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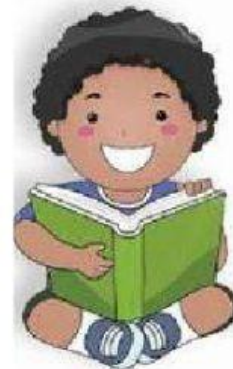
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Comprehension

Practice reading the short story fluently. Use Inference (guessing) to decode the meaning of the underlined words.

Max's Good Habit

Max reads more than anyone he knows. He loves to read during all of his free time. His friends tease him because he would rather read than play video games, but his parents and his teachers are proud of him. They say reading is important, and it will help him learn about the world around him. They also tell him it is a good habit to read on a **regular** basis.



One day Max was reading a magazine article about volcanoes. He told his friends all about volcanoes and what causes them to erupt. The very next week, his class was assigned a science project about volcanoes. Guess who everyone wanted in their project group? Max's friends weren't **teasing** him anymore.

Max ended up being in a group with Liz, Anna and Josh. The **assignment** was to create a poster board with information about volcanoes and to build a volcano model. Max made copies of the magazine **article** about volcanoes so his project **partners** could read about them too. They also went to the library to look for more information about volcanoes.

The group met at Anna's house that night to **organize** the information and decide what they wanted to put on the poster board. They all asked Max what he thought was most important. Then they decided on the following together.

What causes volcanoes to **erupt**? The release of pressure when magma rises up through cracks in the Earth's crust causes volcanoes to erupt.



How do volcanoes form? Lava from eruptions cools and forms new crust. The crust builds up after several eruptions to form a volcano.

How hot is lava? Lava can get as hot as 1,165 Fahrenheit.

The next night they met at Josh's house to **build** their volcano. They used cardboard and modeling clay. First they made a volcano shape with the cardboard, and then they covered the shape in brown and red clay. The red was lava flowing down the volcano. They also **attached** red clay to the top of the volcano to make it look like it was erupting. The volcano looked great. Max, Liz, Anna and Josh were very proud of their hard work. When they turned in their project, their teacher was **proud** too. Thanks to Max's good habit, they earned an A+ on both parts of the project

A. Read the **bolded** words in the story above. Use inference and figure out their meaning.

a. It is a good habit to read on a regular basis. Regular means _____.	b. Max's friends weren't teasing him anymore. Teasing means _____.
c. The assignment was to create a poster board... Assignment means _____.	d. Max made copies of the magazine article about volcanoes. An article is _____.
e.so his project partners could read about them too. Partners mean _____.	f. The group met at Anna's house the night to organize the information. Organize means to _____.
g. What causes volcanoes to erupt ? Erupt means to _____.	h. They also attached red clay to the top of the volcano. Attached means _____.