

Reading Card A: The Dog Show

I went to a dog show.

I saw big dogs.

I saw little dogs.

I saw dogs with long hair.

And dogs with short hair.

There were dogs everywhere.

Reading Card B: A Slippery Sidewalk

It was a cold day.

A man fell on the ice.

He was not hurt.

"Put salt on the ice," said Bill.

"Salt can kill the grass," said Pat.

"Put sand on the ice."

"I will try to find some sand," said Bill. "But it is better to kill some grass than have a bad fall."

Reading Card C: Give Me Room

I saw an old man get on the bus. He walked very slowly. He used a cane. I looked at the cane with surprise. The man had a bike horn on it. I told him I had never seen a cane with a horn. "Have you ever been to the city market?" he asked. I said that I had. "Then you know it is crowded," he said. "People did not give me room. Now I honk my horn and they move."

Reading Card D: Linda at the Diner

Linda has a part-time job in a diner. She works in the morning from six until ten. The diner is busy at breakfast time. Linda works hard, but she likes her job at the diner. She likes talking with people. Many of the same people come in every day.

At night Linda goes to school. She likes night school. She has made new friends in her classes. The teachers are very nice.

Linda wants to learn more about business. She hopes to become a manager of a diner. Then she wants to buy her own diner someday.

Reading Card E: The Lucky Wrong Number

Sue and Bill were eating dinner when the telephone rang. Bill said, "I'll get it." A man asked if the washer could be delivered in the morning.

Bill said, "We did not order a washer."

The man said, "Is this the home of P.J. Johnson?"

"No," Bill said, "but wait; P.J. Johnson is our uncle's name and we haven't seen him in a long time. What address do you have for him?"

The caller said, "201 Second Street."

Bill and Sue went to the address of P.J. Johnson. He was their uncle. They were happy to see each other. Later Sue said, "Buying that washer was lucky."

Uncle P.J. laughed, "I didn't buy a washer; I bought a TV. We just had a lucky wrong number."

Reading Card F: The Recovery

In three small rooms lived a mother and her daughter, who was quite ill. The mother worked every day. She worked hard but could afford little more than rent, food, and clothes. Because of this, the little sick girl would stay quietly in bed at home while her mother was away.

The mother worried about her daughter. If only she had someone to talk to or something to keep her mind busy.

One morning as the mother was leaving for work, she saw a little hurt bird huddled on the windowsill. Her daughter insisted that it be brought in so she could care for it.

That evening when the mother returned, the daughter was more talkative than she had been for a while. Every evening after that, she noticed that both the girl and the bird were improved. They seemed to draw strength from each other.

Then one day the mother returned home to find the table set. Tears came to the mother's eyes when the little girl said they must celebrate, for the bird was better.

Reading Card G: Not in the Mood to Read

Have you ever heard someone say, "I used to like to read, but now I am not interested in reading"? Gene used to say that. Then one day he found that he could not read the small print on a medicine bottle. Gene had his eyes tested, and he was told he needed glasses. The day Gene put them on, he stopped at a paperback bookstore and bought a sports magazine, a paperback mystery, and a newspaper. Gene's eyes had never hurt, so he hadn't thought about needing glasses. It seemed good to be reading again. Gene had forgotten how much he enjoyed reading.

There are many people, both children and adults, who believe they don't feel like reading or doing close work. Their vision is poor, but they do not know they are having problems with their sight. However, there are others who know they should wear glasses but don't want to wear them. They think glasses may not be attractive. This is not necessarily true. Glasses now have such nice-looking frames that some people wear them who don't need them! In fact, lenses in their glasses are just plain window glass.

Reading Card H: Driver's Licenses

States vary in their requirements for a driver's license. Some will give a license to persons sixteen years of age, while others will not. Usually the consent of a parent or guardian is needed if an applicant is under eighteen.

Generally, people need to fulfill three important requirements to get a driver's license. Drivers have to prove skill in driving a vehicle and knowledge of rules and safety procedures. They also have to be physically capable of safe driving. For example, people who are nearsighted are often issued restricted licenses. This means that they must wear glasses or contact lenses when they drive.

Responsible people drive carefully to avoid hurting others or themselves. Most of us realize that having a driver's license suspended or revoked can be very inconvenient. This is especially true when driving is needed for daily commuting to work.

Some states have a system of points. This means that for every violation the driver has, there are so many points held against him or her. If a driver has too many points in a particular period, the license to drive will be suspended. The system seems helpful since people don't want to lose their driving privileges.

Reading Card I: The Job Application

Tina wanted a job in an office. A magazine publishing company had some openings, so Tina went to the personnel department. The receptionist gave her an application form and asked her to go into the next room and complete it. The form was only two pages long, but it had several parts. At the top of the first page, Tina had to write her name, address, and social security number. She was glad she had put her social security card in her wallet. Next Tina was asked about her record of business experience. That part was easy, too, except for the box that said, "Reason for separation." Tina was puzzled, but then she realized they were asking why she had lost her other job. She thought she could explain why she left, but Tina didn't know how she could write the reason in such a tiny box.

The last part of the application asked for three references' names, occupations, and addresses. Tina could not remember the addresses of her references. She didn't know whether to leave that part blank or come back later. Then she had a better idea. Tina used the telephone directory to find the correct addresses. Tina decided that before she applied for any more jobs, she would write down the kind of information needed on applications and take it with her.

Word List A

the

am

get

is

and

here

see

not

can

will

Word List B

come

you

went

him

two

then

know

around

pet

house

Word List C

today

does

three

from

under

began

name

there

could

again

Word List D

biggest

where

yourself

those

before

things

stopped

place

always

everyone

Word List E

morning

since

together

because

which

near

should

yesterday

eight

remember

Word List F

important

airport

through

fifteen

information

ocean

preview

laughter

preparation

building

Word List G

because

bridge

microscope

curious

estimation

reliable

government

business

direction

avenue

Word List H

aircraft

necessary

argument

chemical

representative

terminal

apology

instruction

evidence

consideration