

# Sort and Check Learning Deck— Genres

This Really Good Stuff® product

includes:

- 40 Genre Sorting Cards
- 5 Genre Category Cards
- 8 Blank Cards
- This Really Good Stuff® Activity Guide

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Congratulations on your purchase of this Really Good Stuff® **Sort and Check Learning Deck—Genres**—a fun classification game and center for practicing and self-checking genres.

## Setting Up the Sort and Check Learning Center

1. Before you use the Deck, make copies of this Really Good Stuff® Activity Guide and file the pages for future use. Or, download another copy of it from our Web site at [www.reallygoodstuff.com](http://www.reallygoodstuff.com).
2. Separate the five Category Cards and place one into each outer acetate pocket on the Sort and Check Learning Center so that the category name is facing outward.
3. Separate and set aside the eight Blank Cards.
4. Shuffle the Sorting Cards and place them in the middle of the Learning Center.

## Using the Sort and Check Learning Center

1. Select a Sorting Card from the pile inside of the Learning Center.
2. Read the Sorting Card and decide which category the example on the Card fits.
3. Tuck the Card vertically into the larger, purple vinyl pocket behind the correct category.

## Self-checking Answers with the Sort and Check Learning Center

1. Remove a Category Card from its pocket and flip it over to reveal the correct Card numbers.
2. Pull out the Cards sorted into that category.
3. Check to see if the numbers on the Cards match the numbers on the answer key for that category. Set aside the correct Cards. If a number on a Sorting Card does not match, place the Card back into the middle of the Learning Center to be replayed.
4. When all Category Card answers have been checked against the Sorting Cards, return the Category Cards to the outer pockets, with the category name facing out, and replay any Sorting Cards that were placed back inside the Center.

## Genres Reproducible

Make a copy of the Genres Reproducible and place it next to the Sort and Check Learning Center. Tell students to refer to the reproducible if they have trouble sorting any Sorting Card.

# Genres Defined...

**Fables:** Stories intended to teach a lesson that usually include animals speaking and acting like humans.

**Poetry:** Verses written to inspire thought.

**Fairy Tales:** Stories of humans and their dealings with magical beings or royalty.

**Realistic Fiction:** Stories using made-up characters that take place in modern times.

**Nonfiction:** Stories in which all of the information is based on true facts.

# Sort and Check Learning Deck— Nonfiction Text Features

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NEWS

**Boldfaced Print**

**Boldfaced** words are often used to tell the reader that they are key words.

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*Italic Print*

*Italicized* words are often used to make important words stand out for the reader.

NEWS

**Captions**

Captions describe what is shown in the photograph or illustration.

NEWS

**Graphs and Charts**

Graphs and charts help the reader compare information in text.

NEWS

**Diagrams**

Diagrams are drawings that show or explain something to the reader.

# Sort and Check Learning Deck— Story Elements

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Congratulations on your purchase of this Really Good Stuff® **Sort and Check Learning Deck—Story Elements**—a fun classification game and center for practicing and self-checking story elements.

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## Story Elements Reproducible

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# Story Elements

## Characters

**Who** the story is about?

Examples:

Jessica  
Mickey Mouse  
Timothy  
Dr. Feldman

## Setting: Time

Words that tell **when** a story takes place.

Examples:

In the morning  
After dinner  
Yesterday  
Wednesday

## Setting: Place

Words that tell **where** a story takes place.

Examples:

In the garden  
Texas  
At Sarah's house  
Australia

## Problem

A **difficulty** the characters face.

Examples:

A character loses something  
Characters get into a fight  
Characters get lost

## Solution

When the **problem is fixed**.

Examples:

The character finds the missing item  
The characters make up  
The characters find their way