Text Type Detectives

Students listen for clues that distinguish stories, poems, and plays.

RL.K.5 "With prompting and support, identify structures of common literary text (e.g., stories, poems and dramas)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 HEAR IT

a	**Poem**	**Story**	**Play**
b	**Play**	**Story**	**Poem**
c	**Play**	**Poem**	**Story**

2 FIND CLUES

a	**Story**	**Poem**	**Play**
b	**Poem**	**Story**	**Play**

ANSWER KEY

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HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each prompt and its three printed choices aloud. Students circle the type of text they hear described. Note which students need a hint, and record that support separately.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 · HEAR IT

SAY "Listen as I read each little piece. Then listen to the three choices and circle the kind of text it is."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	A frog wanted to reach the pond. It hopped over a log and got there. Your choices are poem, story, and play. What kind of text tells what happened to the frog?	**Story**
b	Listen to these two short lines: 'The sun is bright. The kite takes flight.' Your choices are play, story, and poem. What kind of text has short lines like these?	**Poem**
c	On this page, each actor's name comes before the words they say. Kim says, 'Come in.' Jo says, 'I am here.' Your choices are play, poem, and story. What kind of text is set up for actors?	**Play**

PART 2 · FIND CLUES

SAY "Now listen for how the words are set up. Circle the kind of text that fits each clue."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	A page puts names before the words people say. It also tells actors when to step onto the stage. Your choices are story, poem, and play. What kind of text is this?	**Play**
b	First, Max lost his mitten. Next, he searched his room. Last, he found it under his bed. Your choices are poem, story, and play. What kind of text tells these events in order?	**Story**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

In row order, the answers are Story, Poem, Play, Play, Story. Accept a circle around the correct word, and note any hints given before the student chose.