

**Reading Card A: Tip the Cat**

Tip is a cat.

She likes to eat fish.

She is a fat cat.

Tip eats fish and sleeps.

She likes to sit on my lap.

She is a good pet.

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**Reading Card B: Turtles at Home**

Turtles are always at home.

If they visit the sea, they are at home.

If they go to the high hills, they are at home.

If they go far away, they have a home.

Turtles carry their homes with them.

Their shell is their house.

Turtles stay in their shells.

That is why they are always at home.

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### **Reading Card C: Tony and the Flower Shop**

Tony lived in a big city. He ran a flower shop. Tony loved his flowers, for the flowers did not make noise. Tony loved peace and quiet.

The city where Tony lived was noisy. The buses, trucks, and cars were very noisy. He did not like the noise of the city.

Without the quiet Tony found in the flower shop, he would have moved from the city. The flower shop was his only reason for staying in the city.

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### Reading Card D: Sam Buys a Newspaper

Sam stopped to ask Mrs. Kay if she needed anything from the store. She was very old. Sam liked to help her. She asked him to buy her a newspaper.

The store was closed. Sam walked for a long time to another store. He asked for a newspaper. One was folded and put into his bag.

Sam gave Mrs. Kay the paper. She said, "Oh, Sam, you are so good. I have not seen a paper written in Greek for months!"

Sam was surprised, but he just said, "You're welcome, Mrs. Kay."

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### **Reading Card E: Today's Explorers**

Astronauts fly far away from the earth. They explore space and the moon. Maybe, in time, they will explore other worlds, too. Deep-sea divers go to the floor of the sea. They explore places as strange and wonderful as the astronauts do.

You may have seen some beautiful fish in the ocean. If you were a diver, you could go far under water. You could stay there long enough to see many unusual creatures. You would find things you never dreamed of.

The only way you could stay under water for more than a short time is to use special gear. You must use the same kind of gear divers use. A large air tank lets you stay under water for an hour.

Today, explorers go under the sea and far into space.

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### **Reading Card F: Land of Many Riches**

In 1869, the American Secretary of State, William Seward, did something that many people thought was foolish. He bought a huge piece of land called Alaska. He bought Alaska for only two cents an acre from a country called Russia. But many people thought the purchase was a waste of money. To them Alaska was just a useless land of rock, snow, and ice.

However, the following years have proved these people wrong. Some of the riches found in Alaska have made the purchase worthwhile. One of these riches is the trees in Alaska's huge forests. Much of the land in Alaska is covered by forests. The trees are cut and sold to all parts of the world.

The sea around Alaska is full of riches, too. Many fish, such as codfish, herring, crabs, and shrimp, live there. They are caught and sold to the rest of the United States and the world. Alaska has been worth much more than it cost because many riches have been discovered there.

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### **Reading Card G: The Nile Valley**

The early settlers in the Nile Valley had to root out the jungle and drain the marshes. Once it was cleared, the flood-enriched soil produced good crops. The rich soil caused many tribes to come to settle in the valley. In time, some of these tribes learned more land could be farmed if there was water for the long dry season. They worked hard to build a lake in which to store the water. They dug miles of canals and ditches to distribute the water to the fields.

This was a large task which required the work of many tribes. Out of common need, the many different tribes had one leader to plan and direct their work. Once the water system was built, the leader supervised its repair and controlled the flow of water into the canals. Through his control of the water, he became a powerful ruler.

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### **Reading Card H: Early Tools**

Before humans discovered how to obtain and work metals, they made their own tools out of wood, bone, and stone. At first, they simply used the materials in their natural forms. Then they learned to alter the materials to produce tools to fit the tasks. Wood was split or shaved with sharp rocks and polished on sandstones. Pointed stones were used to bore holes in wood. Fire was also used to shape wood. After a portion of the wood was burnt, the charcoal was scraped away. This process was repeated until the desired shape was achieved.

Bone was broken into many different-sized splinters that were used as gouges, knives, and needles.

For the most part, the wood and bone tools have not survived to this day. But it is still possible to find ancient stone tools.

Stone tools were shaped by two methods. They were struck with rocks or pieces of antler, or shaped by applying pressure at points where a flake was likely to break off.

Many people have found arrowheads. Most of these were actually used as spear points. Only a very small stone head would be light enough to use with an arrow and bow.

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## Reading Card I: Volcanoes

Powerful forces within the earth cause volcanoes. Scientists do not fully understand these forces. But they have developed theories on how the forces create volcanoes.

A volcano begins deep in the earth, where it is hot enough to melt rock. The molten rock is mixed with gases and floats up through the solid rock around it. Where the earth's crust is weakest, the liquid rock sometimes channels through it and explodes onto the surface in a volcanic eruption.

The melted rock is magma when it is still within the earth. But once it reaches the earth's surface, it is lava. The lava flows out of the central channel and smaller side channels in streams or in sheets that overlap each other like waves on a beach.

The main gas released by a volcano is steam. Because the steam contains volcanic dust, it looks like smoke.

When the magma is sticky, rock fragments of various sizes are also thrown off by the explosion. The largest fragments are called *bombs*. The material brought to the surface during a volcanic eruption sometimes forms a mountain around the opening of the central channel. A mountain that was formed by a volcano will have a large, bowl-like crater in its center, and it is also called a volcano.

Word List A	Word List B	Word List C	Word List D
the	come	today	biggest
am	you	does	where
get	went	three	yourself
is	him	from	those
and	two	under	before
here	then	began	things
see	know	name	stopped
not	around	there	place
can	pet	could	always
will	house	again	everyone

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<b>Word List E</b>	<b>Word List F</b>	<b>Word List G</b>	<b>Word List H</b>
morning	important	because	aircraft
since	airport	bridge	necessary
together	through	microscope	argument
because	fifteen	curious	chemical
which	information	estimation	representative
near	ocean	reliable	terminal
should	preview	government	apology
yesterday	laughter	business	instruction
eight	preparation	direction	evidence
remember	building	avenue	consideration

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