

English Literacy Challenge Cards

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Card 1

In brief:

inchoate – at an early stage, not properly formed or complete
epochal – extremely important
dexterity – skill in using the hands
mnemonic – designed to aid memory
swathe – to bandage or to cut a path
peregrination – to travel from one place to another; a journey
lambasting – to reprimand harshly or to beat
sedition – to encourage rebellion, esp. against a government
perishable – non lasting

Card 2

Stories will vary.

Card 3

1 – Last night I watched superman on our new television.
2 – Yesterday was Thursday, so tomorrow will be Friday.
3 – The girl sat quietly near the seashore reading her new book,
4 – ‘I ate all of my dinner so I can have dessert,’ declared Sammy.
5 – Jack boarded the flight to Melbourne to visit his mother.
6 – Every night Bill listened to his favourite blues music.
7 – Do you believe a baby deer is called a fawn?’ asked Emily.
8 – The right address was missing on the principal’s letterhead.

Card 4

Letters will vary.

Card 5

Examples are on the card.
Answers will vary.

Card 6

In brief:

stationary – not moving
stationery – writing materials
flew – to fly (as in a plane)
flu – influenza
frieze – decorative band on outside wall
freeze – harden into ice (or a solid)
pause – a delay
pours – to transfer liquid
allowed – permissible
aloud – can be heard
censor – to suppress content (based on morality)
sensor – a movement detection device
principal – in charge of an institution
principle – a basis of conduct
soar – to fly upward
sore – physically sensitive
cue – causes an action (as in a play)
queue – a line of people
praise – to express approval
preys – to hunt as found
mare – female horse
mayor – elected leader of a town
cereal – edible grain
serial – successive instalments

Card 7

Example is on the card.
Staircases will vary.

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Card 8

Articles will vary.

Card 9

Column 1: nicely, quickly, awkwardly, friendly, carefully, optimistically, aggressively, gently, fearfully, diligently

Column 2: brightly, stupidly, blindly, mindfully, vigilantly, silently, aimlessly, thoughtfully, drunkenly, abruptly

Card 10

Headlines will vary.

Card 11

Brochures will vary.

Card 12

- 1 – gauge
- 2 – original
- 3 – grievance
- 4 – convinced
- 5 – mischievous
- 6 – medicine
- 7 – hyphen
- 8 – negotiate
- 9 – prejudice
- 10 – choice

Card 13

Paragraphs will vary.

Card 14

Procedural texts will vary.

Card 15

mini – very small of its kind
e.g. minibus, mini-skirt, miniature

fore – in front, beforehand
e.g. forecourt, forecast, forego

trans – across or beyond
e.g. transport, transfer, transform

counter – contradictory, or opposite
e.g. counteract, counterpart

kilo – denotes 1,000
e.g. kilometre, kilogram, kilowatt

non – negative sense
e.g. non-stop, non-event, non-violent

hypo – under, or below normal
e.g. hypodermic, hypocrisy, hypogene

circum – around
e.g. circumnavigate, circumspect

Card 16

Applications will vary.

Card 17

Posters will vary.

Card 18

Answers will vary.

Card 19

Tara. Hello my dear. Hope you are well. Would you like to come over for dinner tonight? Call me back if you can make it. Love you darling. From your uncle.

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Card 20

Examples include:

- 1 – nervous, troubled, uneasy
- 2 – accountable, obligated, trustworthy
- 3 – decaying, decrepit
- 4 – composed, understanding
- 5 – monstrous, diabolical
- 6 – obstinate, inflexible
- 7 – calm, mild
- 8 – tight, stretched
- 9 – antagonistic, mean
- 10 – correspond, publish

Card 21

Dictionaries will vary.

Card 22

In brief:

- 1 – spring to summer
- 2 – the fruit is very large
- 3 – 5 to 10 days
- 4 – watermelon
- 5 – no, they require regular watering
- 6 – fertiliser
- 7 – no, need a sunny location
- 8 – so you can select the healthiest plants
- 9 – to pick the fruit

Card 23

- 1 - comma – indicates a pause/division in a sentence
- 2 – parentheses – enclose a word or phrase which is a qualifying remark
- 3 – quotation marks – enclose the exact words of someone else
- 4 – question mark – interrogative sentences end in a question mark
- 5 – colon – indicates the start of a list
- 6 – full stop – they announce the end of a sentence
- 7 – exclamation mark (point) – indicates emotion

Card 23 cont.

- 8 – a dash – a mark of separation stronger than a comma, which denotes an explanatory aside
- 9 – ellipsis – let's the reader know you've left out some words
- 10 – semi-colon – separates independent clauses of the same weight, keeping them as the one sentence

Card 24

Stories will vary.

Card 25

Nouns, in order:

floods, archipelago, islands, Peri Peri, Pacific Ocean, people, Peri Peri, fear, waters, year, rain, days, king, Peri Peri, King Wah Wah Tooti, people, islands, boat, island, Mo, subjects

Card 26

Complaint letters will vary.

Card 27

- 1 hurricane
- 2 narrative
- 3 heartache
- 4 fragrance
- 5 diarrhoea

Card 28

Answers will vary.

Card 29

Spell check errors, in order:

fin – fine
perk – park
herd – heard
founded – found
party-coloured – particular
their – there
straw berry – strawberry
coco late – chocolate
straw berry – strawberry

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Card 29 cont.

two – to
too – two
straw berry – strawberry
iced – ice
latter – later
there – their
coco late – chocolate
wons – ones
straw berry – strawberry
shore – sure
wee – we
water – waiter
tolled – told
where – were
write – right
too – two
straw berry – strawberry
iced – ice
rote – wrote
there – their
no – know
right – wrote

Card 30

humungous = huge + monstrous
chortle = chuckle + snort
sitcom = situation + comedy
flounder = flounce + blunder
ginormous = giant + enormous
infomercial = information + commercial
fantabulous = fantastic + fabulous

Card 31

Reviews will vary.

Card 32

First column:
anno Domini
altitude
New Zealand
feminine
Fahrenheit
Greenwich mean time
latitude

Card 33 cont.

Second column:
Lieutenant
intelligence quotient
especially
Medical doctor
revolutions per minute
miscellaneous
northeast

Card 34

Answers will vary.

Card 35

break – breaks – breaking – broke –
broken
take – takes – taking – took – taken
begin – begins – beginning – began –
begun
swim – swims – swimming – swam –
swum
eat – eats – eating – ate – eaten

Card 36

Card 37

Crosswords will vary.

Card 38

Answers will vary.

Card 39

Spelling errors in order:
down, drain, type, barking, seemed,
some, quiet, half, however, turned

13 missing capitals in order:
Walking, Mrs, Crouch, She, In, Mrs,
Crouch's, Max, Mrs, Crouch, Max,
Sunday, However,

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Card 39 cont.

Matching synonyms:

captured – trapped
ferociously – wildly
feline – cat
noisily – loudly
resolved – decided
disappeared – vanished
adhesive – glue
footpath – pavement

Card 40

Jokes will vary.

Card 41

Word – judge
Definition – to form an opinion on
Usage – verb (also noun)
Family – judgment, judging, prejudice
Synonyms – consider, infer

Word – possible
Definition – capable of being done
Usage – adjective
Family – possibility, impossible
Synonyms – likely, attainable

Word – excite
Definition – to arouse or stir-up emotions
Usage – verb
Family – excitement, exciting
Synonyms – awaken, stimulate

Word – science
Definition – methodical study of the material world
Usage – noun
Family – scientific, scientist
Synonyms – method, discipline of study

Word – revolt
Definition – to break away from
Usage – verb
Family – revolting, revolution
Synonyms – rebel, uprising

Card 41 cont.

Word – govern
Definition – to rule over by authority
Usage – verb
Family – governor, government
Synonyms – control, supervise

Card 42

Answers will vary.

Card 43

Punctuation may vary.
Spelling errors are underlined:

Lifting the spirits of the team was all that mattered to Karl. It was especially important today because it was the final competition of the synchronised swimming. For this occasion an especially elaborate and distinctive outfit was called for; full length purple lycra bodysuits were out of the question as the rival team were wearing a similar design.

Karl whipped up costumes which incorporated two hundred grams of ostrich feathers from the softest underbelly of his pet ostrich Trevor. These feathers were freely given by Trevor. This sacrifice made Karl even more proud when his team put-in a 100% effort and took a silver medal for the day's competition.

Card 44

Answers will vary.

Card 45

Answers will vary.

Card 46

Answers will vary.

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Card 47

header - leader – leaver - leaves - heaves
– heaven

Card 48

Basic rules for a limerick:

1. Limericks have five lines.
2. The first, second and fifth lines rhyme with each other and these lines usually have eight to ten syllables.
3. The third and fourth lines rhyme with each other and usually have five or six syllables.

Card 49

spaghetto – thin rope
alarme – to arms
mezzano – middle
ghettare – to throw
portafoglio – to carry sheets
regatta – to contend
ombrella – sunshade
aria – air
graffito – scratched incision/design
influentia – influence
torso – trunk of statue
pianoforte – abbreviated version
tempus – time
volcanus – derives from the god Vulcan

Card 50

Explanations, in brief:

- 1 – foolish people will attempt things that wiser people are more cautious of
- 2 – literal meaning, but often applied to a team (the end result affected by the weakest ‘player’, not just the best)
- 3 – to fully experience something you must test it yourself
- 4 – literal meaning, implying that there is no guarantee that you will get the chance tomorrow (fate can intervene)
- 5 – Literal meaning, implying that we should prepare (mentally and physically) before we begin a course of action

Card 50 cont.

6 – literal meaning, implying that people should have the courage to make their own decisions, rather than following public opinion

Card 51

Answers will vary.

Card 52

Posters will vary.

Card 53

Answers will vary.

Card 54

- 1 – lackadaisical
- 2 – hypocrisy
- 3 – floccinaucinihilipilification
- 4 – ardour
- 5 – vicarious
- 6 – facetious
- 7 – pithy
- 8 – truculent
- 9 – serendipitous
- 10 – boisterous
- 11 – synchronicity
- 12 – avarice
- 13 – obstreperous
- 14 – punctilious
- 15 – pusillanimous
- 16 – abstemious

Card 55

Underlined word required:

organise – structure – disorder
listless – inert – energetic
boisterous – noisy – quiet
delicious – scrumptious – horrible
frightened – scared – bold
hinder – prevent – assist
responsible – accountable – exempt
meander – wander – directly
diverse – various – similar
content – happy – dissatisfied

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Card 56

Advertisements will vary.

Card 57

Words include:

ruffle, least, east, street, table, tablet,
lethargic, celebration, onion, only,
yellow, window, down, nervous, useful,
fulfilling, fill, in, grain, rain, rained,
depend, dependable, end, bleeps

Card 58

Answers will vary.

Card 59

Answers will vary.

Card 60

coven of witches
pack of runners
troupe of acrobats
team of athletes
crowd of onlookers
band of men
gang of hoodlums
panel of experts
congregation of worshippers
band of robbers
crew of sailors

Card 61

Rules will vary.

Card 62

Poems will vary.

Card 63

Answers will vary.

Card 64

Answers will vary.

Card 65

scope – to look at or through
e.g. telescope, kaleidoscope

ous – characterised by
e.g. envious, studious, contagious

phobia – fear or aversion
e.g. claustrophobia, xenophobia

ism – denotes condition, principle
e.g. baptism, heroism, conservatism

aemia – substance present in the blood
e.g. anaemia, glycemia

itis – inflammation
e.g. bronchitis, appendicitis

cide – something that kills
e.g. regicide, pesticide, homicide

Card 66

Postcards will vary.

Card 67

1. fluctuate
2. yachtsman
3. xylophone
4. mechanism
5. hypocrite

Card 68

Articles will vary.

Card 69

- 1 – any (negative)
- 2 – some (positive)
- 3 – any
- 4 – some
- 5 – any
- 6 – any *or* some
- 7 – some

Student sentences will vary.

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Card 70

word – toxic
definition – of poison
origins – Greek (*tokicon*)
or. meaning – poison used with arrows

word – phenomenon
definition – thing that occurs
origins – Greek (*phainomai*)
or. meaning – to appear or show

word – arctic
definition – north polar regions
origins – Greek (*arktos*)
or. meaning – bear

word – logic
definition – science of reasoning, proof
origins – Greek (*logike*)
or. meaning – art of reason

word – telescope
definition – optical instrument to
magnify distant objects
origins – Greek (*far + to see through*)
or. meaning – far seeing

word – elastic
definition – resumes normal shape
origins – Greek (*elastikos*)
or. meaning – propulsive

word – giant
definition – human form but super
stature
origins – Latin (*gigantes*)
or. meaning – creatures from classical
mythology

word – behemoth
definition – enormous creature
origins – Egyptian (*p-ehe-mau*)
or. meaning – water-ox

Card 70 cont.

word – psyche
definition – soul, spirit, mind
origins – Greek (*psyche*)
or. meaning – to breathe

word – drama
definition – performance
origins – Greek (*drama*)
or. meaning – to do

Card 71

Answers will vary.

Card 72

Answers will vary.

Card 73

Answers will vary; a possible example:
Patrick,
Here is your brochure as requested.
You're more than welcome to take one
for a test drive. Please call at the office,
ask for me, and I'll get one for you.
Enjoy the brochure, but they're fantastic
in real life.
Regards, Ryan.

Card 74

Answers will vary.

Card 75

pre – before
e.g. precede, preface, prepare

post – after or behind
e.g. postpone, postgraduate

quad – four
e.g. quadrangle, quadruple

cent – hundredth part, as in per cent
e.g. centenary, centimetre

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Card 75 cont.

poly – many or much
e.g. polygamous, polygon

mono – one or singular
e.g. monolith, monologue

Card 76

Spelling errors, in order:
major, specialty, including, jammed,
seasons, sweets, till, too, buying,
babysitting

Capitals, in order:
Paragraph 1: Shopping, Beyonce, That
P2: The, Millenium Mall, Target,
Sportsmart, Macys, Bloomingdales,
Abercrombie, Kandy Kingdom, It
P3: Beyonce, However, First,
Beyonce's, Second, As, Window, So,
Beyonce

Synonyms:
small – minor
apparel – fashions
converse – chat
large – major
alone – unsupervised
continually – always
adored – loved
particularly – especially

Card 77

- 1) cinematographer
- 2) demystification
- 3) demonstrability
- 4) acquisitiveness
- 5) adventurousness
- 6) autobiographies
- 7) halfheartedness
- 8) humanitarianism
- 9) environmentally
- 10) electromagnetic

Card 77 cont.

- 11) horticulturally
- 12) spontaneousness
- 13) unconditionally

Card 78

Poems will vary.

Card 79

Nick – School is almost over! Yeah. As I
said before tomorrow will be awesome.

Are you ok with it?

Matt – Not before I call mum. She wants
to know where we are going to,
especially because it's holidays.

Nick – Ok. But call me as soon as
possible, when you know. And wait for
me at the station after school. Bye for
now.

Card 80

- 1) The eyes = they see
- 2) Schoolmaster = the classroom
- 3) A gentleman = elegant man
- 4) Dormitory = Dirty room
- 5) The countryside = no city dust here

Card 81

Answers will vary.

Card 82

Answers will vary.

Card 83

Answers will vary.

Card 84

Answers will vary.

Card 85

Answers will vary.

Card 86

Answers will vary.

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Card 87

Answers will vary.

Card 88

Answers will vary.

Card 89

Answers will vary.

Card 90

In brief:

To break someone's heart – is to emotionally shatter them, usually by ending a romantic relationship

A taste of your own medicine – implies an occasion when a mean person is dealt with in a similar way as they would treat someone else (a type of revenge)

Wrack your brain – to think long and hard about something, often thinking of many possibilities

Feel under the weather – usually to feel slightly ill, or not physically your best

Go out on a limb – is to take a risk, to try something where you put yourself in a position of being hurt (often in an emotional context)

Card 91

Answers will vary.

Card 92

In brief:

1) Definitions:

prosperity – thriving times

invariably – constantly, the same

fidelity – loyalty, faithful to duties

interminable – never ending

entailed – involved

Card 92 cont.

Answers will vary.

2) To thank his soldiers for their efforts on the battlefield, to show that recognition of them will never die, to justify the end of the war and his capture and impending imprisonment.

3) In the speech he implies that the war was a great burden on his men and France, but a necessary sacrifice.

4) Student's opinion.

5) Fought valiantly in the face of both victory and defeat, served Napoleon loyally until the end.

Card 93

Teachers to check the spelling.

Card 94

Answers will vary.

Card 95

Answers will vary.

Card 96

El lagarto - the lizard

Cafeteria - a coffee shop

Cigarro - something to smoke

Vamos - let's go

Tornar - to turn, (tornado, thunderstorm)

Guerrilla - a small raiding party or fighting force

Camarada – roommate or partner

Bronco - meaning wild or rough

Cargar - to load

Patio - like a courtyard

Renegado - deserter or outlaw

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Card 97

Illustrations will vary.

In brief:

- 1) very agile and active
- 2) boring
- 3) intelligent
- 4) new, clean, fresh
- 5) lacks vision (physically)
- 6) deathly quiet

Card 98

Articles will vary.

Card 99

Answers will vary.

Card 100

Words include:

active, vicious, possession, pathetic,
yellow, nursery, ambitious, sense, first,
cone, item, might, byte, hinge, mule,
towel, kelp, ram, kettle