



Read Around The Room Task Cards

Barnyard
Friends

Dear Educator,

Thank you for downloading this product. I'm excited to share this set of non-fiction skills and strategies task cards with you! These were designed in a "Read Around The Room" format to keep your students actively engaged while gaining important reading practice. You'll find a KWL chart for activating prior knowledge, a "Fact File" for building background , and 8 task cards to read and answer questions. I recommend laminating them, as well as the answer sheet to make them longer lasting. You may wish to pair students up to make this a more cooperative learning activity, or just keep them in a small group.

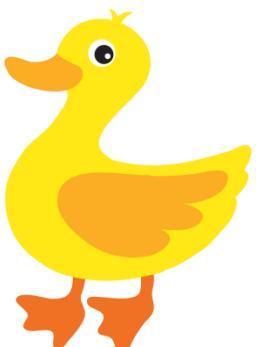
Use the writing activity or fact poster as an culminating activity.

This would make great independent research for students with an interest in researching barnyard friends.

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-Emily Gibbons, [The Reading Tutor/OG](#)

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Name: _____

Date: _____

What I know...

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What I want to know...

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Fill in the KWL Chart
about Barnyard
Friends.

What I learned...

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"Life On A Farm" Fact File



Fast facts:

- There are over 2 million farms in the United States.
- Nebraska has the most farmland.
- The top crop grown in the U.S. is corn.

Moo! Cluck! Oink! Cock-a-doodle-doo! It's time to rise and shine on the farm. Actually, the sun hasn't risen yet, but there's plenty of work to be done. Let's get started!

We'll begin with feeding the animals. First, milk the cows. Just one cow will fill 46,000 glasses of milk this year. Next, head over to the hen house to collect the eggs. The average chicken will lay about 350 eggs a year. Third stop, check on the pigs. Your sow just gave birth to piglets! The average sow will give birth to about 8-12 piglets at a time.

Finally, stop by the **apiary**, or place where bees are kept, to check on your bee colony. It will take 12 honeybees to **produce**, or make, just one tablespoon of honey. That means your honeybees will need to travel to 2,000 flowers and collect nectar to give you that one tablespoon of honey. Life on the farm is a very busy place!

1. Meet a horse!

Can you sleep standing up and lying down? It's easy for me! Since my eyes are on the side of my head, I have almost a 360 degree view!

Question: What is the cause for a horse to be able to see 360 degrees at one time?



2. Meet a pig!

If you eat meat and plants like me, then you're an omnivore. I don't have sweat glands like humans do, so I roll in mud to stay cool and prevent sunburns.

Question: Use context clues. What does prevent mean?



3. Meet a rooster!

I'm your alarm clock on a farm! My farmers rely on me to help them wake up early. My hens rely on me to keep them safe from other roosters and have food to eat.

**Question: Use context clues.
What does rely mean?**



4. Meet a cow!

Did you know I can drink enough water in one day to fill a bathtub? I eat around 40 pounds of food a day too, so mooove over. I'm hungry!

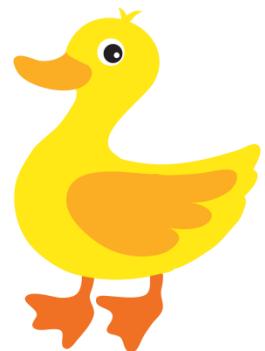
Question: Which word is the compound word?



5. Meet a duck!

- Drakes are male ducks.
- Hens are female ducks.
- Ducklings are baby ducks.
- A group of ducks can be called a raft, a team or a paddling.

Question: Which 3 words have 2 syllables?



6. Meet a rabbit!

- A female rabbit is called a doe.
- A male rabbit is called a buck.
- A young rabbit is called a kit (or kitten).
- Rabbits live in groups.

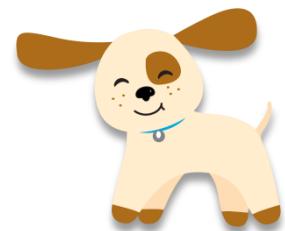
Question: Write a sentence using doe, buck, or kit.



7. Meet a sheep dog!

I love to herd things. I might even try to herd you! I'm fairly easy to train and obedient to my owners. I make a good watchdog, too.

Question: What is a synonym for the word train in this paragraph?



8. Meet a sheep!

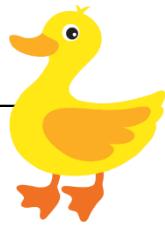
There may be over a billion sheep in the world, but I like to stick close my herd. We are herbivores, or plant eaters, so grass is on the top of our list of favorite foods!

Question: Write down 3 common nouns.



Name: _____

Date: _____



“Barnyard Friends” Recording Sheet

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Name: ANSWER KEY

Date: _____

“Barnyard Friends” Recording Sheet

<p>1. The cause in this sentence is a horse's eyes are on the sides of its head.</p>	<p>2. Prevent means to stop.</p>
<p>3. Rely means depend.</p>	<p>4. Bathtub is the compound word.</p>
<p>5. Female, ducklings and paddling are all 2 syllable words</p>	<p>6. Answers may vary.</p>
<p>7. A synonym for train in this sentence is teach.</p>	<p>8. Any of the following are common nouns: sheep, world, herd, herbivores, eaters, grass, list, food</p>

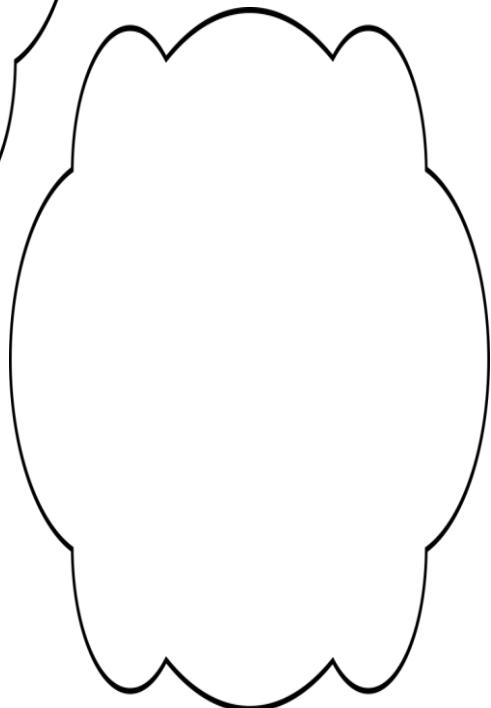
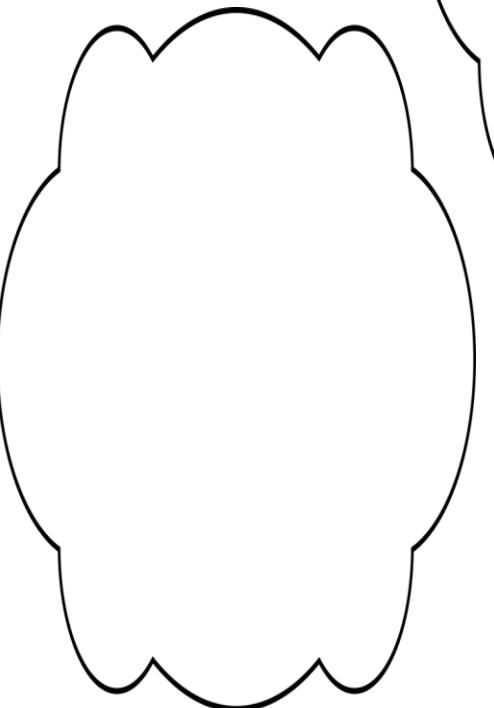
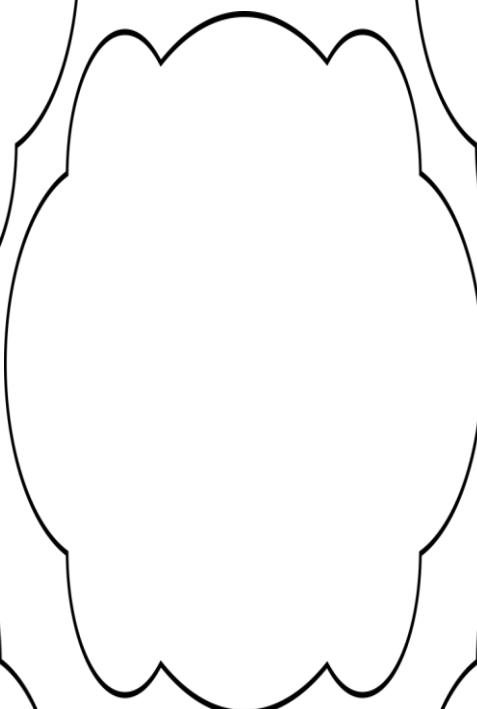
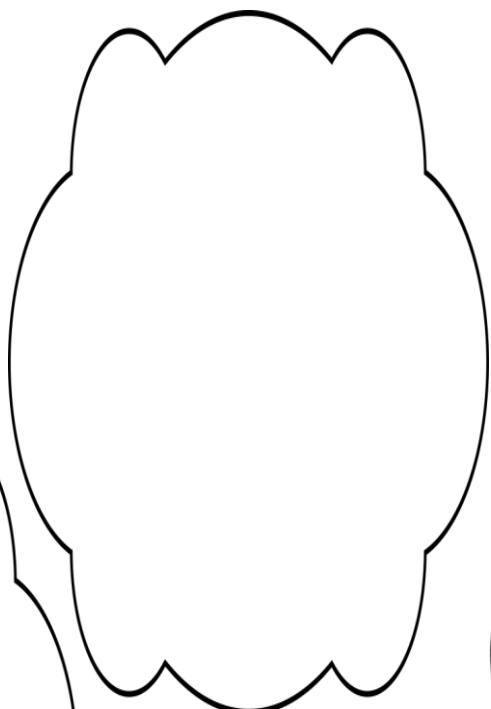
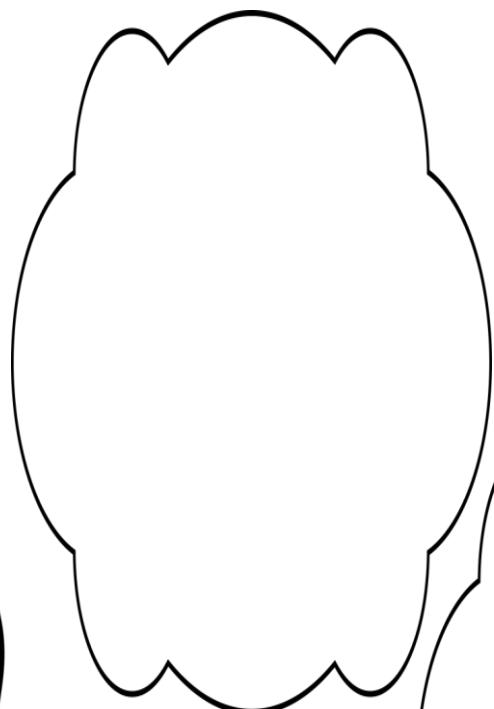
Name: _____ Date: _____

Pretend you are a barnyard animal. Write a letter about a day you had on a farm. Explain what you did and the challenges you had that day.

Dear _____,

Sincerely,

My Fact Poster about:



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