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# Making Words

**Directions:** Unscramble the strip of letters at the bottom of the page. Try to move the letters around to make 3-letter words. How many words can you make? Write them in the box. Can you make any four-letter words? Five-letter words? Can you make any other words? Can you guess the SECRET WORD all these letters make?

<b>Three-letter Words:</b>	<b>Four-Letter Words:</b>
<b>Five-letter Words:</b>	<b>Other words:</b>

Students: total up how many words you have... you must have at least 35 words!

Total words
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Do you know the secret words?

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Unscramble these letters:

A	A	A	E	I	O	O	C	R	R	R	R	R	S	T	T	T	W
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**Clue:** There are over 6,000 of these guys guarding Shi Huangdi's tomb in China making the world's largest tomb complex.

<b>Weekend</b> Due: B ~ Mon. 4/10 A ~ Tues. 4/11
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**READ THE PASSAGE** Read slowly and pay attention to the sequence of events.

### Explosion in the Night

On the night of March 22, 2009, in the small town of Willow, Alaska, Megan Warren lay in bed tossing and turning. She was worried about the report that she had to give in science class the following day. It was an oral presentation about the nearby volcano, Mount Redoubt, and Megan didn't like speaking in front of people. She knew her facts, though. Mt. Redoubt was an active stratovolcano. The last time it had erupted had been over a stretch of four months in 1989–1990, and the volcano observatory had issued a warning this past January that another eruption was likely soon. For the past week, lots of smoke and ash could be seen pouring from the top of the volcano. Scientists thought the volcano would begin spewing lava at any time.

Just after 10:30 that night, a huge explosion shook the house, and Megan awoke in a panic, wondering what had happened. Her mother rushed into her room and pointed out the window. Mt. Redoubt glowed red in the night. "The volcano has erupted!" her mother exclaimed. "Luckily, the ash is blowing away from us, so we don't need to evacuate."

Megan quickly dressed and went to the living room with her mother. Another explosion boomed through the sky, and Megan's father and brother joined them to watch out the big window.

"Wow!" Megan said, gazing at what looked like the world's most incredible fireworks display. "I'm going to have to change my report, but I'll bet my teacher gives me a few extra days to work on it!"

**SKILL PRACTICE** Read each question. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

- Which event happens first in the passage?  
 Ⓐ The volcano erupts.  
 Ⓑ Megan tries to sleep.  
 Ⓒ Megan's mother rushes into Megan's room.  
 Ⓓ Megan gets dressed.
- What happens after 10:30 PM?  
 Ⓐ Megan reviews the facts about Mt. Redoubt.  
 Ⓑ The observatory issues a warning.  
 Ⓒ Megan decides to sleep in the living room.  
 Ⓓ Megan is awakened by an explosion.
- Which event occurs after the second explosion?  
 Ⓐ Megan's mother finds Megan.  
 Ⓑ Megan awakes in a panic.  
 Ⓒ Megan's father and brother join Megan.  
 Ⓓ Megan tries to go to sleep.
- After the first explosion, Megan \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Ⓐ sees the volcano in the distance  
 Ⓑ falls back to sleep  
 Ⓒ worries about her report  
 Ⓓ tosses and turns in bed

**STRATEGY PRACTICE** Describe how you visualize Mt. Redoubt as it erupts.

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