

Reading Comprehension – GEP 3

Duration: 30 minutes

a Read the text. Match the headings to the paragraphs.

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| 1 Give me your hand | 3 How do you like your tea? |
| 2 Let's play cards | 4 What's inside the ball? |

b Read the text again and write T (true) or F (false).

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| 1 The easiest way to read Tarot cards is to use four cards. | — |
| 2 An image of a nurse means bad health. | — |
| 3 A strong Heart line means you're going to find love. | — |
| 4 A shape of a bird means bad luck. | — |

The name behind the method

A

In tasseography, the fortune-teller uses tea leaves to predict the future. You drink a cup of tea and leave a small amount in the bottom of the cup. Then you move the tea round the cup three times, cover it with a saucer, and turn it upside down. The fortune-teller looks at the shape the tea leaves make. For example, a bird means that you're going to have good news.

B

In crystallo-mancy, the fortune-teller uses a glass ball. She places the ball on the table between you and her, and looks into it for a long period of time. At first, the ball looks dull and cloudy, but then it clears and images start to appear. The fortune-teller uses these pictures to predict your future. For example, a nurse means that you're going to be ill.

C

In Tarot reading, the fortune-teller uses a special pack of Tarot cards to predict the future. There are 78 cards in the pack, and there are different ways of using them. The quickest is to lay three cards on the table from left to right. The cards represent the past, the present, and the future. The fortune-teller turns over the cards and says what they mean. For example, the Sun means that you're going to become famous.

D

Chiromancy is also called palmistry and it's when the fortune-teller studies the lines on the palm of your hand to predict your future. There are four major lines on the hand: the Life line, the Head line, the Heart line, and the Health line. For example, a strong Heart line means that you're going to find the right partner and be happy in your life.