

# TEACHERS' TOOLKIT

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HOMEWORKWEEKLY: UPPER PRIMARY 0040

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

## Happy Birthday Postcard

140 years ago, on the first of October 1869, the Austrian postal administration issued the world's first postal card.

The private postal card was developed by John P. Charlton of Philadelphia in 1861 for which he obtained the copyright which was later transferred to H.L. Lipman. The first "non-Postal" postcard, meaning a privately made postcard where postage had to be affixed was introduced in Austria in 1869 and by 1870, picture postcards were all the rage!

A year later the British government bowed to public demand and issued cards of its own. The cards weren't illustrated, cost half a penny each and according to the British Postal Museum and Archive, 75 million of them were posted in the first year.

Postcards were first issued in Australia at the Sydney GPO 1 October 1875.

A postcard is a rectangular piece of thick paper or thin cardboard intended for writing and mailing without an envelope. The postcards were made because people were looking for an easier way to send quick notes. The back is divided into two sections, the left section being used for the message and the right for the address.

The picture postcard, with its practical and pictorial charms, became the new century's favoured form of correspondence.

A world-wide craze for card-collecting took hold in the early decades of the 20th century. Cards on every conceivable theme were printed, posted, treasured, traded and collected during what is now called the postcard's Golden Age.

Collecting postcards is known as deltiology. The *Macquarie Dictionary* tells us that deltiology. (say deltee'oluhjee) a noun, is the collection and study of postcards. [Greek *deltion*, diminutive of *deltos* writing-tablet + -logy] It is thought to be one of the three largest collectable hobbies in the world along with coin and stamp collecting. Postcards are popular because of the wide range of subjects, with just about every subject imaginable being at some time, portrayed on a postcard. History itself can be tracked on postcards, from historical buildings, famous people, art, holidays and more.

Despite its popularity having been long overtaken by the telephone, the internet and now the text message, the appeal of the postcard persists. The pleasure of finding a handwritten card in one's mailbox, from climes foreign or familiar, is unchanged.

Have you ever sent an e-card or virtual postcard to a friend while on holiday? There are a number of websites to explore and here is just one to try: [www.australianexplorer.com/electronic\\_postcard.html](http://www.australianexplorer.com/electronic_postcard.html)



Souvenir postcard of the Buderim Mountain Red Cross Carnival, 1917, showing 'types and characters' © [Maroochy Libraries](http://MaroochyLibraries.com). © MacquarieNet 2007 (online edition).

[Search **MacquarieNet** for *postcard* to learn more about this week's topic.]

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## Spelling

Mark any words that you are unsure about in the news article above and add them to your weekly personal word list. Write out your list of spelling words each day this week to help you learn them. Have a friend test you on your words on Friday.

Colour in each box as you complete the task.

Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday

## After Reading

1. Where and when was the world's first postal card issued? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Describe a non-postal postcard? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Why do you think that postcards became popular? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What is deltiology and why do you think is popular? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. How do you communicate with friends and family while away travelling?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Word study 1

### New words

Make new words by adding the ending *s* in the boxes to the base words.

1. assign      

s	ed	ing	ment
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2. photograph      

s	ed	ing	er	ic	y
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3. visit      

s	ed	ing	or	able	ation
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## Word study 2

### Confused words

Lend (verb) – loan (noun) – lent – lending. Add the correct word in the space.

1. Peter will \_\_\_\_\_ his lion costume.
2. I had a \_\_\_\_\_ of it for the fancy dress parade.
3. May I have a \_\_\_\_\_ of your scissors?
4. Will you \_\_\_\_\_ me your scooter?

Raise – rise. The verb *raise* can be used only when you want to 'raise something'. Complete these sentences.

5. I wish Mum would \_\_\_\_\_ my pocket money.
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ each morning at seven o'clock.
7. The cake will \_\_\_\_\_ as you cook it.

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## Maths

### Headwork

- IX + V + II + C = \_\_\_\_\_
- XIII - V = \_\_\_\_\_
- Find the average of 7, 12 and 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- Write  $\frac{1}{2}$  as a decimal. \_\_\_\_\_
- Write  $1\frac{1}{4}$  as a decimal. \_\_\_\_\_
- Write 0.8 as a fraction. \_\_\_\_\_
- How many axes of symmetry does a regular pentagon have? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many minutes are there from 11:49 am to 1:07 pm? \_\_\_\_\_
- Three friends pool their money and find they have \$18. If tickets cost \$5 each, can all three see the movie? How much money do they have left over or still need? \_\_\_\_\_
- Lamb sausages cost \$5.00/kg. How many kg can you get with \$26? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is your change from question 10? \_\_\_\_\_
- In degrees, what is the sum of angles in a rectangle? \_\_\_\_\_
- Round 24 to the nearest 10. \_\_\_\_\_
- Round 24 to the nearest 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- $7^2 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- $157 + (21 \div 7) =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- How many mL in a litre? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many cm in a kilometre? \_\_\_\_\_

## Research

### Postcards from outer space

Think of all the spacecraft travelling through the solar system. Imagine if they could send a postcard to your friends on Mars! Here is one we received from Peter.

Howdy, from the busiest planet in the solar system – after Earth, of course. Mars is a very busy place. At the moment, there are two rovers driving across the planet and three spacecraft circling above. I've been on the surface of Mars for more than five years now. I recently left the Victoria Crater and I am now heading to a larger one called Endeavour.

Since we arrived in 2004, we've seen lots of rock, sand and salt. Last year, a spacecraft named the Phoenix Mars Lander found ice in the soil near the North Pole. One of the scientists back on Earth said you could grow asparagus here – yuck!

Better keep moving if I want to reach Endeavour,  
Peter on board Opportunity



Write a postcard that you can send to Mars. Don't forget the stamp.


## Answers

### After Reading

1. Austria 1869
2. The first "non-Postal" postcard, meaning a privately made postcard where postage had to be affixed.
3. People were looking for an easier way to send quick notes other than a letter.
4. Collecting and studying postcards. Next part of answer will vary, but could include some items from the reading passage.
5. Answers will vary, discuss in class.

### Word Study

#### Word Study 1

1. assign

assigns	assigned	assigning	assignment
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2. photograph

photographs	photographed	photographing	photographer
photographic	photography		

3. visit

visits	visited	visiting	visitor	visitation
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#### Word Study 2

1. lend
2. loan
3. loan
4. lend
5. raise
6. rise
7. rise

### Maths

#### Headwork

1.	CXVI	7.	5	13.	20
2.	VIII	8.	78 minutes	14.	25
3.	7	9.	yes, \$3 left over	15.	49
4.	0.5	10.	5kg	16.	160
5.	1.25	11.	\$1	17.	1000ml
6.	8/10 or 4/5	12.	360°	18.	100,000cm

### Research

#### Postcards

Share in class.