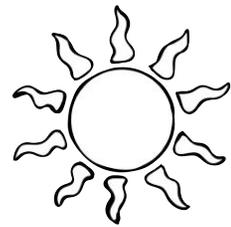
I'm as fast as...

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Words I Know

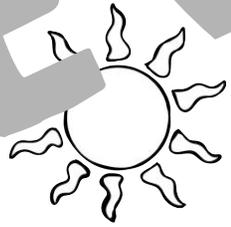


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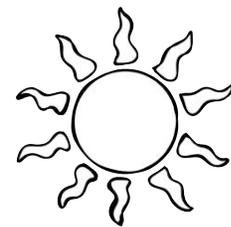


PREVIEW

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Do you like this poem?

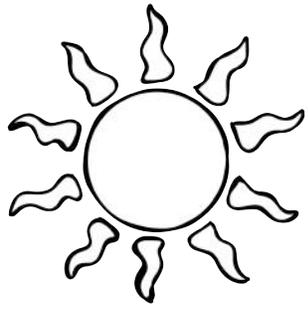


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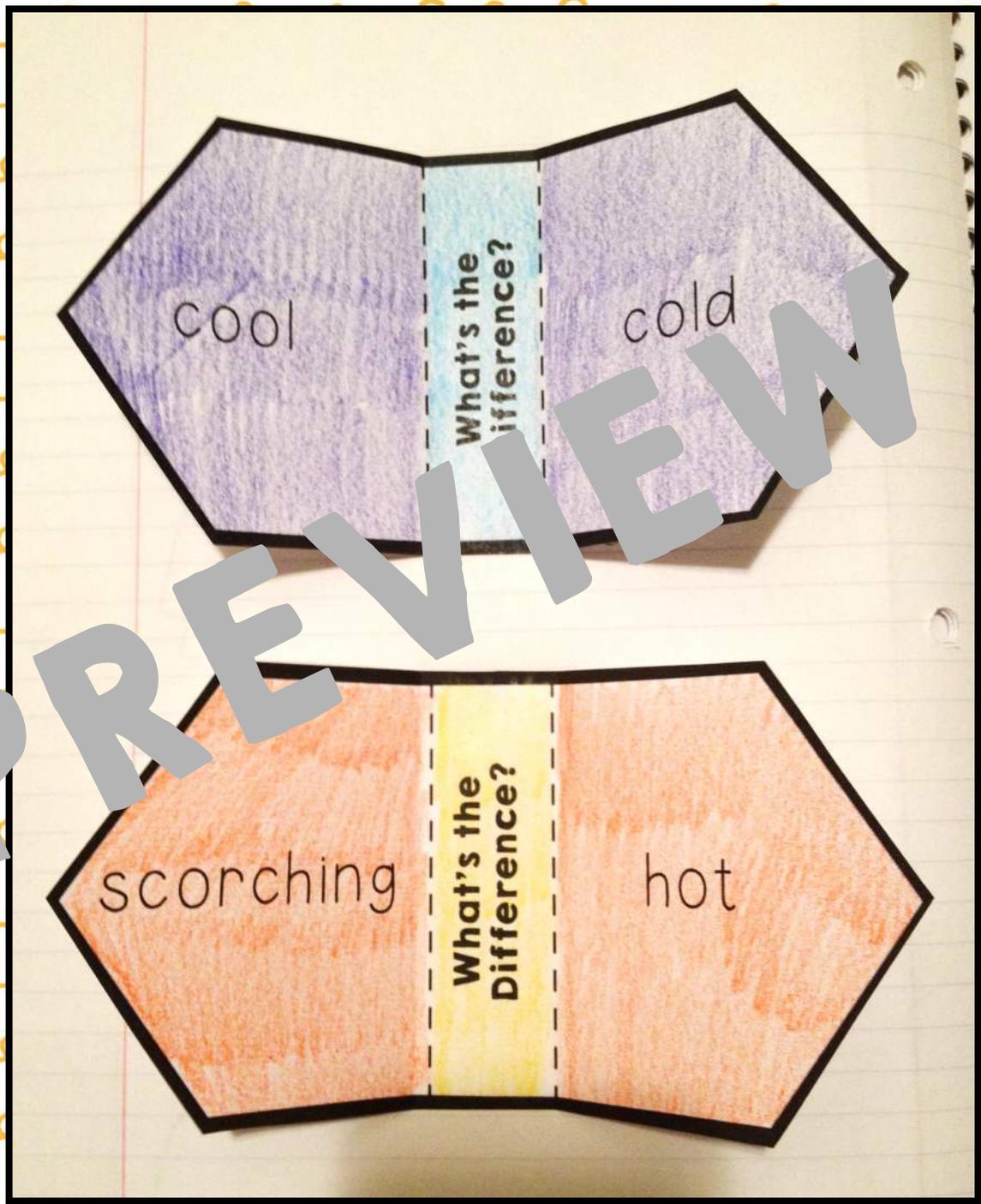
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PREVIEW

scorching	What's the Difference?	hot
cool	What's the Difference?	cold

Cut out each flap along the solid lines. Glue into notebook by placing glue onto "What's the Difference?" tabs. Once glued into notebook, fold up along dotted lines to create 2 separate flaps. Under each flap, write to describe the definition of the word and how it is different than the word on the opposite tab. See photo for example.



cool

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hot

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