



REVOLVING DOOR MAGIC

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PDF 1: Reading Passage + Comprehension

Title: Revolving Door Magic – Reading & Comprehension

Level: Pre-Intermediate to Intermediate (A2–B1)

Time: 20–30 minutes



Vocabulary

Word	Meaning	Sounds like
revolving	turning around in a circle	ri-VOLV-ing
invent	to create something new	in-VENT
design	the way something is planned and made	di-ZINE
stable	steady, not changing much	STAY-bul
squeeze	to push into a small space	skweez

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever had a funny moment with a revolving door?
2. Do you like revolving doors or do you prefer normal doors? Why?

Reading Passage

Revolving Door Magic

Have you ever felt confused or a little silly when using a revolving door? You're not alone!

The revolving door was invented in 1888 by Theophilus Van Kannel in Philadelphia, USA. He wanted to solve two big problems: stopping cold air from rushing into buildings in winter and preventing dust and dirt from blowing inside.

Unlike normal doors, a revolving door never fully opens. It has four "wings" that turn continuously. This clever design keeps the inside temperature stable and saves energy.

But revolving doors can also be tricky! Some people push when they should pull, others get stuck, and sometimes impatient people try to squeeze through at the wrong moment. Many hotels, airports, and big buildings still use them today.

The best part? Once you understand how they work, revolving doors feel almost like magic — they let people in and out smoothly without letting the weather in.

So next time you see a revolving door, remember: it's not just a door. It's a smart invention that has been making life easier (and sometimes more confusing!) for over 130 years.

Comprehension Questions

A. True or False

1. The revolving door was invented to save energy and control temperature.
2. Revolving doors have only two wings.
3. The revolving door was invented in 1888.
4. Revolving doors are only found in old buildings.

B. Multiple Choice

1. Who invented the revolving door?
 - a) A hotel manager
 - b) Theophilus Van Kannel
 - c) An airport engineer
2. What is one big advantage of a revolving door?
 - a) It looks beautiful
 - b) It stops cold air from entering buildings
 - c) It is very cheap to build

C. Short Answer

1. When and where was the revolving door invented?
2. Why can revolving doors be confusing for some people?
3. What makes the revolving door "magic"?