

English Literacy Challenge Cards

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Card 1

Sentences will vary.

Card 2

Definitions in order:

- 1 – odious
- 2 – fortuitous
- 3 – precipitate
- 4 – gangling
- 5 – hullabaloo
- 6 – obstinate
- 7 – alacrity
- 8 – fabricate
- 9 – eccentric
- 10 – rustic
- 11 – jocular
- 12 – renege
- 13 – emancipate
- 14 – harangue
- 15 – pragmatic
- 16 – dexterous

Card 3

Diary entries will vary

Card 4

Answers will vary.

Card 5

Common nouns:

bed, morning, water, bathers, tracksuit,
engine, pool, winter, squad, pool,
outdoors, deck, water, heat

Proper nouns:

Vladimir, Ivan, St Petersburg,
Ambassador Pool

Card 6

Sentences will vary.

Card 7

Many examples possible:

- 1 – id, did, slid, ideal, riddle
- 2 – wo, two, wort, women, wonder
- 3 – um, rum, slum, thumb, crumbs
- 4 – eg, peg, eggs, began, nutmeg
- 5 – ib, rib, crib, bribe, tribal

Card 8

come – coming
fascinate – fascinating
make – making
take – taking
rate – rating
rattle – rattling
shine – shining
tape – taping
hope – hoping
believe – believing

Card 9

Recounts will vary.

Card 10

In brief:

- 1 – proper nouns
- 2 – names of week days and months
- 3 – title of important people
- 4 – book titles
- 5 – names of places
- 6 – the start of sentences
- 7 – with talking marks
- 8 – at the start of a line of poetry

Card 11

- 1 – fibula
- 2 – clavicle
- 3 – radius
- 4 – femur
- 5 – humerus
- 6 – sternum
- 7 – phalanges
- 8 – vertebrae
- 9 – ulna
- 10 – cranium

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Card 12

Many examples possible:

rattle – battle, cattle

plane – sane, crane

flight – might, trite

crime – time, dime

wing – sing, fling

book – chook, cook

friend – lend, pretend

table – stable, fable

follow – swallow, yellow

least – feast, yeast

Card 13

Stories will vary.

Card 14

Written responses will vary.

Card 15

In brief:

board – a flat sheet or cut wood

bored – not interested

rain – precipitation from the sky

reign – to rule over

war – military conflict

wore – to put on clothes

paws – the padded feet of animals

pours – to cause liquid to flow

shore – where land meets water

sure – to be certain

Card 16

winch – witch – pitch – ditch – dutch

brace – grace – grate – crate – irate

Card 17

Advertising campaigns will vary.

Card 18

13 spelling (word) mistakes:

summers, friend, riding, mountains,

incredibly, arrived, greeted, gear, off,

wonderful, there, corrals, could

7 punctuation errors in order:

New sentence – Neither

Capital letters – When, Hill,

Apostrophe – horse's mane

Capital letters – Monika, Georgio

New sentence – There

Card 19

Diagrams will vary.

Card 20

Examples include:

bi – bicycle, biennial, bilateral

un – undecided, unfair, unheard

pre – prejudice, predecessor, preview

re – relocate, renew, remarry

super – superstar, supersonic, superman

tele – television, telescope, telepathy

post – post-date, post-natal, postgraduate

Card 21

Stories will vary.

Card 22

1 – swarm

2 – swiftly

3 – sweet

4 – sweep

5 – sweat

6 – swap

7 – swaddle

8 – swim

9 – swan

10 – swallow

Card 23

Letters will vary.

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Card 24

Rewritten passages will vary.
Original is very positive.

Some descriptive words to change with their antonym might include:
gleaming, magnificent, daintily,
impressive, stunning, exquisite, quietly,
pleasure, admired, softly, lightly,
delicate, blessed

Card 25

- 1 – hasn't
- 2 – weren't
- 3 – you're
- 4 – haven't
- 5 – he's
- 6 – mustn't
- 7 – I'm
- 8 – won't
- 9 – can't
- 10 – they're

Card 26

Lists and stories will vary.

Card 27

Book reviews will vary.

Card 28

Sentences will vary.

Card 29

Points will vary.

Card 30

short – tall
go – come
off – on
down – up
friend – enemy
sell – buy
open – close
slowly – quickly
smile – frown

Card 30 cont.

simple – complicated
cold – hot
behind – front
under – above
leave – arrive
backwards – forwards
repair – destroy
capture – free
black – white
easy – difficult
entrance – exit

Card 31

Answers will vary.

Card 32

Staircases will vary.

Card 33

Drawings and summaries will vary.

Card 34

In brief:

- 1 – mend things when you first see them,
otherwise the issue becomes greater
- 2 – the challenge to get something
finished
- 3 – watches over the passing of the year
- 4 – tradition observed over a long time
- 5 – to wait for something
- 6 – to have a rest
- 7 – something that is repeated
- 8 – there is no rush to have/do
something, good things can wait
- 9 – indicative of the start of an
imaginary tale or myth

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Card 35

just

usage – adjective

family words – justly, justice, justify

synonyms – fair, impartial

image

usage – noun

family words – imagine, imagery

synonyms – representation, appearance

move

usage – verb

family words – movement, moving

synonyms – push, ship, travel

type

usage – noun

family words – typical, typify

synonyms – kind, class, category

sign

usage – noun

family words – signal, signature

synonyms – symbol, indication

danger

usage – noun

family words – dangerous, endangered

synonyms – hazard, peril, risk

Card 36

1 – swapped the cow for 5 magic beans

2 – out of the window

3 – a gigantic beanstalk had grown in
their garden

4 – the beanstalk

5 – a castle

6a – castle

6b – giant

6c –

*Fee-fi-fo-fum,
I smell the blood of an Englishman,
Be he alive, or be he dead,
I'll have his bones to grind my bread.*

Card 36 cont.

7a – dinner

7b – bag of gold coins

8 – Mum, the beans were magic and I
have bought you gold'.

9a – two

9b – a hen that laid golden eggs

9c – a magical singing harp

Card 37

Story-maps will vary.

Card 38

spotty

stared

stated

sanded

sliced

scared

secret word – trance

Card 39

Answers will vary.

Card 40

Words include:

hallway

timekeeper

sunglasses, sunlight

starfish

bookkeeper, bookstand

football

handball, handstand

fingernail

toenail

photocopy

timeframe, timetable

Card 41

Medal designs will vary.

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Card 42

In order and in brief:

- 1 – to die
- 2 – to do something straight away
- 3 – to tell someone a secret or ruin a surprise
- 4 – to make someone laugh a lot
- 5 – waiting for a long time
- 6 – to pay a lot of money

Card 43

Stories will vary.

Card 44

Story improvements will vary.

Card 45

In brief

flight – travel on an aeroplane
flight – series of steps between levels

tear – secretion from the eye
tear – to rip something, like paper

present – to physically be somewhere
present – a gift

record – to make a copy of sounds
record – the highest achievement in sport

refuse – waste
refuse – to not agree to do something

wound – to tie rope around
wound – damage to the flesh

Card 46

Databases will vary.

Card 47

Book covers will vary.

Card 48

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|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | adv | ant | age | ous |
| 2 | car | tog | rap | her |
| 3 | dis | adv | ant | age |
| 4 | hea | dqu | art | ers |
| 5 | int | ell | ige | nce |
| 6 | sat | isf | act | ory |
| 7 | mea | sur | eme | nts |
| 8 | rec | upe | rat | ing |
| 9 | int | err | upt | ion |
| 10 | con | tam | ina | ted |

Card 49

Reports will vary.

Card 50

1. comma – indicates a pause/division in a sentence
2. quotation marks – enclose the exact words of someone else
3. question mark – interrogative sentences end in a question mark
4. full stop – they announce the end of a sentence
5. colon – indicates the start of a list
6. exclamation mark (point) – indicates emotion

Card 51

Poems will vary.

Card 52

helped – helping – helper
screamed – screaming – screamer
worried – worrying – worrier
swam - swimming – swimmer
ran – running – runner
skied – skiing – skier
skipped – skipping – skipper
road – riding – rider
cycled – cycling – cyclist

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Card 53

Paragraphs will vary.

Possible antonyms include:

ignore – focus, listen, concentrate

disgusting – lovely, beautiful

permanent – temporary, transient

mischievous – good, obedient

consider – thoughtless, dismiss

random – specific, predictable, regular

Card 54

Game word lists will vary.

Card 55

Illustrations & similes will vary.

In brief:

1. as quick as lightning – very fast
2. as quiet as a mouse – almost silent
3. sell like hot cakes – item is v. popular
4. as thin as a toothpick – no fat
5. as free as a bird – no restrictions, carefree

Card 56

- 1 – There was enough noise on the boat to deafen my poor dog!
- 2 – Lisa and I were going to the cricket on the weekend.
- 3 – Sally likes to wear her best clothes every night at dinnertime.
- 4 – Mum asked me what I could see out of my window.
- 5 – Felicity was sure the boat had cocked at the port of Spain.
- 6 – ‘After music class, we all have to go to the library,’ said Viv.
- 7 – The teacher told me I couldn’t quite music before the end of April.

Card 57

Stories will vary.

Card 58

Example words include:

- 1 – ding
- 2 – crack
- 3 – slurp
- 4 – crack
- 5 – twist
- 6 – screech

Card 59

There are too many possible answers to list. Online encyclopaedias are a great resource for this challenge.

Card 60

- A convoy of lorries
- A clutch of eggs
- A nest of vipers
- A quiver of arrows
- A stand of trees
- A pod of peas
- A flotilla of ships
- A range of mountains
- A battery of guns
- A deck of cards
- A flight of stairs

Card 61

Directions will vary.

Card 62

In brief:

- tedious – long and tiresome
- gamut – the entire scale or range
- voluble – continuous flow of words
- fluctuate – to vary or change often
- tardy – late, not on time
- fallacy – a false belief
- parley – a discussion or conference
- magnanimous – generous in forgiving
- fiend – an evil spirit or demon

Card 63

Procedural texts will vary.

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Card 64

Board games will vary.

Card 65

Mr – mister

min. - minimum

NE – northeast

pm – after noon (*post meridiem*)

etc. – and so forth (*et cetera*)

PTO – please turn over

Mrs – Mrs (title for married woman)

kg – kilogram

UK – United Kingdom

cont. – continued

Card 66

1. anitiremu - miniature

2. uingaadr - guardian

3. legtn - gentle

4. igdnes - design

5. tlctieah - athletic

6. tisclae - elastic

7. ueqstnio mrak - question mark

8. ntnoncie - innocent

9. ugetnsira - signature

10. esslumc - muscles

Card 67

squiggle - squirm + wiggle

goodbye - God be with ye

seascape - sea + landscape

brunch - breakfast + lunch

motel - motor + hotel

fortnight - fourteen + nights

smog - smoke + fog

Card 68

escaped – escaped

live – lived

believe – believed

love – loved

rise – rose

separate – separated

Card 68 cont.

save – saved

come – came

make – made

choose – chose

shine – shone

write – wrote

Card 69

Labelled drawings will vary.

Card 70

smile – grin

smart – intelligent

ponder – think

simple – easy

rare – unique

thing – object

hint – clue

stop – halt

gigantic – enormous

cautious – careful

starting – beginning

same – identical

motionless – still

ought – should

doorway – entrance

sleep – slumber

cut – slice

tiny – miniature

story – tale

tardy – late

Card 71

Uses will vary.

Card 72

word – athlete

definition – skilled performer in physical exercises

origin – Greek

original meaning – contend for prize

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Card 72 cont.

word – trophy
definition – item awarded as memorial
of victory
origin – Greek
original meaning – put to flight

word – pirate
definition – a person who robs at sea
origin - Greek
original meaning – to attack

word – cosmic
definition – relating to the material
universe esp. beyond Earth
origin – Greek
original meaning – universal

word – anxious
definition – full of mental distress
origin – Latin
original meaning – to strangle

word – diet
definition – selection of food esp.
considered in terms of health
origin - Greek
original meaning – way of living

word – medal
definition – piece of metal given as an
award
origin – Latin
original meaning – metal

word – school
definition – an institution for instruction
origin - Greek
original meaning – leisure or
lecture-place

Card 72 cont.

word – circus
definition – a group of performers
origin – Greek
original meaning – ring or circle

word – machine
definition – a mechanical apparatus used
for work
origin - Greek
original meaning – pulley or contrivance

Card 73

Stories will vary.

Card 74

Answers will vary.

Card 75

1 – pours
2 – rays
3 – break
4 – awe
5 – Dear
6 – holes
7 – scent
8 – nose
9 – piece
10 – fur

Card 76

Clues will vary.

Card 77

Words to be omitted:

1 – blunt
2 – cowardly
3 – released and
4 – carelessly
5 – slowly

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Card 78

Chinese, spaghetti, hamburgers
pizzas, pasta, kebabs
chocolate, cheesecake, sandwiches
baguette, Indian
sushi, roast chicken
biscuits, lamingtons

Card 79

biscuit – cookie
lift – elevator
muesli – oatmeal
holiday – vacation
chemist – druggist
sweets – candy
petrol – gas
nappy – diaper
pavement – sidewalk
tap – faucet

Card 80

Example given on the card.
Innumerable answers.

Card 81

- Madonna
- Walt Disney
- Queen Elizabeth II
- Lewis Carroll
- Serena Williams
- Jim Carey
- Michael Jackson

Card 82

Words include:
urchin, chin, child, children, drench,
chin, hind, hinder, erratic, rat, tickle,
lemon, Monday, light, top, operate, rat,
rate, tend, tender, derange, range, gelati,
Latin, tin, nobody, body, odyssey,
eyelash, lash, ash, hop, hope, open, pen

Card 83

Answers will vary.

Card 84

anatomy - the physical structure of
plants & animals
follicle - small gland from which hair
grows
clavicle - the anterior part of the
shoulder
ligament - a band of tissue connecting
bones
phalanges - bones in both the fingers and
toes
abdomen - contains the stomach and
intestines
tonsils - two small organs at the base of
the tongue
veins - vessels that carry blood to the
heart
cerebral - to do with the brain
larynx - the voice-box

Card 85

General meanings:

able – capable of or tending to
ary – connected with
ist – a person who practices or is
concerned with something
less – without
ness – action, quality or state
ship – denotes position, skill
ess – female

There are innumerable examples.

Card 86

In brief:

- 1 – milk
- 2 – mango, strawberry, fruit salad,
banana
- 3 – answers will vary (banana bender)
- 4 – 1 or 2
- 5 – methods of production will vary

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Card 87

Words include:

helpful, extinct, cream, western, zoom,
mumble, window, reason, thought, hose,
temple, heaven, naval, tent, rage, prize,
axe, set

Card 88

Illustrations will vary.

Card 89

Reports will vary.

Card 90

inch – chin
listen – silent
waits – waist
limped – dimple
keen – knee
café – face
sink – skin
lamp – palm
below – elbow

Card 91

Answers will vary.

Card 92

Databases will vary.

Card 93

Answers will vary.

Card 94

1 flight
2 vapour
3 liquid
4 jockey
5 emblem

Card 95

Innumerable examples exist:

adoration, beauty, courage, delight,
enthusiasm, fear, grace, happiness,
intelligence, kindness, love, mercy,
need, opinion, pride, relief, sadness,
thrill, uncertainty, warmth

Card 96

1 – cello
2 – piccolo
3 – bugle
4 – harpsichord
5 – lyre
6 – harp
7 – saxophone
8 – trombone
9 – tubas
10 – alpenhorn

Card 97

Country – Italy
Capital – Rome
River – Po, Tiber or Arno
Tourist site – answers will vary
Unique – answers will vary

Country – United States of America
Capital – Washington, D.C.
River – Mississippi
Tourist site – answers will vary
Unique – answers will vary

Country – Australia
Capital – Canberra
River – Murray
Tourist site – answers will vary
Unique – answers will vary

Country – India
Capital – New Delhi
River – Ganga (formerly Ganges)
Tourist site – answers will vary
Unique – answers will vary

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Card 97 cont.

Country – New Zealand
Capital – Wellington
River – Waikato
Tourist site – answers will vary
Unique – answers will vary

Country – Belgium
Capital – Brussels
River – Scheldt
Tourist site – answers will vary
Unique – answers will vary

Country – Spain
Capital – Madrid
River – Ebro
Tourist site – answers will vary
Unique – answers will vary

Country – Thailand
Capital – Bangkok
River – Tapi
Tourist site – answers will vary
Unique – answers will vary

Country – China
Capital – Beijing
River – Yangtze
Tourist site – answers will vary
Unique – answers will vary

Card 98

Answers will vary.

Card 99

Answers will vary.

Card 100

Key word: cameraman

Examples include:

ace, acre, arc, camera, came, can, cream,
crane, care, mace