

Main Idea Task Cards

How much wool does a lamb grow every year? About seven pounds altogether. That's enough to make two warm coats or four pairs of pants.

- a. Making warm coats
- b. A seven pound lamb
- c. The wool from a lamb

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Did you know the peanut is not really a nut? It looks like one, but it's not. Peanuts are the seeds of a plant and belong to the pea family. Another name for peanut is a "goober."

- a. Peas in a pot
- b. A story about peanuts
- c. Planting seeds

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The first time you hear your own voice on tape you might be very surprised. You probably won't even know it's you! The sound you hear from your voice when you talk is different from the sound your friends hear.

- a. Talking on a tape
- b. The sound of your voice
- c. Hearing friends talk

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Tomorrow is Turn-Around-Day at school. Everyone gets a turn to go to another class and teach something to the children. I'm going to the fourth grade and show them how to make ice cream. They will want me to be their teacher forever.

- a. Turning around in circles
- b. Teacher for a day
- c. How to make ice cream

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Does your cat like to chew gum? My orange striped cat, Rufus, loves pink Snap-Happy Gum. His best trick is blowing a bubble that looks like an elephant!

- a. Blowing up elephants
- b. Teaching a cat a trick
- c. A very silly cat

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How many things can your tongue do? It can taste your food, lick your lips, say all your L's, and tickle the top of your mouth.

- a. How a tongue tastes
- b. Good things a tongue can do
- c. Tasting food

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There is someone behind me that has been following me around all day long. He is much bigger than I am but I'm not afraid. When I eat he sits on the floor. When I go to bed he sleeps on the wall. He is my shadow. Look around—you might have one too.

- a. Afraid of shadows
- b. Someone who follows me
- c. Sleeping on the floor

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Crickets don't make their chirping sounds with their voices. They just rub their wings together. It looks like they are playing the violin.

- a. How crickets chirp
- b. Wings that won't fly
- c. A violin that chirps

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How do I know fall is coming? I can tell because my mom takes my bathing suit and puts it in a cardboard box. Outside the air is getting colder, and next week we will attend the Clemson football game.

- a. Packing up
- b. A Clemson football game
- c. How to tell when it's fall

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My friend Taylor told me a secret. He said not to tell anyone. I'm the best person to tell a secret to, because the very next day I can't remember the secret. A secret is safe with me.

- a. The best secret keeper
- b. Remembering late at night
- c. Whispering secrets

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Dreams can take you places you have never been before. You can go by plane, on a bike, or even ride a cloud. Tonight let's go to the City of Ditty. Bring your banjo. The people play music there all night long.

- a. Dreaming about planes
- b. Moving far away
- c. Taking a trip in a dream

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Do you know what your name means? "Richard" means "brave" and "Dorothy" means "gift." Every name has its own special meaning.

- a. A birthday gift
- b. The meaning of names
- c. Names for boys

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The students were making pictures in art class. Some students used crayons to draw. Other students used watercolors to paint. The teacher put all of the pictures on the wall for everyone to see.

- a. The students drew and painted pictures in art class.
- b. Some students used crayons to draw.
- c. The teacher put the pictures on the wall.
- d. Some students used watercolors.

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A young girl went with her dad to the circus. They saw lots of clowns. Their favorite trick was when the seal put a ball on its nose. The young girl's dad gave her a balloon when it was time to go home.

- a. They saw lots of clowns.
- b. Their favorite animal was the seal.
- c. The dad gave a balloon to his young girl.
- d. The young girl and her dad went to the circus.

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The class took a field trip to the zoo. They saw many animals. Their favorite animals were the elephants and monkeys. When it was time to leave, they rode the yellow bus back to school.

- a. The class rode a yellow school bus .
- b. The class had fun.
- c. They saw lots of animals.
- d. The class went on a field trip.

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Kim was so excited when she saw her name on Mrs. Evans' class list. She had hoped all summer to be in her 2nd grade class. Kim knew that this was going to be the best year ever.

- a. Kim has a brother.
- b. Mrs. Evans teaches 2nd grade.
- c. Kim is a good student.
- d. Kim wants Mrs. Evans as a teacher.

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Jo is watching too much television. A child shouldn't be spending hours staring at a screen. Some of her behavior has been caused by those cartoons she watches. She needs to spend more time reading books and pull the plug on the TV!

- a. Watching a lot of television isn't good for Jo.
- b. Books are good.
- c. All cartoons are bad.
- d. Some cartoons are bad for Jo.

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The earth goes around the sun. In winter, our part of the earth gets less sunshine. It is very cold and it stays darker longer. In the summer, our part of the earth gets more sunshine. Then it is very warm.

- a. The earth moves around the sun.
- b. It is cold in winter.
- c. It is darker in the winter.
- d. It is warm in the summer.

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Sam and Dad were in the backyard. Sam and Dad had special tools so that they could build the best tree house in town. Sam's job was to hold the wood while Dad cut and hammered it. They finished in time to eat dinner in the new tree house.

- a. Sam has a dad.
- b. Sam and Dad built a tree house.
- c. There is a tree house in the backyard.
- d. It's fun to play outside.

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Many people play soccer. It is played in every country. Soccer has been around for almost 3,000 years. Some people played soccer in China a long time ago. Then people started to play it in other countries. Soon, it was played all around the world.

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- b. Soccer is played by people all over the world.
- c. Some people played soccer in China.
- d. People started to play soccer in other countries.

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Hiking is a wonderful way for you to have fun. All you need is a good pair of shoes. You can hike in many places, such as the woods or a valley. You can walk for a long or short time. Hiking is even better if you go with your friends.

- a. You need good hiking shoes.
- b. You will have a good time hiking.
- c. Hikes can be long or short.
- d. You can hike in the woods.

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The winter in New York in 1994 was one to remember. There was a lot of snow. This made it hard for people to get around. Many schools were closed. It was also very cold. People were glad when the winter was over.

- a. The winter of 1994 was bad.
- b. Many school had to close.
- c. People were sick.
- d. It was hard to get around.

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Mother's Day is a special day. There are many things you can do for your mother. You can make a pretty card or cook a nice meal. You can help clean the house or wash the clothes. It is a time to show your mother that you care.

- a. You can cook a meal.
- b. You can make a card.
- c. You can help clean the house.
- d. Mother's Day should be a special day.

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Fred Frog was not happy. He had no one to play with. All day he played near the pond. But no one came to play with him.

- a. Fred Frog eats flies.
- b. Fred Frog had no friends.
- c. Fred Frog was at the pond.
- d. Fred Frog worked hard.

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Molly had worked for three weeks to plan her birthday party. She made party favors, decorations, and food. Her birthday was finally here. She was tired from working so hard. All she wanted to do was sleep.

- a. Molly worked too hard on planning her party.
- b. The birthday party was fun.
- c. Molly is nine on her birthday.
- d. Molly makes decorations, party favors, and food.

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Choose the topic of the paragraph.

There are many kinds and sizes of sharks. Some are larger than elephants. Some are only about four inches long. They can see for great distances. Sharks are meat eaters that can swim very fast.

- a. sizes of sharks
- b. sharks
- c. food for sharks
- d. where sharks are found

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Choose the topic of the story.

One day Gray Cat saw another cat. It was black. The two cats chased the leaves that blew around the yard. They played all morning.

- a. A cat was black.
- b. Cats climb trees.
- c. Leaves fell from the trees.
- d. Two cats were playing.

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Read the story. Choose the best title for it.

Becky was busy making a puppet for her friend. Her friend likes squirrels, so Becky made a squirrel puppet. She painted a smile on it. "That's good," she said. "Ann will like this."

- a. Smiling Puppet
- b. Becky Likes Squirrels
- c. A Puppet for Ann
- d. A Sick Friend

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