

Thoughtful Listening

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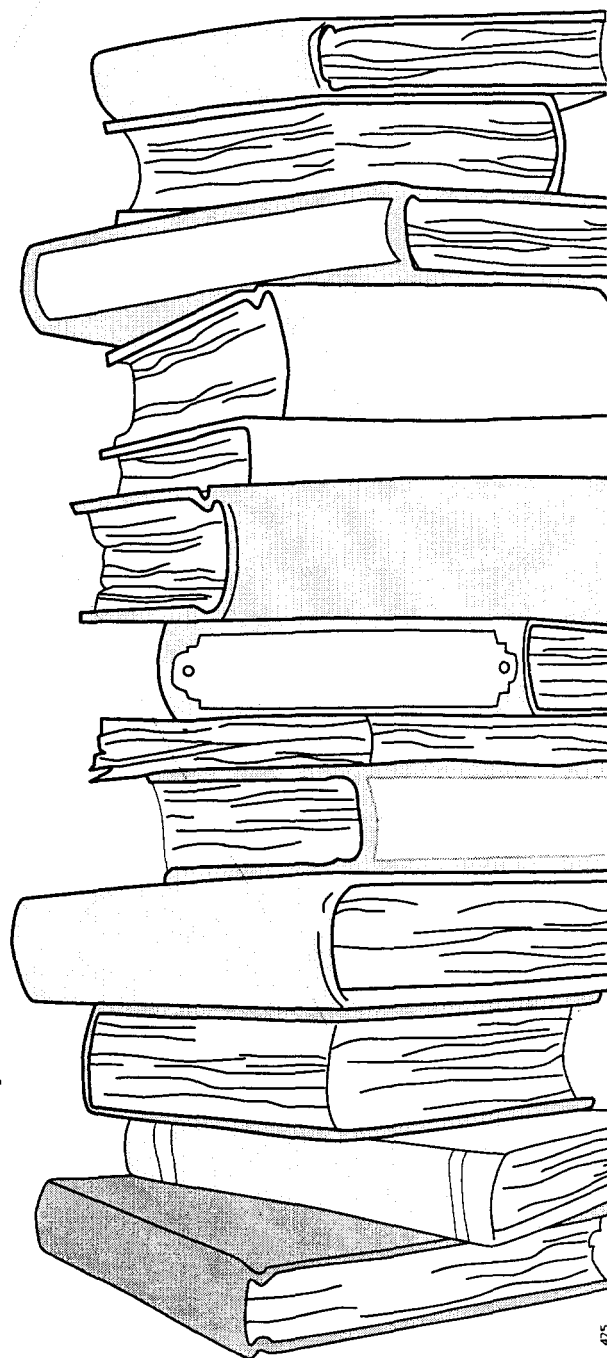
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THOUGHTFUL LISTENING

— INTRODUCTION —

Thoughtful Listening is designed to teach listening skills and to provide practice in remembering and thinking about facts. The teacher reads a short story. The students listen and then do an independent activity page which features memory exercises, vocabulary development, and thinking skills.

— TEACHER DIRECTION —

There are 30 different short stories in *Thoughtful Listening*. The stories start below and continue on the next seven pages. Activity pages for each story follow and are labeled to coincide with each story.

The teacher reads the story aloud. The story may be read twice to assist students in remembering details. The activity page is to be done independently. The activity page may be self-corrected and discussed in class to provide feedback and reinforcement.

STORY #1 — ASTRONAUTS

Americans who travel in space are called “astronauts.” The Russians call their spacemen and women “cosmonauts.” The training to become an astronaut is not easy. Most astronauts graduate from colleges of science and engineering where they study math, chemistry, physics, and biology. Astronauts need to be trained in advanced flying to prepare for the work they must do. They practice flying jets for several thousand hours. They must exercise every day, eat the right food, and be sure to sleep regular hours. During the flight, astronauts do many things besides flying the space shuttle. Since most flights last several days, they must keep the cockpit clean, tend to the air supply system, care for the power supply, food supply, sewage disposal, and health care. There may be as many 2,300 knobs and buttons for the astronauts to control to keep the shuttle operating safely during a trip in space.

STORY #2 — MEDICINE

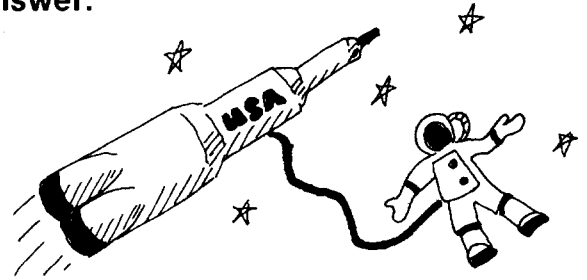
In early days, many medicines were made from strange things like spiders and worms! People believed they could heal their bodies by eating parts of animals. People who made medicines used to be called “apothecaries.” Apothecaries kept plants called herbs. They ground the herbs into powder and mixed in honey and spices to make them taste better. Unfortunately, apothecaries did not always know the dangers of some plants. The drug called opium comes from a type of poppy. When properly used, it is one of the most useful medicines. But for hundreds of years, it was given to stop the pain of a toothache. It even was given to babies to stop them from crying. No one knew that opium was very dangerous to human health. Other poisonous plants were kept and sold by apothecaries. People were afraid that poisons might get mixed with medicines. The apothecary shops were inspected to see that there were no harmful things in their medicine. Soon apothecaries had to study and get special training before they could make and sell medicine. Today, apothecaries are called “pharmacists.” You can now buy mild medicines like aspirin at the drugstore. Stronger medicines cannot be sold without a note written by a doctor. This note is called a “prescription.” Some medicines are made at the drugstore, but most of them are made by chemists in laboratories.

Astronauts

MAIN IDEA: Put a check mark (✓) next to the best answer.

This story was mostly about

1. _____ what astronauts do
2. _____ Russian cosmonauts
3. _____ famous astronauts and cosmonauts



REMEMBERING DETAILS: Write the correct word on the line to make each sentence true.

days cosmonauts thousands science hundreds years

1. Astronauts practice flying jets for _____ of hours.
2. Most astronauts graduate from colleges of _____ and engineering.
3. Most space flights last for several _____.
4. _____ are the spacemen and women of Russia.

RECALLING FACTS:

1. Name two jobs that astronauts must do during the space flight.

2. Name two things astronauts do to prepare their bodies for the flight.

WORKING WITH WORDS: Write these words in alphabetical order.

astronaut cosmonaut spaceship cockpit shuttle space

1. _____ 3. _____ 5. _____
2. _____ 4. _____ 6. _____

SEARCH AND RESEARCH: Use the encyclopedia to answer these questions.

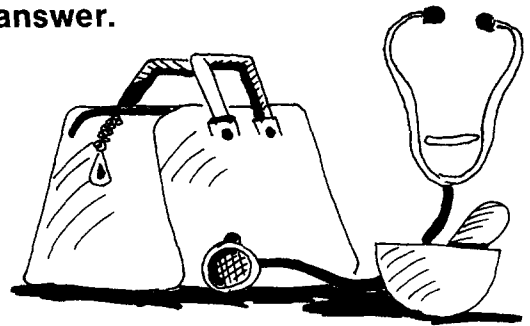
1. Who was the first Russian cosmonaut? _____
2. Who was the first American astronaut? _____
3. Who was the first American woman to fly in space? _____
4. What is NASA? _____

Medicine

MAIN IDEA: Put a check mark (✓) next to the best answer.

This story was mostly about

1. _____ poisonous drugs
2. _____ how medicine is made
3. _____ the history of medicine



REMEMBERING DETAILS: Write the correct word on the line.

prescription apothecaries laboratories pharmacists herbs

1. People who used to make medicine were called _____ .
2. Today, people who make medicine are called _____ .
3. A _____ is needed to buy strong medicine.
4. Today, medicines are made by chemists in _____ .

REMEMBERING AND MATCHING: Draw a line to the word that means almost the same.

where medicine is made today	prescription
note written by a doctor	herbs
early medicine makers	apothecaries
healing plants	pharmacists
today's medicine makers	laboratories

SEARCH AND RESEARCH: Use a dictionary or encyclopedia to answer the following questions.

1. What is a druggist? _____

2. Name two medicines made from poppies.

3. Write the names of three drugs that are used as pain killers. (Clue: Look under "analgesic.")
