

# READING task cards

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THE LIFETIME LEARNER  
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# ANALYZE FIRSTHAND & SECONDHAND ACCOUNTS

# WHAT IS THIS?

This is a set of 24 task cards that help students practice analyzing firsthand and secondhand accounts.





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# easy to use

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### THE SINKING OF THE TITANIC (PASSAGE 2)

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#5

firsthand

# great practice

**If someone wanted to know what was said on the moon, which passage should they read?**

## FIRST MEN ON THE MOON: (PASSAGE 1)

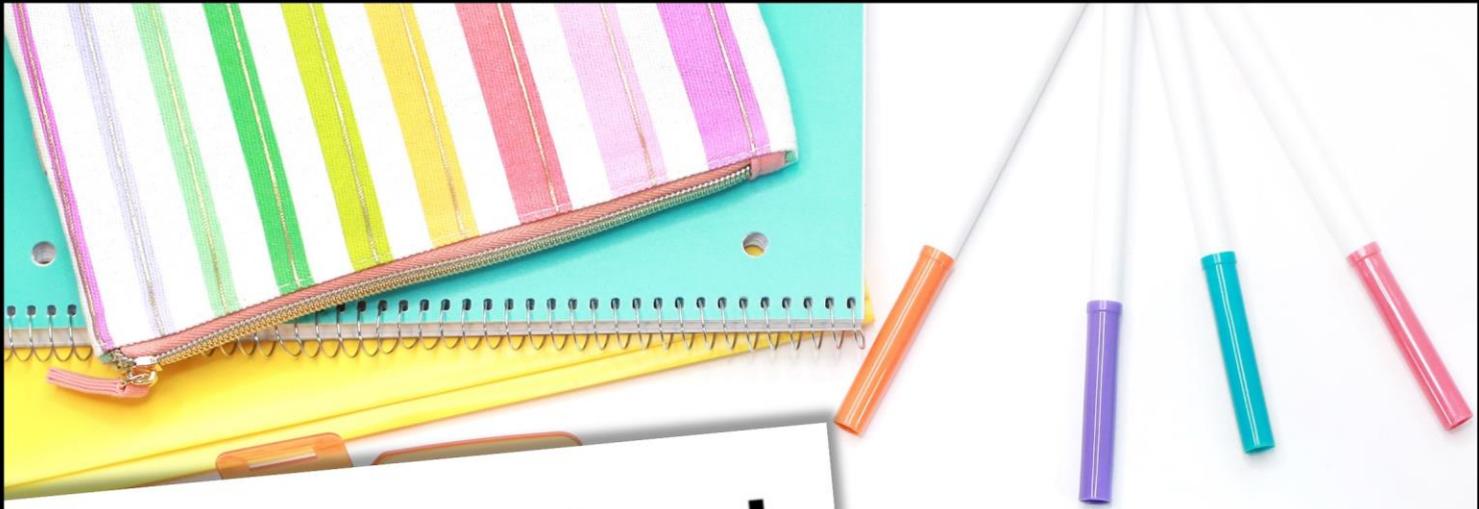
On July 16, 1969, the first men walked on the moon. Buzz Aldrin, Neil Armstrong, and Michael Collins were on the first mission to the moon. It took 8 days to arrive and they brought easy-to-eat prepacked meals. Whenever they touched down, Neil Armstrong was the first one to walk on the moon. He declared, "That's one small step for man. One giant leap for mankind." Those famous words are still well-known around the world to this day.

## EATING IN SPACE (PASSAGE 2)

We had to be careful what foods we brought in space with us because many foods will leave crumbs behind. In space, crumbs float all around the ship because there is no gravity. This means we needed foods that would stay together and were durable. We ate lots of pre-packaged foods like meat and potatoes and applesauce. We made it to the moon in 8 days. When we got back to Earth, it was nice to have more food options again.

**#14**

#1



# Recording Sheet

recording sheet &  
answer key included

#1	#2	#3	#4
#5	#6 <i>Second-hand</i>	#7	
#9	#10	#11	
#13	#14	#15	
#17	#18	#19	
#21	#22	#23	#24

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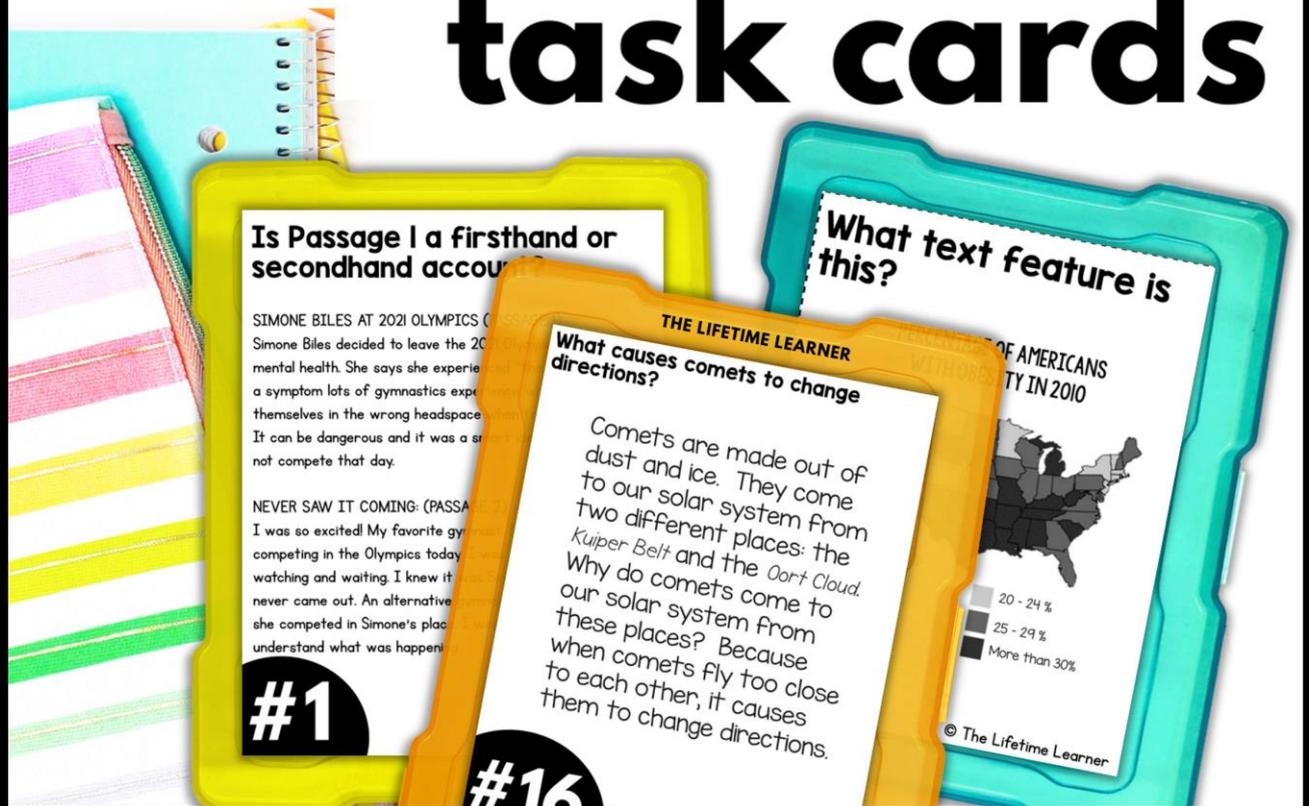
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# BUY THE BUNDLE & SAVE!

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# NONFICTION BUNDLE