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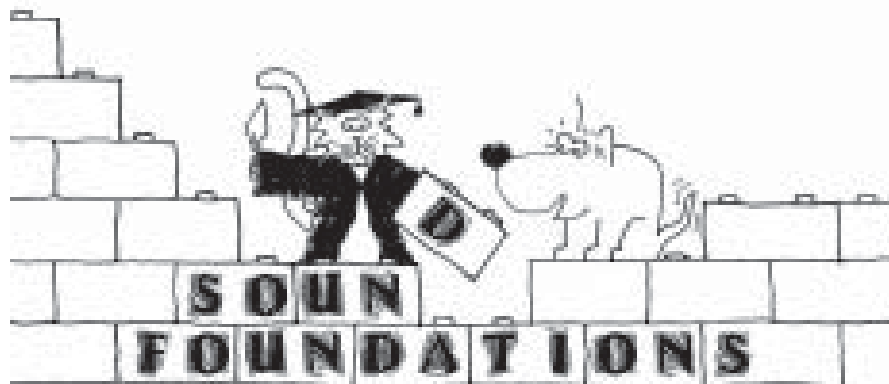
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- **dancing bears** is a complete decoding programme for slow readers. You won't need any other books.
- No lesson-planning. Just 10 minutes a day with each pupil.
- **dancing bears** works with all children, whatever their problems or learning styles. Try it, and you'll see.
- **dancing bears** is so simple that it can be used by teaching assistants and parents. No synthetic phonics classroom can afford to be without it.
- Suitable for pupils of any age from 4+.

The Ground Rules:

1. Whatever you do, don't force pupils to 'work it out for themselves'. When they can't read a word, just tell them what it is. **You don't want to make reading into a struggle.**
2. Don't give ticks for a 'good try'. Just practise it, and go back to it the next day.
3. Keep the lesson going at a cracking pace!
4. Daily lessons are essential. If you can't find 10 minutes per day for each slow reader, there is something wrong with your priorities.

The Teaching Techniques:

All pupils *must* complete Dancing Bears Book A before starting this book.

Although Book A may seem very easy for pupils who have already made a start in reading, it is part of a carefully planned sequence.

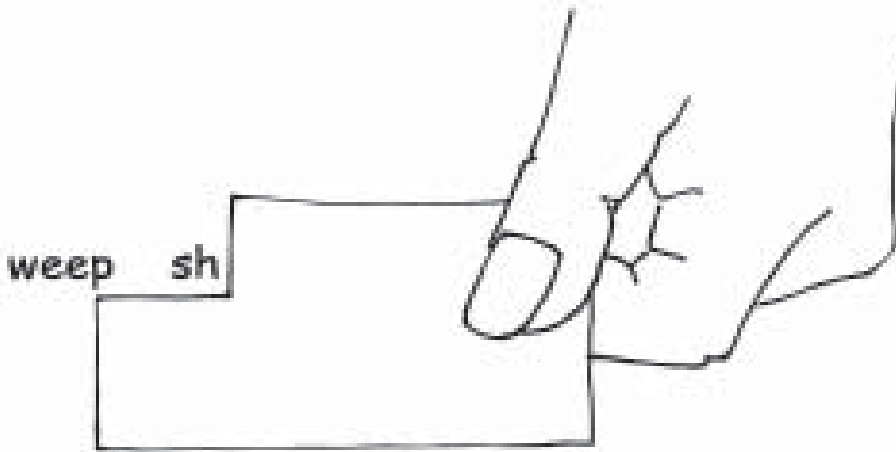
1. **Using the flashcards**—oddly enough, this is the hardest part! If you didn't grow up playing bridge or poker, just handling the cards can be tricky. Be sure you read the instructions in Book A carefully.
2. **Using the cursor**—This is quite easy to learn. The cursor trains the pupil to read from left to right, and it trains them to look at every letter in a word.
3. **The 'Flashback' technique**—After you have corrected an error, you must return to the same item again.

All this is explained on the following pages. Please read them carefully.

Using the Cursor:

A cursor is a piece of card about the size of a business card, and it has a small notch cut out of one corner. You will use it to reveal letters (or digraphs) one at a time, so that the pupil gets used to scanning words from left to right. **You must use the cursor at all times.**

When pupils are taught to read whole words, their eyes often jump all over the place, trying to scramble the letters to make a 'fit' with a word they know. With the cursor, pupils learn to read what is actually on the page.



The Flashback Technique:

We use the **Flashback Technique** every time a pupil makes an error. If you go back to the instructions for using the flashcards, you will see that when a pupil does not make the correct response, you tell him what it is. Then you bury the flashcard one card back, so it comes up again while it is still fresh in his immediate memory. This is an example of the Flashback Technique.

We also use it when a pupil is reading words. Any time a pupil fails to read the word, correct him, get him to repeat it and go on to the next item. Then go back to the one he just missed. When you have finished a line, go back again to any words missed. When you have finished the exercise for the day, go back over all words missed again. This way, the pupil will usually earn his tick for the line the next day. (Remember—you never tick a line when the pupil gets it right on the second go—you must wait until the next day.)

Suffixes.

This is the first Decoding Sheet with words which are not pronounced pretty much as they are written. With most words that end in *-ed*, you don't pronounce the 'e'. The word *spelled* is actually pronounced *speld*.

When you add *-ed* to words that end in 'd' or 't', you **do** voice the 'e', but it is pronounced more like the sound of 'u'. In other words *needed* is pronounced *needud*.

In later sheets, some words have a root which is not used on its own, for example: *disturb*. This is indicated by printing *turb* in italics.

Remember, if your pupil can't read the word right away, you **must** tell him what it is. Then go back to the word a few seconds later. ***Never—ever—encourage a pupil to guess.***

-ing, -er, -all, -ly, -ed

sleep sleeping tall taller

quick quickly rest rested

go going short shorter

hard hardly ask asked

cry crying small smaller

Mark said that we must get going quickly.

Now you have had a sleep, do you feel rested?

Vern asked for a smaller bag of chips.

The taller boy was hardly crying at all.

Bart needs a shorter sleeping bag.

fish fishing hard harder

rain raining start started

miss missed hang hanging

part partly munch munched

It has just started raining a lot harder.

Do you think we should go fishing or flying?

Ray missed the coat hanging on the back wall.

Max munched on his pork chop all day.

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Do not award ticks for a ‘good try’—your pupil will pay for it later!

Decoding Power Pages:

These exercises are the ‘secret ingredient’ of **dancing bears**. All good readers can decode letters to sound, even if they have never seen the word before. This is how good readers learn new words.

When pupils read the words on the Decoding Power Pages, they should not be trying to find a ‘match’ with a word they know. Just tell them that their job is to put the sounds together.

All the words on Decoding Power Pages are regular—they can all be ‘sounded out’ without any guesswork.

Remember—you must always use the cursor. You must teach pupils to scan from left to right, and to read every letter.

To earn a tick, the pupil must get all four words on a line right the first time. You may back up the cursor and tell the child to ‘try again’, but you cannot give any hints or prompts.

If pupils do not get the word right away, say the sounds yourself, and let them say the word. If pupils are in a total muddle, just tell them the word. Then go back to it—see The Flashback technique on page 7.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

Don't forget to do the flashcards at least once a day!

spot	plum	drab	grill	<input type="checkbox"/>
tall	running	fitted	cutter	<input type="checkbox"/>
bunk	end	fang	jolt	<input type="checkbox"/>
hotly	wishing	fatter	helped	<input type="checkbox"/>
coarse	steer	flair	score	<input type="checkbox"/>
matted	quickly	fall	ripper	<input type="checkbox"/>
stay	float	snail	spoil	<input type="checkbox"/>
runner	ball	hitting	lastly	<input type="checkbox"/>
breach	quest	horn	scorch	<input type="checkbox"/>
landed	taller	flatty	calling	<input type="checkbox"/>
erst	filth	snack	forth	<input type="checkbox"/>
handed	partly	small	running	<input type="checkbox"/>
sleet	crash	scar	keel	<input type="checkbox"/>
ball	pinned	asking	zipper	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Cloze Sentences:

Pupils enjoy these exercises, and they get to practise using the words they have learnt by reading them in meaningful sentences.

Sight words:

In the box at the top of each page, you will find the sight words that the pupil will need in order to read the sentences. Ask the pupil to read them—tell him the correct response if he does not know it. Use the cursor, but reveal the entire word at once. Using the Flashback Technique (see page 7), repeat each word until firm.

Reading the sentences:

Cover the sentence and ask the pupil to read the three ‘answer’ words underneath the sentence first, using the cursor as usual. (This prevents him guessing at what he thinks must be the missing word.) Then let the pupil read the sentence, still using the cursor. If the pupil reads the sentence and selects the right answer without prompting, allow him to circle the correct word. Otherwise, the sentence should be repeated in a subsequent lesson. If the pupil does not know the meaning of a word, explain it as simply as possible—but in no circumstances encourage pupils to ‘guess’ at words they have read incorrectly.

should, would, could, how, now, your

How long must we wait for the end of this ___?

soft sank song

Last week Max went fishing in your ___.

pong pond pair

Joan left her desk just now to get her ___.

coal coat coast

How did your car get a dent in the ___?

bath back bunk

Your dog should not be left in the ___.

lung pond car

Josh could not see the boat ___.

raining boiling sinking

How much did your posh hat ___?

cost cork cart

We must get going ___ or we could miss the train.

quickly hardly partly

FLUENCY ***READING***

Pass: 10 sec. Bonus: 8 sec. Double Bonus: 6 sec.

part	mitt	that	rush	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
fad	than	posh	moss	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
deck	mash	bid	tick	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
bark	luff	with	been	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
con	thin	deep	fen	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
duck	sheep	Jess	nerd	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
sham	gob	Serb	far	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
buff	buck	fee	nag	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
bath	dish	tod	puck	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
peel	ness	sock	shot	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
teg	herb	seem	duff	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
berth	arm	bin	them	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
feet	doff	kick	card	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

girl, shirt, find

Groan, the croaking toad.

Vern, Bart and Froid rested by the stairs in Bart's shack. They had drunk all the beer. Groin, the gray-green goat, who wore his hair in a quiff, munched on some foil by the oak board. Mark still wore a dress. Vern asked, "Where is my pal Mark? Have you seen a boy who is six?" Mark said, "I am Mark, and I need some lunch." Bart, the damp dog said, "You could not be Mark, for he is a boy. You are in a dress, so you must be a girl."

So Mark had to get a shirt and some shorts so his pals would think that he was a boy. He left Bart's shack to see if he could find a store for shorts and shirts. He left Herb, the sharp shark, who was sleeping on his back with his bus pass stuck in his fin. He went past the hill of moist muck quickly, and then he saw Groan, the croaking toad.

"Where are you going so fast, my girl, and why are you crying?" croaked Groan. Mark said, "I am crying for I need some lunch, and I must find a shirt and some shorts." Groan said, "Well, I sell all sorts of shorts and



shirts. Come into my store now, and you will find shirts and shorts for taller boys and smaller girls. We have red shirts and green shorts. We have sharp shirts for shorter chaps, and we sell swell shorts for tall tramps. This is the best store in this dump.”

Do you think Mark will find a shirt that will fit?

Do you think he has some cash to pay for some shorts?

should, would, could, how, now, your

Could you hang your vest on the back of the ___?

chimp coin chair

Should we tip this junk in the ___?

damp desk dump

Your dog sank his fangs into my left ___!

hank hand help

Would you jump up and get that lamp off the top ___?

shell shelf shall

Would you mend my best silk ___?

vests vents vans

Now you are big you should not thump him ___.

bunk bank back

If you bump into my car you must pay for mending the ___.

desk dent dump

Could you send a boy to ask how much that lamp ___?

coal coil cost

-es, -est, -ful, -less, -en, -y

glass glasses strong strongest

fall fallen smell smelly

box boxes rot rotten

stick sticky small smallest

get getting rust rusty

You must pack the glasses in the strongest boxes.

The fallen trees blocked the road.

The smallest car is getting a bit rusty.

The rotten pork was sticky and smelly

tall tallest horse horses

feel feeling play playful

greed greedy luck lucky

thank thankful cord cordless

help helpful block blocked

The tallest horses are feeling playful.

My dad is helpful with his cordless drill.

You should be thankful that you are so lucky.

Do not be so greedy or they will not feed you.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

Do not award ticks for a 'good try'—your pupil will pay for it later!

costly tapped landing harder

rotten tallest foxes happy

hoarse flair adore sneer

handful harmless fatten dotty

stoat hoist quaint stern

horses playful smallest spotless

helper rubbed badly falling

brash steep float scor

sunken hottest musty glasses

score queer hair oar

gleeful sharpen feckless sticky

quitting boxer sorted deftly

clash creel broth slain

bosses fattest helpful thicken

very, many, any, one, none, done

Did Gail send very many gifts to her ___?

damp dad darn

Are Meg's pink shirts up on the top ___?

shaft shank shelf

Has anyone rung the bell for ___?

lunch lump lamp

Could your mum get any cash from the ___?

bang bank band

There are not many trucks on this ___.

roach road roast

My gran has a black ___.

dress drip drag

They will clamp any cars that park in that ___.

your yard yarn

None of my ___ are very smelly.

songs sharks socks

FLUENCY READING

Pass: 10 sec. Bonus: 8 sec. Double Bonus: 6 sec.

will dock shell fib ☆ ☆

her carp cox ruck ☆ ☆

lash fid then seed ☆ ☆

fern quack jar lay ☆ ☆

verb queen heel cos ☆ ☆

York moth fork bash ☆ ☆

rid thug North art ☆ ☆

god larch thick quit ☆ ☆

lee wit path chock ☆ ☆

nib quiz pack much ☆ ☆

shin bob wack torn ☆ ☆

park ten porch quick ☆ ☆

Dick bar quid Jack ☆ ☆

Hank, the hunch-backed horse.

Mark missed Vern and his pet snail, Froid. He had to get some shorts and a shirt from Groan's store, or they would still think that he was a girl. He went deep into the store, where he saw more stacks of shorts and many hanging shirts. He saw backless dresses for girls, and boxes of the smallest coats for kids. Groan croaked, "Here are some smashing shirts for fishing, and some keen shorts for marching. Pick any one and try it on. But do not drop it in the muck, or you will spoil it."

Mark put on some green shorts for flying, and a red shirt that was not very long. "How much must I pay for this?" he asked. Groan croaked, "For you, my pal, that will be ten quid if you can pay now." Mark said, "But I just have six quid, and I still must get a loaf and some milk for my mum." Groan croaked, "That is very sad, but I cannot sell one shirt at a loss. You must go and get some more cash."

So Mark left Groan's store to find some more cash. He could not ask his pals for any coins, for they would just think that he was a small girl begging for cash, and they would give him none. Mark marched onto the

moist muck, and then he met Hank, the hunch-backed horse. "Who are you? Where did you come from? Why are you crying? How did you get here?" Hank asked. "I am Mark, and I need some cash to get some shorts and a shirt, so my pals will think I am a boy." Mark said. "Why do you wish that your pals should think you are a boy? I can see that you are a girl. You should not try to trick your pals." Mark just started crying harder.



Do you think Hank will help Mark get some cash?

Do you think it would help if Mark had some lunch?

very, many, any, one, none, done

Did Beth get any sticky sweets from the ___?

jail join jar

There are not very many boys in this ___.

coin class clap

Did anyone see where she put her ___?

drink drop drag

One of the sailing boats sank in the ___.

pink past pond

How many glasses are on the top ___?

shell shelf smack

None of them has done the task they were ___.

set said spilt

Joy still has not paid the ___.

barn boat bill

Is Jack done ___ the wall?

painting boiling flying

Mastery Test

Any pupil who does not pass this test must go back to page 11. This is very important—a child who is struggling will not be learning. Contrary to what you would think, children do not mind going back. It's better than getting things wrong.

If the pupil needs to go back, use a different coloured pencil for ticking the boxes.

Timed reading: 'Pass' mark is 17 seconds per line.

trying coach shore slay

sheer harder champ twig

nerd noise trail quickly

foxes happy quilt started

Reading accuracy: Pass mark is one mistake.

Do not prompt. You may allow the pupil to self correct, but you cannot say anything except "Try again".

I think we should get going now.

Herb handed me the smallest snail.

The farmer was very helpful.

All of your glasses are still very sticky.

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-ck, -ke endings:

This is the first introduction to the silent ‘e’ rule. Do not start this sheet if your pupil has not mastered the advanced flashcards numbered 4 – 13.

Many pupils have trouble getting used to these words and very often they will just say the first thing that comes to mind. You can do one of two things:

You can reverse the cursor so the pupil just sees the same ending as on the relevant flashcard—e.g., ‘ack’ or ‘ake’. If he says it correctly, then take away the cursor and ask him “what word?”

Or you can take him through the silent ‘e’ rule.

The Silent ‘e’ Rule:

Point to the final ‘e’ and ask “What letter does this word end with?” Then point to the vowel and say “What is the *name* of this letter?” Then tell him “In this word, the ‘e’ makes the vowel say its own name.

You may have to say the sounds yourself (as in oral blending) and then ask the pupil to say the word.

Many pupils find the long ‘u’ difficult, because the name of the letter is pronounced the same as the word ‘you’. Tell them to get rid of the ‘y’ sound, and just say ‘oo’ as in *moon*.

-ke

bake cake pike strike snake

fake brakes bike take like

quake hike shake rake Mike

Did Gail bake a fresh cake?

Do you think a pike will strike at my bait?

Is that stuffed snake a fake?

I would like to take you on a hike to the farm.

A quake can shake things up a bit.

My brakes stop my bike very quickly.

take trike drake like lake

Mike wake spike sake Jake

flake bike stake make pike

Mike hit the brass spike into the wall.

For my sake, you should not wake me so quickly.

Can Jake make a stake from this chunk of oak?

If you hit a flint with steel, it will chip off a flake.

Can I take my trike to the shop?

Drakes and ducks like to swim on this lake.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

helpless	fallen	smelly	wishes	<input type="checkbox"/>
like	truck	duke	fake	<input type="checkbox"/>
gall	telling	flatter	mended	<input type="checkbox"/>
back	hike	puke	woke	<input type="checkbox"/>
board	queer	snore	stair	<input type="checkbox"/>
yuck	stoke	lake	bike	<input type="checkbox"/>
playful	happen	luckless	thinnest	<input type="checkbox"/>
brim	skip	twit	flip	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peke	Jack	spoke	brick	<input type="checkbox"/>
hardly	stall	quacking	bloater	<input type="checkbox"/>
hake	nick	moke	luck	<input type="checkbox"/>
mucky	wilful	bitten	backless	<input type="checkbox"/>
faint	spoilt	sport	twerp	<input type="checkbox"/>
loke	Jake	pick	spike	<input type="checkbox"/>

very, many, any, one, none, done

There are not very many green frogs in that ____.

prong trunk pond

How many drums of black oil fell from the back of the ____?

track truck trick

Would you give me one of your sweet ____?

plums plugs prams

Do you want a very big gift from your ____?

grid gran grass

Are there any black sheep left on the ____?

hilt help hill

Sam just had one drink, but they still put him in ____.

jump jail jam

Is there any water left in the ____?

jay joy jug

The smell of fresh cut grass is very ____.

swim queen sweet

FLUENCY ***READING***

Pass: 10 sec. Bonus: 8 sec. Double Bonus: 6 sec.

cuff	worn	tern	feed	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
rich	kerb	seen	porch	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
perm	bod	chap	pith	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
cart	sort	Thor	rash	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
quiff	teeth	hem	quint	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
lick	shun	charm	Perth	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
darn	forth	thorp	nub	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
nor	chuck	mark	weep	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
boy	goth	tort	road	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
nosh	berg	goat	chick	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
shim	coat	hers	quill	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
join	lard	hack	boil	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
quell	weed	day	shock	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

someone, anyone, lived, again

Jake, the fake snake.

Hank, the hunch-backed horse saw that Mark was crying, and he felt bad. How could he help Mark? Mark needed someone to help him find some cash so he could get some shorts and a shirt from Groan's store. He needed to find six quid to pay Groan, the croaking toad. Hank said, "I wish I could help you, but horses do not have any cash. But I can take you to see Jake, the fake snake who is very helpful. You will like Jake."



Mark said, "I would like that very much. I would like to be a boy again. If I cannot get some cash from someone, I am done." So Hank and Mark went off to see Jake, the fake snake. "Jake lives at the far end of the tip." Hank said. "If anyone can tell you how to get some coins to pay for a shirt and some shorts, it is Jake."

On the way from the hill of moist muck they had to take a path that went by a lake. They saw many ducks and drakes on the lake. They saw a drake flying back to Bart's shack, and Mark wished he was with Vern and Froid, the pet snail. "I wish I had a bike," he said. "You would just get stuck in the muck if you had a bike," said Hank, the hunch-backed horse.

At last they got to the marsh where Jake, the fake snake lived. "Why do they call Jake a fake snake?" asked Mark.

Do you think Jake is a fake?

want, watch, walk, water, wash, above, love

Jake should wash that dark green dress for his ____.

grin glad gran

The train struck a tree trunk that fell on the ____.

take track tail

Any tall shrub or tree will sway in a strong ____.

walk wind wisp

Mike said that he saw where you put your ____.

drip drain drink

I think they want to be done with that ____.

joy jest job

Jake loves to go ____ in the hills.

watching walking wanting

Spike acted swiftly to stop the boy from jumping in the ____.

want water walk

I would love to fly above the ____.

water watch wash

-ke

stroke likes smoke coke Luke

broke duke spoke Jake poke

Mike wake bike stroke bloke

You may stroke the cat very softly.

Take this coke to the bloke who is sitting by the lake.

My dad likes to have a smoke with his beer.

The Duke spoke to Luke just now.

Jake will wake up if you poke him in the ribs.

I think Mike broke the chain on his bike.

Luke woke spike stoke choke

smoke like coke pike take

bloke nuke lake stroke fluke

Luke woke up at six o'clock.

Spike went on a trip to Stoke-on-Trent last week.

In many pubs, you can choke on the smoke.

You should take short strokes with a paint brush.

I am broke, so you will have to pay for my glass of coke.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

Don't forget to do the flashcards at least once a day!

- | | | | | |
|---------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------------|
| fastest | sticky | torches | bashful | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| hick | fluke | snake | pike | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| needed | fairly | call | parting | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| neck | track | stake | yoke | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| store | cheer | hoard | bain | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| kick | make | Luke | stuck | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| sweeten | chinless | thickest | tricky | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| band | lend | runt | link | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| poke | bake | chick | quake | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| sweeper | cited | softly | ball | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| muck | brick | slick | eke | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| classes | wishful | chicken | helpless | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| twain | gloat | joist | green | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| quack | nuke | bloke | Dick | <input type="checkbox"/> |

want, watch, walk, water, wash, above, love

The black dress fitted her ____.

batter baited badly

The zipper on my ____ got stuck.

press dress desk

Beth was just saying how much she wanted to go ____.

shopping shipping slipping

It can get very hot in ____.

shutter butter summer

I keep hitting my hand with the ____.

hamper hammer handed

Gus was so fat that he hardly needed his ____.

dinner digger dipper

I want to watch the boats ____.

shopping selling sailing

Kay coated her cracker with cheese very ____.

mainly thickly skipper

FLUENCY READING

Pass: 10 sec. Bonus: 8 sec. Double Bonus: 6 sec.

perch toy beet perk ☆ ☆

pain torch darn rain ☆ ☆

chill chub mail marsh ☆ ☆

thorn ray ford sug ☆ ☆

horse rack paid arch ☆ ☆

ash way quill Bert ☆ ☆

pail parch verse bath ☆ ☆

form eel void orb ☆ ☆

nerve boat norm lath ☆ ☆

loin quiff mesh toad ☆ ☆

leech hock joy quip ☆ ☆

thud hay morse reed ☆ ☆

coy fort thick vain ☆ ☆

myself

At the creepy marsh.

Jake, the fake snake lived in the creepy marsh at the far end of the tip. He stayed in a rusty car that had been left to rot in the dump. "How do you do," said Jake, who was very well-bred. "Take a chair and take a load off your feet. Would you like a drink?" Mark sat on a dusty chair, but it sank into the muck very quickly. "Could I have a glass of milk?" he asked. Jake said, "This is not your lucky day, for I have not got any milk. Would you like a beer?"

Hank, the hunch-backed horse asked, "Do you make your beer with oats? Horses like oats, and it makes the strongest beer." So Jake, the fake snake got some oat beer from a rusty car, but Mark could not drink much of it, for it was very strong. He asked, "Why do they call you a fake snake? You do not seem like a fake to me." Jake said, "You see I have ten feet and six hands. Snakes do not have hands and feet."

Then Hank, the hunch-backed horse said, "My pal Mark needs your help. He needs to get some cash so that he can get some shorts and a shirt from Groan, the croaking

toad. How can he get some cash?" Jake, the fake snake hissed sharply. "It is very hard to find cash in this dump," he said. "I have none myself. You could go and see Mike, the greedy loan shark. He lives next to Luke, the Duke of the tip. If you set off from here now, you can get there by dark."

Do you think Mark drank much oat beer?

Do you think he can stand up?



Mastery Test

Any pupil who does not pass this test must go back to page 27. This is very important—a child who is struggling will not be learning. Contrary to what you would think, children do not mind going back. It's better than getting things wrong.

If the pupil needs to go back, use a different coloured pencil for ticking the boxes.

Timed reading: 'Pass' mark is 15 seconds per line.

spotless fair sweeper spoke

sharpen wake boiled twerp

sailing hoard rusty pike

fluke gloat queer boxes

Reading accuracy: Pass mark is one mistake.

Do not prompt. You may allow the pupil to self correct, but you cannot say anything except "Try again".

Did Jake take his bike to go shopping?

Mike drank his last coke quickly.

Luke will not like all that smelly smoke very much.

Spike needed the cordless drill to get one of his jobs done.

want, watch, walk, water, wash, above, love

All the players stopped playing ball when it started ____.

rubbing rapping raining

The digger loaded the skip with ____.

junk jump jam

All the tall men and small boys are standing in the ____.

hill hall hull

They are watching the sailing boat landing at the ____.

duck dock dark

My mum is mixing soap in hot water so she can wash her silk ____.

drink block dress

Luke was going to watch the batter hitting the ____.

bunk bigger hull

Come quickly and you can see the band ____.

pluck play pall

I think you should ____ the dog.

weld walk water

re-, be-, un-, ex-, pre-, dis-

less unless port report

plain explain load unload

float refloat fore before

dress undress *turb* disturb

Luke will not let us go unless we unload the car.

Could you explain why you got such a bad report?

The divers had to refloat the sunken ship.

At night we must undress before we go to bed.

Do not disturb Luke if he is sleeping.

tend pretend tract distract

cuss discuss mark remark

pay repay vent prevent

gust disgust well unwell

Did you discuss that smart remark with Joan?

Do not distract Mike if he is trying to fix the car.

Spike has to repay that loan before the end of the week.

Will the smell of rotten fish disgust Jake?

If you do not want to go, you could pretend to be unwell.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

clack	broke	drake	Mike	<input type="checkbox"/>
replay	before	unpick	expel	<input type="checkbox"/>
sharpest	soapy	boxes	thankful	<input type="checkbox"/>
predict	disdain	refund	between	<input type="checkbox"/>
wall	hoarding	fairer	joined	<input type="checkbox"/>
unseen	explore	prevail	distress	<input type="checkbox"/>
wake	suck	juke	choke	<input type="checkbox"/>
aboard	flair	shore	jee	<input type="checkbox"/>
resent	beset	unfit	express	<input type="checkbox"/>
batten	aimless	daftest	rainy	<input type="checkbox"/>
pretend	dismiss	reject	before	<input type="checkbox"/>
hack	joke	pluck	shake	<input type="checkbox"/>
joint	frail	coast	steep	<input type="checkbox"/>
unjust	explain	prevent	distort	<input type="checkbox"/>

want, watch, walk, water, wash, above, love

Could you hang up your coat in the ___?

hall have ham

Your dad is boiling some water for a hot ___.

drink drain branch

Can you bang in the nail with the ___?

hanger hopper hammer

My mum is six feet ___.

tamp tall task

Who is paying for all the ___?

swings swigs sweets

Luke said he wanted me to walk ___.

quacking clucking quickly

We got in a big digger to deepen the ___.

pond port pork

I love to go sailing in my ___.

band boast boat

FLUENCY READING

Pass: 10 sec. Bonus: 8 sec. Double Bonus: 6 sec.

beer lark foil hair ☆ ☆

pert fail sore cord ☆ ☆

soap more jeep goal ☆ ☆

wore mock coach pair ☆ ☆

beech coin fair harsh ☆ ☆

may cheer terse pay ☆ ☆

jeer quack bay roar ☆ ☆

shut Roy board chock ☆ ☆

toil hoard march chore ☆ ☆

quern bait morn reel ☆ ☆

pore check tail cork ☆ ☆

seer thick foam queen ☆ ☆

marl jeer herd day ☆ ☆

too

Hank feels unwell.

Hank, the hunch-backed horse said, "I was so greedy that I drank more oat beer than I should have, and now I feel unwell. I want some water for a wash." Jake, the fake snake said, "If you can walk to my bath, you can wash your hands and feet in hot water." "But horses do not have hands and feet," said Hank. Then he fell asleep with a crash.

Mark wanted to start walking up the road to find Mike, the loan shark, for he needed some cash to pay for some shorts and a shirt. He was fed up with his dress and he wanted to be a boy. He wanted to see his pals, Vern and Froid. He wanted to see Bart, the junk-yard dog, too. He missed the smell of damp dog. So Mark said, "Who can take me to see Mike, the loan shark? I do not know the way, and I do not want to get lost."

Jake the fake snake said, "I would love to help you, but I need ten socks and ten trainers, for I have ten feet. I am missing one of my trainers. But I will toss a pail of water on Hank, and then he will wake up." Hank

had to shake the water from his hair. He got up and said, "Why, we must march on. We must not slip on the slushy trail that takes us to see Mike, the loan shark. I will not let my pal fail." So they left Jake, the fake snake, who lived in a rusty car by the creepy marsh. They walked up the slushy trail that went by the reedy lake. "Unless we are quick, it will get dark before we find Mike, the loan shark," said Hank. Then he slipped on some sloppy muck and fell into a yucky pond. Do you think that Hank will be a smelly horse?



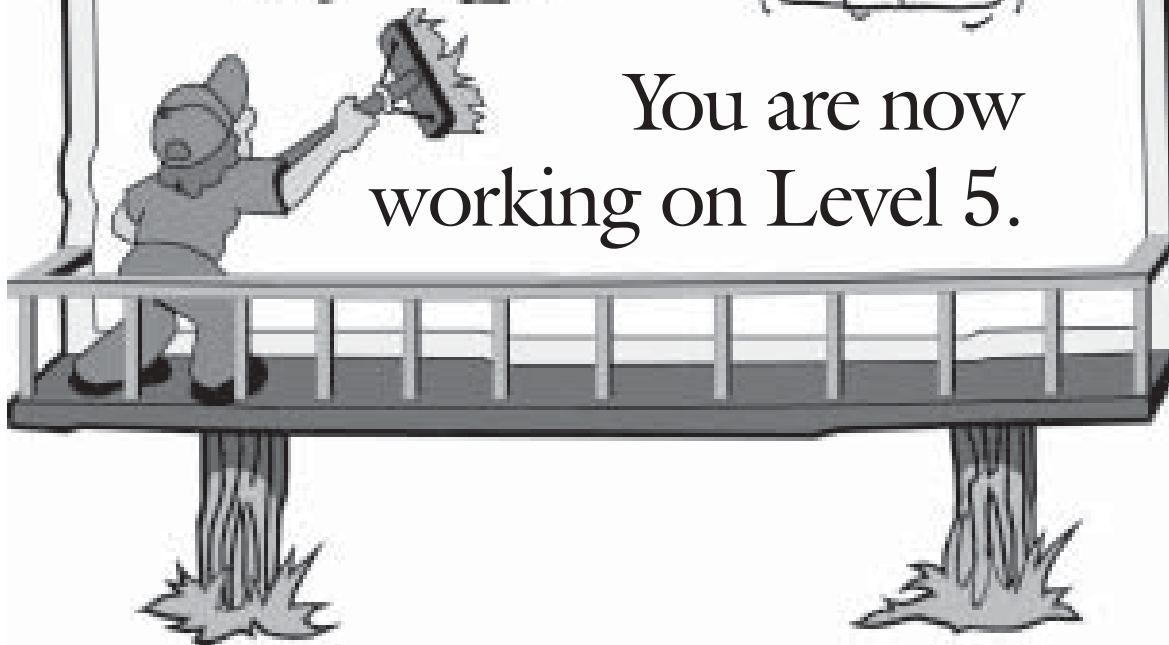
dancing bears

Well done!

you have completed
Level 4



You are now
working on Level 5.



-igh, -tch, -dge

hitch lodge fridge night edge

ditch light switch dredge sludge

catch bridge high pitch smudge

bright match badge notch might

Could Mike hitch a lift to the lodge?

I like to raid the fridge at night.

Do not stand on the edge of the ditch.

You must switch off the lights at night.

Did they dredge the sludge from the lake?

right judge twitch fetch thigh

stretch scotch midge blight clutch

patch slight budge sketch fight

fudge itch fright dodge sigh

My dad asked me to fetch his glass of scotch.

I have a slight twitch in my thigh.

You will get a red blotch where the midge bit you.

The judge said we should go right at the lights.

Who trimmed that stretch of hedge?

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

Always use the cursor!

refrain	begin	unstuck	exact	<input type="checkbox"/>
catch	hedge	night	ditch	<input type="checkbox"/>
quick	rake	smoke	eke	<input type="checkbox"/>
judge	high	fetch	badge	<input type="checkbox"/>
marches	needful	often	thankless	<input type="checkbox"/>
etch	lodge	right	hatch	<input type="checkbox"/>
prevent	display	reset	betray	<input type="checkbox"/>
coily	all	failing	thinner	<input type="checkbox"/>
fridge	light	pitch	nudge	<input type="checkbox"/>
flake	Luke	puck	shack	<input type="checkbox"/>
tight	batch	ridge	fight	<input type="checkbox"/>
unwell	expand	prefix	disrupt	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ray	point	croak	fleet	<input type="checkbox"/>
itch	fudge	sight	thatch	<input type="checkbox"/>

dancing bears

Word building:

Most pupils really like these exercises because they discover that reading long words is not really all that difficult once you know the building blocks.

Most of the examples start off with a real word but there are some that start with a part of a word such as *cept* or *struct*. These are always in italics—this way, your pupil will not be confused because he will understand that it is not a real word.

The only difficult items are the ones where the syllable structure changes in the middle of the line, these are marked with a star in the exercises. For instance:

late relate *relative relatively

Note that 'relate' breaks up as *re-late*, whereas 'relative' works out as *rel-ul-tive*. With words like this, you will probably have to tell your pupil the correct response the first time round. Don't forget to use the Flashback Technique.

Wordbuilder

load reload reloaded

tend pretend pretending

gust disgust disgusting

long belong belonging belongings

The hunter reloaded his gun.

Jake was just pretending that he was broke.

Mike's dog smells very disgusting tonight.

You must take all of your belongings with you.

dress undress undressing

part depart departed

bid forbid forbidden

press express expressly

tract distract distracted

I was undressing so that I could have a wash.

The driver was distracted and the car ran into a ditch.

Playing football in the street is expressly forbidden.

The train to Leeds has just departed.

want, watch, walk, water, wash, above, love

The farmer needed some grain to feed his ____.

chins chickens chips

My dog loves barking all day ____.

licking leaned long

I put your hammer on the shelf above the ____.

clod ctock clog

You can sharpen a stick for toasting a ____.

boy bun bunk

He kicked the ball above the goal ____.

keener keeper killer

I saw that loafer sleeping in my ____.

chain chicken chair

Could you help me bake a ____?

cook clock cake

Should we take the foot path down to the ____?

look lake like

FLUENCY ***READING***

Pass: 10 sec. Bonus: 8 sec. Double Bonus: 6 sec.

chart	chair	terse	Hoy	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
chard	hash	hoard	lack	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
foal	quiz	soar	thug	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
quail	gorse	sharp	air	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
with	soil	lord	core	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
bust	Kay	yank	fort	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
and	shack	fist	carve	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
leer	held	toil	lamp	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
cheep	dunk	verve	tank	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
deed	chair	jump	loath	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
help	quip	lend	oath	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
send	gash	board	land	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
main	dent	born	silk	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

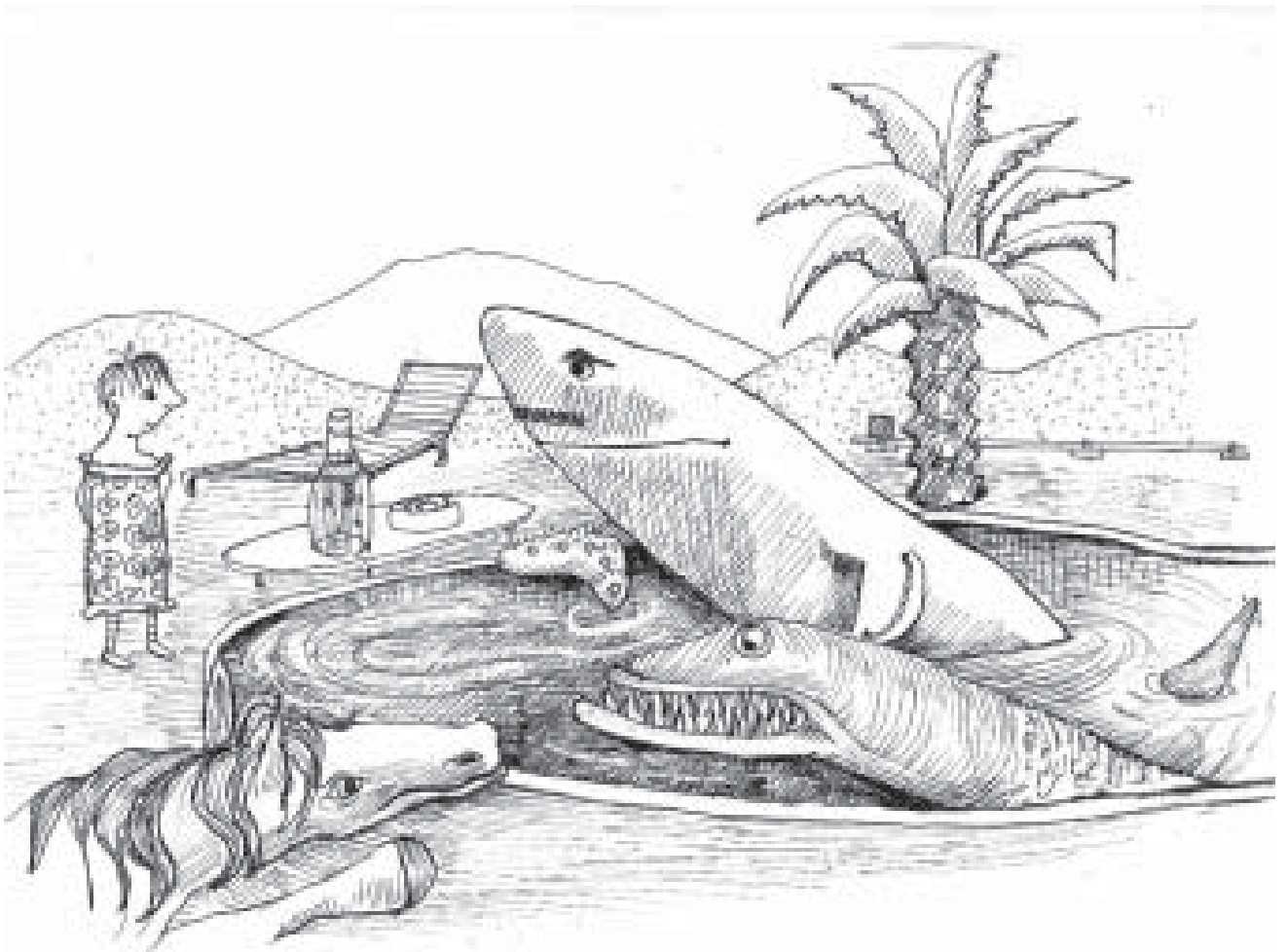
gold, five

Mike, the loan shark.

Mark watched Hank, the hunch-backed horse drag himself from the sludge in the yucky pond. Hank was reeking of rotten eggs and sticky weeds were hanging from his neck. Hank kept slipping back as he walked up the bank back to the slushy trail. Mark said, "You are a right sight, and you are such a smelly horse." Hank said, "I am just a horse, and all horses are slightly smelly. We must walk quickly if we want to find Mike, the loan shark before dark."

On the way, Hank pointed to all of the best sights in the tip. There were junk fridges sunk into patches of green sludge. They saw stacks of rotten puds and lots of stinking fish. Hank said, "I like this dump. It is the best junk-yard in the land."

Mike, the loan shark lived in a very smart lake with his pal, Patch, the pointless pike. Mike was very rich, and he liked to play with his posh train set. His train could take him to Groan's store, or it could take him to the pub for a drink. Mike was very flash, and he wore lots of bling. He had five studs and a gold chain in his fin. "How can I help you?" he asked. Mark said, "I need



some cash so I can get a shirt and some shorts. I am not a girl, so I should not have to dress in a frock. If you can loan me six quid, all will be well."

Mike waited a bit, and then he asked, "How can you repay me? You are just a small girl. Do you have a job?" Mark said, "I have a job just finding lunch in this dump. But if you loan me six quid, my mum will repay you." Mike said, "I cannot loan you any cash unless you have a job. If you need a job, you should go to see Luke, the Duke of the tip. He can help you get a job." Then Mike, the loan shark swam off with his pal, Patch, the pointless pike.

Do you think Hank will have a wash?

Mastery Test

Any pupil who does not pass this test must go back to page 41. This is very important—a child who is struggling will not be learning. Contrary to what you would think, children do not mind going back. It's better than getting things wrong.

If the pupil needs to go back, use a different coloured pencil for ticking the boxes.

Timed reading: 'Pass' mark is 17 seconds per line.

pitch remark rake hardly

biggest fight unless choke

nuke joist bridge pretend

discuss trike chore match

Reading accuracy: Pass mark is one mistake.

Do not prompt. You may allow the pupil to self correct, but you cannot say anything except "Try again".

You must not disturb Luke before lunch.

Spike got a red blotch where the midge bit him.

The farmer dug a ditch to prevent the water from getting in.

Could you explain why you forgot to switch off the lights?

ir, ur, -ce, -ge

large lice charge cage bird

Bruce choice girl hurry church

shirt price pence urge dance

Some very large lice are sleeping in my bed.

What did they charge you for that bird cage?

I think that Bruce made the right choice.

The girls should hurry up if they are going to church.

You can have that shirt for the price of ten pence!

Joyce voice strange stage right

twice change birch fence hurt

Grace burn since Greece turn

page face dirt nice birth

Do you think that Joyce has a strange voice?

If you turn right, you will fall off the stage.

We had to change trains twice on the way to Leeds.

Can you see that small bird up in the birch tree?

Grace hurt her leg jumping the fence.

My sunburn hurts since we got back from Greece.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

hutch	edge	sigh	twitch	<input type="checkbox"/>
large	girl	nice	burn	<input type="checkbox"/>
resit	beyond	unhappy	extend	<input type="checkbox"/>
mice	cage	turn	bird	<input type="checkbox"/>
take	coke	chuck	bike	<input type="checkbox"/>
firm	pence	fringe	curl	<input type="checkbox"/>
bridge	bright	stitch	budge	<input type="checkbox"/>
richest	lucky	blushes	painful	<input type="checkbox"/>
burst	skirt	plase	barge	<input type="checkbox"/>
prepaid	disarm	reload	belay	<input type="checkbox"/>
huge	curve	prince	fir	<input type="checkbox"/>
might	latch	grudge	thigh	<input type="checkbox"/>
hoarded	jointed	queerly	falling	<input type="checkbox"/>
ledge	fright	scotch	sludge	<input type="checkbox"/>

Wordbuilder

dress address addressed

plain explain explained

just adjust adjusting

want wanted unwanted

Is that letter addressed to me?

Bruce just explained how to make a bridge.

Grace is adjusting the chain on her bike.

You could give your unwanted books to me.

port report reported

act exact exactly

mit admit admitted

play replay replaying

pect expect expecting

Joyce has reported her cat missing.

Luke admitted that he broke the glass.

Martha is expecting you back for lunch.

I am fed up with replaying that DVD.

You will get a bad report if your sums are not exactly right.

want, watch, walk, water, wash, above, love

I want to watch him wash the black ____.

duck dog drink

Did he wake up at three o' ____?

cake chick clock

He hardly needed telling that his neck was ____.

broken blocked bike

Put your foot hard on the brake and your car will ____.

stake stink stop

I put my foot in my ____.

song sock sake

My gran is very good at telling ____.

jocks jokes jumps

If I am feeling better, I will rake the ____.

grass grip smoke

Put down your book and help me wash the ____.

cat car cheer

FLUENCY READING

Pass: 10 sec. Bonus: 8 sec. Double Bonus: 6 sec.

rock cost reef kip ☆ ☆

mink hair ant Joan ☆ ☆

barn pong nick worn ☆ ☆

null weld fore sing ☆ ☆

aim lush imp kerf ☆ ☆

quench yam risk peer ☆ ☆

fond roach sash lunch ☆ ☆

term chill bun past ☆ ☆

boar daft fay seek ☆ ☆

went thong port belt ☆ ☆

oat chip hang mush ☆ ☆

oar ramp odd muck ☆ ☆

end quip for tact ☆ ☆

o'clock

Luke, the Duke of the dump.

Mike, the loan shark swam back and said to Mark, "You seem like a nice kid. You can take my train to see Luke, the Duke of the dump. Take your pal Hank with you, and you can catch the six o'clock train." Mark thanked Mike and walked ten paces up the street, and then he turned right to get to the railway. They boarded the train, and sat in some soft chairs, for they were going first-class.

A large man with a badge asked them, "Can I see your passes?" Hank said, "Mike, the loan shark said we could catch a lift on his train. You would not want to mess with Mike, and we are going to see Luke, the Duke of



the dump.” The large man with the badge scratched his shirt, which was full of mice. He said, “Then it must be alright. If Mike is your pal, there will be no charge for this trip. Have a nice day, and do not forget to change trains at the church by the strange bridge.”

Hank said to Mark, “This is just grand. It is very nice to sit in a first-class coach. By rights, us horses should go in third-class coaches, for we are dirty and we pong. But who am I to say no to a soft chair?” Then the train started with a lurch, and they were on the way to see Luke, the Duke of the dump. The train went faster and faster, and they could see the dump go by in a blur. They saw lots of black smoke from burning boxes, and hills of rusty bikes. The large man with a badge served them a glass of coke. It was so nice in Mike’s train that they fell asleep. They missed the stop at the church by the strange bridge, and the train went speeding on into the night—and Mark still had not had any lunch.

Do you think that Mark’s dress needed washing?



dancing bears

au, aw

In Southern and Eastern England, these digraphs are usually pronounced the same as 'or'.

Regional accents do not normally cause problems in teaching reading, but they can be the source of considerable confusion when teaching children to spell. For instance, pupils from the SE of England will often spell 'thought' as *thort*.

au, aw

caught Paul hawk lawn saw

taught draw fawn thaw dawn

Paul caught the ball.

I saw a hawk catch some mice on the lawn.

Who taught you how to draw?

At dawn, we saw a deer with her fawn.

Wait for the ice to thaw before you go for a swim.

brawl fault paw because crawl

launch prawns trawl haul sprawl

yawn vault sauce jaw pause

It is not my fault that I got into a brawl!

Joyce likes lots of sauce on her chips.

Our dog could hardly crawl because she hurt her paw.

I like to sprawl across my nice soft bed.

When can we launch the sailboat?

The trawler caught lots of prawns.

Your car will need a hitch if you want to haul a trailer.

I like to have a good yawn when I first wake up.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

Don't forget to do the flashcards at least once a day!

slight	witch	dodge	nigh	<input type="checkbox"/>
saw	Paul	yawn	haul	<input type="checkbox"/>
snatch	dredge	flight	hitch	<input type="checkbox"/>
lawn	fraud	draw	cause	<input type="checkbox"/>
bespoke	uncoil	export	preshill	<input type="checkbox"/>
launch	drawn	claw	fault	<input type="checkbox"/>
spice	first	singe	church	<input type="checkbox"/>
flock	tuck	trike	cake	<input type="checkbox"/>
law	pause	thaw	vault	<input type="checkbox"/>
smudge	bight	retch	cadge	<input type="checkbox"/>
maul	flaw	brawn	taut	<input type="checkbox"/>
nurse	plaice	sir	rage	<input type="checkbox"/>
passes	quilting	sister	stressful	<input type="checkbox"/>
sauce	drawl	raw	haunch	<input type="checkbox"/>

Wordbuilder: -able

fast fasten fastened unfastened

plore explore exploring

sink sinkable unsinkable

fright frighten frightened

The smart cat unfastened the latch with her paw.

Paul loves to go exploring in strange places.

There is no such thing as an unsinkable ship.

Are you frightened to go into the haunted shack?

block blocking unblocking

flat flatten flattened

light relight relighting

fill refill refillable unrefillable

sweet sweeten sweetened unsweetened

I like my hot drinks unsweetened.

Take the matches for relighting the gas cooker.

Is your dad any good at unblocking the drains?

My dad gets his beer in unrefillable kegs.

The train flattened the coins that were left on the rails.

cook, book, look, foot, good, took, what, when, which

We should go and look for the ball that we ____.

long lost load

What song are the band ____?

play playing player

You will need a ____ book if you are going to bake a cake.

camp cook crack

You may get sick if you have a ____.

smoke smock small

My bike will not stop if the ____ are no good.

bricks blocks brakes

When you poke the dog, it will ____ up.

wash wake want

Which book do you like ____?

bet bent best

My helper loaded up the van with junk to ____ to the dump.

take tack tall

FLUENCY READING

Pass: 10 sec. Bonus: 8 sec. Double Bonus: 6 sec.

hark	deer	pink	lax	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
chick	sung	jail	born	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
moist	carve	shore	chimp	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
huff	think	punch	soy	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
quilt	wimp	teem	fair	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
bung	bell	tern	serf	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
joint	yarn	chop	zest	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ore	win	ring	load	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
thank	kiln	gosh	port	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
gasp	lair	gaff	quest	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
coy	pick	dump	feel	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
quill	melt	queer	Max	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
pelt	quail	perch	song	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Paul, the gawky hawk.

Mark woke up and took a good look at his watch, and he saw that it was ten o'clock. It was a dark night, and the train went speeding on. Hank, the hunch-backed horse was sprawled in his soft chair, snoring in his sleep. Mark gave Hank a poke in the jaw, and then the horse woke up. Mark said, "It is dark, and my mum will miss me. By now she will have called the cops. What can we do?" Hank had a good stretch. He had a good yawn. Then he said, "Why, I cannot say what we should do. Hunch-backed horses are not all that bright at night."



Just then, they saw the large man with a badge. He was bringing cokes and some cake to keep them awake. He said, "Say, you have missed your stop. You should have changed trains at the church by the strange bridge. We passed that stop a long way back." Mark asked, "What can we do? I must call my mum, or she might think I have been flattened by a truck." The large man with a badge scratched his shirt, which was still full of mice. "I cannot say," he said, "because I am not so smart. But I will call Paul, the gawky hawk, because he is a very, very smart bird."

The large man with a badge called for Paul, the gawky hawk, who came flying into the coach. Paul landed on the back of a chair and dug his claws into the cloth. "What can I do for you?" he squawked (for he was a hawk). "I am a very, very smart bird, and I can do anything." Mark asked, "Can you tell my mum that I have come to no harm? I think she likes me a lot." Paul the gawky hawk stretched his wing and scratched his maw. "Why not? Is there anything more I can do for you?" Hank, the hunch-backed horse woke up and said, "How can we get back and change trains at the

church by the strange bridge? We need to go and see Luke, the Duke of the dump."

Paul plucked a quill from his tail and picked his teeth, (he was lucky to have teeth because hawks do not have teeth). "Just turn your watch back to seven o'clock. This train stops at the church by the strange bridge at seven." With a smart squawk, Paul went flying off into the next coach.

Do you think that Mark has lost his watch?

Word Search

gawky are
strange awe
nicely ice
light ply
harpy tree
truce jaw
rake luke

s	t	r	a	n	g	e
r	r	a	w	i	a	c
l	u	k	e	c	w	a
i	c	e	i	e	k	u
g	e	a	p	l	y	s
h	a	r	p	y	n	e
t	r	e	e	j	a	w

-tch, -dge, -igh

budge Dutch smudge slight night

flight lodge sketch fudge fridge

match fight watch cadge wedge

When the match is done, we can watch the fight.

The Dutch boy says he will not budge.

There is a slight smudge on your face.

We took the last flight of the night.

Luke can draw a sketch of the hunting lodge.

Did you put the fudge in the fridge?

patch stitch might nudge witch

sledge hitch light switch bright

pitch stretch dodge bridge sight

Ask Madge to stitch a patch on your shirt.

Give the witch a nudge and she might wake up.

The farmer hitched his horse to the sledge.

Could you switch off the bright lights?

We had to dodge the cars that were crossing the bridge.

They took the player off the football pitch on a
stretcher.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

jaunt	sawn	yaw	spawn	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wight	clutch	trudge	blight	<input type="checkbox"/>
forge	slurp	farce	swirl	<input type="checkbox"/>
botch	pledge	high	Dutch	<input type="checkbox"/>
jaw	faun	saucer	gawk	<input type="checkbox"/>
snitch	nigh	drudge	crutch	<input type="checkbox"/>
craw	flaunt	prawn	haunt	<input type="checkbox"/>
sigh	midge	crutch	match	<input type="checkbox"/>
Turk	slice	ginge	smirk	<input type="checkbox"/>
distort	estock	bedeck	unspoilt	<input type="checkbox"/>
patch	thigh	sledge	blotch	<input type="checkbox"/>
trawl	paw	taunt	Maud	<input type="checkbox"/>
cake	flake	spike	woke	<input type="checkbox"/>
glitch	fight	crotch	wedge	<input type="checkbox"/>

Wordbuilder

turn return returned

thank thankful thankfully

tend pretend pretended

dress undress undressing

Paul returned from the pub crawl at ten o'clock.

Thankfully, we are done with shifting all that sludge.

The hawk pretended that it hurt its claw.

Do not watch when I am undressing.

stack stacking restacking

serve served reserved

plain explain explained

play display displayed

miss dismiss dismissed

Joyce got a job restacking the shelves at the store.

Have you reserved a place for the match tonight?

Mike just explained how to catch a pike.

We were dismissed when we were done with the job.

My best painting is displayed on the board in the hall.

cook, book, look, foot, good, took, what, when, which

Look what the cat ___ in!

dragged quake sadly

When are you going to have ___?

lump lunch long

A king, a queen and a duke are all very ___.

posh pond poke

When you shake him he will ___ up.

was wake watch

I like to watch my dad when he is ___ the car.

fishing fixing falling

I wish I was sailing a ___ on the lake.

board boast boat

Did Luke choke on that lump of ___?

fast fish Fred

My dog will shake off the ___ if he gets wet.

where wake water

FLUENCY ***READING***

Pass: 10 sec. Bonus: 8 sec. Double Bonus: 6 sec.

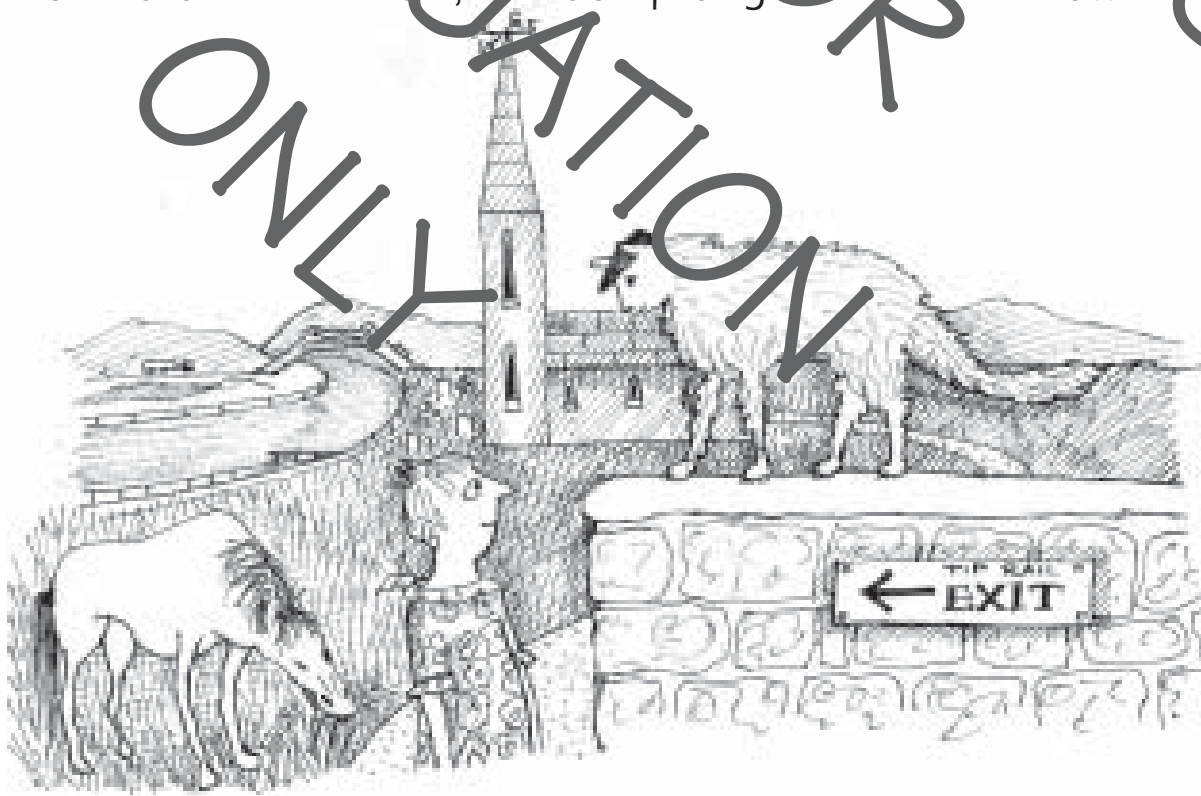
teen	pork	chink	roar	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
rig	jilt	void	bunch	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
frog	oat	clock	quell	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
blot	lung	twill	sheer	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
elf	twin	rail	flag	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
morn	droll	chunk	slop	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
bore	foist	still	hoist	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
pram	char	flock	act	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
green	fair	bang	snap	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
bay	swim	sport	grit	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
vest	crab	hoard	prim	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
teeth	skid	tuck	chat	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
clink	moan	lore	tuft	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

even

Smudge, the batty cat.

When Paul, the gawky hawk had flapped his way into the next coach, Mark said, "I may as well turn back my watch." But he forgot to take some cake from the large man with the badge, so Hank, the hunch backed horse scoffed the lot.

When the hands on Mark's watch were set at seven o'clock, the train stopped at the church by the strange bridge. Mark and Hank stepped off the coach into broad daylight. "Why, this is all right," said Hank, "Now we can catch the train that will take us to see Luke, the Duke of the dump." Mark wished he had some lunch. He wished he was with his pal Vern, and he wanted to see Froid, the pet snail. He even wanted a sniff of Bart, the damp dog. But most of all he



wanted some shorts and a shirt, because he was fed up with being a girl.

Then they met Smudge, the batty cat who wore a flat cap. Smudge said, "I live in the church by the strange bridge, and I catch lots of nice mice and fat rats. Would you like to meet the mice I have caught? They are very nice." Mark said, "Thank you, but we must be getting on to see Luke, the Duke of the dump. The large man with a badge said that we have to change here." Smudge asked, "What would you like to change into?" Mark said, "I would like to change into a boy right now." "You cannot do that," said Smudge, "for you are a girl. Would you like to change into a witch? Witches can cast spells, and I should think they have lots of fun."

But Mark did not want to be a witch. "We just want to change trains," he said. Smudge, the batty cat (who wore a flat cap) said, "Why, you cannot change trains. Even witches cannot change trains into something else." Mark said, "But we must change trains, because we are going to see Luke, the Duke of the dump." Smudge said, "Then you had best take a boat and go up the creepy creek that runs under the strange bridge. You can take my boat if you wish."

Do you think Hank can swim?

Mastery Test

Any pupil who does not pass this test must go back to page 58. This is very important—a child who is struggling will not be learning. Contrary to what you would think, children do not mind going back. It's better than getting things wrong.

If the pupil needs to go back, use a different coloured pencil for ticking the boxes.

Timed reading: 'Pass' mark is 17 seconds per line.

charge patch disgust joined

rainy burn sketch recall

express sharpest face judge

bright address predict dirty

Reading accuracy: Pass mark is one mistake.

Do not prompt. You may allow the pupil to self correct but you cannot say anything except "Try again".

Joyce had to dodge the cars crossing the bridge.

How much did Bruce charge you for washing his shirt?

Grace had to change her flight for her trip to Greece.

The girls had to hurry to get to church.

Silent 'e'

time home came same hope smile

game those name rope safe cope

late made ride spade lane prude

trade slime Clive pile hide nude

We all came home at the same time.

What is the name of the game?

I hope you can cope with those ropes.

We were late, but we made it home safely.

I will trade my spade for a ride up the lane.

Clive will hide in that pile of slime.

June shine stale date these ale

pipe rude nine grapes pale wipe

dude ripe ate hole five use

stole Pete fuse mole Jane zone

That dude was very rude to June.

Wipe that pipe until it shines.

The pale ale is a bit stale.

I ate five ripe grapes and nine of these dates.

The mole stole back into its hole.

Did Pete use the right fuse?

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

sketch	sludge	light	itch	<input type="checkbox"/>
made	hide	home	June	<input type="checkbox"/>
brawl	vaunt	crawl	haul	<input type="checkbox"/>
these	wide	hope	lane	<input type="checkbox"/>
dawn	taut	gaunt	throw	<input type="checkbox"/>
cute	mole	safe	wipe	<input type="checkbox"/>
light	grudge	notch	Wight	<input type="checkbox"/>
age	lance	curb	twirl	<input type="checkbox"/>
tube	wise	tame	note	<input type="checkbox"/>
fawn	maut	pawn	auk	<input type="checkbox"/>
shine	tale	stone	mule	<input type="checkbox"/>
batch	pledge	might	fetch	<input type="checkbox"/>
failed	gormless	oaken	vainly	<input type="checkbox"/>
cube	bite	lone	tape	<input type="checkbox"/>

Wordbuilder

take mistake mistakable unmistakable

use used unused

time timed mistimed

sell selling reselling

With your green hair, you are unmistakable.

Could you return your unused books?

We crashed because I mistimed that turn.

Pete made ten quid by reselling that bike.

late relate related

ripe ripen ripened unripened

line lined unlined

port report reporter

quote quoted misquoted

Is Clive related to you, or is he just a good mate?

That unripened plum will make you ill.

Jane likes to draw on unlined paper.

The reporter misquoted the speech.

teach, real, eat, please, year, leave, reach, meat, friend

Please leave your coats in the ____.

hitch hall hedge

Last year, Clive and Jane gave up eating ____.

toads slime meat

Pete is really keen to ____ your friends.

meat meet cook

Can you ____ the book on the top shelf.

reach real eat

Could my friends go swimming in your ____?

desk tent lake

Did you see which book Jean ____?

took torch tailed

When will you teach me how to ____?

song sang sing

We could roast some ____ to eat.

porch poke pork

FLUENCY ***READING***

Pass: 10 sec. Bonus: 8 sec. Double Bonus: 6 sec.

grab	hush	flit	perch	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
orb	bluff	play	pair	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
silk	drill	chard	fled	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
maths	tor	grass	gait	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
oar	blob	shark	ask	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
class	neck	quick	plan	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
coil	seer	hump	crack	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
woad	chuck	grip	torch	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
tart	pang	more	loach	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
drip	joint	verse	flop	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
corm	josh	mend	beer	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
hay	glass	stay	kith	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
clam	cheep	yard	nest	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Floyd, the faultless fish.

Smudge, the batty cat—who wore a flat cap—took Mark and Hank to the creepy creek, where his boat was parked. “This is a very safe boat,” he said, “It is made of the finest pine, and it is nine yards long and five feet wide. It is just the right size for a hunch-backed horse.” Hank said, “How can we find the way to see Luke, the Duke of the dump?”

Smudge said, “You must meet my mate. His name is Floyd, the faultless fish. He is a good sole and he is very wise. He will take you where you want to go.” Then Smudge spotted some cute mice, and he went back in the cat flap in the church by the strange bridge. Hank and Mark got into Smudge’s boat, and they shook hands with Floyd, the faultless fish. Or they had to pretend to shake hands, because fish do not have hands. “We must go quickly if we want to catch the tide,” said Floyd.

Mark cast off the ropes, and Smudge’s boat sailed away. The tide in the creepy creek ran quite fast, and they had to watch out for barges and whales. Mark had to steer, because horses cannot steer boats. They stopped



for a while when Floyd met a skate who was his best mate. Hank sat on the oars and watched the water slide by. "This is the life," he said, "I should have been a sailor."

Floyd, the faultless fish stopped again and scratched his nose. "What a shame," he said, "I think we are lost. There are too many creeks in this place, and they all look the same." Just then Floyd spotted a pub on the side of the creek. "We must go there and find out where we are," he said.

Mark and Hank got out of the boat and went up the slope to the pub. "I must have a beer," said Hank, "and I must get one for Floyd. I bet he drinks like a fish." But Mark did not want any beer. "What have you got for lunch?" he asked the girl in the pub. "It is too late for a plate of nosh," she said, "But you can have a bag of hedgehog crisps. They are made from fresh road-kill, and they are very nice."

Would you like some hedgehog crisps?

Mastery Test

Any pupil who does not pass this test must go back to page 82. This is very important—a child who is struggling will not be learning. Contrary to what you would think, children do not mind going back. It's better than getting things wrong.

If the pupil needs to go back, use a different coloured pencil for ticking the boxes.

Timed reading: 'Pass' mark is 15 seconds per line.

rude lawn expand trawler

matches trade sauce prefix

drawing lighter hope fault

hawk crawled misjudge wipe

Reading accuracy: Pass mark is one mistake.

Do not prompt. You may allow the pupil to self correct, but you cannot say anything except "Try again".

Paul hitched up the trailer to haul the junk to the dump.

Clive was late, but he still got home safely.

Jane got up at dawn, and saw the hawk on the lawn.

Pete and June are going to pick grapes in France.

dancing bears

Well done!

you have completed
Level 5



You are now
working on Level 6.



ur, ir, -ce, -ge

prince dance chirp bird race

office nice sage mince curly

Turk plunge urge squirt slurp

The prince asked the fair maiden to go to the dance.

Birds like to chirp in the morning.

I will race you back to the office.

Mince cooked with sage is very nice.

Do Turks have curly hair?

Any time you get the urge, just plunge into the lake.

purse birth plaice sauce surf

chance wage nurse spruce huge

dirty barge bilge range firm

My sister gave Marge a purse for her birthday.

Do you like sauce with your plaice and chips?

This is your last chance to ride a surfboard.

Do nurses get paid a good wage?

We sat next to the huge spruce tree.

The bilges of a barge are full of dirty water.

DECODING POWER PAGE

date	life	hole	fuse	<input type="checkbox"/>
plunge	murk	chance	birth	<input type="checkbox"/>
witch	dodge	right	badge	<input type="checkbox"/>
urn	sage	flirt	face	<input type="checkbox"/>
jaw	awl	gauze	sauce	<input type="checkbox"/>
fraught	reborn	porky	belong	<input type="checkbox"/>
same	side	bone	theme	<input type="checkbox"/>
daub	saw	cause	Paul	<input type="checkbox"/>
hinge	lurk	race	shirt	<input type="checkbox"/>
switch	fudge	right	hedge	<input type="checkbox"/>
irk	dice	burp	bilge	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pete	rise	pale	prune	<input type="checkbox"/>
paw	fraud	bawl	taunt	<input type="checkbox"/>
purse	wage	voice	dirt	<input type="checkbox"/>

Wordbuilder

pute dispute disputed undisputed

want wanted unwanted

float floated refloated

charge charged recharged

My darts team is the undisputed winner of the match.

Please leave all your unwanted DVDs here.

After my boat sank, the divers refloated it.

Dad just recharged his cordless drill.

friend friendly unfriendly

place replace replacement

turn return returned

slice sliced unsliced

place placed misplaced

I have not lost my glasses, I have just misplaced them.

Do you think that dog is unfriendly?

Paul wants me to get an unsliced loaf at the shop.

Joyce and Maud will be returning at nine o'clock.

If that shirt is no good, we will give you a replacement.

teach, real, eat, please, year, leave, reach, meat, friend

When can we leave this ___?

glass class mass

If you honk your horn, he will get off the ___.

road road roast

Next year I will be ___.

sings six links

My teacher is very ___ to me.

good got stake

Can you reach the book on the top ___?

shall shell shell

I did not mean to ___ all the meat.

ask eat end

Please Miss, may I ___ my seat?

like leave last

My dog is getting fatter now that he eats all day ___.

lung link long

FLUENCY READING

Pass: 10 sec. Bonus: 8 sec. Double Bonus: 6 sec.

nest Claire loin swig ☆ ☆

laid peck skill quit ☆ ☆

beef film hoard Cain ☆ ☆

king norm twig Ark ☆ ☆

elm verse flap sheer ☆ ☆

foil aft chit fret ☆ ☆

mEEK dung sack drop ☆ ☆

core goad bank quilt ☆ ☆

snip short mist berth ☆ ☆

bran bairn boy champ ☆ ☆

inch plum tosh quench ☆ ☆

luck stab boar ail ☆ ☆

shelf sort swill peep ☆ ☆

down, don't, talk

Beer at Dawn's.

Hank, the hunch-backed horse took a large pail of beer and went off to soak it up with Floyd, the faultless fish. The girl in the pub said to Mark, "You should try hedgehog crisps, because they are made from fresh road-kill. They are very nice when you wash them down with a glass of dirty ditch water." Mark said, "Thank you, but I don't want hedgehog crisps. Hedgehogs have sharp quills, and one might get stuck in my throat."

The girl in the pub wiped down the bar with a grubby rag and slurped down a glass of white wine. She said, "My name is Dawn. They call me Dawn because I can talk until dawn, or until you start to yawn, whichever comes first. But I like you because you are a very cute girl."

Mark said, "But I am not a girl. If I ever find Luke, the Duke of the dump, then I will get a job. Then I can get a loan from Mike, the loan shark, and then I can get a pair of shorts and a shirt from Groan, the croaking toad. Then you will see that I am a boy." Dawn said, "Your dress is very dirty. When you live in a dump, dresses get dirty very quickly. You will never get a job in a



dirty dress. Give it to me and I will wash it for you. Put on this green robe and I will rinse the slime and sludge from your frock.”

Just then, Hank, the hunch-backed horse came back and said, “I must help Floyd, the faultless fish. A man just came in and asked for fish and chips. Floyd is legless, for he is a fish. I must help him get away.” Mark said, “I cannot go because this robe belongs to Dawn, and she is washing my dress. What can we do?”

Do you think Hank paid for his beer?

Silent 'e'

Clive jade wrote note bike tube

Jane mine robe white stone prune

those bite make fine gate pine

Jade wrote a note to Clive.

Do not bite hard on those prunes—they have stones.

I will make the gate with the finest pine.

Jane had to patch the tube on her bike.

The white bath robe is mine.

skate ice rode hate quite mate

Pete home late rule wife Clive

make bone shame alone tales Jane

sale crate these wine style froze

Pete rode home quite late last night.

Clive's wife makes all the rules at home.

My mate hates to skate on thin ice.

Leave the dog alone with his bone.

It's a shame that Jane is telling tales.

These crates of wine are on sale.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

pace	birch	lunge	furl	<input type="checkbox"/>
late	mile	rule	rode	<input type="checkbox"/>
fault	trawl	Maud	raw	<input type="checkbox"/>
quote	pipe	line	sale	<input type="checkbox"/>
notch	sight	clutch	cadge	<input type="checkbox"/>
tune	quite	name	scope	<input type="checkbox"/>
fleece	spurt	ice	chirp	<input type="checkbox"/>
saw	faun	drawn	vaunt	<input type="checkbox"/>
time	use	flame	cope	<input type="checkbox"/>
unaided	exactly	precast	disbanding	<input type="checkbox"/>
ate	Clive	pole	rude	<input type="checkbox"/>
verge	lurch	force	quirk	<input type="checkbox"/>
gauze	flaw	pawn	vaunt	<input type="checkbox"/>
hate	dude	robe	swipe	<input type="checkbox"/>

Wordbuilder

firm confirm confirmed unconfirmed

play played misplayed

part depart departing

light delight delighted

We have unconfirmed reports of a space-ship landing.

We lost because the goal-keeper misplayed the ball.

I will be delighted to see my friends again.

The train to Dover will be departing at nine o'clock.

wise unwise unwisely

change changed unchanged

give forgive forgiven

confess confess confessed

skill skilful skilfully

Small boys and girls sometimes act unwisely.

The score is still unchanged.

Jane plays the game very skilfully.

You will be forgiven if you have confessed your crime.

teach, real, eat, please, year, leave, reach, meat, friend

Please walk softly or you will ___ my mum.

wake will want

His hair is not ___, he has a wig!

rich real ring

Please put that sharp chopper away, you might ___ your hand.

cut cult cost

Did you see where he put his glass of ___?

been beet beer

My friend is waiting for me to ___ his bike.

return retake reach

When will we be eating that ___ of beef?

join joist joint

We can go by train if we are not ___.

lake late lay

My dad has been a joiner for ten ___.

yours years yeast

FLUENCY READING

Pass: 10 sec. Bonus: 8 sec. Double Bonus: 6 sec.

loft	shack	brass	pair	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
tar	rung	chug	glad	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
parse	junk	pech	grim	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
shore	baize	pond	quench	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
brim	shed	kelp	Seth	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
spot	deer	tee	mint	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
morse	drop	geese	ink	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
pick	swam	oar	noise	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
spot	tall	bunk	hotly	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
coarse	matted	stay	breech	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
runner	landed	served	handed	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
sleet	ball	plum	running	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
end	wishing	steer	quickly	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆

woman

Maud, the maudlin trawler-woman.

Hank, the hunch-backed horse launched the boat that belonged to Smudge, the batty cat with the flat cap. He had to save Floyd, the faultless fish, from a grim fate. Mark waved as they sailed away, and then he went back into the pub and sat next to the coal burning in the grate. Dawn, the girl in the pub, was washing his dress. He really wanted something to eat—anything but hedgehog crisps. Or fish and chips.



Dawn came back and said, "Now your dress is clean, and when it is dry you can get a job. I will talk to Maud, the maudlin trawler-woman. She might give you a job trawling for small prawns." Dawn hung Mark's dress to dry by the flames, and she went off to find Maud, the maudlin trawler woman.

After a while, a big woman with a wooden nose came stomping into the pub. "My name is Maud, and I am the maudlin trawler-woman. I may cry a lot, but I catch the best small prawns in this dump. If you want a job on my trawler, you must pretend to be a boy. I do not give jobs to small girls." Mark said, "I will do my best. I will pretend that my dress is really a shirt and a pair of shorts. And I will cry a lot, because I do need some lunch."

Dawn yawned as she gave Maud a glass of beer. She winked at Mark and said, "You really are a good girl. I bet you will catch lots of small prawns, and you will cry a lot." So Maud drank her beer and took Mark down to her trawler.

Do you think Mark likes prawns?

Mastery Test

Any pupil who does not pass this test must go back to page 93. This is very important—a child who is struggling will not be learning. Contrary to what you would think, children do not mind going back. It's better than getting things wrong.

If the pupil needs to go back, use a different coloured pencil for ticking the boxes.

Timed reading: 'Pass' mark is 15 seconds per line.

gate shirt thaw explain

dislike froze large gaunt

yawn slightly quite mice

curly brawl pitcher rule

Reading accuracy: Pass mark is one mistake.

Do not prompt. You may allow the pupil to self correct, but you cannot say anything except "Try again".

Maud rode her bike to the haunted shack.

The nurses walked past the huge plane tree.

Jane stopped to patch the tube on her bike.

Pete's wife made a nice cake with ripe prunes.

au, aw

Maud drawn because haunt brawn

hawk claw dawn crawl pause

sawn fraud daub maul sprawl

Maud took a ride in a horse-drawn cart.

No one will go in those woods because they are haunted.

This job takes brains, not brawn.

Hawks have very sharp claws.

Down had to crawl under the fence.

Shall we pause for a cup of tea?

Paul vault Maud caught prawn

taught brawl jaw yawn Paul

dawn gaunt dawn jaunt sauce

Paul keeps his cash safe in a bank vault.

Maud caught her sleeve on a rose bush.

Who taught you how to catch prawns?

Roy broke his jaw in a brawl.

Paul woke up at dawn and had a good yawn.

Maud looked gaunt and drawn after being sick.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

Don't forget to do the flashcards at least once a day!

mate	pine	cute	zone	<input type="checkbox"/>
drawl	pause	claw	gaunt	<input type="checkbox"/>
change	bird	lace	hurt	<input type="checkbox"/>
draw	haunt	Gaul	prawn	<input type="checkbox"/>
edge	bight	catch	smudge	<input type="checkbox"/>
sawn	craw	daub	sauce	<input type="checkbox"/>
retrain	because	unhinge	exerting	<input type="checkbox"/>
slide	gale	Eve	those	<input type="checkbox"/>
caught	crawl	Maud	yawn	<input type="checkbox"/>
mince	flange	burnt	sir	<input type="checkbox"/>
dawn	haunch	gawk	taught	<input type="checkbox"/>
ride	stale	trim	drove	<input type="checkbox"/>
prejudge	distance	switches	burning	<input type="checkbox"/>
lawn	saucer	faun	brawn	<input type="checkbox"/>

Wordbuilder

daunt daunted undaunted

hope hopeless hopelessly

pect expect expected unexpected

mark remark remarkable

dress address addressed

The ship sailed on, undaunted by the storm.

We got hopelessly lost when Maya lost the map.

Paul's return last night was unexpected.

Floyd scored a remarkable goal in the match today.

That letter is addressed to Dawn.

ply apply applying

watch watchable unwatchable

stand understand understanding

fish fisher fisherman

Spike is applying for a job at the chip shop.

That film is so bad that it is unwatchable.

I like my teacher because she is very understanding.

The fisherman caught five roach, a perch and a pike.

teach, real, eat, please, year, leave, reach, meat, friend

I really want to go flying to ____.

Spain sport spoil

Please leave your seat when the play comes to an ____.

end eat eke

Will your friend help you ____ that cake?

brake bank bake

Why is your mum cutting your ____?

hail hair have

Can we all play football in that ____?

yard yank year

Why did all of the teachers ____ us here?

leave like last

My mum let me have a huge slice of ____.

cask cake cart

I found out about this place from my best ____.

freeze friend forge

FLUENCY READING

Pass: 10 sec. Bonus: 8 sec. Double Bonus: 6 sec.

float	hall	quest	taller	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
filth	partly	crash	pinned	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
drab	fitted	fang	fatter	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
flair	fall	snail	bitting	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
horn	flatly	snack	small	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
scar	asking	grill	cutter	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
jolt	helped	score	ripper	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
spoil	lastly	scorch	calling	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
Forth	running	keel	zipper	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
costly	rotten	handful	stoat	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
horses	helper	brash	sunken	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
score	gleeful	quitting	clash	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
bosses	tapped	tallest	flair	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆

dream, cheap

Mark's dream.

Mark went back down to the creek with Maud, the maudlin trawler-woman. Hank, the hunch-backed horse was not there, and the boat that belonged to Smudge, the batty cat in a flat cap was gone. Floyd, the faultless fish was nowhere to be seen, and Mark hoped that he was not sitting next to a plate of chips. When Mark boarded Maud's trawler, he felt very sleepy. He fell asleep on a pile of ropes right away.

Mark had some strange dreams. First, Bart, the junkyard dog took a loaf and some milk to his mum. His mum seemed to think that Bart was her son, and she said, "Thank you Mark, you are a good dog. But you took ever such a long time." Mark was mad because his mum would not look at him, and she stroked Bart's damp fur. Then Froid, the pet snail came in, and he was huge. His shell was painted with green letters that said "For sale". Vern was with him, but he was very small, and he was sitting in Froid's chair. Vern said, "You must go to see Groan, the croaking toad. He wants to sell you a shirt and a pair of shorts, and he said that he will sell them very cheaply. Then you can be a boy again."



Next, Groin, the gray-green goat who wore his hair in a quiff, turned up and said, "Herb, the sharp shark is waiting for you with his bus pass. He will take you to see Jake, the fake snake. Have a chomp on this lovely tin foil." Mark went down to the road and got on the bus. The driver was Mike, the loan shark, who sat next to his friend Patch, the pointless pike. Jake, the fake snake had become a real snake, but he was still missing one of his trainers.

The large man with a badge walked in and said, "This bus will not start. You will have to push it all the way to the tip." So Mark left his seat and got behind the bus. He pushed it as hard as he could, but it would not budge. His feet were sinking deeper and deeper into the moist muck, and he sunk down to his thighs until his legs were stuck. Then Paul, the gawky hawk landed on his back and squawked, "Push harder! Push harder!" Mark yelled, "Please help me!" Then he woke up and saw Maud, the maudlin trawler-woman standing next to him. She said, "You just missed lunch because you were sleeping. But now you can go down and help wash the dirty dishes."

Do you think Mark will be a good fisherman?

silent 'e'

bride white Jade skate blade close

swine gate scone stale trade game

style robe cute late side shape

The bride was dressed in white.

Jade should sharpen the blades on her skates.

I will trade my scone for your state cakes.

Those cute robes are all in the latest style.

Our side must get into shape for the next game.

pipes froze broke quite blame crime

shame Pete ate cube flame close

wise nine rise slope ice slide

Those pipes just froze because our heater broke down.

I am not quite sure who to blame for the crime.

It is a shame that Pete ate all the sugar cubes.

Are you sure it is wise to sit so close to the flames?

The sun will rise at nine this morning.

You cannot slide down the slope if there is no ice on it.

Those swine will get away if you forget to close the gate.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

launch	fawn	spawn	yaw	<input type="checkbox"/>
nude	stem	stole	dive	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bruce	surf	merge	quirt	<input type="checkbox"/>
shape	crime	rope	shun	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dutch	trudge	slight	botch	<input type="checkbox"/>
flit	crude	gripe	shame	<input type="checkbox"/>
boarder	tuneful	aired	charmless	<input type="checkbox"/>
midge	blight	switch	budge	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jade	ripe	shed	game	<input type="checkbox"/>
bright	hutch	wedge	ketch	<input type="checkbox"/>
stab	dime	mine	cone	<input type="checkbox"/>
hawk	daub	paw	yawn	<input type="checkbox"/>
reserve	patches	bewitch	flirting	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crete	shade	mine	slope	<input type="checkbox"/>

Wordbuilder

play replay replayed

tress distress distressing distressingly

force enforce enforcement

card discard discarded

How many times have they replayed that tune?

Gail's grades were distressingly bad.

Law enforcement is a cop's main job.

We had to pick up all the discarded cans.

part depart department

help helpless helplessly

plain explain explained

play employ employed unemployed

My mum likes to go shopping in big department stores.

Paul looked on helplessly as his toy boat sank.

Our teacher has explained that twice so far.

That useless slob has been unemployed for three years.

out, found, our, loud, house, about, sure, sugar

Will you turn the page in our ____?

bank born book

My shirt has got some dirt on the ____.

slipper sleeve sleep

Our house is not very ____.

large purge slur

Did you let the bird out of its ____?

cake curd cage

Dad sure was mad when he found out about our ____ speakers.

loud launch sugar

Your friend is a very nice ____.

curb slurp girl

When you are cooking, you must stir the pot or it will ____.

barn burn bun

You will need lots of sugar to bake a ____.

cake curl curve

FLUENCY READING

Pass: 10 sec. Bonus: 8 sec. Double Bonus: 6 sec.

harmless hoist playful rubbed ☆ ☆

steep hottest queer sharpen ☆ ☆

boxer creel fattest landing ☆ ☆

foxes adore fatten quaint ☆ ☆

smallest badly float musty ☆ ☆

hair feckless sorted broth ☆ ☆

helpful harder happy sneer ☆ ☆

dotty stern spotless falling ☆ ☆

scar glasses oat sticky ☆ ☆

deftly slain thicken witless ☆ ☆

like gall back board ☆ ☆

yuck fitful brim Peke ☆ ☆

hardly hake mucky faint ☆ ☆

Nate, the first mate.

Maud, the maudlin trawler-woman said to Mark, "You must go below and help wash the dishes. Just dive down that hatch and you will find the mess decks. That is where the dirty dishes are." Mark ran down the deck and went below, but he could not find the mess decks. Then he bumped into a large, smelly dog who barked, "Watch where you are going, little girl. I am Nate, the first mate, and I am a sea dog from way back. When Maud is sleeping, I am in charge of this trawler." With that, Nate took a puff on his pipe, and a huge cloud of smoke came out his ears.

Mark said, "Please Sir, I must find the mess decks. Maud said that I should help wash the dirty dishes. But you should not smoke that pipe, because it is bad for you." Nate, the first mate said, "Why, sea dogs must smoke pipes. It is in the rule book. Here, come and look and you will see that I am right." Nate led Mark to the deck house, and then up to the bridge. The bridge is where they steer a ship, and on the bridge of the trawler Mark saw that they were out to sea. He could not see



the dump anywhere—there was water as far as he could see.

Nate, the first mate got out the rule book, and Mark saw that he was right: sea dogs must smoke pipes. Then Nate said, "I have been a sea dog for all my life. Ever since I was a pup I have sailed the seven seas. I have seen many strange sights, and I have seen lamp-posts in many strange lands. I have done so many things that are bad for dogs that smoking a pipe hardly matters." Mark asked, "Please Sir, do you think I could have some lunch?" Nate said, "Why yes you can. You can have what is left in this can of dog food."

Mark looked in the can of dog food, and he felt sick. It was full of slime and rotten meat. He said, "Please Sir, can you tell me how to get to the mess decks? Maud will be very mad if I do not help wash the dirty dishes."

Do you think Nate should clean his teeth?

Mastery Test

Any pupil who does not pass this test must go back to page 107. This is very important—a child who is struggling will not be learning. Contrary to what you would think, children do not mind going back. It's better than getting things wrong.

If the pupil needs to go back, use a different coloured pencil for ticking the boxes.

Timed reading: Pass mark is 15 seconds per line.

sprawl swine burning between

tallest sawn slope switches

handful bosses taught cute

bride cutter sunken fraud

Reading accuracy: Pass mark is one mistake.

Do not prompt. You may allow the pupil to self correct, but you cannot say anything except "Try again"

Our pipes were frozen when the heater was broken.

June and Clive had to crawl under the fence.

Maud and Paul caught nine large prawns.

Pete and Jade are getting in shape for the big game.



dancing bears

Well done!

you have completed

Level 6



You are now
working on Level 7.



ew, ue

Sue knew cruel crew flew clue

new blue Kew few glue threw

stew glue screw fuel yew value

Sue knew that she was being cruel.

The crew flew the new plane over Kew.

Paul drew a few lines in blue paint.

Joyce threw the rotten stew in the bin.

Drew fixed the board with glue and screws.

You can burn those yew logs—they are very good fuel.

true grew pew blue brew flue

argue knew sue newt due chew

shrew hue dew clue skew duel

Is it true that Pete grew five inches last year?

Some blue smoke went up the flue.

Sit in that pew while I brew some tea.

I think he knew when Sue was due back.

A newt cannot chew because it has no teeth.

Never argue with your teacher—it will get you
disliked.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

Do not award ticks for a 'good try'—your pupil will pay for it later!

pope trade five came

blue few yew stew

auburn awful saunter shawl

Kew clue new Sue

page skirmish lice turf

drew flew brew rue

grip slime Luke ode

kitchen toddle fright scotch

mew true newt glue

launder tawny applaud drawn

fuel skew hue grew

plate flit wife rule

unloader explode disgrace predate

due chew pew flue

Wordbuilder

harm harmless harmlessly

fright frighten frightening

grace disgrace disgraceful

tain contain container

The bomb dropped harmlessly into the sea.

Sue won't watch that film because it is too frightening.

Our dog did something disgraceful on the carpet.

You should keep those shells in a steel container.

norm normal normally

agree disagree disagreement

joy enjoy enjoyable

fess confess confessed

heat reheat reheated

Jane normally gets out of bed at six o'clock.

Floyd had a disagreement with his teacher.

Joyce had a most enjoyable time at the fair.

Paul confessed that he swiped my lighter.

Dawn has just reheated the stew for lunch.

out, found, our, loud, house, about, sure, sugar

Are you sure you saw him twice last ___?

weed weep week

Have you got any space left at your ___?

burr blur house

Our cat will purr out loud if you ___ her.

flirt feed firm

The men digging up the road found the burst ___ main.

water merger furl

Do you know how to make sugar into ___?

fudge fringe forge

How much do they charge for a large bag of ___?

church splice chips

Do you know how to surf the ___?

net not now

I like to wash my neck with a large ___.

spurn sponge splurge

FLUENCY READING

Pass: 10 sec. Bonus: 8 sec. Double Bonus: 6 sec.

loke fallen truck telling ☆ ☆

hike queer stoke happen ☆ ☆

skip Jack stall nick ☆ ☆

wilful spoilt Jake catty ☆ ☆

duke flatter mended woke ☆ ☆

stair bike thinnest flip ☆ ☆

brick bloater luck backless ☆ ☆

twerp spike fastest hick ☆ ☆

needed neck store kick ☆ ☆

sweeten band poke sweeper ☆ ☆

muck classes twain quack ☆ ☆

smelly fluke fairly track ☆ ☆

cheer make chinless lend ☆ ☆

too, tattoo, shovel

Sue, the gruesome stoker.

Nate, the first mate puffed on his pipe and said, "If Maud wants you to wash the dirty dishes, you had better go and do just that. Nobody messes with maudlin Maud, not when she has been crying in her beer." So Mark came down from the bridge, and he kept going down hatches. He found himself down in the bilges of the trawler. It was very hot below, because there was black coal burning in the boilers.

Then a loud voice said, "Who are you? My name is Sue. I am Sue, the gruesome stoker. I have a steel ring in my nose, and a blue tattoo on my arm. This is a hard crew, and I am the hardest of the lot. We do not need little girls on this trawler."

"My name is Mark, and I really am a boy," he said.

"Maud said that I should help wash the dirty dishes, but I cannot find the mess decks. What should I do?"

Sue, the gruesome stoker said, "Why, you can help me stoke the boilers. If there is no steam in the boilers, the screw will not turn, and then this trawler will not trawl. Pick up that shovel and help me sling coal on the flames."

So Mark picked up the shovel, but it was as big as he was, for he was just a small boy. He could not sling coal as well as Sue, the gruesome stoker. She had big beefy arms and she was very strong. She smelled a bit strong, too. The smoke from the burning coal got up Mark's nose and made him sneeze. He was not sure that he liked his new job. Besides, his dress was getting dirty again.



Then Sue said, "That is just fine for now. The boiler is hot and full of steam. Now we can stop and brew a nice cup of tea." Mark asked, "Why do they call you the gruesome stoker?" Sue said, "Well when I was a girl, I was very big. When my dad came home from trawling, he would say, 'Why Sue, I think you grew some. You must be seven feet tall!' "

The tea was so strong that Mark had to put six lumps of sugar in it. It was so strong that Mark had to chew on it. When Sue was not looking, he tipped it down his socks. The tea was so hot that he started hopping up and down. Sue roared with mirth—"I have never seen such a funny girl," she said. "I think I will keep you here. You are fun to watch!"

What do you think Sue's tattoo looked like?

thr, thw, str, shr, scr, spr, spl, squ

three stray shrub stroll street

shrimp squid thrash splash scream

throat spring sprout sprawl threw

I can see three stray dogs in the shrubs.

Let's take a stroll down the street.

The fisherman caught some shrimp and a squid.

Please do not thrash and splash in the bath.

You can't scream if you have a sore throat.

In the spring, all the seeds will sprout.

scruff straw stress strain spruce

string screw squeak shrank squall

scrap squaw thrift splice scrape

Our scruffy dog sleeps on a pile of straw.

I can't stand all this stress and strain.

Why is my string hanging from the spruce tree?

Put some oil on the screw and it will not squeak.

My jumper shrank when I got caught in the rain squall.

Our chickens squawk when we feed them the scraps.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

hew	argue	cue	slew	<input type="checkbox"/>
street	throne	shrub	thrill	<input type="checkbox"/>
scrape	grill	strive	grate	<input type="checkbox"/>
split	screed	strip	scrimp	<input type="checkbox"/>
scrawl	straw	paunch	August	<input type="checkbox"/>
stretch	scram	throb	spruce	<input type="checkbox"/>
gruel	ew	trews	value	<input type="checkbox"/>
churn	stage	squirt	quince	<input type="checkbox"/>
thrash	squeeze	strut	splint	<input type="checkbox"/>
sprite	throve	shrine	astute	<input type="checkbox"/>
squint	three	shred	thrip	<input type="checkbox"/>
skewer	spew	duel	blue	<input type="checkbox"/>
ketch	splodge	tight	scratch	<input type="checkbox"/>
shrimp	spring	splatter	scruffy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Wordbuilder

cord record recorder

agree agreeable disagreeable

zip unzip unzipped

vent event eventful eventfully uneventfully

Maud taught us how to play the recorder.

There is no need to be disagreeable about this.

We were all bored and the day passed uneventfully.

It was so hot that Roy unzipped his coat.

arm armed disarmed

cuse excuse excused

tract retract retractable

match matched mismatched

place replace replacement

The cops disarmed the bank robbers.

We were excused PE because it was freezing outside.

My dad has a knife with a retractable blade.

Jake wore mismatched socks today.

If that torch is no good, you should ask for a replacement.

out, found, our, loud, house, about, sure, sugar

If you burn your hand, it is sure to ____.

hunk hurl hurt

Did it hurt when I twisted your ____?

urge fur arm

At our house, we make rice pudding with ____.

sump sugar junk

We got a very good price for our ____.

curve card car

She is sure to need a brace on her ____.

teen teeth three

That is the third cake that you are about to ____.

end eat eke

If you tell a big fib, you are sure to be found ____.

out our oat

Our dog has black fur and a loud ____.

barn barge bark

FLUENCY READING

Pass: 10 sec. Bonus: 8 sec. Double Bonus: 6 sec.

bake railed brick wishful ☆ ☆

gloat nuke torches snake ☆ ☆

call hoard Luke thickest ☆ ☆

runt chick softly trick ☆ ☆

chicken joist bloke bashful ☆ ☆

pike parting yoke bairn ☆ ☆

stuck soppy link quake ☆ ☆

ball eke helpless green ☆ ☆

Dick clack replay sharpest ☆ ☆

predict wall unseen wake ☆ ☆

board sent batten tend ☆ ☆

hack joint unjust broke ☆ ☆

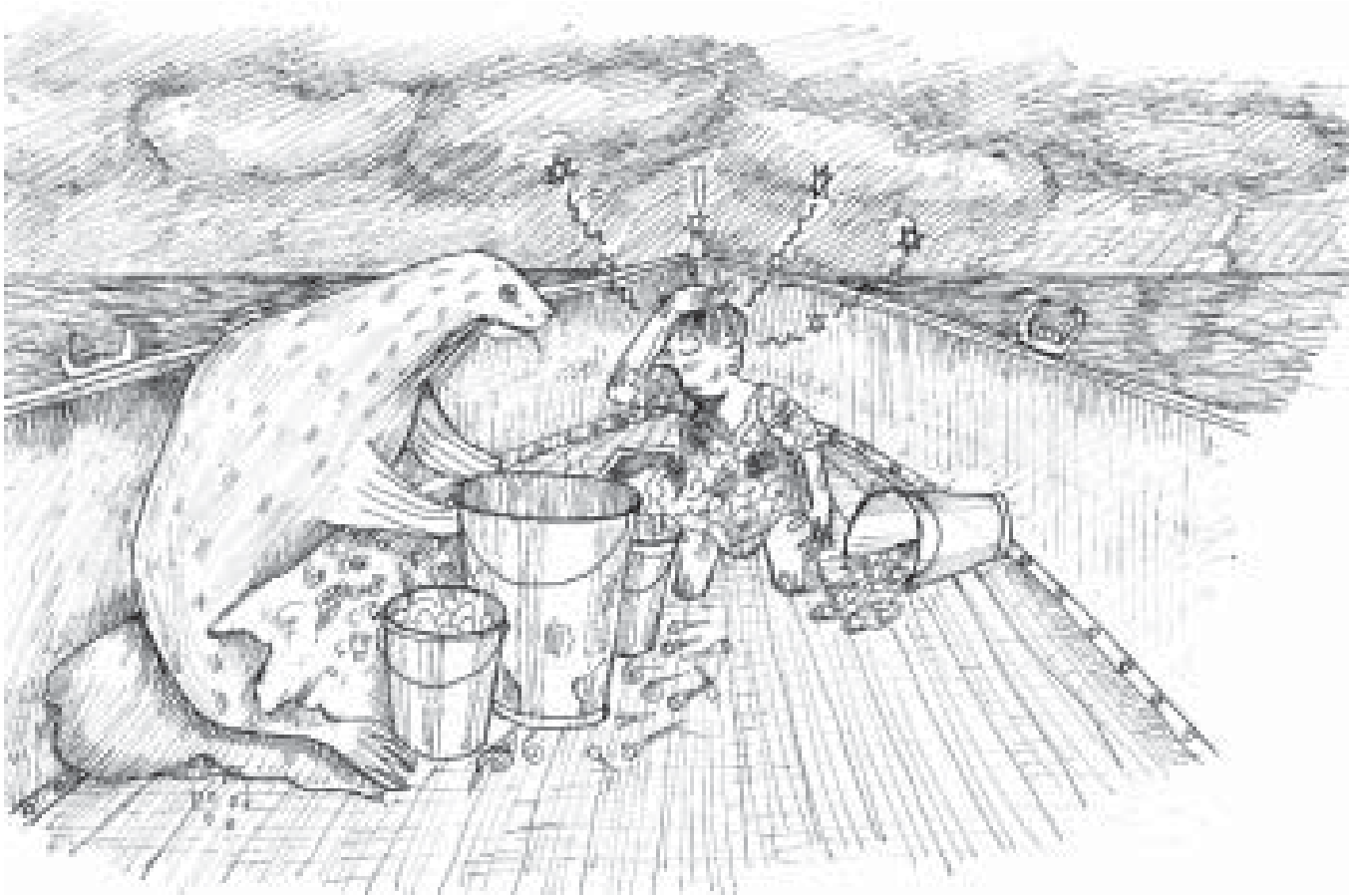
before soapy hoarding drain ☆ ☆

Neal, the real seal.

Mark did not want to stay in the boiler room with Sue, the gruesome stoker. It was hot and dirty in the boiler room, and coal dust got up his nose. So he said to Sue, "I cannot shift coal with tea in my socks, so I must go find a pair of socks that are clean and dry." Sue said, "That is just fine, but make sure you come back quickly. It is time to stoke the flames with more coal, or the boiler will run out of steam and this trawler will not go."

So Mark ran up the stairs to the next deck. He ran up more steps until he reached the fresh air. There on deck he tripped on a pail of raw prawns. "Watch out," a voice barked, "Small girls should look where they go. I am Neal, the real seal, and I am in charge of sorting raw prawns." Mark said, "I am a small boy, and I must find the mess decks or Maud, the maudlin trawler-woman will be mad with me. I should be washing the dirty dishes. Can you tell me how I can find the mess decks?"

Neal, the real seal said, "By now Maud is crying into her beer again, so you can help me sort prawns. You



must put the small prawns in this pail, and the large prawns go in that pail." Mark asked, "What do you do with the small raw prawns?" Neal said, "I eat them because real seals need lots of prawns. They are very nice." "Then what do you do with the large raw prawns?" Mark asked. "Why, I eat those too. A seal can never have too many raw prawns. Now give us a hand sorting prawns."

So Mark sat down and started sorting prawns. Raw prawns do not smell very nice, and seals do not smell so good, too. But it was better than shifting coal with

Sue, the gruesome stoker. When he had sorted out his first pail of raw prawns, Neal the real seal tipped it into his mouth and ate them in one gulp. "Now that was just fine," said Neal, smacking his lips. "You sure can sort out a nice pail of prawns."

Mark asked, "Why do they call you a real seal? Are there many fake seals about?" Neal looked at Mark shrewdly. "There are lots of fake seals. Seals are very cute, so everyone wants to be a seal. No one will like you if you are cruel to a cute seal. But we can't have fake seals eating all the raw prawns." Then Neal looked around and said, "I can see dark clouds to the west. There is a squall coming. We must put these prawns away and close the hatches. We do not want this trawler to sink in a storm."

Do you think Mark's socks are dry?

Mastery Test

Any pupil who does not pass this test must go back to page 127. This is very important—a child who is struggling will not be learning. Contrary to what you would think, children do not mind going back. It's better than getting things wrong.

If the pupil needs to go back, use a different coloured pencil for ticking the boxes.

Timed reading: 'Pass' mark is 15 seconds per line.

glue stress frighten turf

lice true squall straw

disgrace screw splice scotch

throat wife explode newt

Reading accuracy: Pass mark is one mistake.

Do not prompt. You may allow the pupil to self correct, but you cannot say anything except "Try again".

Paul drew a few lines with blue paint.

Sue caught five shrimp and three squid.

Clive threw the smelly stew to the scruffy dog.

Is it true that Gruesome Sue grew some more?

Silent 'e'

hope those ride theme write nine

lines slate blade knife twine plane

state chime tune spine slide Pete

I hope we can go on those rides at the theme park.

You must write nine lines on the slate.

Sharpen the blade of the knife and it will cut the twine.

I would not fly on a plane in such a bad state.

Those crimes play a nice tune.

Pete hurt his spine going down the slide

Crete globe Jane like glide ice

skate mule tame smile grade Dane

nude cone scope drape gripe gale

Can you find Crete on the globe?

Jane likes to glide across the ice on her new skates.

I think that mule is tame.

Smile if you got good grades!

Do Danes like to swim in the nude?

Would you like an ice cream cone?

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

thwack	scrumpy	splutter	strapless	<input type="checkbox"/>
male	bemuse	skate	spiteful	<input type="checkbox"/>
dewy	cruelly	fewer	strew	<input type="checkbox"/>
preclude	dislike	shrunken	scrunches	<input type="checkbox"/>
awe	staunchly	redrawn	gauntest	<input type="checkbox"/>
expose	became	wisely	useful	<input type="checkbox"/>
stripe	preshrunk	thrip	splitting	<input type="checkbox"/>
awning	maudlin	defraud	dawned	<input type="checkbox"/>
prideful	unsafe	shameless	unmade	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday	strew	hewn	clueless	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jane	wifely	beginning	exclude	<input type="checkbox"/>
thwaite	sprayed	thrush	sprightly	<input type="checkbox"/>
bulge	brace	squirl	grunge	<input type="checkbox"/>
unfailing	smartly	prepay	throaty	<input type="checkbox"/>

Wordbuilder

pair repair repaired

spot spotless spotlessly

screw screwed unscrewed

card discard discarded

I just had my watch-strap repaired, but it broke again.

When Joyce cleans the house, it will be spotless.

Mike unscrewed the lid on the jar.

Pete discarded all that useless junk.

spell spelling misspelling misspellings

plode *explode* *exploded* *unexploded*

main remain remaining

join joining adjoining

force forceful forcefully

Jane was unhappy about all her misspellings.

You must stay away from that unexploded bomb.

There are just six sweets remaining in the jar.

Dawn and Maud slept in adjoining rooms.

Floyd made his point very forcefully at the meeting.

old, cold, hold, both, most, were, once, only

Sue once flew to ___ in her nice new plane.

spam spring Spain

We both caught our ___ from Dawn.

cokes colds cones

Paul and Joyce were both ___ in the crash.

hurt hurry happy

Please hold onto the rail with ___ hands.

bone both boat

It is not my ___ that we are late.

fate fault frail

Next year, Jade will be nine years ___.

only once old

Most of our friends ___ where we were.

knew new grew

I like to watch the snakes crawl in the ___.

bed grass stew

FLUENCY READING

Pass: 10 sec. Bonus: 8 sec. Double Bonus: 6 sec.

explore	suck	flair	beset	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
aimless	dismiss	joke	frail	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
explain	drake	unpick	boxes	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
refund	fairer	prevail	joke	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
shore	unfit	daft	reject	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
pluck	coast	prevent	Mike	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
expel	thankful	between	joined	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
distress	choke	jeer	express	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
rainy	bemoan	shake	steep	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
refrain	catch	quick	judge	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
marches	etch	prevent	coily	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
fridge	flake	tight	unwell	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
Ray	itch	begin	hedge	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆

The storm.

Up on the bridge, Nate, the first mate blew a mighty blast on his horn, and the crew of the trawler came running out on deck. The dark clouds in the west were drawing closer, and the sky grew very dark. The crew were stuffing raw prawns in lockers, and coiling up all the ropes. They were folding up deckchairs and reeling in the washing lines. Mark did not have a clue what to do. Neal, the real seal was barking out orders to the crew when the first drops of rain fell. A cold wind blew in from the west, and Mark was cold, wet and dirty. He was still black with coal dust. "At least this rain will rinse me clean," he said to himself.

Then the squall struck, and the wind tore the sea into a white froth. Huge waves tossed the trawler around, and Mark had to hold tight to the rail. Should he go down to the boiler room and help Sue, the gruesome stoker? At least he would not be cold there. But what if the trawler sank? Mark did not want to be trapped down below.

Then Neal, the real seal came up from behind and slapped his back with a flipper. "Come with me, my



girl, and you will be safe on the bridge. Even if this rusty old trawler sinks, you can hold on to me, for seals can swim very well."

So Mark went with Neal, the real seal up to the bridge. The trawler pitched and rolled, and Mark almost lost

his grip. A huge wave almost swept him into the sea, but Neal saved him just in time. Neal still smelled of raw prawns, but Mark held on to him just the same.

Up on the bridge, Maud was still crying, but she had no beer for a change. Nate, the first mate clung to the wheel and steered the rusty old trawler up and down the huge waves. Nate barked orders to the crew, as only an old sea-dog can. He had drained the water from his pipe and was trying to light it, but no smoke came from his ears. Neal, the real seal said to Mark, "Now you can be a real sailor. The port lookout has just turned green. Go out and look out for him. If you see anything but water, you must report it to me."

Do you think Mark will ever get used to raw prawns?

ew, ue

shrew chew Sue blew jewel

Kew true yew value knew

clue dew new Lew cue

Can a shrew chew hard cheese?

The wind blew Sue's boat back to shore.

How many yew trees did you count at Kew Gardens?

What is the true value of these jewels?

I knew that Lew would not have a clue.

There was some dew on the new grass this morning.

threw screw blue gruel Sue

fluent Lew glue drew few

crew cruel grew flue due

Nate threw a few screws into the blue tin.

We had to eat some thin gruel for lunch.

Sue can speak French fluently.

Lew drew a few sketches.

The crew grew restless waiting for the tide.

It is cruel to put glue in the locks.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

broadly	cloying	bestir	refloat	<input type="checkbox"/>
screw	newest	shrewd	clue	<input type="checkbox"/>
shrill	squawk	strap	thresh	<input type="checkbox"/>
unwise	brainy	expertly	dismay	<input type="checkbox"/>
thaw	redrawn	tawdry	awning	<input type="checkbox"/>
strewing	airless	doleful	audit	<input type="checkbox"/>
ensue	hoarding	straining	slightly	<input type="checkbox"/>
screed	before	boastful	chewing	<input type="checkbox"/>
painless	shrew	awe	flaunted	<input type="checkbox"/>
cheese	brightest	hugely	drunken	<input type="checkbox"/>
switching	skirmish	bewilder	murky	<input type="checkbox"/>
enrage	curly	darkest	gravely	<input type="checkbox"/>
ewe	rice	sorely	flightless	<input type="checkbox"/>
script	throbbing	bespoke	spawn	<input type="checkbox"/>

Wordbuilder

reck reckless recklessly

plug unplug unplugged

lax relax relaxing

mand demand demanded

Boy racers like to drive recklessly.

Be sure the toaster is unplugged before you try to fix it.

Faith likes to play relaxing tunes.

The greedy girls demanded new bikes.

treat treated mistreated

mast dismast dismasted

tract extract extracted

pain painful painfully

drink drinkable undrinkable

The nasty boy mistreated his pet snail.

The sailboat was dismasted in the squall.

Luke's rotten teeth were extracted very painfully.

My dad's home-made wine is undrinkable.

old, cold, hold, both, most, were, once, only

Is there space in your desk for me to hide my ____?

cold cost coke

Shall we meet at your place or ____?

mine mike mill

When I am nine years old, I will ask for a pet snail for my ____ day.

bird birth birch

Shall we get up at ____ and watch the sun rise?

hold most dawn

Grace and Bruce both ____ to Greece last year.

swam walked flew

Hurry up—there is ____ one seat left!

once only done

If your hands are cold, hold them near the ____.

fridge flames frames

Most of my friends were chewing ____.

sludge gunge gum

FLUENCY READING

Pass: 10 sec. Bonus: 8 sec. Double Bonus: 6 sec.

rake	high	needful	might	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
lodge	display	all	light	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
Luke	batch	expand	point	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
fudge	unstuck	night	smoke	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
eke	badge	fetch	often	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
right	reset	failing	pitch	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
puck	ridge	prefix	croak	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
sight	exact	ditch	thankless	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
hatch	betray	thinner	nudge	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
shack	fight	disrupt	fleet	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
thatch	hutch	large	resit	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
mice	take	firm	bridge	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
richest	burst	prepaid	huge	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆

drive, driving

The rocky shore.

Mark was proud to have a real job, but he was afraid, too. Mark was now the port lookout, and he could just see over the rail. As far as he could see, there was only water. The cold spray hurt his skin, and he had to squint to see in the driving rain. The rusty old trawler creaked and groaned as it pounded into the waves. Mark wished he was back in Bart's shack with Vern and Froid. He wished he was with Hank, the hunch-backed horse, who was a real mate, or with Jake the fake snake in his rusty old junk cars. At a pinch, even Mike, the loan shark would do. Maybe he should have changed into a witch at the church by the strange bridge, where Smudge, the batty cat with a flat cap lived. But it was no good wishing that he had not gone fishing. He hoped that Neal had a good home to take him to.

Mark was almost dreaming, and then he saw some lights. He yelled to Neal, the real seal, who came running over as fast as his flippers would go. "Look over there!" Mark pointed to the lights. Neal took out his glass and looked at the lights. "Why, that is land over there. If the wind forces us on to the rocks, this rusty old trawler is done. And so are we." Neal told Maud, and she



stopped crying right away. Maud told Nate the first mate, who gave up trying to light his pipe and threw it over the rail. They looked at the lights, and at last Nate said, "That must be the rocky shore of Bangalore. If we can't get more speed out of this old tub, it will smash on those rocks."

Maud said, "We need more steam if we are to get away from the rocky shore. Someone must go and help Sue, the gruesome stoker. She must have help shovelling

coal into the boiler.” But no one wanted to go below. No one wanted to be trapped in the boiler room when the trawler hit the rocks. Maud said, “I must stay by the wheel and steer this ship, so I cannot go below.” Nate, the first mate said, “I must stay and bark at the crew, so I cannot go down to the boiler room.” Neal, the real seal said, “I cannot shovel coal, because I cannot hold a shovel in my flippers.”

So at last Mark said, “There is no point in looking out, because we know exactly what is there. I will go below and help Sue shovel coal.”

Do you think the trawler will hit the rocks?

Do you think that Mark will get dirty again?

You will find out when you start the next book!

Mastery Test

Any pupil who does not pass this test must go back to page 144. This is very important—a child who is struggling will not be learning. Contrary to what you would think, children do not mind going back. It's better than getting things wrong.

If the pupil needs to go back, use a different coloured pencil for ticking the boxes.

Timed reading: Pass mark is 15 seconds per line.

cue slate unsafe maudlin

boasting crew scope useful

redrawn value gripe chewing

tune airless sprayed blew

Reading accuracy: Pass mark is one mistake.

Do not prompt. You may allow the pupil to self correct, but you cannot say anything except "Try again"

Nate threw a few brass screws in the blue tin.

Those new chimes send a chill down my spine.

June helped me plant a few yew trees from Kew Gardens.

If Lew will sharpen the blade of his knife, Dawn will cut the twine.

dancing bears

Well done!

you have completed
Level 7



You are ready to
start **dancing bears C**

