



guided reading cards

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Level 23 Cards

Our Superhero Chickens

1. Answers will vary. (to teach children about animals/chickens)
2. Answers will vary. (Danny liked the chicks; he thought it would be a good pet.)
3. Dad brought home two chicks because one might get lonely.
4. Answers will vary. (Danny liked superheroes.)
5. The chicks were kept in a warm box so that Pippin couldn't get them.
6. Answers will vary.
7. The chicks started laying eggs when they were six months old.
8. Answers will vary. (Danny liked superheroes; he wanted their names to match.)
9. Danny and the girl had to clean out the chicken coop.
10. The children gave Dad two chickens for his birthday because he liked them.

Aerial Shark Patrols

1. Answers will vary. (Beaches are fun; the water is usually nice and clean.)
2. A surf life-saving patrol is a group of people who keep swimmers safe by checking for harmful things such as strong currents, objects under the water and dangerous sea creatures.
3. Strong currents are dangerous because they can pull people under the water or far out into the ocean.
4. Sharks are harmful to people because they can mistake swimmers for food.
5. There are three crew members in an aerial shark patrol. One person is the pilot who flies a plane, and two other crew members look for sharks.
6. The aerial shark patrol crew contacts surf lifesavers on the beach via a radio telephone.
7. Helicopters are used for search-and-rescue missions because it is easier to see people who are in danger from up in the sky, than from in the water.
8. Aerial patrols check for jellyfish because they can be poisonous and harm people.
9. Answers will vary.
10. Answers will vary. (Australia has many beaches and swimming is very popular.)

Emergency Below the Ice Shelf

1. The scientists needed to get back to the research station quickly because a blizzard was coming.
2. Answers will vary. (He was in too much pain; he lost his breath when he fell.)
3. Lisa told Mick not to move because he might hurt himself more.
4. Answers will vary. (Mick was hurt; the weather was getting worse; it was hard to get to Mick.)
5. Arnav spoke quietly to Mick while Lisa checked his leg to distract Mick from the pain.
6. The station leader said the helicopter could be there in less than an hour because the station wasn't far away.
7. A thermal blanket is a special blanket that helps keep people warm in extreme cold.
8. Mick started to shiver because it was very cold.
9. Lisa looked anxiously up at the sky because she was waiting for the helicopter to arrive.
10. Lisa and the station leader rode in the helicopter with Mick.

Parrots Around the World

1. Many parrots live in places such as Australia and New Zealand because the climate and environment is right for them in these countries.
2. Parrots can close their beaks very tightly and use force to break open nuts.
3. The Rainbow Lorikeet gets its name from its feathers, which are coloured like the rainbow.
4. Answers will vary. (They could put nets over their fruit trees.)
5. Answers will vary. (to be safe together, to raise the chicks together, to find food)
6. The Kaka is an endangered species because many Kaka are killed by predators each year.
7. The Kea is an unusual parrot because it is the only parrot that lives in cold mountain areas.
8. Answers will vary.
9. The Kakapo could protect itself from predators by climbing or hiding.
10. People keep Budgerigars in cages because the birds make good pets.



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Adventure Camp or Forest Camp?

1. The students had to choose between an adventure camp and a forest camp.
2. Ms Kent wanted the student council to make the decision about the camp because they represent the rest of the students.
3. Joseph thought the flying fox was scary because it was the longest and highest flying fox he had ever seen, and it went down a steep slope.
4. Finn thought he might vote for the adventure camp because the people who worked there would be able to help the students and teach them how to use equipment safely.
5. Thomas didn't agree with Ella and Joseph because he thought the students would be able to learn more about keeping safe outdoors at a smaller forest camp.
6. Answers will vary.
7. Adults want children to learn how to make good decisions because it's an important part of growing up.
8. The children had to give their opinions before they voted so that everyone knew the best points about each camp.
9. Answers will vary. (The people who wanted the forest camp made good points; the forest camp was cheaper.)
10. Answers will vary.

Travelling to School

1. Mountain gondolas and aerial trams are two unusual forms of transport.
2. Answers will vary. (The children live close to their schools; the landscape is good for cycling.)
3. Answers will vary. (Trams are convenient; they go all over Melbourne.)
4. Water taxis are boats that transport people along or across rivers.
5. Answers will vary. (A lot of people can fit in them; they are fast.)
6. An aerial tram travels up and down the same line because it is attached to a cable that runs between two places.
7. Escalators are used in Hong Kong because there are lots of steep hills in the city that are hard to climb.
8. Answers will vary.
9. Answers will vary.
10. Answers will vary.

The Fitness All-Stars

1. Answers will vary.
2. Kristi became confused during the first class because she didn't know the steps.
3. Answers will vary. (Liam wanted to perform for an audience; he really liked aerobics.)
4. Mr Swan wanted everyone to keep coming to class because they needed to practise for the fair.
5. Kristi decided to stay at the back of the class because she didn't want people to see her do aerobics.
6. Answers will vary. (She was learning the steps; she wasn't getting as puffed.)
7. Some of the children got bad colds just before the last practice.
8. Kristi knew she was in the team because Mr Swan rang her mum.
9. Kristi felt proud because she knew she would do a good job.
10. The reporter and camera person were at the fair to cover the event for the news.

Presenting a School Speech

1. Answers will vary. (so your speech isn't too long, so that people know what your speech is about)
2. The content of your speech is extremely important because you want your audience to be interested and learn a lot from it.
3. Comments from a teacher, family member or a friend are good, because they can tell you how to improve your speech.
4. You need to time your speech to make sure it's not too long or too short.
5. You need time to practise your speech so you can remember it on the day you give it.
6. You should speak loudly and clearly so that your audience can understand you.
7. Speech cards are useful because they can help you remember what you are going to say next.
8. Speech cards need to be in the right order so you can check them easily when doing your speech.
9. It is a good idea to practise your speech in front of a mirror so you can check that you are standing up straight and looking calm and confident.
10. Answers will vary. (It makes people feel connected to you; it shows that you are confident.)



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What's More Fun: Surfing or Snowboarding?

1. Jack and Sophie shared their opinions about surfing and snowboarding.
2. Answers will vary.
3. The hollow part of a wave is the inside curve of the wave, made when the wave curls over.
4. Answers will vary.
5. Short boards are great for doing tricks and trying new moves.
6. When Sophie said *it is hard to catch a wave safely*, she meant that you need a lot of time and space to find the right wave to catch, and this is difficult if the water is crowded.
7. Sophie believes surfing is a dangerous sport because a surfer may be hit suddenly by a strong wave and fall off the surfboard into the water, where there could be rocks.
8. Quarter pipes and half pipes are structures for doing snowboarding tricks on.
9. Snow resorts need chairlifts and towbars so skiers and snowboarders can get to the tops of runs. They cannot move easily up the mountains with their boards or skis.
10. Answers will vary.

Race Day!

1. The Go Kids race took place on Saturday.
2. Answers will vary.
3. Lydia Sparks was Tayla's favourite sporting hero.
4. A marathon is a very long running race.
5. The official told the children to keep in the correct lane so they wouldn't be in the way of the marathon runners.
6. The marathon runners were finishing the race at the same time as the children because they started their marathon earlier in the morning.
7. Answers will vary.
8. Answers will vary. (She was nice; she didn't want Tayla to feel bad.)
9. Dad took a picture of Tayla with Lydia Sparks because she was Tayla's favourite sporting hero.
10. Answers will vary.

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Join the Tree-Planting Project!

1. Abby and Luke put a message in the school newsletter to tell people about the tree-planting project and find people who were interested in joining.
2. The project was planting trees on the land beside the school sports field.
3. Answers will vary. (The land had not been cleared in a long time; people didn't play there.)
4. When wind blows across the sports field on a winter's day, the children get cold and play equipment is blown away.
5. Answers will vary.
6. The children will help keep children safe in the sun by providing shade to protect from the sun's rays.
7. The sports field flooded after heavy rain because there wasn't anywhere for the water to drain to.
8. The children wanted to grow fruit trees so they would have healthy food to share, and food for birds.
9. Netting would act as a barrier to protect the young trees from rabbits.
10. The children wanted families to become involved in the project because it was a big job.

The Fishbowl Jungle

1. Answers will vary.
2. The boy was distracted by his terrarium because it was like a jungle.
3. An electronic shrinking machine is a machine that makes things smaller.
4. Lara was going to make a bracelet from tennis balls that she shrank down.
5. The inside of the terrarium was humid to keep the plants healthy.
6. Lara was confused because her brother disappeared.
7. Answers will vary. (The spider wanted to eat the boy; the boy was in the spider's home.)
8. The boy managed to escape the spider by climbing up the plants and out of the bowl.
9. The boy pressed all of the buttons on the shrinking machine at the same time because he didn't know which one would unshrink him.
10. Answers will vary. (adventure, science-fiction)



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The School of the Air

1. Some families in outback areas only go shopping once a month because they live so far from the town.
2. The School of the Air is a school that teaches children in outback areas via the internet.
3. Lessons were delivered by aeroplane to children on outback stations because it was too far to drive.
4. Answers will vary. (The radio signals may have been weak; the equipment may have been old.)
5. A teacher may need to speak to just one student about their lessons or homework.
6. Now, students send and receive schoolwork via computers and the internet.
7. Students are encouraged to write about their life on the outback stations to teach others about things that happen on the stations.
8. Answers will vary. (to make new friends, to do group work and team activities)
9. Answers will vary.
10. Answers will vary.

A Combine Harvester

1. The machine is called a combine harvester because it combines three processes that used to be done separately into one process.
2. After the wheat is cleaned, it is taken to a huge silo.
3. The driver sees the ground around the harvester through glass panels in the cab where they sit.
4. It would be very hot in the cab without air-conditioning because of the sun coming in through the windows.
5. The two front tyres on a harvester are bigger than the two at the back, unlike on a tractor where the back tyres are bigger.
6. The threshing drum shakes the wheat to remove the dust.
7. The steel mesh grid has small holes, which means only the grains of wheat fall through into the grain bin.
8. Answers will vary. (horses, cows, sheep)
9. The same harvester is sometimes used on many farms because they are too expensive for every farmer to own.
10. Answers will vary.

Are Time Capsules Important Today?

1. A time capsule is a sealed container that is to be opened after a certain date. It contains small items or special information.
2. Answers will vary.
3. Answers will vary. (to learn about how school was a long time ago, to see what is different between then and now)
4. Information for a time capsule should be recorded on paper because it will last a long time under the right conditions.
5. Cornerstones of large buildings are good places for time capsules because they are unlikely to be moved or damaged.
6. People today can find information about the past from the library or internet.
7. Rats and mice may chew through the outside of a time capsule and cause damage to the contents.
8. Answers will vary. (It could be made of something bad for the environment; the contents could come out into the ground or waterways.)
9. Information can be lost when technology changes because some files can't be opened anymore.
10. Answers will vary.

All About Sleep

1. Living creatures need sleep so that muscles, bones and skin can grow. Sleep also allows the body to fight illness and store things learnt during the day.
2. Answers will vary. (when people are unhappy or grumpy)
3. A person's brain may be 'quite busy' when they are asleep because they are dreaming.
4. 'Deep sleep' is the third stage of sleeping.
5. A person's eyes move when they are dreaming because they are 'looking' at the things in their dreams.
6. Answers will vary.
7. Horses usually sleep standing up.
8. Answers will vary. (Bats are nocturnal, so sleep through the daylight hours.)
9. If a dolphin's whole brain was asleep at the same time, it might drown or be attacked by predators.
10. Answers will vary. (to avoid predators, to find food safely)



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The Scary Knight

1. Ivan was the smallest knight in the kingdom.
2. A quest is a long or difficult search for something.
3. Answers will vary. (He was always in a rush.)
4. Egbert thought his dragon would be “a real softie” because it lived on Marshmallow Lane, and marshmallows are soft.
5. Ivan was upset about having to go to the Cave of Doom because the name was scary, and Ivan was afraid of dragons.
6. Ivan had to wear the gigantic-sized armour because it was the only armour left.
7. Medium-sized armour was just the right size for Norbert.
8. Answers will vary.
9. Answers will vary.
10. Ivan’s armour saved the day when Ivan used it to shine sunlight into the Dragon’s eyes.

Making a Sunset Painting

1. Sunset is in the evening, when the sun is going down.
2. A silhouette is the dark shape of an object with light behind it.
3. Yellow and red are blended to make orange.
4. Fast and rough brushstrokes are used when blending wet paint so that the paint looks like clouds.
5. The painting needs the colour purple because a part of the sky turns purple at sunset.
6. The painting has to be left to dry so the paint does not get smudged.
7. A waterhole is a place where animals go to drink in the desert.
8. The grass and plant shapes are made by cutting along the wobbly line on black cardboard.
9. The feet of the animal need to be drawn on the folded edge of the card so it can be unfolded and look like a reflection in the water.
10. Answers will vary.

The Bushfire

1. The family left their home because they heard on the radio that a bushfire was heading their way.
2. Answers will vary. (The guitar meant a lot to the family. The family didn’t want it to burn in the fire)
3. A safety shelter is a structure that has been built to be safe in a fire.
4. Red-hot embers caused spot fires.
5. The fire picked up speed because fires burn faster going uphill. The heat of the flames makes the fuel in front of the fire very flammable.
6. A bushfire crosses over roads as the flames reach from trees on one side of the road to the other.
7. Answers will vary. (The possums and koalas had nowhere to go; it was moving too quickly.)
8. Answers will vary. (Animals that are badly burnt may be taken to a vet or looked after by farmers. They may die from their injuries.)
9. Answers will vary.
10. Some of the stock on the farm died in the fire.

My Horse Sunny

1. A ‘Light Horse Brigade’ is a section of the army that uses horses as transport to and from the battlefield.
2. People cheered as the Light Horse Brigade went past because they were proud of them and wanted to encourage them.
3. Horses like Sunny were just what the army wanted because they were strong, could gallop quickly, carry heavy loads, and survive on small amounts of food and water.
4. Some horses refused to walk up the ramp onto the ship because they were scared.
5. When the sea became rough, the horses staggered in their stalls and looked miserable.
6. The air was stuffy below deck because there were no windows to let fresh air inside.
7. The weather became hotter as the ship sailed north because the ship was heading closer to the Equator, where the Earth is very warm.
8. The narrator stayed with Sunny as much as he could because he was worried about her.
9. The sea voyage ended in Egypt.
10. Answers will vary. (Sunny was happy to see the narrator; she was glad to be off the boat.)