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West Virginia Phonics and Word Recognition Standards Companion

WVCCRS ELA II: r-controlled

This skill set provides examples for explicit teaching with educator modeling and guided practice. The skill set addresses key components that best support learners in cementing their learning and provides an opportunity for students to practice applying this skill in an authentic way. The activities each day build on the previous day's practice. The activities are designed to supplement phonics instruction in the classroom in a way that meets the needs of individual learners within a variety of instructional approaches. (Whole group, small group, intervention, etc.)

This skill set includes three weeks of suggested daily activities, word lists, word cards, and picture cards. The decodable reader suggested for use with the text and writing application sections can be found immediately following each week's activities. The total suggested time for each day is approximately thirty minutes.

Supporting documents such as an educator guide, suggested materials, and printable resources can be found [here](#) for preparation purposes. Please note that the activities and materials listed are suggestions. Both may be substituted for other activities and manipulatives found in your classroom.

The r-controlled skill is first identified in West Virginia's College- and Career-Readiness Standard ELA.2.II under the Phonics and Word Recognition Cluster.

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Connor and Cora

Connor and Cora were two very clever children. They loved to create new things. One day, Connor was watching Cora play with her pet squirrel, Scarlett, and had an amazing idea.

“Cora, we should create a circus in our backyard. Scarlett could be our star,” beamed Connor.

“That is a great idea! I can picture it now. We can use cardboard to create a stage,” said Cora.

“Yes! We can also use mother’s old birdcage that is in the attic for a trapeze act,” replied Connor.

The children raced to the attic to grab the birdcage. In the attic, they found many other items for their circus which they gathered in a box and took with them.

With all of their supplies in hand, the children raced to the garage to begin their project.

“I think we need to start by making a list of our acts, and then we can work on props,” stated Cora.

“I was thinking the same thing. So, Scarlett is our main star. What act will she do?” asked Connor.

“Hmm...well she is good with heights and loves to walk on mother’s curtain rods. She could be our acrobat,” replied Cora.

“Perfect! I bet we can get the rest of our pets to fill in as the other acts,” said Connor.

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Circus Acts

Connor and Cora were two very clever children that decided that they were going to create a pet circus in their backyard. They were working on creating a list of acts for their big show. Cora's pet squirrel, Scarlett was going to be the main act.

"Let's dress our boxers, Baxter and Carter up as clowns. They are always jumping, running, and acting crazy," said Connor.

"That will be perfect! We will call their act 'The Amazing Corndogs' since they are so corny," giggled Cora.

"Good one! Since we don't have a rabbit to pull out of a hat, could we use Piper, your hamster, for that job?" asked Connor.

"Yes, that is a great idea! She will do fantastic at that! I think we have the proper number of acts. Let's get started on the props," said Cora.

"Great! We should draw a picture of each act that way we know what props we will need. Let's start with 'The Amazing Corndogs' act since it is the only one with a name," said Connor.

Connor drew each poster and Cora colored them. Pretty soon they were finished with the drawings and began putting together the props.

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Show Time

Connor and Cora were not regular children. They were very smart and clever. One day, they decided to put on a pet circus in their backyard for their parents.

After dinner, they ushered their mother and father to their seats in the yard. Their parents were amazed at the artistry that the children had done to turn their backyard into a circus.

The children had draped cloths over the fence to mimic a circus tent. In the center of the yard, were three rings made from cardboard, painted with triangles and circles. Hanging up behind the rings, was a curtain decorated with pictures of the acts that the children had made.

Connor and Cora rushed behind the curtain. In a few minutes, Connor emerged wearing his father's old bathrobe and top hat. Cora stepped out behind him in a fancy, purple dress.

"Welcome! You are about to see three truly terrific acts!"

Connor said as he drew their attention to each poster.

"Our first act is called 'The Amazing Corndogs.' The second act is 'The Vanishing Vermin.' And the final act is 'The Flying Squirrel'," Cora giggled.

Each act was fantastic, original, and most importantly well planned. The circus was a success, and everyone had a great time thanks to the two very clever children!

Carport

Jogger

Copper

Matter

Journey

Forgive



Workshop

Father

Laughter

Summer

Artist

Carpet



Paper

Dinner

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Rather

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Multisyllabic R-Controlled Picture Card List

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