

EDITABLE BASEBALL MITT PUZZLE



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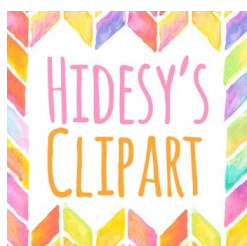
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Let your students practice various skills with this fun Baseball mitt Shaped Puzzle. This puzzle will have students match 34 different problems together by correctly putting the 20 piece baseball mitt together.

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These puzzles are meant to be somewhat of a challenge. Students will have to keep in mind the shape of the baseball mitt. Tell students to rotate the pieces around until they fit. This is where their critical thinking skills will come into play!

When you get to page seven of this resource, type in the text you want to use. You should have 34 problems ready to go – this way you fill all of the spaces within the puzzle.

Each text box you can type in will say “text here”. You then type in your information, save it, and print the number of copies you need.

You may want to change the overall font size. See page three for a video and FAQ.

Preparation and Storage: You will need to print off the number of copies you need. (I recommend printing them on cardstock and laminating them.) I have used these as individual work, partner work, and small group work. They also work well for students who finish early or for use during center time. Cut the puzzles out and put them into plastic baggies for students' use. I put each set in its own plastic baggie. Then I put all of these baggies and one original sheet in a manila envelope with the name of the activity on the front. This way I have the answer key and all materials readily available.

Directions to Play: Give students the cut-up puzzle sheet. Tell them they need to put the puzzle back together. The first time you have the students complete one of these, you can also give them the hint (because I have found some do not figure this out!) that the shape needs to be fully formed when they are done.

Correcting Student Work: To easily check a student's completed work, keep an original copy of the puzzle sheet they are working on. This way you can immediately check to see if the pieces and numbers or words are in the correct order.

Frequently Asked Questions

- [Click here to watch this video and learn –](#)
 - **How do I add the text?**
 - You can write directly in the text boxes.
 - **What if I want to change the font size?**
 - Highlight the font you want to change, and change the size. Or watch the video to see a shortcut on changing the font size of every text box at one time.
 - **How do I adjust the text boxes?**
 - Click and drag on the corners.
- **What types of things can I use this puzzle for?**
 - Math problems
 - (copy them right from your textbook if you want!)
 - Vocabulary & definitions
 - (if the terms aren't too long)
 - Contractions & the two words that create it
 - Compound words & the two words that create it
 - Plus anything else you can think up!
- **Use the sheet on page five of this resource to help you prep your questions before typing them on the shape.**

If you have questions, please [leave a Q&A in my TpT store](#) or email me at info@HeatherFergen.com

Thank you!

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Baseball Mitt Puzzle Prep Sheet

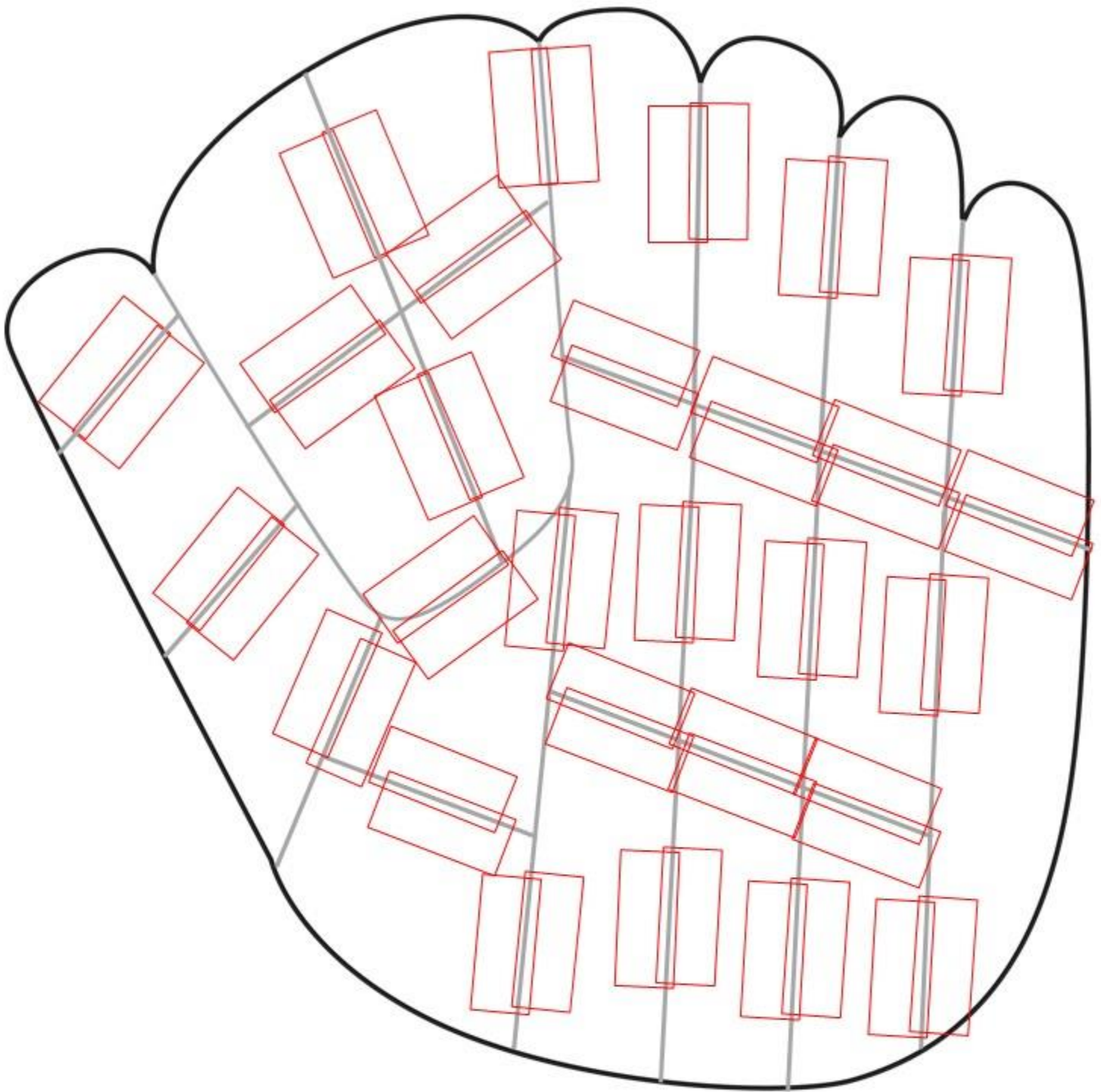
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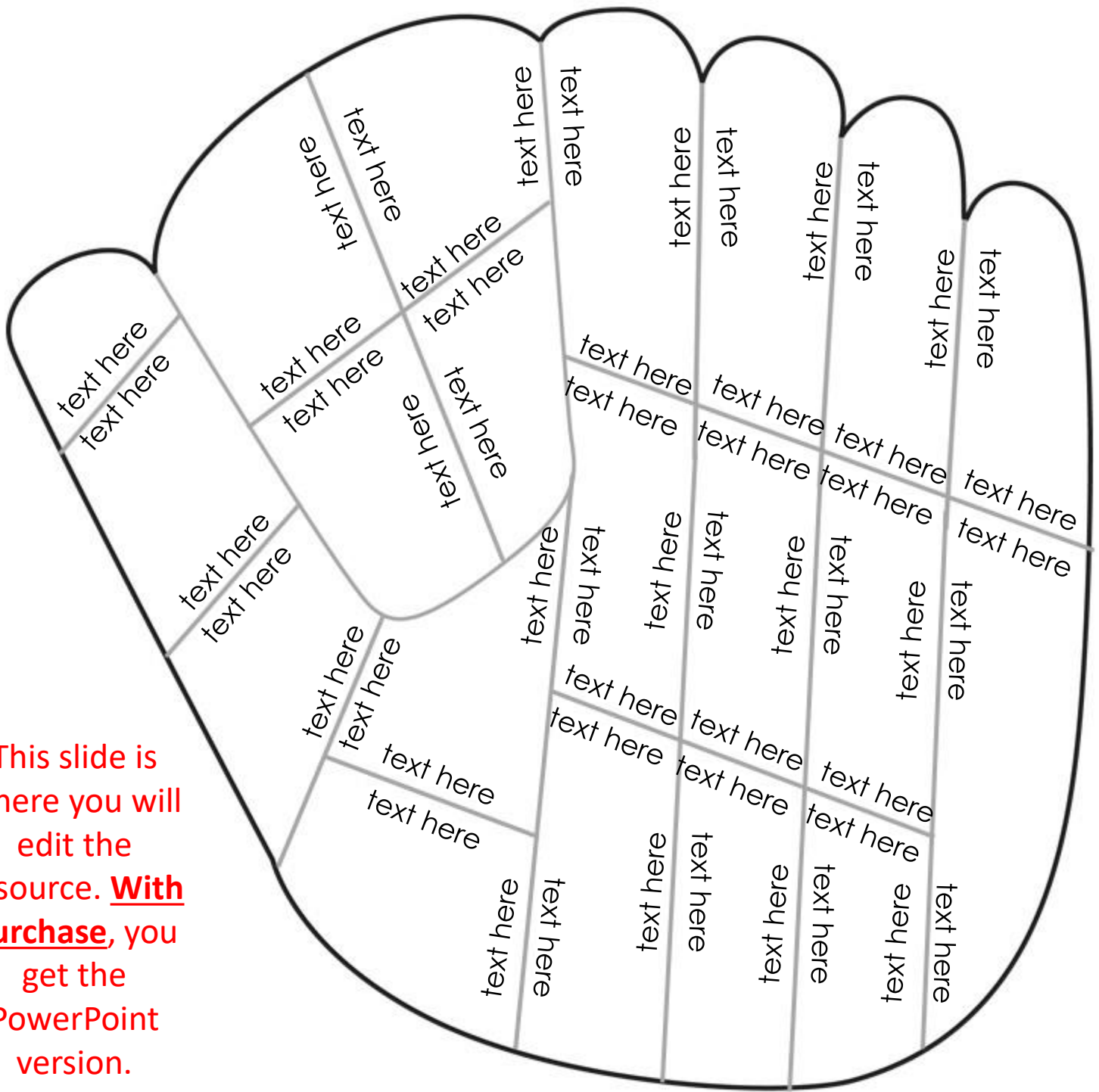
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My name is Heather. I'm a certified **elementary and special education teacher** in the state of South Dakota. I am also certified to be a K-12 Reading Specialist or Principal.

My classroom experience has ranged from **preK-6th grade**. I've taught everything from a regular gen ed classroom to inclusion special education to Reading Recovery to a multi-grade classroom of ELL students.

All of these varied experiences have given me a chance to really see that teaching is all about “**fun, engaged, impactful relationships & learning**”. (This has also become my blogging mantra!) Treat students with respect and they will do almost anything for you! Once you've built the relationships, the learning will come.

After seven years in the classroom I become a K-6 principal at two schools and K-12 district special education director. I'm now home caring for our two children and working online. I miss the students and staff, but I love still having my hands in education through my online endeavors.

If you have any questions about me, my resources, or my blog – please reach out! I love connecting with other educators from around the world!

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