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Level 21 Cards

Are Loud Noises Necessary?

1. Answers will vary. (earthquakes, volcanoes)
2. Loud noises are made by the big engines of machinery.
3. Brigitte believes loud noises are necessary because they can let us know that there is danger nearby.
4. Emergency vehicles have to move quickly so they can get to the emergency faster.
5. Emily's family is moving to the country.
6. Forests are quiet places because there are fewer people and machines around to make noise.
7. Ali's grandpa lost his hearing because he used to work with large machines, and didn't use earmuffs to protect his ears.
8. Sign language is when people use hand signals to communicate instead of speaking aloud.
9. The music at the school disco was loud because some people like to listen to loud music.

The Pelicans' Secret

1. The pelicans lived on the coast before they migrated to Lake Birdwood.
2. The water in Lake Birdwood came from nearby rivers and creeks.
3. There were lots of new plants growing in and around the lake because there had been a lot of heavy rain recently.
4. The female pelicans made their nests by trampling plants and loose soil into hollows.
5. The pelicans formed a circle around the school of fish so they could herd them into the shallow water.
6. The pelicans herded the fish into the shallow water so they could scoop the fish up with their long bills.
7. The pelicans landed gently near their nests so they wouldn't disturb the baby chicks.
8. The pelicans will leave Lake Birdwood when the lake dries up because there won't be enough food.
9. Answers will vary. (It was interesting; they liked watching the pelicans.)

Beached Jellyfish

1. Roxy was at the beach for an early morning walk.
2. Roxy suddenly tugged on his lead because something startled him in the grass.
3. The Box Jellyfish looked like balloons that had popped. They were shiny blobs of pale-blue jelly.
4. Answers will vary. (Jellyfish sometimes drift ashore when the tide comes in.)
5. Box Jellyfish are some of the most dangerous sea creatures in the world because their tentacles are very poisonous, even when the jellyfish are dead.
6. Signs had been placed at the top of the beach to warn people that Box Jellyfish were sometimes found there.
7. Mum called the Surf Life Saving office because it was important to warn people about the Box Jellyfish.
8. Mum pushed sticks into the sand to keep people away from where the jellyfish were lying.
9. Roxy was the hero of the day because he was the one who found the jellyfish.

How Paint Is Mixed

1. Some paint colours need to be mixed because the shop doesn't have those exact colours.
2. Paint shops have cards showing paint colours so people can choose exactly which colour they want.
3. Each paint colour has a different name because sometimes there are many different shades of the same colour, and it is important that people don't get them confused.
4. The coloured paint needs to flow from the cylinder to the small tube so that the shop assistant can check that the right amount of paint is being used.
5. It is necessary to use base paint because it is easy to mix with other colours.
6. White paint is easy to mix with other colours because white is a neutral colour, so it doesn't change the colour of the paint that is added to it.
7. The lid is pressed tightly onto the tin so none of the paint leaks out.
8. The different colours are mixed together by shaking the tin in a special machine.
9. The colours need to be completely blended together so the paint is all the same colour.



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The Very Wide Load

1. Mum had been in the city for a few days.
2. Dad groaned when he saw the truck because it was taking up the whole road and he couldn't overtake it.
3. The truck was taking up the whole road because it was very wide.
4. Eva wanted Dad to overtake the truck because she was worried that Mum would think they had forgotten her.
5. It would have been dangerous to try to overtake the very wide load because Dad could not see if any cars were coming the other way.
6. Mum didn't receive the first message that Eva sent because Dad and Eva were too far from town and had no phone reception.
7. Dad said to wait until they were closer to town to send the message because there would be more phone reception there.
8. Eva thought they had no chance of getting to the station on time because the truck was slowing down in front of them.
9. Police and pilot vehicles need to travel with wide loads to protect people and vehicles on the highway.

It Will Be Right on the Night

1. The title of the play means that the play will go smoothly when it is performed on the night.
2. Linc became confused because the lights were off, so he couldn't see where he was going.
3. The music wasn't working because Daisy couldn't find the computer cord.
4. Daisy couldn't turn on the lights because the music made the lights come on, and the music wasn't working.
5. 'Playing the blame game' means that everyone is blaming someone else for their problems.
6. Mr Bustle asked Harry to explain the problem because Harry was the director of the play.
7. Harry was worried about the play because everything seemed to be going wrong.
8. Mr Bustle looked unsure because he didn't know if the students would be able to perform the play.
9. Mia's dad contacted her by text message to tell her that he had finished making her costume.

Animal Rescue Centres

1. Animal rescue centres need lots of workers because there are lots of animals to look after.
2. Volunteers help at animal rescue centres by feeding and brushing the animals, exercising them each day, and cleaning the cages and pens where the animals live.
3. Some animals in the bush are injured in bushfires.
4. Bushfires are dangerous for koalas because they cannot move quickly enough to climb down the trees and escape.
5. Answers will vary. (People might find birds, possums and other small animals sick or injured in their gardens.)
6. Answers will vary. (Some people are no longer able to care for pets because it is too expensive, too time-consuming or too difficult.)
7. Workers at rescue centres try to find new homes for some of the animals so that there is more room at the rescue centre for other sick animals.
8. Very young animals need to be kept warm and safe, and need to be fed by hand.
9. A baby kangaroo or possum would be fed from a baby's bottle.

The Bird-Spotting Challenge

1. The first challenge was to take a photo of a really large bird.
2. The challenge happened so late in the day because they had only arrived at the cabin in the afternoon.
3. Mum and Dad went with the teams to keep them safe, and because it was getting dark.
4. Laura and Mia hurried back to the cabin because the half hour was almost over.
5. The huge owl didn't appear because owls only come out at night.
6. 'Mum kept quiet. She knew the rules!' means that Mum knew she couldn't remind the boys that the owl wouldn't come out in the daylight, because Mum and Dad weren't allowed to help.
7. Jacob and Henry were getting worried because they hadn't spotted a big bird yet, and there wasn't much time left.
8. Henry was annoyed because the big turkey had run away before he could take a picture of it.
9. Laura and Mia enjoyed showing the boys and Mum their photos because they had won the challenge, and had taken exciting photos of some large birds.



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Ice-Hockey Hero

1. This ice-hockey game was important to both teams because it was the final.
2. A fan slapped Oscar on the back because he was excited for the game.
3. Oscar was the goalie for the Bears.
4. The goalie has to wear a face mask and a mouthguard to protect their head, face and teeth.
5. Oscar's heart was racing as he hurried out onto the rink because he was nervous and excited for the game.
6. The Bears scored first.
7. Oscar's mouthguard fell out of his mouth when he sneezed.
8. 'Let his team down' means that Oscar had done something which meant his team wouldn't win.
9. The Hornets were cheering because they thought they had scored a goal.

How to Help at a School Fair

1. The words on the posters should be in large letters so people can read them from far away.
2. Each stall needs a sign so people know what is at that stall.
3. A Lucky Dip needs two boxes so there can be a box of parcels for young children, and one for older children.
4. Tables for the plant stall are covered with plastic tablecloths to protect them from water and dirt.
5. Heavy bags need to be carried carefully so no one hurts themselves.
6. Answers will vary. (to make them feel welcome, to help show them where things are)
7. Games could be set up for younger children so they have something to do.
8. A small box is put near the stage so that people can give money to the musicians.
9. Answers will vary. (The children could start to pick up rubbish; they could pack up the stalls.)

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Making a Greek Dip (Tzatziki)

1. The garlic is crushed for the dip in a garlic press.
2. The cucumber is grated so it can be mixed with the other ingredients.
3. The cucumber is left in the cloth for about 20 minutes to allow some of the water to drip into the bowl.
4. The cloth with the cucumber is squeezed firmly to get rid of any extra moisture.
5. The mint is cut into tiny pieces using the scissors.
6. The yoghurt and mint are put into the large bowl so all the ingredients can be mixed together.
7. The mixture should be stirred carefully so you don't make a mess.
8. The carrots and celery are served in sticks to make it easy to dip them into the tzatziki.
9. The dip would be a special treat because it would be eaten as a snack.

Board Games versus Video Games

1. Board games are games that are played on a hard board with playing pieces that people move around.
2. It is fun to play board games with friends because you can talk and laugh among yourselves while waiting for your turn.
3. The sense of touch is important in board games because it makes the game feel more real.
4. Games should be played correctly because then they are fair for all the players.
5. Cooper would be bored when playing board games because he prefers games with fast action and music.
6. Answers will vary. (Every game will be different; different players can choose different powers.)
7. 'No matter where they live' means that Cooper can play video games against his friends even if they live far away.
8. Different video games need different skills, but to play most video games you need to have good hand-eye coordination.
9. Someone who was blind might like to play board games with patterns they can feel, or video games that use sounds to guide them through the game.



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Icky Sticky Spider Web

1. Sam tiptoed when he went to get Dad's newspaper because he thought something was trying to get him.
2. Sam had a spider's web stuck in his hair and eyes.
3. Sam couldn't get rid of the spider's web because it was sticky.
4. The spider's web looked beautiful because it was glistening and sparkling in the sun.
5. The spider webs are sticky so that insects will get stuck to them.
6. Jackie read about these spiders in her book.
7. Jackie told Sam that spiders lay thousands of eggs.
8. Sam didn't find the spider or egg sacs because spiders hide during the day, and hide their egg sacs.
9. Spider eggs hatch in spring because that is when the temperature is getting warmer.

Meeting Brutus

1. Will thought Brutus was a big dog because the name Brutus sounded tough, like it might be the name of guard dog.
2. Austin said he was being very nice to Brutus because the dog's teeth were very sharp, and he didn't want to get bitten.
3. Dad went with Austin when he took Brutus for a walk because Brutus didn't like being on a lead, and kept pulling to go a different way.
4. Austin told Will to come to the front door because it would be safer, since Brutus might be out the back.
5. Will was anxious when he looked through the fence because he thought Brutus was a scary dog.
6. Austin and his mum called Brutus 'the beast' as a joke because he was so little.
7. Will thought Austin had two dogs because Brutus didn't look how Will had imagined.
8. Austin tricked Will into thinking Brutus was a big dog by talking about Brutus's sharp teeth, and how his dad had to come with him when he took Brutus for a walk.
9. Austin was making a joke about how Will had been expecting a big dog.

Costumes for the School Play

1. The children went to the shop because they needed costumes for the school play.
2. Answers will vary. (The girl's mother went to the shop with the children because they needed an adult to take them.)
3. All the goods in the shop had been donated by people who didn't want them anymore.
4. Harriet and Leo were surprised because there were so many clothes in the shop.
5. The top Harriet chose would be perfect for the hot weather because it had short sleeves and was colourful.
6. When Leo put on the hat he had found, Grace couldn't stop giggling.
7. Leo was going to make people laugh in the school play.
8. Answers will vary. (She liked red; the bright colour would stand out on stage.)
9. The girl and Mum bought teacups for Grandma's birthday because they were beautiful.

How to Ride a Unicycle

1. The area where you learn to ride a unicycle should be flat and clear, with a fence or handrail to hold on to.
2. The other foot should be at the 3 o'clock position.
3. You need to practise often so that it becomes easier to keep your balance and to ride further.
4. The fence or handrail needs to be as high as your shoulders so that it is easy to reach when you are on the unicycle.
5. Your shoelaces should be tucked into your shoes so that they don't get caught in the wheel of the unicycle.
6. You need to sit up straight to keep your balance.
7. Answers will vary.
8. Balance is important when learning to ride a unicycle because it is very easy to fall over.
9. Wrist guards are important safety gear because if you fall, you might land on your wrist.



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Jack Brabham

1. Jack Brabham came from Australia.
2. Jack Brabham learnt to race cars by building and racing billycars with his friends.
3. Jack Brabham didn't like to be beaten because it was exciting to win.
4. A racing car might run out of fuel before the finish line if the driver miscalculated how much fuel they would need to get to the end.
5. The crowd cheered when Jack Brabham pushed his car to the finish line because it was a very exciting end to the race.
6. When Jack Brabham's car was hit by another car, it spun through the air, struck a pole and overturned.
7. The most famous car-racing competition in the world is the Formula One World Championship.
8. If a person is made a knight, it means that a king or queen has awarded them a very high honour. In countries in the British Commonwealth, such as Australia, knighthoods are awarded by the Queen of England.
9. Racing fans from around the world admired Jack Brabham because he was a clever engineer as well as a very fast driver.

The Amazing Planetarium

1. A planetarium is a circular room with rows of seats, where images of space are projected onto the ceiling.
2. Answers will vary. (The room was shaped like a circle so that looking at the ceiling would be similar to looking up at the sky.)
3. The teacher was at the planetarium to explain what the audience was seeing.
4. It is usually hard to see stars at night in a city because the lights from the city send a glow into the sky, which makes the stars look dim.
5. Stars are made of hot gas.
6. The surface of Mars would be dry.
7. The second planet, Jupiter, was covered in colourful clouds.
8. Sophie saw images of stars and planets.
9. Sophie wanted her cousin to go to the planetarium so he could have a space adventure, too.

The Moon

1. One moon orbits Earth.
2. The Sun is the brightest object in the sky because it is Earth's nearest star.
3. The craters on the Moon were made when lumps of rock and metal fell from space and hit the Moon.
4. There are no plants or animals on the Moon because there is no air or water, and plants and animals need these to survive.
5. It takes about one month for the Moon to orbit Earth.
6. The Moon looks dark when it is between Earth and the Sun because no light is shining on the side of the Moon seen from Earth.
7. A Half Moon looks like half a circle because light from the Sun is only shining on half of the side of the Moon seen from Earth.
8. The spacesuits kept the astronauts alive by protecting them from the extreme temperatures on the Moon, and giving them air to breathe.
9. Neil Armstrong's famous words meant that even though it was only a small step for him to step onto the Moon, it was an incredible achievement that humankind had sent a person to the Moon.

The Fishing Challenge

1. The rules for the fishing challenge were that Mum and Dad couldn't help, and the team that caught the most fish in an hour would win.
2. The children had rules for their challenge so they would know which team won.
3. The boys used nets to catch fish because they thought they could catch the most fish that way.
4. Answers will vary. (They had caught lots of fish; Jacob lost his shoe.)
5. Jacob's shoe came off his foot in the mud, and then floated downstream.
6. Laura jumped up and wound in her reel because she felt something tug on her line.
7. The girls felt embarrassed because they hadn't caught any fish.
8. Answers will vary. (The blue team had the best catch because they caught the most fish; the green team had the best catch because they caught Jacob's shoe.)
9. Answers will vary.