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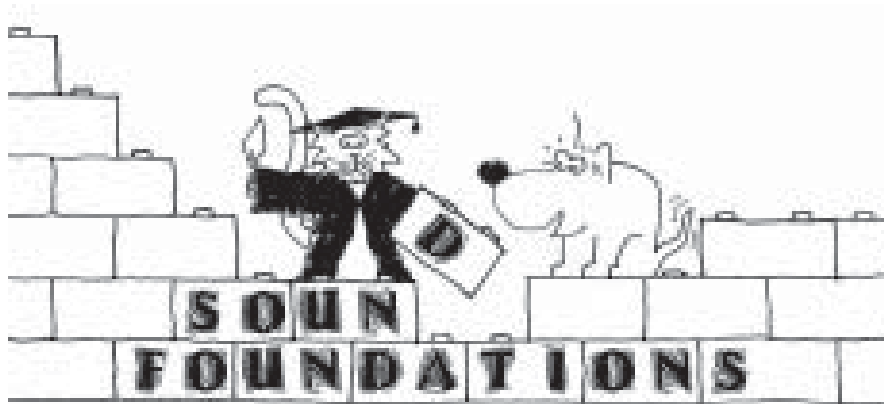
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- **dancing bears** is a complete decoding programme for slow readers. You won't need any other books.
- No lesson-planning. Just 10 minutes a day with each pupil.
- **dancing bears** works with all children, whatever their problems or learning styles. 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.

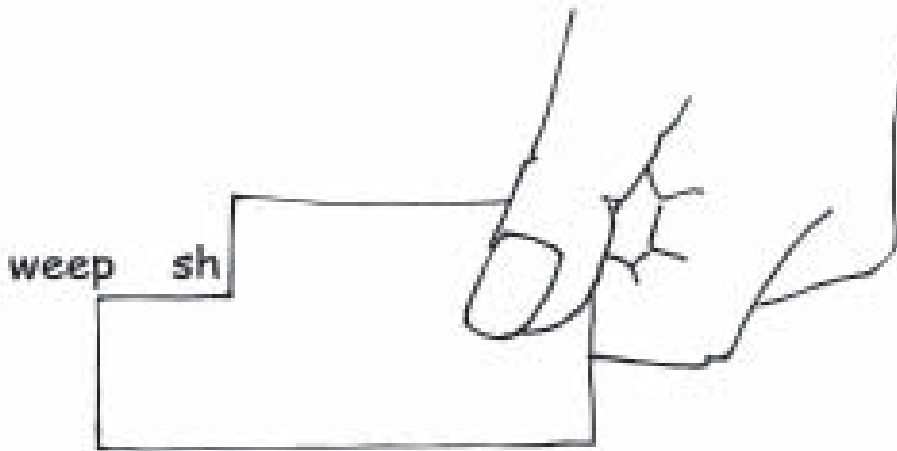
1. **Using the flashcards**—oddly enough, this is the hardest part! If you didn't grow up playing bridge or poker, just handling the cards can be tricky. Be sure you read the instructions in Book A carefully.
2. **Using the cursor**—This is quite easy to learn. The cursor trains the pupil to read from 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.)

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Level 8:

-are, -ire

care      bare      stare      dare      fare     

share      scare      wire      spare      hire     

aware      dire      rare      square      tire     

I don't care what Paul told you to do.

My mum only gave me the bus fare to get home.

You will get a shock from that bare wire.

Did Maud hire a new car?

Don't you dare try to scare your little sister!

I told Dawn that it's rude to stare at strangers.

hare      mare      fire      snare      spire     

flare      glare      mire      pare      shire     

Would you care to share those prawns with both of us?

Our bay mare gave birth to a frisky foal.

The hunter caught a hare in a snare.

Spike might not like the glare of those bright lights.

If you are cold you can light a coal fire in the grate.

It rained so hard that our mare got stuck in the mire.

Maud saw some rare jewels in the bank vault.

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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!

preshrunk	squirted	shredded	thrilling	<input type="checkbox"/>
bare	wire	hare	fire	<input type="checkbox"/>
blue	fewer	cruel	strewn	<input type="checkbox"/>
hire	pare	tire	share	<input type="checkbox"/>
duke	code	hate	pile	<input type="checkbox"/>
squawked	respray	splitting	scratchy	<input type="checkbox"/>
rare	dire	square	squire	<input type="checkbox"/>
awful	saucer	tawny	gauze	<input type="checkbox"/>
brew	skewer	cruelst	refuel	<input type="checkbox"/>
mire	mare	spare	spire	<input type="checkbox"/>
sprawling	because	deploy	decant	<input type="checkbox"/>
spurn	range	vice	skirmish	<input type="checkbox"/>
shire	glare	quire	scare	<input type="checkbox"/>
jaunty	applause	lawful	audit	<input type="checkbox"/>
sire	tire	stare	ware	<input type="checkbox"/>
describe	scruffy	thrice	splinter	<input type="checkbox"/>
flare	mire	snare	spire	<input type="checkbox"/>
pew	gruesome	ensue	fluently	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## 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-uh-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

chain      chained      unchained     

pay      repay      repayable     

able      disable      disabled     

mark      market      supermarket     

new      renew      renewal     

Sue unchained the gate because she knew you were coming.

Your loan is repayable next June.

Did you park in the disabled bay at the supermarket?

Dawn's books are due for renewal on Tuesday.

cork      uncork      uncorked     

new      renew      renewable     

pert      expert      expertly      inexpertly     

tract      distract      distracted     

pair      repair      repaired     

count      discount      discounted     

Maud just uncorked a jug of fine white wine.

I was going to wash the dishes but Jake distracted me.

Paul repaired my bike expertly.

Is firewood a renewable fuel?

Has that store discounted the price of new blue jeans?

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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.

food, school, choose, shoot, soon, room, word, worth, work

My older sisters have to \_\_\_\_\_ a bedroom.

snore                  shire                  share

The bay mare is the best \_\_\_\_\_ we have.

horse                  house                  hare

Do you know how much those rare jewels are \_\_\_\_\_ ?

word                  worth                  work

You will need some matches to light the \_\_\_\_\_ .

fare                  fir                  fire

They put up a barbed wire fence around the \_\_\_\_\_ .

farm                  school                  church

The fish shop will hire anyone who wants to \_\_\_\_\_ .

sleep                  steal                  work

Your mum packed all your spare socks in the \_\_\_\_\_ box.

squishy                  square                  squawk

Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ me—I didn't cook the school dinners.

share                  shoot                  soon

**FLUENCY READING**

Pass: 15 sec.    Bonus: 10 sec.    Double Bonus: 7 sec.

might	boy	hoard	ledge	<input type="checkbox"/>	☆	☆
dock	edge	girl	beyond	<input type="checkbox"/>	☆	☆
shell	goth	cage	coke	<input type="checkbox"/>	☆	☆
fib	pence	bright	carp	<input type="checkbox"/>	☆	☆
lucky	skirt	cox	disarm	<input type="checkbox"/>	☆	☆
latch	jointed	fright	ruck	<input type="checkbox"/>	☆	☆
sigh	nice	tort	unhappy	<input type="checkbox"/>	☆	☆
turn	lash	chuck	fringe	<input type="checkbox"/>	☆	☆
stitch	blushes	fid	road	<input type="checkbox"/>	☆	☆
then	plac	reload	prince	<input type="checkbox"/>	☆	☆
grudge	seed	queer	scotch	<input type="checkbox"/>	☆	☆
nosh	witch	burn	fern	<input type="checkbox"/>	☆	☆
extend	bird	bike	berg	<input type="checkbox"/>	☆	☆

## The eye of the storm.

Mark left the bridge of Maud's rusty old trawler and went down below to help Sue shovel coal. Nate the first mate looked out over the rail. "The rocky shore of Bangalore is only a mile away," he said. "We must call for help." Neal the real seal said, "We cannot call for help, because the wireless won't work. It is just like everything else on this old tub."

Maud gripped the wheel as she steered the old trawler into the huge waves. "You must shoot up a red flare, and maybe someone will help us. It's all right for you two. Neal is a seal, and seals swim. Nate can at least doggy-paddle." As she spoke, the rocky shore of Bangalore kept getting closer and closer.

Down below, Mark found Sue the gruesome stoker. She was shovelling coal so fast that it was just a black blur going on to the fire. Steam rose from her beefy arms, and she was soaked to the skin. "Grab a shovel, Mark my lad, and give us a hand. If we can't get some more steam in these boilers, we will not live to see the sun rise tomorrow. Shovel for your life!"

Mark was scared, and he had still had no lunch. But he picked up a shovel and gave it all he was worth. The fire grew a little hotter, and the screw turned a little faster. Mark was so tired he could hardly see, but he kept on shovelling. He started to feel a little dizzy, and Sue the gruesome soker slapped his cheeks to keep him awake. "Here my lad, have a sip of sweet tea. It will make you strong."



Mark drank the sweet tea, and he felt a little better. And he felt a lot better because Sue knew that he was really a boy. They shovelled for ages. There was a speaking tube from the bridge, and they could hear the excited voices. Then Nate the first mate shouted down, "We are almost on the rocks! Give it all you can!" Nate was an old sea dog, but they could tell he was scared. At last, Mark passed out. He really did need his lunch.

When he woke up, Sue the gruesome stoker was washing him with cold water. The trawler was still rolling, but the wind was gone. "Well, my lad, we are in the eye of the storm. For a little while, we can rest. And when we come out of the eye of the storm, the wind will be coming from the other way. So we just might live to see another day."

Do you think Mark cared how dirty his dress was?

-le, cure, pure, sure

sure pure cure lure insure assure

single gargle puddle needle purple uncle

handle kettle Bible table maple bubble

Are you sure you didn't step in a single puddle?

If you gargle salt water, it will cure your sore throat.

Bert's candles are made from pure bees-wax.

Gail will mend your purple jumper if you find a needle.

Carl's uncle went fishing for trout with his new lure.

You must pick up the kettle by the handle.

The Bible is in the middle of those books on the maple table.

rifle uncle bottle little cuddle riddle

puzzle castle hustle idle simple ankle

Are you sure your uncle took his new rifle?

Give the little babu a cuddle and his bottle and he will not cry.

Joan is good with puzzles and riddles.

We will have to hustle if you want to visit the castle today.

Jake is just idle, pure and simple.

There isn't any cure for a broken ankle.

**DECODING** ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

aware	admire	care	blare	<input type="checkbox"/>
angle	pure	uncle	fiddle	<input type="checkbox"/>
scrawny	brightest	unscrew	caught	<input type="checkbox"/>
handle	scramble	cure	middle	<input type="checkbox"/>
hewn	newt	shrew	knew	<input type="checkbox"/>
fare	dire	scare	shire	<input type="checkbox"/>
cure	riddle	little	table	<input type="checkbox"/>
spite	quote	rice	ate	<input type="checkbox"/>
voices	strutting	swiftly	squirting	<input type="checkbox"/>
turtle	stumble	pickle	lure	<input type="checkbox"/>
dare	fire	square	wire	<input type="checkbox"/>
flawless	haunted	redraw	taught	<input type="checkbox"/>
purple	insure	single	puzzle	<input type="checkbox"/>
newest	duelling	Tuesday	value	<input type="checkbox"/>
injure	buckle	tangle	Bible	<input type="checkbox"/>
hire	fire	flare	pare	<input type="checkbox"/>
candle	stable	idle	pure	<input type="checkbox"/>
strip	scratch	shrunken	thrush	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Wordbuilder

wrong    wrongful    wrongfully   

*cuse*    accuse    accused   

dress    address    addressed   

hitch    hitched    unhitched   

judge    judged    misjudged   

Maud was wrongfully accused of stealing an apple.

Are you sure that letter is addressed to my uncle?

Paul unhitched the mare and put her in the stable.

Spike was sent off because he misjudged his tackle.

coil    coiled    recoiled   

fuse    refuse    refused   

noise    noiseless    noiselessly   

agree    agreement    disagreement   

peace    peaceful    peacefully   

The rifle recoiled when it was fired.

The idle boy refused to go to school.

Mark crept up on us noiselessly.

They were able to settle their disagreement peacefully.

dead, head, bread, read, early, learn, war, warn

You will have to learn how to make a fire if you want to get \_\_\_\_\_.

work                      warm                      wire

If your turtle hasn't moved for a year, it must be \_\_\_\_\_.

idle                      tired                      dead

We have only one loaf of bread, so we will have to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

scare                      share                      sure

If you get up early, you might need a \_\_\_\_\_.

candle                      cure                      lure

My uncle got shot in the \_\_\_\_\_ in the last war.

ample                      ankle                      axle

If you have read the book, just leave it on the \_\_\_\_\_.

pure                      tire                      table

If your dog likes to \_\_\_\_\_, it will need a muzzle.

bike                      bite                      bare

I hurt my \_\_\_\_\_ when I fell off my skateboard.

hare                      hire                      head

**FLUENCY READING**

Pass: 15 sec.     Bonus: 10 sec.     Double Bonus: 7 sec.

curl	quack	jar	budge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
painful	barge	belay	lag	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
fir	thigh	goat	falling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
sludge	verb	slight	saw	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
snatch	lawn	queen	join	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
beside	launch	spice	flock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
heel	coat	cos	law	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
smudge	maul	nurse	York	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
passes	sauce	witch	quill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Paul	moth	fork	dredge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
fraud	coil	drawn	bash	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
first	tuck	pause	bight	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
rid	flaw	boil	shocking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Amanda, the giant panda

Sue the gruesome stoker mopped the sweat from her face with an oily rag. Once the creaking trawler had come out of the eye of the storm, the wind had changed. It swept them out to sea again, away from the rocky shore of Bangalore. For the time being, they were safe, and Sue let Mark go to sleep on a pile of oily rags. The storm blew out by the time Mark woke up.

Mark's arms were so sore that he could hardly hold the mug of strong, sweet tea that Sue gave him. Mark was starved. He said, "Look, this story has gone too far. If I don't get my lunch now, I will leave this story. I am fed up to my back teeth with being hungry. This has gone beyond a joke."

Sue looked at Mark sadly. She said, "Well, this story wouldn't be the same without you. It looks like we will have to feed you." So Sue went to the speaking tube and shouted up to the bridge, "Now that Mark has saved your skin, the least you can do is give him some lunch!" Mark could hear some noise coming from the speaking tube, and at last he could hear Maud say, "Are you sure he can have lunch? I think it might be against the rules."

Then Sue let off steam. It came out of her nose and mouth, and it came out of her left ear. It even came out of her right ear. She flexed her beefy arms, and sweat rolled down her cheeks. Her blue tattoo turned bright red. She yelled up to the bridge, "This little boy saved your life! Unless he gets his lunch right now, I will come up on the bridge and feed you all to the sharks!"



Up on the bridge, they were all just as scared of Sue the gruesome stoker as they had been scared of the storm. Neal the real seal flapped his flippers and said,

“What can we give him? I have eaten all of the small prawns. There are none left.” Nate the first mate said, “Well, Mark is not a seal, and I should think he would be just as happy with an apple sauce pizza and some cream cakes. We must go and fetch him from the boiler room, and take him to the mess decks. Amanda the giant panda can give him his lunch.” So Nate the first mate grabbed a new pipe and stuffed it with shag. He struck a match and puffed until the shag was on fire. He blew a huge cloud of smoke out of his ears. Who had the guts to face Sue?

Do you think that Mark will get his lunch at last?

### Word Search

b	b	a	t	t	l	e	s	s	p
s	o	u	a	g	a	v	e	a	l
a	t	i	b	m	i	c	e	m	e
u	t	e	l	b	a	a	k	e	a
c	l	r	e	e	l	n	n	o	r
e	e	y	e	l	r	e	d	t	n
r	e	a	d	o	v	a	l	a	e
s	k	y	s	w	a	r	n	e	d

warned  
near  
giant  
steel  
table  
seek  
amanda  
bottle  
boiler  
gave  
saucer  
bubble  
learned  
battles

eye  
cane  
oval  
sky  
below  
reel  
mice  
tack  
veal  
same  
read  
veer  
red

# Mastery Test

Any pupil who does not pass this test must go back to page 8. 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.

sure square fine wrongfully

hire misjudged little care

supermarket admire single table

simple repayable puzzle discount

**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 am sure my uncle took the last bottle of coke.

You must be careful with candles, or you might start a fire.

Herb broke his ankle trying to jump over the puddle.

If you gargle salt water, it will cure your sore throat.

## -are, -ire: Longer words

spitfire    vampire    campfire    ensnare    inspire   

entire    aspire    warfare    crossfire    bonfire   

beware    perspire    declare    require    quagmire   

bonfire    desire    square    empire    hardware   

My grandad flew a Spitfire in the Second World War.   

We sat around the campfire and talked about vampires.   

Can Clive get some wire fence at the hardware store?   

A good teacher can inspire you to work a lot harder.   

I don't think Bruce's trainers can compare with mine.   

Beware of the burning embers from the bonfire!   

retire    umpire    backfire    conspire    nightmare   

welfare    admire    expire    prepare    childcare   

enquire    software    gunfire    wildfire    ensnare   

Will we learn about childcare at high school?   

Steve had a nightmare about the sound of gunfire.   

I really admire Jean's new flares.   

When will our parking permit expire?   

James jumped a mile when he heard Roy's car backfire.   

It is a fraud to claim welfare payments when you are working.

**DECODING** ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

dribble	fable	cure	rifle	<input type="checkbox"/>
retire	prepare	umpire	nightmare	<input type="checkbox"/>
splotch	kitchen	flight	ledge	<input type="checkbox"/>
misfire	software	vampire	compare	<input type="checkbox"/>
disagree	excuse	splutter	baleful	<input type="checkbox"/>
lure	maple	banale	squiggle	<input type="checkbox"/>
welfare	gunfire	beware	require	<input type="checkbox"/>
clew	strew	flue	withdrew	<input type="checkbox"/>
madness	preserve	exploit	disable	<input type="checkbox"/>
declare	spitfire	hardware	satire	<input type="checkbox"/>
turtle	trifle	sure	apple	<input type="checkbox"/>
spate	astute	mope	incline	<input type="checkbox"/>
warfare	enquire	childcare	backfire	<input type="checkbox"/>
fraught	haunches	audible	saunter	<input type="checkbox"/>
entire	software	airfare	haywire	<input type="checkbox"/>
sable	pure	tickle	needle	<input type="checkbox"/>
unaware	aspire	crossfire	firmware	<input type="checkbox"/>
palace	surge	irksome	since	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Wordbuilder

feat    defeat    defeated    undefeated   

treat    treated    retreated   

may    dismay    dismayed    undismayed   

joy    enjoy    enjoyed   

tire    retire    retirement   

The defeated army retreated to the castle.   

Clair was dismayed when she found the dead rat.   

My grandad has really enjoyed his retirement.   

*clare*    declare    declared   

tire    entire    entirely   

pare    prepare    prepared   

quire    require    requirement    requirements   

*pute*    compute    computer   

Kent declared at two hundred for three.   

I am not entirely sure that Steve is the right man for the job.   

Dawn and Jane prepared a lovely packed lunch for our hike.   

Paul didn't meet the requirements for that school.   

This new computer software is useless.

pretty, does, goes, trouble, double, people, idea, poor

Luke goes to a lot of trouble to \_\_\_\_ a nice lunch.

prepare      compare      admire

I had no \_\_\_\_ that Jean was so poor.

fuel      idea      fault

How many years until your dad \_\_\_\_?

stares      paddles      retires

Does Peter know how many \_\_\_\_ will require help?

newts      people      prawns

I am pretty sure that James made a fair \_\_\_\_.

tackle      tickle      triple

If you work hard you can \_\_\_\_ your cash.

double      trouble      bubble

When Charles goes to school, he takes an \_\_\_\_ for his teacher.

nettle      apple      beetle

Where does Joy get all of her bright \_\_\_\_?

idles      ideas      pickles

***FLUENCY READING***

Pass: 15 sec.    Bonus: 10 sec.    Double Bonus: 7 sec.

plaice      quilting      drawl      thug       ☆ ☆

North      dodge      rain      yawn       ☆ ☆

flight      perch      draw      art       ☆ ☆

export      claw      toy      singe       ☆ ☆

trike      god      thaw      beet       ☆ ☆

retch      perk      brawn      sir       ☆ ☆

pain      larch      thick      sister       ☆ ☆

raw      nigh      torch      darn       ☆ ☆

haul      quit      chill      hitch       ☆ ☆

cause      fault      thorn      cake       ☆ ☆

lee      church      vault      horse       ☆ ☆

cadge      ashes      taut      wit       ☆ ☆

path      rage      stressful      pail       ☆ ☆

## On the mess decks

Neal the real seal and Nate the first mate tossed a coin to see who would have to go down to the boiler room and fetch Mark up to the mess decks. They were both scared of Sue, the gruesome stoker. Neal flipped a coin (for seals have good flippers), and Nate called "Heads!". But the coin landed on Neal's tail. So Nate said, "Well, it looks like I am in dire trouble. Whoever goes below will have to face Sue, the gruesome stoker. Compared to that, walking into a bonfire would be a real treat." With a huge puff on his pipe, he left the bridge and went down to the boiler room.



When Sue the gruesome stoker saw Nate, she said "Bad dog! go lay down!" Nate curled his tail between his legs and slunk off to the pile of oily rags. Then he rolled over on his back and waved his

legs around in the air. Sue roared with mirth. "Ha! Ho! you silly old sea-dog. You had better take Mark up to the mess decks quickly, or you will really get into trouble. Now scram!"

Sue chased Nate out of the boiler room with a coal shovel. Mark went up the ladder after him, for he was truly starved and he did not want to miss his lunch, not even if it were apple-sauce pizza. They went all over the rusty trawler until at last they found the mess decks. Amanda the giant panda was mopping the tables with a filthy old mop. She was huge. Even compared he gruesome stoker, she was big. She asked



Nate, "Who is this little girl in the dirty dress? What is she doing in my mess decks?" Nate said, "This is Mark, and he really is a boy. He saved this rusty trawler from the rocky shore of Bangalore. He went down into the boiler room to shovel coal in the middle of the storm. You have to admire him for that. Now he is hungry and he needs some lunch. Maud said that you will have to feed him."

Amanda put down her mop. "Since we are out of small prawns, all that is left is apple-sauce pizza and cream cakes. I have not got time to prepare food for everyone who wants to eat in the middle of the day." Nate said, "Well that is fine by me, but if Sue hears that you have not fed Mark the nosh that he wants, she will come after you with a shovel." Amanda grumbled and put down her mop. "Well, you had better come here then, and we will see what we can find in our fridge."

Do you think Mark will like his lunch?

## Dropping the 'e': Part 1

hide hiding take taking ride rideable

shave shaving fine final spike spiky

smile smiling care caring stone stony

My friends are all hiding in the barn.

Are you taking all your books to school?

That old bike is no longer rideable.

My dad cut himself shaving this morning.

We went to watch the cup-final last year.

Mark is the boy with the spiky brown hair.

smoke smoky shine shiny take taking

scare scary write writing trade trading

use usable bone bony bride bridal

The room got smoky when Jean lit the fire.

The rides at the fun-fair were very scary.

Maud is writing a long letter to her sister.

Mike is trading his bike for a new tape deck.

Those old Gameboys are barely usable.

Do you mind him taking one of those shiny red apples?

## Dropping the 'e'

shine shining hope hoping style stylish

ride riding use using slime slimy

globe global fire firing love lovable

You can see the headlights shining from three miles away.

Dawn was hoping you would go out riding today.

Jane thinks her new trainers are very stylish.

Is June still using the computer?

Joyce hates picking up those slimy eels.

Do you think that global warming is caused by man?

size sizable tape taping tide tidal

shade shady drive drivable prune pruning

spine spinal joke joking close closing

Luke's dog took a sizable chunk out of my ankle.

Paul is not quite done taping those tunes.

You must be careful when you go paddling in tidal waters.

When it's hot, we sit on the shady side of the garden.

Spike's old white van is no longer drivable.

Drew is pruning the hedge with my old clippers.

**DECODING** ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

ensnare	aspire	hectare	quagmire	<input type="checkbox"/>
smiling	shiny	taking	cared	<input type="checkbox"/>
tumble	pure	rifle	able	<input type="checkbox"/>
hiding	rider	shaving	final	<input type="checkbox"/>
hoarding	detailed	employed	usefully	<input type="checkbox"/>
outstare	wildfire	desire	stoneware	<input type="checkbox"/>
spiky	scared	trading	usable	<input type="checkbox"/>
sewer	jewel	rueful	argue	<input type="checkbox"/>
cradle	spindle	sure	axle	<input type="checkbox"/>
smoker	writing	scary	bridal	<input type="checkbox"/>
empire	daycare	crossfire	conspire	<input type="checkbox"/>
raging	curved	saucy	girlish	<input type="checkbox"/>
bony	caring	used	ridable	<input type="checkbox"/>
slaughter	fawning	assault	hawk	<input type="checkbox"/>
tidal	stony	fused	hoping	<input type="checkbox"/>
acquire	nightmare	perspire	campfire	<input type="checkbox"/>
shining	lovable	slimy	joker	<input type="checkbox"/>
bumble	dangle	pimple	lure	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Wordbuilder

drive      drivable      undrivable     

use      using      reusing     

quote      quoting      misquoting     

sale      salable      unsalable     

come      become      becoming      unbecoming     

Max's car was undrivable after he ran into our apple tree.

Mum is reusing her old jars for her pickles and jams.

I think Sue is misquoting the speech.

After the fire, the shop's goods were unsalable.

On Gail, that hat is most unbecoming.

store      storing      restoring     

fine      final      finally     

close      closing      disclosing     

*plete*      complete      completely     

tame      tamable      untamable     

My grandad is good at restoring old clocks.

They are finally disclosing the truth about the war.

Most big cats are completely untamable.

food, school, choose, shoot, soon, room, word, worth, work

I am afraid your teacher wants a \_\_\_\_ with your mum.

worm

word

worth

I like to get up at dawn and watch the \_\_\_\_ rising.

moon

soon

sun

It is hard work spading over this \_\_\_\_ soil.

stony

smoky

scary

Does Vern want to go \_\_\_\_ when the lake freezes over?

smoking

sailing

skating

Which shooting school did your uncle \_\_\_\_?

choose

choice

chance

If I want to get any work done, I have to go up to my \_\_\_\_.

rook

root

room

If you join the air force, you might fly all over the \_\_\_\_.

word

world

worm

Does your school make you use joined-up \_\_\_\_?

righting

writing

biting

**FLUENCY READING**

Pass: 15 sec.    Bonus: 10 sec.    Double Bonus: 7 sec.

haunch	Wight	chock	jaunt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
forge	botch	jaw	nib	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
snitch	craw	sign	Turk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
quiz	pack	distort	patch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
trawl	cake	much	glitch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
sawn	clutch	slurp	shin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
pledge	faun	nigh	flaunt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
bob	midge	slice	restock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
thigh	wack	paw	fluke	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
fight	yawl	torn	park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
trudge	farce	high	saucer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ten	drudge	prawn	crutch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
cringe	porch	deck	sledge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

guess, guitar, guard

## The fridge

Amanda the giant panda took Mark over to the fridge. It was a very big fridge, because Amanda had to feed the entire crew of the trawler. She opened the door, and they walked in. Mark's nose was assaulted by many strange smells. "Well, let us see what we can feed you. We have lots of left-overs, and maybe we can find something you like. Here is some crab's feet with blue cheese sauce. If you don't fancy that, I guess you would like some pot noodles with liver and custard. And for a sweet, we still have some bacon-and-egg ice cream."

Now Mark was starved. He wanted food very, very badly. He was so weak that he could hardly stand up. He felt so light-headed that he might faint at any time. But he did not think he could bring himself to eat some pot noodles with liver and custard. Now he knew why Neal the real seal stuck with the small prawns. "What else do you have?" he asked. Amanda took him further back into the fridge. It looked like no one had been back that far for years. Gobs of green goo clung to the

dishes, and long strings of slime hung from the shelves. "Ah, here are the clams with peanut butter and chives. I have been looking for that for ages. It is really nice! Or maybe you would care for frog fingers with lard and leek leaves. It is all very yummy."

At this point Mark really did pass out. "Oh dear," Amanda said. "Sue the gruesome stoker will not be too happy about this. I had better be sure that she does not find out about this." So Amanda picked Mark up and hauled him out of the fridge. She laid him out on a table. She slapped his face and forced his eyes open. Nothing helped. Mark was out cold. He had gone so long without food that he was very weak. The rank smell in Amanda's fridge was the last straw. Amanda became very frightened. What could she do?

While Amanda was running around in a panic, Mark was having a dream. He was back at the pub on the river, and Dawn came up to him and said, "I guess this is your lucky day. You will not have to eat hedgehog crisps (made from fresh road-kill), because I have saved a lovely treat for you! You will really like our snails in garlic butter." Dawn put down a tray in front of Mark,

and he saw lots of snails swimming around in the melted garlic butter. But at one end of the tray, there was a snail sitting on a chair. Someone had painted "for sale" in green paint on his shell. Mark shouted, "Why it's Froid! What are you doing here?" Froid said, "I have got a job as a life-guard. I have to save anyone who is drowning in garlic butter. But us snails are fine in garlic butter, so I don't have much to do." Mark said, "I think Dawn expects me to eat you. I couldn't eat an old mate." Froid said, "Don't worry. Only frogs eat snails." With this, Froid picked up a guitar and started to sing a song.

How much do you think Froid would fetch on E-Bay?



# Mastery Test

Any pupil who does not pass this test must go back to page 28. 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.

require            enjoyed            hiding            lovable           

joking            welfare            entire            smoky           

taking            shiny            bonfire            computer           

completely            caring            writing            declare           

**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".

Should Bruce get some steel wire at the hardware store?

Jane is taking our car because hers is no longer drivable.

Do you wake up when have a nightmare?

Are you reusing these jars for making your pickles?

## -ion: Part 1

quest      question      questionable     

state      station      stationary     

late      relate      relation     

My little sister is always asking questions.     

How far is it to the bus station?     

I like my uncle Mike best of all my relations.     

*cate*      vacate      vacation     

*rect*      direct      direction      directions     

rate      operate      operation     

Last summer we went to Spain for our vacation.     

If you get lost, just stop and ask for directions.     

My gran just had an operation on her hip.     

port      portion      portions     

*fect*      infect      infection     

fuse      confuse      confusion     

Could I have a large portion of chips, please?     

The robber got away in all the confusion.     

You should keep that cut clean or you might get an infection.

-ion

*tate*      imitate      imitation     

*nate*      donate      donation     

*spect*      inspect      inspection     

I want a real sheepskin coat, not one of those cheap imitations.     

My mum always gives a donation to a good cause.     

Please have your boarding passes ready for inspection.     

*cor*      decor      decorate      decoration     

*late*      violate      violation      violations     

*bate*      probate      probation     

Can I paint some decorations on my wall?     

Why does your dad get so many parking violations?     

The robber was lucky that the judge only gave him probation.     

*lute*      pollute      pollution     

*tense*      tension      extension     

*ject*      object      objection      objections     

We spend a lot of time at school studying pollution.     

I was late with my work, but my teacher gave me an extension.     

I think I will go and have a bath, if you don't have any objections.

**DECODING** ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

taping	spinal	tradable	sized	<input type="checkbox"/>
question	action	portion	mention	<input type="checkbox"/>
esquire	shareware	inspire	beware	<input type="checkbox"/>
mission	fashion	session	passion	<input type="checkbox"/>
ladle	puddle	shuffle	cure	<input type="checkbox"/>
finest	becoming	quotable	rider	<input type="checkbox"/>
pension	tension	mansion	version	<input type="checkbox"/>
bluest	dewy	stewing	brewer	<input type="checkbox"/>
compare	vampire	bonfire	welfare	<input type="checkbox"/>
station	nation	operation	relation	<input type="checkbox"/>
smoking	shady	ripest	drivable	<input type="checkbox"/>
mawkish	gauzy	applauding	saunter	<input type="checkbox"/>
confusion	pollution	probation	imitation	<input type="checkbox"/>
ankle	bugle	lure	hustle	<input type="checkbox"/>
donation	imitation	violation	decoration	<input type="checkbox"/>
tidy	hating	livable	stolen	<input type="checkbox"/>
direction	infection	inspection	injection	<input type="checkbox"/>
expire	warfare	admire	declare	<input type="checkbox"/>

ready, instead, heavy, healthy, heard, search, warning

Did James give a \_\_\_\_\_ to the Red Cross?

infection      donation      station

You can't see many stars at night because of the \_\_\_\_\_ pollution.

heavy      light      noise

Spike got probation \_\_\_\_\_ of going to jail.

instead      inside      insight

Be sure you are \_\_\_\_\_ to go when you hear the warning.

really      read      ready

If you want to stay healthy, you must avoid getting \_\_\_\_\_.

infections      injections      directions

Paul had to get an \_\_\_\_\_ ladder to reach the roof.

imitation      operation      extension

Have you \_\_\_\_\_ about all the trouble at school?

heard      held      herb

Jane had to \_\_\_\_\_ all over the house to find her book.

stretch      stitch      search

**FLUENCY READING**

Pass: 15 sec.    Bonus: 10 sec.    Double Bonus: 7 sec.

taunt      poach      spike      spawn       ☆ ☆

blight      swirl      weep      boy       ☆ ☆

crotch      goth      Dutch      gawk       ☆ ☆

haunt      match      tort      road       ☆ ☆

smirk      unspoilt      blotch      Maud       ☆ ☆

nosh      woke      wedge      sketch       ☆ ☆

made      berg      brawl      these       ☆ ☆

light      age      goat      chick       ☆ ☆

tube      fawn      shine      batch       ☆ ☆

shim      failed      cube      sludge       ☆ ☆

hide      coat      vaunt      wide       ☆ ☆

taut      mole      hers      quill       ☆ ☆

grudge      lance      wise      maul       ☆ ☆

## Scary Mary the kitchen maid.

While Mark was laid out on the table dreaming about Froid and his guitar, Amanda the giant panda was running around in a panic. Scary Mary the kitchen maid came down from the bridge with a tray full of dirty tea mugs and she said, "What is that dirty little girl doing on my table? Now I will have to wash it again. I have already got one health warning this week."

Just then, Sue the gruesome stoker came storming in, waving a dirty coal shovel in the air. "What have you done to my Mark?" she boomed. "He saved your life, and now you have killed him with your cooking." With this, she swung the shovel at Amanda, and gave her two black eyes. Or she would have done, except that pandas already have black eyes.

Amanda dived under the table, but she was so big that the table tipped over, and Mark rolled off and fell to the filthy deck. Sue roared out, "Get down in the boiler room and shovel coal, you useless panda! I will look after Mark." Amanda darted away, and Scary Mary started to run too, hoping that she could get away in all the confusion. But



Sue caught her by the scruff of her neck. "You will stay here, you vampire. You will mop and scrub until the mess decks are spotless. And you will wash Mark's dress."

Scary Mary wiped her nose on her sleeve and snivelled, and she did as she was told. Sue made her wash and dry a table, and she made her get a clean blanket to keep Mark warm. Then Sue put on the kettle and made a cup of tea, using three teabags for herself and one for Mark. "I guess my tea might be a little too strong for the young lad," she said.

But Mark did not wake up just yet. He was nice and warm in his soft blanket. He dreamed that he was riding Hank, the hunch-backed horse. "I hate to say this," Mark said, "but the train was faster. And the seats were more comfortable, too." Hank said, "When we see Floyd the faultless fish, we can ask him for directions to the train station." Mark was eating his fish and chips, which tasted ever so good. "Oh dear," he said, "I hope I haven't just eaten him."

Do you think Mary is scary?

### Word Search

c	o	n	f	u	s	i	o	n	m
o	s	r	u	g	o	e	a	i	
m	c	t	a	s	t	y	t	s	
p	a	r	a	t	i	e	s		
a	r	r	e	o	t	i	o	o	
r	e	j	e	c	t	i	o	n	o
e	d	u	c	a	t	i	o	n	n
d	i	r	e	c	t	i	o	n	s

fusion  
 tasty  
 nation  
 station  
 missions  
 ration  
 scared  
 trot  
 compared  
 education  
 confusion  
 directions  
 rejection  
 tree  
 stir  
 soy  
 pair  
 tie  
 eye  
 mare  
 rug

## Dropping the 'e': Part 1

hide    hiding    scare    scary    bride    bridal   

come    coming    fire    firing    ride    rideable   

fine    final    wipe    wiping    dine    dining   

Jess is hiding behind the chair because the film is so scary.

Eve wore her gran's bridal dress to her wedding.

The shooters are coming back when they finish firing their rifles.

Clive's old bike is barely rideable.

Is Steve going to watch the cup final with us?

dare    daring    scare    scaring    spike    spiky   

drive    driving    shine    shiny    smoke    smoky   

tube    tubing    like    likable    use    using   

June is wiping the crumbs off the dining room table.

Joyce is always daring me to jump off the roof.

Pete got into trouble for scaring those poor old people.

Mark is the boy with the spiky brown hair.

The dining room can get pretty smoky when dad is cooking.

Uncle Max replaced the leaky pipes with some new copper tubing.

**DECODING** ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

infection	rejection	nation	question	<input type="checkbox"/>
using	lazy	latest	joking	<input type="checkbox"/>
prepare	haywire	software	bonfire	<input type="checkbox"/>
closing	tamable	riding	wider	<input type="checkbox"/>
cable	puzzle	lure	nestle	<input type="checkbox"/>
imitation	inspection	extension	objection	<input type="checkbox"/>
bridal	shiny	loved	pruning	<input type="checkbox"/>
merger	surfboard	graceless	handsome	<input type="checkbox"/>
witchcraft	chainmail	poacher	quirky	<input type="checkbox"/>
daring	noting	baby	stolen	<input type="checkbox"/>
pollution	station	direction	confusion	<input type="checkbox"/>
frightful	crutches	edgy	tightrope	<input type="checkbox"/>
salable	tubing	crazy	scared	<input type="checkbox"/>
tingle	noble	cure	beetle	<input type="checkbox"/>
firing	likable	smoky	final	<input type="checkbox"/>
tension	relation	operation	portion	<input type="checkbox"/>
hectare	umpire	hardware	esquire	<input type="checkbox"/>
spiky	wiping	skated	dining	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Wordbuilder

add      addition      additional     

tire      retire      retiring     

*ject*      object      objection      objections     

We had to hire additional workers for the heavy jobs.

I heard that my uncle James is retiring in June.

If you have no objections, we will go to the beach instead.

miss      mission      permission     

fine      final      finalist      finalists     

take      mistake      mistakable      unmistakable     

Does Maud have permission to trawl for prawns?

The finalists on Big Brother are all twits.

Ruth is unmistakable with her green hair.

spire      inspire      inspiring      uninspiring     

*flect*      reflect      reflection     

fashion      fashionable      unfashionable     

Our new headmaster gave an inspiring talk last week.

Can you see your reflection in the glass?

Vern is too big to care if his trainers are unfashionable.

guess, guest, guitar, guard, guide, guilty, sign

We just passed a \_\_\_\_\_ saying the road is closed ahead.

sing                      sign                      singe

Uncle Bert will be staying in the \_\_\_\_\_ room.

guess                      guest                      guilty

I can't play the \_\_\_\_\_ because all the strings are broken.

guide                      guitar                      guess

The guards took the \_\_\_\_\_ man back to the jail.

healthy                      early                      guilty

Your bright \_\_\_\_\_ always seem to get us in trouble

itches                      inches                      ideas

Peter got a job as a life \_\_\_\_\_ at the swimming pool.

guard                      guide                      guitar

You must \_\_\_\_\_ your name here if you want to go skating.

sign                      slime                      size

We are sure to get lost if you can't find the street \_\_\_\_\_.

guide                      global                      sweeper

***FLUENCY READING***

Pass: 15 sec.    Bonus: 10 sec.    Double Bonus: 7 sec.

join      tale      pledge      bite       ☆ ☆

gormless      light      lard      hack       ☆ ☆

home      crawl      hope      gaunt       ☆ ☆

boil      safe      notch      curb       ☆ ☆

tame      quell      pawn      stone       ☆ ☆

might      oak      weed      day       ☆ ☆

lone      itch      June      haul       ☆ ☆

shock      lane      thaw      wipe       ☆ ☆

Wight      perch      twirl      note       ☆ ☆

auk      mule      pain      beet       ☆ ☆

fetch      vainly      tape      date       ☆ ☆

perk      plunge      witch      urn       ☆ ☆

jaw      toy      frailest      same       ☆ ☆

pirate

## Lunch at last?

Mark was still dreaming. He was riding Hank the hunch-backed horse, and he was eating fish and chips. Then he started to wake up, because he really did smell fish and chips. "About time you stirred yourself," said Sue the gruesome stoker. "I was starting to worry about you. I sent Scary Mary out for some fish and chips, because there's nothing fit to eat in Amanda's kitchen. Here's a nice big portion of skate and chips for you."

Mark was pretty sure that Floyd wasn't a skate, and he was starving. He had gone for thirty three pages without a bite to eat, and it didn't seem possible that they would let him have his lunch at last. Mark sat up and reached for his portion of skate and chips—could it really be for real? Or was it just an imitation? Was he still dreaming?

The bag of chips felt nice and warm in his hands. But just as he reached for his first chip, he heard the crack of gunfire. The steel deck above his head rang out with the crash of heavy boots. "Why, it must be Jolly Roger the pirate, drunk

again," said Sue. "You just stay here and enjoy your chips while I go and sort him out." Sue got up and stomped off in the direction of the noise.



Mark ran after her, but he tripped over Scary Mary, who was trying to hide under a table. Mark sprawled out on his face, and his fish and chips spilled out on the grimy deck. He was so hungry that he was tempted to eat them anyway. He had eaten two chips and one bite of skate,

and he was more hungry than ever. But the deck smelled of rotten cheese and dirty socks, with a hint of moist dog. It smelled so bad that Mark almost threw up, so he left his lunch where it had landed.

When Mark got up, his dress was dirty again. He was fed up with being a girl, and going without lunch had become a nightmare. But he had to run after Sue, because he had never seen a pirate before.

Do you think pirates are real?

### Word Search

v	a	m	p	i	r	e	s	e	u
e	d	r	a	n	g	e	s	x	n
r	m	b	i	s	t	n	c	p	g
y	i	p	r	p	t	s	o	i	l
n	r	o	i	i	p	e	u	r	u
b	e	w	a	r	e	e	r	e	e
j	r	e	d	e	e	m	r	s	d
h	a	r	d	w	a	r	e	z	x

admire  
inspire  
redeem  
master  
ignore  
ripper  
beware  
empire  
unglued  
expires  
vampires  
hardware

very  
pair  
moist  
sue  
scour  
seem  
need  
power  
soil  
ranges

# Mastery Test

Any pupil who does not pass this test must go back to page 46. 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.

retiring                  final                  direction                  relation                 

bridal                  objection                  admired                  operation                 

spiky                  dining                  inspiring                  addition                 

inspection                  reaction                  daring                  permission                 

**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".

We had to get planning permission for our new extension.

Spike is unmistakable, driving his shiny purple car.

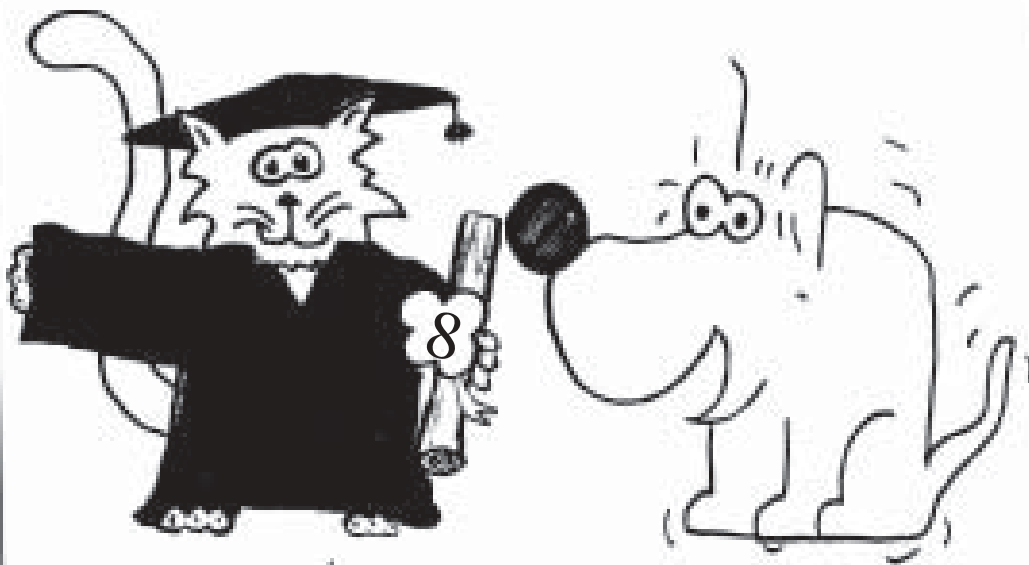
Please have your boarding passes ready for inspection.

Jess thinks that my bright red trainers are unfashionable.

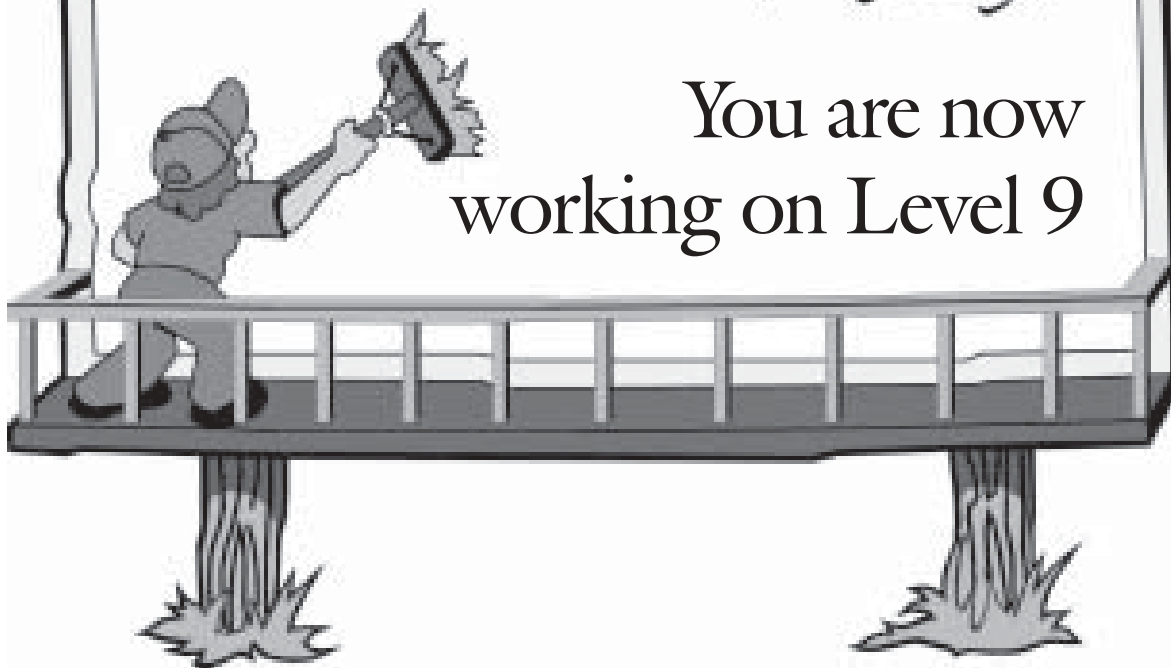
dancing bears

**Well done!**

you have completed  
**Level 8**



You are now  
working on Level 9





# dancing bears

Level 9:

## Soft 'c'

race racer fence fencing choice choicest

slice sliced nice nicest dance dancing

Do boy racers smash up their cars very often?

My mum sent me out to get a sliced loaf of white bread.

Would you like to come dancing with us?

Last summer Martin painted all the fencing brown.

city circle cent centre certain cider

I think this is the nicest part of the city.

The boys were racing around in a circle.

In the USA, a dime is worth ten cents.

I am certain that the castle is in the city centre.

Little boys and girls should never drink strong cider.

cell cellar circus cinema Cecil cigar

The judge put the bank-robber in a jail cell.

Joan's house has a very damp cellar.

Bruce saw a tight-rope walker at the circus.

My uncle Cecil likes to smoke a cigar after dinner.

Would you like to go to the cinema tonight?

**DECODING** ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

quaking	driver	ridable	spoken	<input type="checkbox"/>
cider	sliced	nicer	cent	<input type="checkbox"/>
addition	aversion	division	reaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
cell	city	racer	fencing	<input type="checkbox"/>
ensnare	retire	shareware	inspire	<input type="checkbox"/>
brutal	gazed	fluky	swiping	<input type="checkbox"/>
circle	dancing	centre	fencing	<input type="checkbox"/>
fickle	jungle	stifle	cure	<input type="checkbox"/>
vacation	vision	question	position	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cecil	facing	circus	nicest	<input type="checkbox"/>
taken	racing	gravy	scored	<input type="checkbox"/>
jaunt	threw	awkward	Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/>
choicest	cinema	cigar	fencing	<input type="checkbox"/>
empire	stare	quagmire	daycare	<input type="checkbox"/>
tracing	cellar	certain	placed	<input type="checkbox"/>
tamer	shady	lining	notable	<input type="checkbox"/>
cider	city	centre	circus	<input type="checkbox"/>
rejection	portion	tension	imitation	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Wordbuilder

cite excite excited unexcited

cent percent percentage

*cide* decide decided undecided

Martha was all excited about our new puppy.

We had to pay a tax of ten percent.

Please tell me what you have decided to do.

*ceed* succeed succeeding

*ceive* receive received

cept except exception exceptions

You must try harder if you do not succeed at first.

I sent Dawn a letter but she never received it.

I am sorry, but we can't make any exceptions to the rules.

*cel* excel excellent excellently

*cess* success successful successfully

cent recent recently

Luke got excellent grades at school last term.

If you work hard, you will certainly be successful.

The circus was in the city very recently.

does, goes, trouble, people, idea, poor, door, floor

Steve is a real \_\_\_\_\_ on the dance floor.

startle                  start                  star

My uncle Cecil goes to a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ to help poor people.

triple                  trouble                  tension

Clair's ideas are always \_\_\_\_\_ .

excellent                  excited                  exceptions

Does Charles know the way into the \_\_\_\_\_?

cigar                  cider                  city

How many bottles of wine are in your uncle's \_\_\_\_\_?

circle                  circus                  cellar

You can draw a \_\_\_\_\_ if you trace around a saucer.

square                  goat                  circle

Are you certain that Sue left the back door \_\_\_\_\_?

locked                  licked                  looked

How many stations can you \_\_\_\_\_ on your tuner?

receive                  succeed                  decide

**FLUENCY READING**

Pass: 15 sec.    Bonus: 10 sec.    Double Bonus: 7 sec.

daub	hinge	perk	pain	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
switch	irk	Pete	paw	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
torch	purse	life	murk	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
dodge	darn	sage	awl	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
reborn	side	rain	chub	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
law	lurk	fudge	dice	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
mail	rise	fraud	wage	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
hole	marsh	chance	right	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
flirt	gauze	thorn	ray	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
porky	bone	cause	race	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
ford	night	burp	pale	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
bawl	say	voice	fuse	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
birth	badge	horse	rack	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆

## Jolly Roger

Mark looked lovingly at his fish and chips, which were strewn all over the grimy floor. As he got up, he had trouble peeling his hands and knees off the greasy deck. Then he heard some more gunfire, so he decided to run to the door and see what the excitement was about. He ran up the ladder to the main deck, where everyone was running around in confusion. Mark saw a man with a black patch over one eye, and he had a gun. He shouted, "Down with Maudlin Maud! Let's take over this trawler, and then we can have all the cider and beer that we want!"

Gruesome Sue the stoker stomped across the deck. "Jolly Roger, you are drunk already. Put down that gun, and you can sleep it off in the boiler room." Jolly Roger raised his gun and pointed it at Gruesome Sue. "Stop, or I will shoot! I really mean it!" he shouted. But Sue looked him square in the eye, and she kept on coming. As she got closer, Jolly Roger's hand began to shake. "I'll shoot!" he yelled. But Sue paid no attention to his brave words. She picked him up by the scruff of his neck, and she shook him until he dropped his gun.

“Jolly Roger, you have some pretty daft ideas, even when you are sober. You are always causing trouble, stirring up the crew. If I were Maud, I’d feed you to the sharks.” But just then Scary Mary crept up behind Sue with a big club. She was mad because Sue had made her wash Mark’s dress and get his chips. Mark yelled “Watch out!”, but it was too late. Scary Mary hit Sue as hard as she could, and poor Sue fell to the deck. Mark ran up quickly, but it was too late—Sue was out cold.



Jolly Roger picked up his gun again, and shouted, "Let's make them walk the plank! That's the way pirates are supposed to do things." One of the other pirates mentioned that Sue was in no condition to walk anywhere. Another one said that no one knew for certain where to find a plank. "Well, we have to do something with all of the bosses, or we will all go to jail. Maybe we could put them in the hold where we store our raw prawns." said Scary Mary. So Jolly Roger and the pirates rounded up Maud, Nate, Neal and the loyal crew, and herded them into the hold for raw prawns. It took six men to drag Sue to the hold. While they were doing this, Mark hid in a lifeboat. He was very frightened—without Sue to protect him, who could he trust?

Do you think Jolly Roger will find more cider?

### Word Search

m	a	u	d	l	i	n	t	a	x
e	x	c	i	t	e	m	e	n	t
n	n	e	c	e	s	s	a	r	y
t	o	n	i	e	d	o	s	e	p
i	h	t	d	n	p	o	e	o	i
o	o	p	e	r	a	t	i	o	n
n	a	q	r	d	r	y	i	n	g
e	x	c	e	p	t	i	o	n	g

accept	tax
drying	soot
lesson	tease
typing	cent
maudlin	hoax
doing	part
mention	dose
cider	noted
exception	teen
operation	
excitement	
necessary	

## -ion: Part 2

mention      fraction      caution      attention     

dictation      reputation      education      action     

I forgot to mention it, but Uncle Cecil is coming for a visit.

Maud learned how to add and subtract fractions at school.

Blind people always cross streets with caution.

If you do not pay attention, you will never learn anything.

My teacher is always making me write from dictation.

If you work hard, you will get a good reputation.

My uncle Cecil did not get a very good education.

insulation      foundation      equation      detention     

position      junction      explosion      tradition     

You can save fuel by putting insulation in your loft.

Gail learned how to solve simple equations last term.

Our new teacher gave Dawn a detention for being late.

I get fed up playing the same position in every game.

They should put up stop signs at that road junction.

The leaking gas main caused a big explosion.

The workers are digging the foundations for our new house.

**DECODING** ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

circle	decide	cellar	excited	<input type="checkbox"/>
objection	pollution	probation	decoration	<input type="checkbox"/>
navy	shaken	tradable	scaring	<input type="checkbox"/>
mention	vacation	inspection	fraction	<input type="checkbox"/>
aspire	square	vampire	childcare	<input type="checkbox"/>
tracing	city	certain	dancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
caution	action	detention	education	<input type="checkbox"/>
sliced	whitest	slimy	fatal	<input type="checkbox"/>
muffle	idle	gamble	tremble	<input type="checkbox"/>
coming	shaky	notable	spoken	<input type="checkbox"/>
dictation	attention	reputation	tradition	<input type="checkbox"/>
receive	cider	success	recent	<input type="checkbox"/>
gunfire	pirate	declare	nightmare	<input type="checkbox"/>
equation	junction	position	fashion	<input type="checkbox"/>
likable	nosy	smoking	wiping	<input type="checkbox"/>
addition	insulation	position	mission	<input type="checkbox"/>
recent	except	cinema	succeed	<input type="checkbox"/>
foundation	explosion	permission	reflection	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Wordbuilder

lax    relax    relaxation   

*vise*    vision\*    television   

fend    defend    defender   

tent    intent    intention    intentional   

live    liver    Liverpool   

sense    sensation    sensational   

After a hard day in school, we need a little relaxation.   

Last night we watched football on the television.   

The Leeds United defender was sent off for an intentional foul.   

Liverpool's goal-keeper made a sensational save.   

cite    excite    excited    unexcited   

miss    mission    permission   

*ject*    inject    injection   

verse    version    diversion   

The children were all excited about the new puppy.   

You can come with us if your mum gives you permission.   

Does the nurse have to give me an injection?   

The road was closed and we had to take a diversion.

ready, instead, heavy, healthy, heard, search, warning

All that heavy work will make you fit and \_\_\_\_\_ .

heard                  healthy                  guilty

If Steve is not ready, we can take Charles \_\_\_\_\_.

insane                  instead                  insight

Paul will get a good price for his guitar if it is in good \_\_\_\_\_.

caution                  condition                  confusion

You can get that \_\_\_\_\_ by doing a search on Google.

information                  injection                  infection

Does that imported cigar have a \_\_\_\_\_ warning?

health                  heavy                  guilty

Fay goes to a lot of trouble to make herself look \_\_\_\_\_ .

poor                  permission                  pretty

June did not see the sign \_\_\_\_\_ that the bridge was closed.

warning                  warming                  working

You must \_\_\_\_\_ your name here if you want to hire a DVD.

sign                  sing                  sight

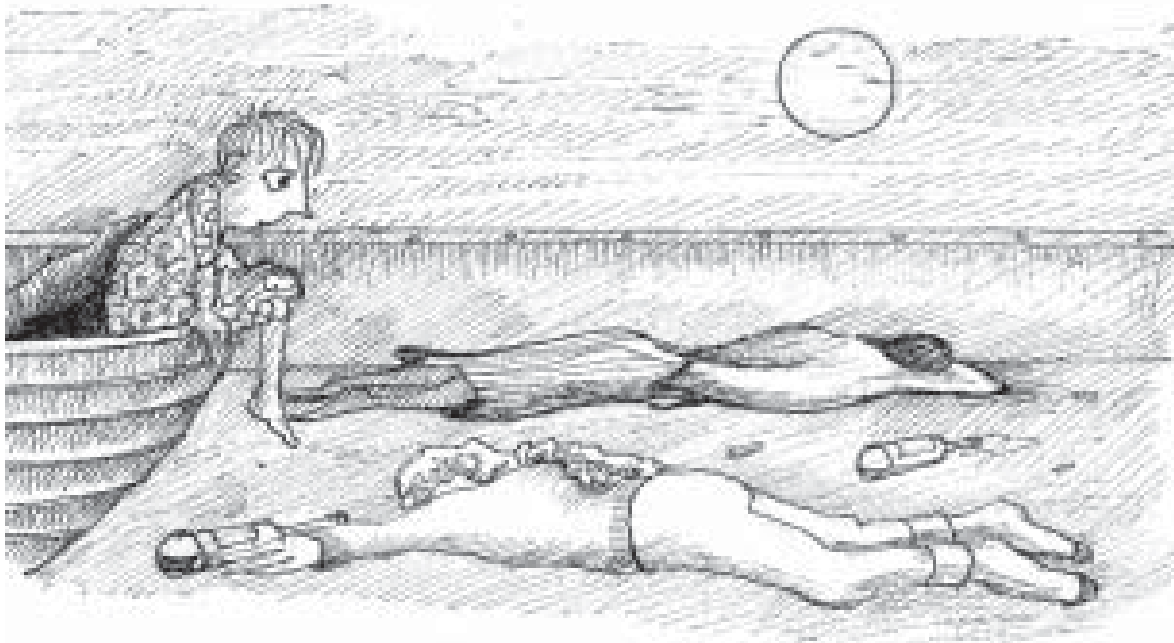
**FLUENCY READING**

Pass: 15 sec.    Bonus: 10 sec.    Double Bonus: 7 sec.

face	sauce	belong	theme	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
paid	Paul	shirt	hedge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
bilge	arch	prune	dirt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
pace	late	ash	way	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
fault	quote	notch	tune	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
quin	fleece	saw	time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
aid	Bert	ate	verge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
gauze	hate	pail	parch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
birch	mile	trawl	pipe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
verse	sight	quite	spurt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
faun	oath	use	exact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clive	lurch	form	eel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
flaw	dude	lunge	rule	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## The ventilation shaft

Mark hid in the lifeboat until it was dark. The pirates found more cider, and they shouted and sang, and they smoked strong cigars. Late at night the last of them passed out. When Mark crawled out of the lifeboat, there were pirates sprawled all over the deck. They were all snoring. Mark almost tripped over Scary Mary, who was snoring the loudest of all.



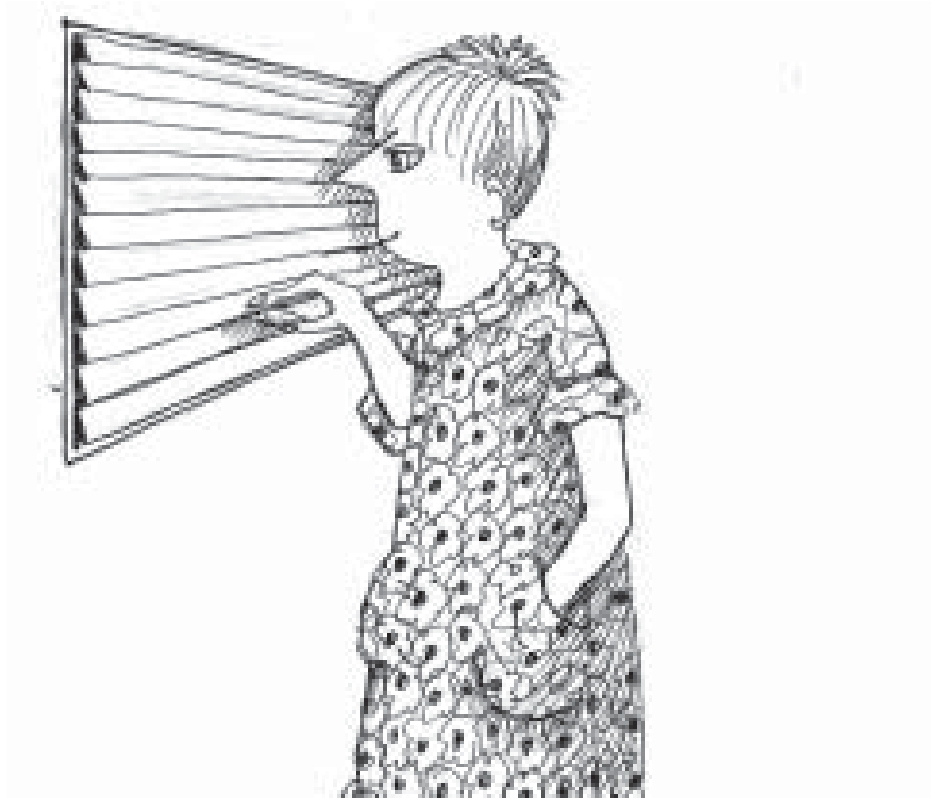
The trawler was dead in the water. The boilers had run out of steam because there was no one to shovel coal. Mark walked up and down the deck. He found Jolly Roger slumped over a barrel of cider, with his gun stuck in his belt. Very carefully, Mark slipped the gun from his belt and crept away. He was very excited—with a gun, he could

make the pirates let Sue and the crew out of the raw prawn hold. But when he checked the gun, there were no bullets left.

But did Jolly Roger know that his gun was empty? Mark knew that drunks are not too good at remembering things. Did he dare try to bluff Jolly Roger with an empty gun? Maybe it wasn't such a good idea. A small boy in a dirty dress would have a hard time facing down a crew of hard pirates. So Mark hid the gun in the lifeboat, and he went on searching the trawler.

When he got to the stern, he heard some barking. He traced the noise to a ventilation shaft that came out of the hold. Mark listened carefully, and he realised that Nate the first mate and Neal the real seal were barking at each other. He put his nose in the ventilation shaft (which smelled very strongly of raw prawns) and called out softly, "Sue? Are you there? Are you all right?"

The barking stopped. He could hear heavy footsteps down in the hold. At last, Sue called up, "Mark, me lad, I have a sore head, but I will live. You must be careful that the



pirates don't find you, and you must try to get us out of here. You must find the door to this room." Sue gave Mark directions, so he would not get lost when he went below. Mark crept away—he was afraid that he would wake up a pirate, and then it would be all over for him.

Do you think that Jolly Roger will have a hangover?

# Mastery Test

Any pupil who does not pass this test must go back to page 65. 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.

circle                  percent                  attention                  fraction                 

junction                  certain                  excited                  education                 

successful                  cider                  explosion                  circus                 

exception                  decided                  tradition                  cell                 

**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".

We learned how to solve simple equations last term.                 

You should never make exceptions to the rules.                 

My teacher sent a note to my dad but he never received it.                 

Are you certain that the circus is in the city?

## 'y' to 'i': Part 1

story stories daddy daddies funny funniest

party parties puppy puppies hurry hurried

lady ladies lorry lorries marry married

copy copied nanny nannies heavy heaviest

I have copied all the funniest stories in that book.

Sue hurried home to see all the new puppies.

The ladies are worried about their nannies.

My uncle Cecil knows how to drive the heaviest lorries.

noise noisy noisiest scare scary scariest

Clive and Jane always give the noisiest parties.

Steve always goes on the scariest rides.

thief thieves grief grieves piece niece

belief believe relief relieve brief chief

field yield shield priest siege achieve

The sneaky thief stole a piece of cake.

My niece was overcome with grief when thieves took her goat.

I sent a brief note to the chief.

A priest should always believe in God.

**DECODING** ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

tidal	ridable	lazy	latest	<input type="checkbox"/>
violation	extension	donation	inspection	<input type="checkbox"/>
puppies	copied	stories	parties	<input type="checkbox"/>
circus	icing	centre	excite	<input type="checkbox"/>
field	lorries	mannies	married	<input type="checkbox"/>
retiring	mistakable	latest	tribal	<input type="checkbox"/>
addition	reflection	exception	station	<input type="checkbox"/>
noisiest	chief	hurried	believe	<input type="checkbox"/>
misfire	welfare	prepare	empire	<input type="checkbox"/>
fencing	Cecil	cigar	racing	<input type="checkbox"/>
thief	funniest	ladies	heaviest	<input type="checkbox"/>
detention	mention	tradition	attention	<input type="checkbox"/>
able	cured	bungle	dabble	<input type="checkbox"/>
grief	copier	niece	scariest	<input type="checkbox"/>
becoming	wisest	bony	final	<input type="checkbox"/>
daddies	achieve	noisier	piece	<input type="checkbox"/>
foundation	junction	fraction	education	<input type="checkbox"/>
brief	relieve	funnier	shield	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Wordbuilder

*plore* explore explorer explorers

cite excite exciting unexciting

cover discover discovery discoveries

feat defeat defeated undefeated

The explorers made many exciting discoveries.

Our football team was undefeated last year.

miss mission permission

fect affect affection affectionate

civil civilise civilisation

We cannot go if we do not get permission.

Our new kitten is very affectionate.

After a week in the jungle, the explorers got back to civilisation.

spire inspire inspiring uninspiring

pare prepare preparing

cept reception receptionist

A good teacher can be very inspiring.

Peter and Maud spent three hours preparing lunch.

The receptionist told us to take a seat.

thought, ought, bought, fought, busy, great, break

You cannot park those lorries in this field when it is

\_\_\_\_. break muddy hurry

I believe my uncle Cecil \_\_\_\_ in the Great War.

fought bought copied

My niece is getting \_\_\_\_ by a priest in the church.

hurried married believed

When do the ladies \_\_\_\_ for tea?

bought break busy

We ought to get \_\_\_\_ before the chief gets back.

busy civil cement

I thought the thief went off in that \_\_\_\_.

infection relation direction

What do you hope to achieve by telling such \_\_\_\_?

cigars cellars stories

We \_\_\_\_ to take a break before my uncle Cecil finds us.

thought bought ought

***FLUENCY READING***

Pass: 15 sec.     Bonus: 10 sec.     Double Bonus: 7 sec.

void      Maud      line      clutch       ☆ ☆

name      orb      ice      drawn       ☆ ☆

prevent      pole      nerve      boat       ☆ ☆

force      pawn      robe      furl       ☆ ☆

norm      first      rode      raw       ☆ ☆

sale      lath      cadge      shine       ☆ ☆

chirp      vaunt      loin      quiff       ☆ ☆

cope      band      rude      quirk       ☆ ☆

mesh      vault      swipe      mate       ☆ ☆

drawl      toad      change      draw       ☆ ☆

edge      sawn      leech      hock       ☆ ☆

retrain      slide      caught      mince       ☆ ☆

joy      dawn      ride      judge       ☆ ☆

## Leif the chief thief

Sue's voice carried up the ventilation shaft so loudly that Mark was afraid that one of the pirates would wake up. She gave Mark directions so he could find his way to the door to the hold. Mark thought they were lucky to be locked in the hold—at least they had lots of raw prawns to eat. Mark went down a hatch, but it was pitch dark below. The lights on a ship at sea are not plugged into the mains, so when the fire in the boiler room went out, the old trawler had no power. So Mark went back up on deck to see if he could find a lighter. The pirates had all been smoking cigars, so Mark thought that they all must have lighters. Mark was not a thief, and he did not like the idea of picking pockets. But what else could he do?

Mark was not very good at picking pockets. The first pirate he came to smelled very strongly of cider, and he was snoring like a buzz saw. But Mark could not find a lighter in his pocket. The pirate started to wake up, and he mumbled a curse. Mark crept away. After a bit, he got up the nerve to try another sleeping pirate. His pockets were empty. Mark checked the pockets of five more pirates, but not one of them had a lighter. "What can I

do?" he thought. " I must find the door so I can let Gruesome Sue and Maudlin Maud out of the hold. But I will achieve nothing if I get caught." Just then he heard footsteps. Slowly, they got closer and closer. In the moonlight, Mark saw a pirate with a cigar clamped in his teeth. Mark was so scared that he started shaking.

"Say pal, have you got a light?" the pirate asked. Mark was a little relieved. "No sir," he said. "I don't smoke." The pirate said, "Well, I will just have to find Leif the chief thief. He steals everyone's lighter when they are drunk, so his pockets must be full of them."



“If you don’t mind, sir, I will come and help you. I like stealing lighters myself.” Mark was fibbing, but he thought that was the sort of thing that a pirate would say. Soon they found Leif the chief thief. He was sleeping with his head in a pail of raw prawns, so he didn’t snore much. His pockets bulged with lighters. Mark and the pirate took ten each. The pirate lit his cigar with a sigh of relief. “Care for a drink, pal?” he asked. Mark said, “It’s past my bedtime and if my mum finds out that I am not in bed I will be in real trouble. Thanks anyway.” With that, Mark slipped away to find the door to the hold.

Do you think that any of the lighters will work?

### Word Search

r	e	c	e	p	t	i	o	n	j
e	j	e	x	h	e	c	o		
l	m	e	n	t	i	o	n	n	i
i	n	s	p	e	c	t	i	o	n
e	s	t	i	c	k	e	r	s	r
v	e	n	t	i	l	a	t	e	t
e	b	u	m	p	y	m	a	n	y
d	e	t	e	n	t	i	o	n	s

relieved	join
chestnut	many
thickly	exit
mention	hoist
chosen	tenor
stickers	team
bumpy	hex
reception	
detentions	
ventilate	
inspection	

(ture = cher)

-ure

(sure = zher)

picture    mixture    capture    torture    vulture   

venture    moisture    puncture    furniture    nature   

Charles enjoys drawing pictures with his blue pencil.   

You get to go on field trips if you take nature studies.   

Little Max got into trouble for jumping on the furniture.

I was late for school because my bike tyre got a puncture.

culture    fixture    pasture    future    lecture   

feature    creature    texture    fracture    posture   

Last year we studied French culture at school.   

Will your dad be able to repair the broken light fixture?

All the cows are grazing on the fresh grass in the new pasture.   

I expect that you will not be so careless in the future.   

I hope our teacher doesn't give us another lecture.   

measure    treasure    pleasure   

You can use a ruler to measure your box.   

We searched for days, but we never found any treasure.

When I get bored with my computer, I often read for pleasure.

**DECODING** ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

certain	cell	tracing	nicest	<input type="checkbox"/>
siege	belief	carried	scarier	<input type="checkbox"/>
picture	mixture	texture	future	<input type="checkbox"/>
violation	exception	insulation	action	<input type="checkbox"/>
capture	vulture	pleasure	venture	<input type="checkbox"/>
sliced	racing	cell	circus	<input type="checkbox"/>
laziest	priest	puppies	yield	<input type="checkbox"/>
puncture	measure	lecture	fixture	<input type="checkbox"/>
crazy	wiped	hiding	likable	<input type="checkbox"/>
caution	equation	intention	diversion	<input type="checkbox"/>
torture	nature	creature	posture	<input type="checkbox"/>
grieves	married	heavier	chief	<input type="checkbox"/>
desire	beware	conspire	careful	<input type="checkbox"/>
moisture	culture	pasture	treasure	<input type="checkbox"/>
cinema	dancing	iced	cent	<input type="checkbox"/>
furniture	fracture	pleasure	future	<input type="checkbox"/>
piece	relief	nannies	copied	<input type="checkbox"/>
feature	measure	posture	pasture	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Wordbuilder

vent      advent      adventure      (*cher*)     

part      depart      departure      "     

feat      feature      featuring      "     

capture      recapture      recaptured      "     

Merl reads a lot of adventure stories.

The departure of our flight was delayed for three hours.

My granddad has some DVDs featuring the Rolling Stones.

The thief broke out of jail, but the cops recaptured him quickly.

pose      expose      exposure      (*zher*)     

close      disclose      disclosure      "     

close      enclose      enclosure      "     

Jane suffered from exposure when she was caught out in the rain.

The disclosure of those secrets will cause a lot of trouble.

If you can get all the sheep in the enclosure, I will shut the gate.

sure      insure      insurance      (*oor*)     

cure      secure      securely      (*oor*)     

You should never drive a car without insurance.

Please lock the door securely when you go to bed.

guess, guest, guitar, guard, guilty, guide, sign

My leg really hurts, but the nurse said there is no sign of a \_\_\_\_\_.

feature      fraction      fracture

Have you measured the strings for your \_\_\_\_\_?

guitar      station      vulture

You should always fasten your seat belt \_\_\_\_\_?

securely      section      shortly

If you can't read that word, you should not try to \_\_\_\_\_.

grief      piece      guess

The guards quickly recaptured the \_\_\_\_\_ people.

guests      guilty      healthy

We ought to hire a \_\_\_\_\_ so we don't get lost on our adventure.

great      goes      guide

All the married \_\_\_\_\_ hurried to attend the lecture.

horses      ladies      goats

My father fought with the Welsh Guards in the \_\_\_\_\_.

warning      warm      war

***FLUENCY READING***

Pass: 15 sec.    Bonus: 10 sec.    Double Bonus: 7 sec.

lawn      thud      pine      pause       ☆ ☆

bird      haunts      hay      reed       ☆ ☆

morse      bight      crawl      because       ☆ ☆

coy      gale      crawl      flange       ☆ ☆

haunch      fort      stale      distance       ☆ ☆

saucer      cute      thick      vain       ☆ ☆

claw      lace      Gaul      catch       ☆ ☆

beer      daub      hinge      Eve       ☆ ☆

Maud      lark      burnt      gawk       ☆ ☆

trim      switches      foil      hair       ☆ ☆

faun      zone      gaunt      hurt       ☆ ☆

pert      prawn      smudge      sauce       ☆ ☆

fail      those      yawn      sir       ☆ ☆

quiet, keys

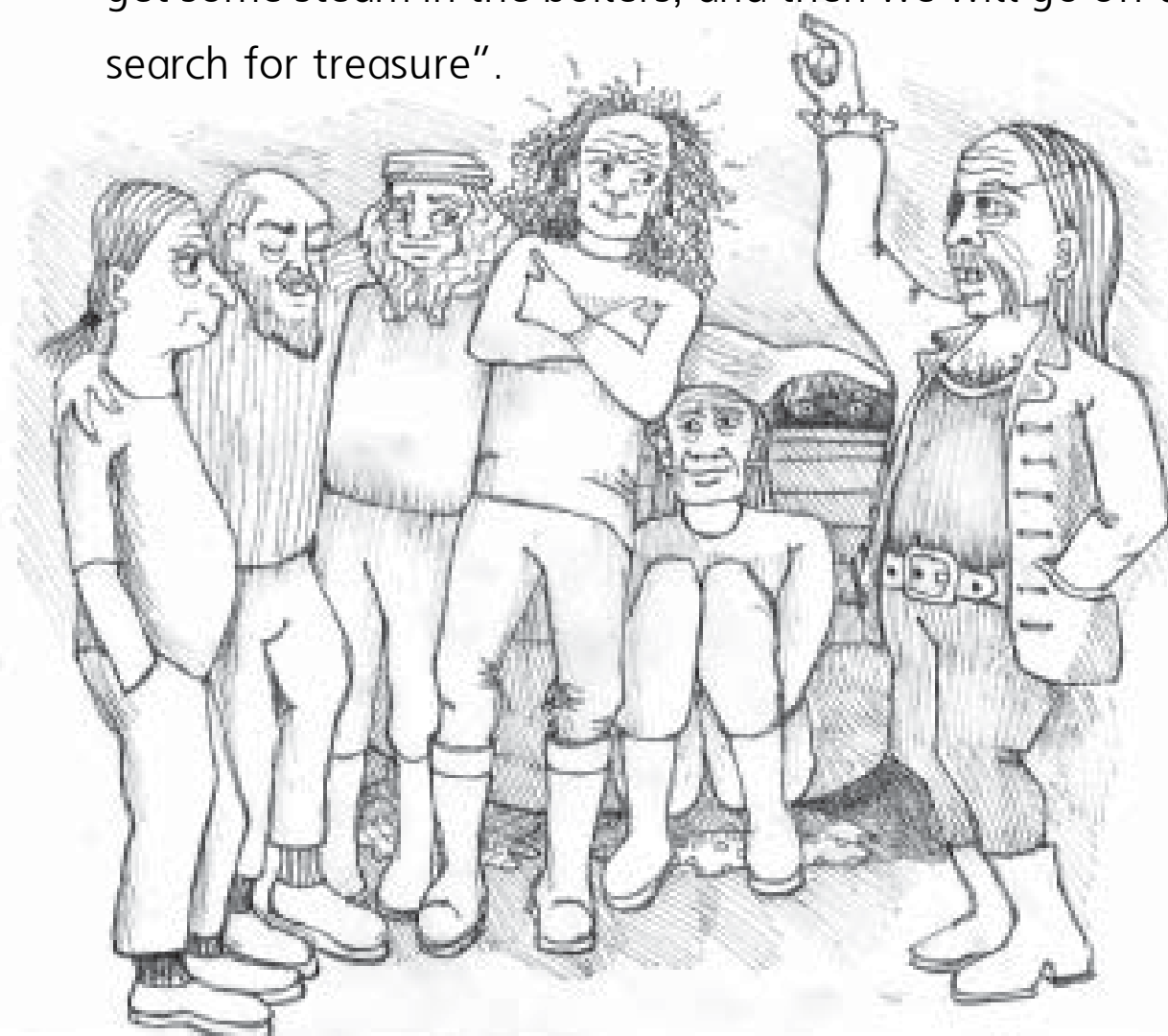
### The sign of the vulture

With ten lighters in his pockets, Mark went off to find the door to the raw prawn hold. When he got below, he followed Sue's directions and found the right door. The pirates had put a huge padlock on the door, so there was nothing that Mark could do. He went back up on deck to the ventilation shaft, and gave Sue and Maud the bad news. "Don't let them capture you, my lad," Sue warned him. "They might decide to torture you. They are all thieves and cut-throats. You must go and hide before they all wake up, and Jolly Roger guesses you are missing."

Mark dropped nine of the lighters down the ventilation shaft and went to hide in the life-boat. The sun was rising in the east, and steam was rising from the smelly, drunken thieves who were passed out on the hard steel deck. Leif the chief thief was the smelliest of them all, for his head was still stuck in a pail of raw prawns.

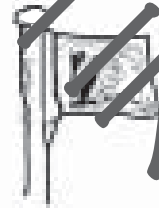
Mark was very tired, and he slept until noon. When he woke up, the pirates were shouting and cursing. He heard Lief the chief thief say "But we must have more cider! My head hurts, and going without cider is pure torture!"

Jolly Roger shouted, "If you sail under the sign of the vulture, you must do as I say." Mark saw a flag flying from the highest mast, and it had a picture of a vulture on it. In story-books, pirates sailed under the skull-and-crossbones. He thought that times must have changed. Jolly Roger carried on with his lecture: "If I am the boss, we will find lots of treasure, and we will all be very wealthy. You are just a drunken slob who thinks only of pleasure. If we do not plan for the future, they will catch us and hang us from the yard-arm. Now get below and get some steam in the boilers, and then we will go off and search for treasure".



The pirates all grumbled, because they wanted to drink more cider. But they knew that Jolly Roger had a point. They did not want to be hung like dogs—even the dogs did not want that. But Leif the chief thief was standing next to the life-boat, and Mark heard him mutter to another pirate, “Who does he think he is? Yesterday, Jolly Roger was stuffing raw prawns in crates of ice, and now he believes he is a god. We will see about that.” With this, Leif the chief thief lit a cigar (for he still had forty lighters) and stomped away.

Do you think Sue and Maud are getting fed up with raw prawns?



### Word Search

v	t	s	r	s	j	s	n	o	w
p	r	i	c	e	t	h	e	v	i
b	a	n	g	a	l	o	r	e	r
t	w	i	n	e	r	r	k	r	e
p	l	s	r	i	r	e	i	e	l
a	e	b	c	p	a	d	d	l	e
g	r	u	e	s	o	m	e	a	s
e	s	q	u	a	r	e	l	y	s

price	relay
page	paddle
pair	wireless
shore	scared
tiger	the
show	sin
twine	her
stoke	sea
trawler	see
squarely	kid
gruesome	
bangalore	

# 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.

heaviest          reception          nature          preparing

capture          relief          affectionate          married

field          mixture          believe          stories

chief          picture          ladies          adventure

**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".

Jane hurried home to see the new puppies.

My niece was overcome with grief when a thief stole her television.

Moving all that heavy furniture was pure torture.

Our departure was delayed because a tyre had a puncture.

## Soft 'c': Part 2

city      certain      circle      Cecil      cistern     

pencil      cycle      central      century      cedar     

council      fancy      fancied      special      cinnamon     

Please sign your name with the blue pencil.

On warm days I like to cycle to school.

Uncle Cecil fixed the leaking cistern in our bathroom.

The English Civil War was fought in the seventeenth century.

The council workers just chopped down that nice cedar tree.

Luke fancied some cinnamon buns as a special treat.

centre      central      parcel      cinder      license     

cistern      acid      citizen      civic      centre     

spice      spicy      spiciest      social      cement     

The car Clive just bought has central locking.

You can use this special cement for gluing rubber.

Dawn boiled some acid in her kettle to remove the lime scale.

You will need a passport if you are not a British citizen.

Uncle Cecil makes the spiciest curries.

They hold lots of social functions at the civic centre.

**DECODING** ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

relaxation	television	sensation	injection	<input type="checkbox"/>
adventure	exposure	insure	capture	<input type="checkbox"/>
city	pencil	council	centre	<input type="checkbox"/>
mummies	niece	relieve	thief	<input type="checkbox"/>
circle	spice	certain	cycle	<input type="checkbox"/>
caption	revision	restoration	pollution	<input type="checkbox"/>
feature	disclosure	secure	enclosure	<input type="checkbox"/>
fancy	central	acid	spicy	<input type="checkbox"/>
placing	ripen	dozy	hoping	<input type="checkbox"/>
yield	scarier	ladies	achieve	<input type="checkbox"/>
civil	parcel	citizen	Cecil	<input type="checkbox"/>
measure	recapture	fracture	vulture	<input type="checkbox"/>
rifle	cradle	tumble	pickle	<input type="checkbox"/>
spiciest	fancied	cinder	cement	<input type="checkbox"/>
reception	ventilation	permission	information	<input type="checkbox"/>
license	cistern	special	cinnamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
lecture	treasure	closure	culture	<input type="checkbox"/>
cedar	social	century	civic	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Wordbuilder

*cern* concern concerning

*cel* excel excellent excellently

vent advent adventure adventurous

*cide* decide decided undecided

place replace replacing

Bruce just got a letter concerning his driving license.

I thought Peter's picture of a vulture was excellent.

Charles is all excited about his great adventure.

Jean is still undecided about replacing her furniture.

cent recent recently

cess success successful unsuccessful

lay layer bricklayer

cise precise precisely

ceive receive received

The search for the guilty thieves was unsuccessful.

Bricklayers mix sand and cement to make mortar.

The train's departure will be at six o'clock precisely.

Dawn recently received a large parcel in the post.

young, country, couple, touch, laugh, build, built

Spain and France are the only \_\_\_\_\_ I have visited.

countries      couples      curries

The smooth texture of silk is a pleasure to \_\_\_\_\_.

teach      torch      touch

My uncle Cecil used to \_\_\_\_\_ as a builder.

guard      worry      work

Steve only \_\_\_\_\_ at the funniest jokes.

looks      laughs      signs

These puppies are too \_\_\_\_\_ to leave their mother.

young      great      healthy

The young \_\_\_\_\_ had to get a special license to get married.

country      collie      couple

In this country, most houses are \_\_\_\_\_ from bricks and cement.

bought      built      believed

Luke is too \_\_\_\_\_ to draw social security payments.

dead      young      poor

**FLUENCY READING**

Pass: 15 sec.    Bonus: 10 sec.    Double Bonus: 7 sec.

taught	sore	cord	drove	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
burning	brawn	launch	soap	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
nude	Bruce	snape	Dutch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
more	flit	boarder	midge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
jade	jeep	goal	bright	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
stab	hawk	reserve	word	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Crete	fawn	stem	surf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
mock	crime	trudge	crude	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
tuneful	coach	pair	blight	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ripe	hutch	dime	beech	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
daub	patches	shade	spawn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
coin	stole	merge	rope	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
slight	fair	harsh	gripe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Cecil the special civet

Mark thought that he ought to do something about Leif the chief thief. He was worried because Leif might try to capture Jolly Roger and throw him in the raw prawn hold with Sue the gruesome stoker. Sailing under the sign of the vulture was no laughing matter, but it would certainly be far worse if Leif the chief thief took over. The pirates would drink cider all day, and drunken pirates are not very nice.

Mark was lying in the bottom of the life-boat trying to find a comfortable position when a small creature caught his attention. "Shhh! Be quiet", it said. "I am Cecil, the special civet. I am hiding from the pirates, too." Mark said, "I hate to be rude, but I am not sure that I have ever met a special civet before. What do special civets do?"

Cecil stroked his silky whiskers. "Well," he said, "civets are cat-like creatures that live in cedar trees and eat cinnamon toast." Cecil had a quick glance around to be sure that there were no pirates about. "But I'll tell you what special civets are really for. When a writer isn't sure what to do with his story, he throws in a special civet. All good writers have lots of special civets."

"Well," Mark said, "I hope you know what to do with these pirates. You can get a bad reputation if you sail under the sign of the vulture. And I really am worried about Sue, the gruesome stoker. She is locked in the raw prawn hold with Maudlin Maud and Nate the first mate. Neal the real seal is there too, except I don't think he will mind being locked up in the raw prawn hold, for he is a seal."



Cecil smoothed his whiskers (for special civets are rather vain) and thought for a while. Then he said, "I think I have the solution. We will wait until it is dark, and then we will sneak up to Maud's cabin. We ought to find Jolly Roger there, because he is in charge of this trawler. You can make a distraction, while I sneak in his cabin and find the keys to the raw prawn hold. Then I will unlock the raw prawn hold, and Sue the gruesome stoker will feed Jolly Roger to the sharks."

Mark said, "That is a good plan, but if I make a distraction, the pirates are bound to catch me. Are you sure that you can find the keys? Unless we can get Sue out of the raw prawn hold, the pirates will certainly capture me. And I do not want to be tortured."

Do you think Cecil has eaten all of his cinnamon toast?

## 'y' to 'i': Part 2

try      tries      tried      dry      drier      driest     

cry      cries      cried      fly      flies      flier     

fry      fries      fried      spy      spies      spied     

No matter how hard we tried, we could not score a goal.

Do you like your eggs boiled or fried?

If your shirt is still wet, just put it in the tumble drier.

Jess cries a lot when she watches sad films.

pry      pries      pried      ply      plies      plied     

ply      apply      applied      ply      imply      implied     

ply      reply      replies      ply      supply      supplies     

try      retry      retried      deny      denied     

Steve thought that Spike stole his bike but Spike denied it.

Drew applied for a job working for a builder.

Roy always tries his best to avoid any trouble at school.

You should never eat anything that has been covered with flies.

Uncle Cecil wrote me a letter last week, but I still haven't replied.

In the States, chips are called french fries.

We bought our supplies before we went camping.

**DECODING** ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

studies	field	curries	thieves	<input type="checkbox"/>
civic	acid	cement	cedar	<input type="checkbox"/>
tries	cried	replies	driest	<input type="checkbox"/>
creature	mixture	treasure	puncture	<input type="checkbox"/>
flier	spied	pries	fried	<input type="checkbox"/>
scariest	carried	grief	siege	<input type="checkbox"/>
cycle	pencil	Nancy	race	<input type="checkbox"/>
drier	tried	replied	plies	<input type="checkbox"/>
affection	nation	civilisation	fashion	<input type="checkbox"/>
departure	exposure	secure	texture	<input type="checkbox"/>
denied	pliable	fries	plied	<input type="checkbox"/>
license	citizen	century	precise	<input type="checkbox"/>
tidal	baby	final	tubing	<input type="checkbox"/>
implies	flies	pried	supplies	<input type="checkbox"/>
jungle	rustle	ladle	wrinkle	<input type="checkbox"/>
cries	applied	spies	implied	<input type="checkbox"/>
decide	concern	success	parcel	<input type="checkbox"/>
retried	driest	supplied	denies	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Wordbuilder

note      notify      notified     

sat      satisfy      satisfied      unsatisfied     

drive      driver      screwdriver     

build      building      rebuilding     

*ceed*      succeed      succeeding     

When were you notified of the change of dates?     

Some people are never satisfied.     

Luke pried the lid off the tin of paint with a screwdriver.     

They are rebuilding the old church because it was falling to pieces.     

You must try harder if you do not succeed at first.     

cent      recent      recently     

civil      civilise      civilisation     

sign      assign      assignment     

*plore*      explore      explorer      explorers     

cover      discover      discovery      discoveries     

cite      excite      exciting     

We learned a lot about Greek civilisation from this assignment.     

Explorers have made many exciting discoveries recently.

rough, tough, enough, busy, eight, great, break

We will take a \_\_\_\_\_ at eight o'clock.

sign                      break                      guess

When you play with a young kitten, you should not be too

\_\_\_\_\_.                      round                      rough                      laugh

During the Great War, the \_\_\_\_\_ were busy looking for spies.

police                      builders                      couples

They have not supplied \_\_\_\_\_ bricks to build our house.

tough                      eight                      enough

Jake thinks he is \_\_\_\_\_, but he is really a wimp.

guilty                      tough                      busy

I am not satisfied that you have \_\_\_\_\_ hard enough.

tried                      fried                      implied

Spike applied to join the police, but he wasn't \_\_\_\_\_.

accepted                      expected                      excited

If you put bricks in your tumble drier, it might \_\_\_\_\_.

build                      break                      bought

**FLUENCY READING**

Pass: 15 sec.    Bonus: 10 sec.    Double Bonus: 7 sec.

aired	switch	shed	may	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
wedge	mine	paw	witch	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
cheer	mime	yaw	dive	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
squirt	terse	pay	shun	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
botch	shame	charm	jeer	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
budge	game	ketch	cone	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
quack	yawn	flirting	slope	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
pope	bay	roar	blue	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
burn	Kew	page	shut	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
Roy	drew	grip	kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
mew	board	chock	laundry	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
fuel	plate	unload	toil	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
due	trade	few	awful	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆

## moustache

### The secret policeman

When it got dark, Cecil the special civet prepared to go to the rescue of Sue the gruesome stoker. Mark saw him stick a false moustache over his whiskers, and asked "Why are you doing that?" Cecil replied, "Special civets are really secret policemen. We have to go out in disguise so people won't know that we are cops." With this, Cecil applied some bright red lipstick. "Now you would never guess that I am a special civet, let alone a policeman." he said.

"Now we must think of a disguise for you," Cecil said. "We ought to disguise you as a little boy—you almost look tough enough to be a boy. Let's get busy and find a disguise for you." Cecil started digging into the containers that were stored in the lifeboat. "Great!" he cried, "Here is a guitar. Now you can pretend you are a rock star. And here is a chain! Rock stars must have chains in their noses. There—you look just fine."

Mark did not like to have a heavy chain hanging from his nose, and the guitar was almost big enough to sleep in. But as soon as it was dark enough, they crawled out of the life-boat. A guitar string got caught, and it made a



horrible "PLONNNK". "Shh!" Cecil whispered, "you must be quiet, or the pirates will find us. How do we get to Maud's cabin?" Mark knew that Maud's cabin was just behind the bridge, so he led Cecil up the ladder to the bridge. They crept across the bridge, being careful not to wake up Amanda the giant panda. She was asleep at the wheel, and the trawler was sailing around in circles.

Cecil and Mark crept up to Maud's cabin. The door was closed, but they could hear Scary Mary shouting, "What kind of pirate do you call yourself, Jolly Roger? You have been in charge of this tub for a full day now, and you

have not made one single person walk the plank. You have not fed anyone to the sharks, and you have not captured any treasure ships. All your men are muttering and cursing because they want the cider. If you don't watch yourself, Lief the chief thief will take over. And I have half a mind to help him, you spineless worm!"

Outside the door, Cecil nudged Mark. "It sounds like all is not well under the sign of the vulture." Cecil whispered. "Now is the time to make a commotion. Rock stars are good at that."

Do you think that Scary Mary is very pretty?

### Word Search

m	o	u	s	t	a	c	h	e	r
a	v	o	u	t	r	a	g	e	e
r	e	v	p	n	r	a	g	e	c
r	r	e	p	l	i	e	d	c	e
l	u	r	l	e	u	t	w	e	n
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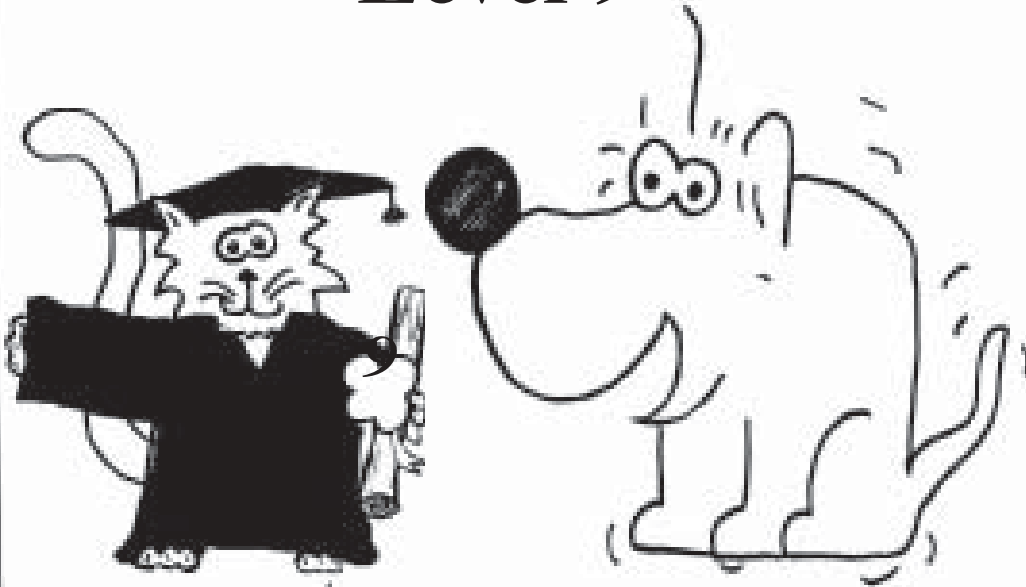
replied pen  
 strewn plume  
 supplies rage  
 general leg  
 outrage cent  
 disguise ruse  
 marriage overs  
 recently trade  
 overused unite  
 moustache  
 assignment



dancing bears

**Well done!**

you have completed  
**Level 9**



You are now  
working on Level 10



# dancing bears

Level 10:

-age

postage package cottage village marriage

luggage voyage coverage breakage baggage

How much postage do you need for that package?

There are five thatched cottages in our village.

My mother and dad have a very happy marriage.

How much luggage can I take on this voyage?

bandage garbage shortage cabbage drainage

manage sausage wreckage blockage passage

Put all the used bandages in with the garbage.

There was a shortage of cabbages last winter.

Our yard is muddy because the drainage is bad.

Do you think you could manage another sausage?

salvage damage vintage voltage message

language sewage silage savage rampage

We can salvage your car if the damage is not too bad.

The headlights on vintage cars have low voltage.

He left a message in some strange language.

Sewage smells even worse than silage.

**DECODING** ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

pasture	future	nature	feature	<input type="checkbox"/>
tried	pries	applies	supplier	<input type="checkbox"/>
village	garbage	message	postage	<input type="checkbox"/>
special	central	social	cistern	<input type="checkbox"/>
package	voyage	blockage	vintage	<input type="checkbox"/>
posture	cure	pleasure	torture	<input type="checkbox"/>
retries	flier	plied	driest	<input type="checkbox"/>
savage	passage	cottage	luggage	<input type="checkbox"/>
diversion	intention	sensation	pension	<input type="checkbox"/>
cinnamon	cinder	success	recent	<input type="checkbox"/>
drainage	shortage	manage	salvage	<input type="checkbox"/>
relies	fried	retried	pliable	<input type="checkbox"/>
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damage	cabbage	breakage	baggage	<input type="checkbox"/>
pure	picture	insure	creature	<input type="checkbox"/>
marriage	sausage	bandage	voltage	<input type="checkbox"/>
denial	applies	drier	spied	<input type="checkbox"/>
wreckage	rampage	coverage	sewage	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Wordbuilder

close      enclose      enclosure     

broke      broken      unbroken     

dent      accident      accidental      accidentally     

cover      recover      recovering     

ease      disease      diseased      undiseased     

All those glasses were broken accidentally.     

My uncle is still recovering from a nasty disease.     

When we have finished riding, we put our horses back  
in the enclosure.     

*cess*      necessary      unnecessary      unnecessarily     

*mit*      commit      committee     

miss      mission      permission     

fine      final      finally     

count      counter      encounter      encountered     

vent      event      eventful      eventfully      uneventfully     

I hate all this unnecessary homework.     

The day passed uneventfully and we were all bored.     

The planning committee finally gave us permission to  
put up a fence.     

Yesterday we encountered some friends on our walk  
in the park.

bear, wear, tear, swear, lie, tie, pie

Did you get enough \_\_\_\_\_ pie?

cabbage      cottage      sewage

Do you have to wear a \_\_\_\_ to school?

sausage      sign      tie

Have you seen any bears \_\_\_\_\_?

dancing      flying      laughing

Our cabbages all \_\_\_\_\_ of some strange blight.

died      fried      spied

Bart was expelled from school for \_\_\_\_\_ at a teacher.

swearing      tearing      wearing

If you are tired, you \_\_\_\_\_ to go and lie down.

thought      should      ought

James could hardly wait to \_\_\_\_\_ open the package.

tough      touch      tear

Uncle Cecil bought some vintage wines at an \_\_\_\_\_.

action      auction      adventure

**FLUENCY READING**

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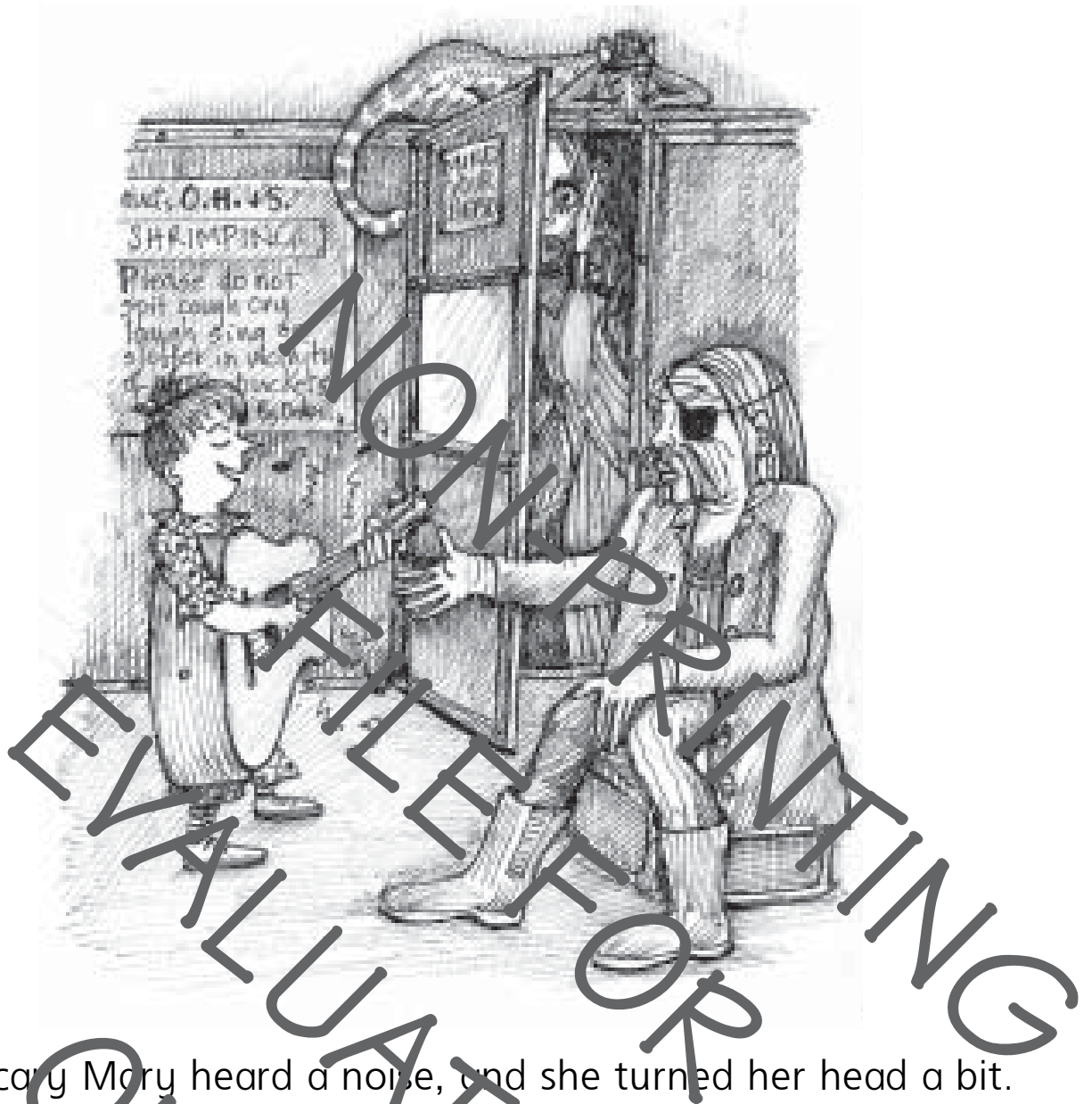
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slime	march	yore	lodge	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
true	tawny	skew	coal	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
flit	explode	chew	five	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
harp	yew	new	lice	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
fair	coil	brew	Luke	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
fright	pewt	herb	applaud	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
hue	wife	disgrace	bour	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
pew	came	stew	shawl	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
oil	shorn	Sue	turf	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
rue	ode	queer	scotch	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
glue	drawn	grew	lay	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆
rule	predate	flue	hew	<input type="checkbox"/> ☆ ☆

## Mark's rock concert

Amanda the giant panda snored loudly as she slumped over the wheel, and the trawler carried on sailing around in tight little circles. Cecil the special civet told Mark, "I will go and hide behind the door, and and then you must start playing your guitar. As soon as Jolly Roger and Scary Mary come out to see who is making all the noise, I will slip in their cabin and steal the keys to the raw prawn hold."

Mark could barely manage to lift the guitar, let alone play it. But he thought that if Froid the pet snail could play a guitar, then so could he. He put his fingers on the strings and started strumming. Amanda woke up, but she fell to the deck with an almighty crash and knocked herself out. The cabin door swung open, and Jolly Roger and Scary Mary came out.

"What on earth is all this commotion?" shouted Scary Mary. "I am a rock star," Mark mumbled, "and I came here to entertain you. Life on a rusty old trawler can be awfully boring." Jolly Roger said, "Well, I don't care much for rock. I prefer garage myself."



Scary Mary heard a noise, and she turned her head a bit. "Jolly Roger, can't you do anything right? The cat has just got out!" Jolly Roger replied, "But we haven't got a cat. I swear we haven't." Scary Mary said, "Don't lie to me, Jolly Roger, or you will die. I just saw a cat running out of the cabin. He was wearing a moustache and bright red lipstick. I don't know what you do to your pets. Dressing them up is cruel."

While they were arguing, Mark slipped out from behind the guitar and started to sneak away. He had to crawl over Amanda's huge body, but she was snoring so loudly that Scary Mary and Jolly Roger did not hear him escape. He went down the ladder to the main deck, and then down the hatch to the raw prawn hold. Cecil the special civet was there, trying to open the lock. His moustache had slipped, so that now he was wearing a false beard. "Dear me," he said, "none of these keys work."

Do you think cats should wear red lipstick?

### Word Search

r	e	p	u	t	a	t	i	o	n
e	e	n	r	p	a	n	d	a	o
c	i	s	t	e	r	n	t	t	i
e	a	s	t	i	c	o	g	s	s
i	t	u	t	o	r	i	a	l	i
v	u	l	t	u	r	e	s	r	e
e	c	o	m	p	l	e	t	e	s
r	c	i	n	n	a	m	o	n	t

panda east  
 noisiest cog  
 entire gas  
 tangle oats  
 cistern ants  
 tutorial precise  
 receiver uproar  
 restore vultures  
 cinnamon  
 completes  
 reputation

## Soft 'g'

strange stranger danger change changed

changing gentle gerbil magic gypsy

The stranger changed our tyre very quickly.

In time of war, a spy lives a life of great danger.

Please be gentle with my gerbil.

I like to watch the gypsy perform her magic show.

gesture giant George German general

You should never make rude gestures at a giant.

King George was our first German king.

Some people think that General Studies are a waste of time.

midget genius geniuses gently gadget

ginger gin register college algebra

Our kitchen is full of useless gadgets.

A midget is a very small person.

You must play very gently with a young kitten.

My uncle Cecil likes to relax with a glass of gin and ginger ale.

In the Great War, many German generals were geniuses.

Our teacher has already taken the register.

**DECODING** ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

excel	decide	civil	cycle	<input type="checkbox"/>
cottage	blockage	silage	language	<input type="checkbox"/>
strange	changing	gesture	midget	<input type="checkbox"/>
fries	cried	denies	replied	<input type="checkbox"/>
ginger	danger	magic	gypsy	<input type="checkbox"/>
succeed	civic	accident	special	<input type="checkbox"/>
postage	luggage	bandage	manage	<input type="checkbox"/>
change	gerbil	George	gin	<input type="checkbox"/>
insurance	departure	exposure	capture	<input type="checkbox"/>
relied	implies	spied	pliers	<input type="checkbox"/>
gentle	stranger	giant	gadget	<input type="checkbox"/>
package	voyage	garbage	sausage	<input type="checkbox"/>
babies	noisiest	priest	thieves	<input type="checkbox"/>
changed	German	genius	college	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cecil	centre	necessary	century	<input type="checkbox"/>
general	register	algebra	fidget	<input type="checkbox"/>
coverage	shortage	wreckage	vintage	<input type="checkbox"/>
gently	lodger	image	geniuses	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Wordbuilder

gent      gentle      gentlemen     

gent      urgent      urgently     

quest      request      requested     

*gest*      suggest      suggestion     

All gentlemen are urgently requested to make some suggestions.     

gin      imagine      imaginary     

*gest*      digest      digestion      indigestion     

gin      engine      engineer      engineering     

logic      logical      logically      illogically     

Many young children have imaginary friends.     

If you eat too fast, you are sure to get indigestion.     

My uncle George studied engineering in college.     

Studying algebra teaches you to think logically.     

*cide*      decide      decided      undecided     

*cept*      accept      acceptable      unacceptable     

gin      origin      original      originally     

*gest*      suggest      suggestion     

We have decided to accept your original suggestion.

young, country, couple, touch, laugh, build, built

Our Uncle George built a house in the \_\_\_\_\_ .

couple                  caution                  country

Please don't touch my guitar—you might \_\_\_\_\_ it.

manage                  damage                  salvage

Maud studied algebra in \_\_\_\_\_ .

cottage                  college                  cabbage

The builders have just laid the \_\_\_\_\_ for our new cottage.

foundations                  suggestions                  digestion

No matter how hard I tried, I never managed to speak \_\_\_\_\_ .

gerbil                  general                  German

The young genius had many original \_\_\_\_\_.

laughs                  ideas                  lies

You ought to pay more attention to your mother's \_\_\_\_\_.

imagination                  gadgets                  suggestions

Is Spike tough enough to \_\_\_\_\_ down the door?

break                  busy                  bear

**FLUENCY READING**

Pass: 15 sec.     Bonus: 10 sec.     Double Bonus: 7 sec.

dosh	gore	street	scrape	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
split	scrawl	oak	stretch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
gruel	churn	thrash	serve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
sprite	squint	skewer	ketch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
deer	poach	shrimp	argue	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
throne	grill	Norse	screed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
straw	scram	Jew	hoard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
stage	squeeze	throve	three	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
nail	seep	spew	splodge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
spring	cue	leer	shrub	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
strive	strip	paunch	Tay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
throb	trews	squirt	strut	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
lock	shrine	lore	shred	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## George the German gerbil

Cecil the special civet had taken the wrong keys, so he could not open the door to the raw prawn hold. Mark went to the ventilation shaft so he could give the bad news to Sue the gruesome stoker. Sue was disappointed, and she said, "You must go down to the boiler room and look under the pile of oily rags. That is where George the German gerbil lives. He is very shy, but he is a genius. Tell him you have a message from Sue. If you give him a spicy sausage, he will trust you."

Mark turned away from the ventilation shaft and saw Scary Mary chasing Cecil the special civet with a broom. "You horrible cat!" she shouted, "You stole my cinnamon toast. If I ever manage to catch you, I will make you into cat stew!" But Cecil was too quick for Scary Mary, and he ran up the mast. Mark took advantage of this distraction to slip off to the boiler room.

Leif the chief thief was supposed to be stoking the boilers, but he had fallen asleep. The fire in the boiler was almost out, and the trawler was dead in the water again. Mark took a few lighters from Leif's pockets, and he didn't twitch.



So Mark reckoned it was safe to talk to George the German gerbil. He went to the pile of oily rags and said, "I have a message from Sue. She said you would like a spicy sausage but even if I could find one I would have eaten it myself, for I am a very, very hungry boy. But Sue said you were a genius, and you would know what to do."

A little furry nose poked out from under the oily rags. A little pair of glasses was perched on that nose, for gerbils are very short-sighted. "Yes, I am a genius," said George, "but I am very shy. I will have to hide in your dress or I will not leave the boiler room."

So Mark took George the German gerbil and tucked him under his dress. George was covered in shredded newspaper, for he was a gerbil. Mark told him everything that had happened, and then George replied, "Why it is all very simple. I have a plan that will save us all. First, we must go and get you friend Cecil down from the mast. Secret policemen are good at climbing up things, but they are not so good at getting down. Once we get him down, I will tell you what we can do."

Do you think that gerbils speak with a German accent?

### Word Search

g	e	r	b	i	l	c	a	r	e
e	e	f	o	r	e	s	t	o	s
r	a	o	a	m	a	i	n	s	a
m	a	r	r	i	a	g	e	e	u
a	t	c	l	g	e	n	i	u	s
n	e	e	d	y	e	a	a	n	a
v	o	y	a	g	e	l	e	g	g
q	u	b	r	e	a	k	a	g	e

george      mains  
 signal      boar  
 early      rose  
 gerbil      ate  
 genius      tea  
 manage      care  
 raging      leg  
 forest      need  
 voyage      force  
 sausage      german  
 marriage  
 breakage

# Mastery Test

Any pupil who does not pass this test must go back to page 117. 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.

gentleman      magic      accident      cottage     

shortage      suggestion      gerbil      committee     

package      voyage      logical      gadget     

register      garbage      bandage      original     

**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 should never make rude gestures at a German giant.

Could you manage some more sausage and cabbage?

Do geniuses generally drink gin and ginger ale?

The caller left a message in some strange language.

## ph, Hard 'ch'

phone      telephone      photo      photograph     

physical      physics      dolphin      alphabet     

pheasant      orphan      nephew      elephant     

Sue fancies taking some photos of the elephant.     

I tried to reach you on your cell phone, but it was busy.     

You can't learn to read if you don't learn the alphabet.     

In the country, many gentlemen shoot pheasants.     

Peter tries to get some physical exercise every day.     

school      Christmas      stomach      ache     

chemist      chemistry      mechanic      technical     

schedule      scheme      character      anchor     

Steve came home from school with a stomach ache.     

Marge always gets enough presents for Christmas.     

The chemist can give you some pills to relieve your indigestion.     

I believe that Arthur studied chemistry in school.     

Maud was late because she couldn't read the bus schedule.     

Martin learned how to be a mechanic at technical college.     

The ship rode out the storm at anchor.

**DECODING** ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

tried	reliable	denial	supplies	<input type="checkbox"/>
urgent	suggest	imagine	digest	<input type="checkbox"/>
phone	chemist	pheasant	school	<input type="checkbox"/>
salvage	village	voltage	language	<input type="checkbox"/>
schedule	physical	Christmas	orphan	<input type="checkbox"/>
retries	pries	undeniable	driest	<input type="checkbox"/>
engine	logic	origin	gadget	<input type="checkbox"/>
chemistry	photo	scheme	dolphin	<input type="checkbox"/>
necessary	access	cycle	cinnamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
damage	sewage	breakage	cabbage	<input type="checkbox"/>
nephew	stomach	physics	mechanic	<input type="checkbox"/>
changes	German	college	gently	<input type="checkbox"/>
rapture	feature	rapture	nature	<input type="checkbox"/>
character	physics	ache	alphabet	<input type="checkbox"/>
permission	auction	commotion	digestion	<input type="checkbox"/>
elephant	technical	photograph	anchor	<input type="checkbox"/>
register	ginger	gerbil	magic	<input type="checkbox"/>
chemical	dolphin	orphan	Chris	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Wordbuilder

photo      photograph      photographic     

quip      equip      equipment     

*pense*      expense      expensive      inexpensive     

vent      venture      adventure      adventurous     

*dure*      endure      endurance     

Photographic equipment can be very expensive.     

This adventure holiday will be a real test of endurance.

believe      believable      unbelievable      unbelievably     

*gust*      disgust      disgusting      disgustingly     

muse      amuse      amusing      amusingly     

verse      converse      conversation     

Their curries are unbelievably disgusting.     

Mother had an amusing conversation with her nephew.

*rupt*      disrupt      disruption      disruptions     

cess      necessary      unnecessary     

A naughty child can cause a lot of disruption at school.

I hate all this unnecessary homework.

fruit, juice, suit, cruise, bruise, island

Uncle George went on a \_\_\_\_\_ to Christmas Island.

cruise                      choose                      shoot

Did you get enough fruit \_\_\_\_\_ to drink?

junk                      juice                      juice

My uncle Cecil has to wear a \_\_\_\_\_ and tie to work.

search                      sign                      suit

If you play \_\_\_\_\_ games, you might get a bruise.

hear                      rough                      break

Our \_\_\_\_\_ only works on German cars.

mechanic                      chemist                      character

The police caught the thieves \_\_\_\_\_ into our garage.

breaking                      building                      swearing

You ought to pick some \_\_\_\_\_ so we can bake a pie.

juice                      fruit                      idea

Which suit did Carl wear when he got \_\_\_\_\_?

worried                      hurried                      married

***FLUENCY READING***

Pass: 15 sec.     Bonus: 10 sec.     Double Bonus: 7 sec.

duel            tight            splat            soy             ☆ ☆

slew            thrill            grate            scrimp             ☆ ☆

cheek            August            spruce            value             ☆ ☆

quince            lair            splint            flute             ☆ ☆

thrip            blue            quoin            scratch             ☆ ☆

scruffy            thwack            male            par             ☆ ☆

dewy            Jude            awe            expose             ☆ ☆

oar            waif            stripe            awning             ☆ ☆

pride            Tuesday            wick            Jane             ☆ ☆

waiter            bulge            fail            bairn             ☆ ☆

scrumpy            muse            cruel            dislike             ☆ ☆

lain            quid            staunch            became             ☆ ☆

shrank            maudlin            chore            unsafe             ☆ ☆

## Liberation at last

Mark tucked George the German gerbil firmly under his dress, and went back up on deck. Scary Mary had got tired of chasing Cecil the special civet, and she was nowhere to be seen. Cecil was still perched on top of the mast. German George the gerbil said to Mark, "Well, we can't very well call out the fire brigade. You must ask Cecil to drop his keys down to us." After Mark did this, Cecil said, "Why certainly you can have the keys. But please do not forget and leave me up here. Secret policemen just cannot climb down."



George said to Mark, "Now we will set my scheme into action. Let us go and unlock the cider store, and the rum store too. After that, we will go down to the boiler room and tell Leif the chief thief. He will be delighted with the news."

Very soon, all the pirates were roaring drunk again. Jolly Roger and Scary Mary came down from the bridge, but none of the pirates paid them a blind bit of attention. Mark and George were hiding in the anchor locker, and George said, "Now is our chance. We must hurry up to their cabin and get the keys to the raw prawn hold. Jolly Roger has hidden them in the toilet cistern." Mark was amazed. "How do you know that?" he asked. George tapped his furry little nose and said, "I am a genius. That is why."

Mark raced up to the cabin and lifted the lid on the toilet cistern. Sure enough, there was a key wired to the ballcock. He hurried down to the raw prawn hold, and much to his surprise, the key opened the lock. Sue the gruesome stoker rushed out and hugged Mark in her big beefy arms. "Mark my lad, you have saved the day again. I sure hope you have had some lunch." Poor George (the German gerbil)

was still tucked in Mark's dress, and they could hear him squeak, "Help! you should never crush a genius!"

Sue stormed up to the main deck, followed by Maud, Nate, Neal and the loyal crew. Sue bellowed out, "You have a choice. You can take your rum and cider down to the raw prawn hold, or I will throw you to the sharks." The pirates were frozen with fear. Sue stared Leif the chief thief right in the eye and started towards him. Suddenly all the pirates started grabbing kegs of cider and rum and running down to the raw prawn hold.

Do you think everyone has forgotten Cecil?

### Word Search

p	h	p	t	o	g	r	a	p	h
h	c	s	t	o	m	a	c	h	c
e	i	r	t	h	d	w	h	y	h
a	r	r	u	r	e	a	e	s	e
s	c	h	e	m	e	r	y	i	m
a	l	p	h	a	b	e	t	c	i
n	e	p	h	e	w	s	t	a	s
t	e	c	h	n	i	c	a	l	t

circle  
physical  
nephews  
scheme  
street  
stomach  
pheasant  
alphabet  
photograph  
technical  
other  
aware  
ache  
hire  
today  
why  
chemist  
crumbs

## -ion: Part 3

motion    promotion    emotion    reflection    section   

You must hold on tightly while the train is in motion.

Bruce works very hard and he deserves a promotion.

You should never get carried away by your emotions.

I can see your reflection in the mirror.

Have you read the sports section of the newspaper yet?

admission    explosion    collision    election    mansion   

The police might take your words as an admission of guilt.

The gas explosion woke us up at eight o'clock.

Clive didn't have a chance of avoiding that collision.

My Uncle Cecil votes in every election.

Do all pop stars live in huge mansions?

partition    division    population    suspicion    aviation   

My father built a partition across our bedroom to stop us fighting.

A good maths teacher can show you how to do long division.

France and Britain have roughly the same population.

I have a suspicion that our cat is the thief.

Tim studies aviation because he wants to join the Royal Air Force.

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silage	marriage	baggage	drainage	<input type="checkbox"/>
alphabet	anchor	telephone	scheme	<input type="checkbox"/>
elephant	ache	nephew	character	<input type="checkbox"/>
motion	section	admission	partition	<input type="checkbox"/>
original	suggestion	engineer	midget	<input type="checkbox"/>
reflection	explosion	division	emotion	<input type="checkbox"/>
passage	savage	message	rampage	<input type="checkbox"/>
photograph	technical	school	physics	<input type="checkbox"/>
collision	population	promotion	election	<input type="checkbox"/>
spies	flier	pliable	supplier	<input type="checkbox"/>
giant	magical	genius	algebra	<input type="checkbox"/>
mansion	division	suspicion	aviation	<input type="checkbox"/>
chemistry	physical	Chris	pheasant	<input type="checkbox"/>
exciting	civilise	access	decide	<input type="checkbox"/>
conclusion	liberation	disruption	conversation	<input type="checkbox"/>
postage	voyage	wreckage	carriage	<input type="checkbox"/>
distraction	caution	foundation	digestion	<input type="checkbox"/>
photo	schedule	dolphin	stomach	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Wordbuilder

form      inform      information     

stand      understand      understanding     

*dict*      dictate      dictation     

What is the use of all this information if you don't understand it?     

We had to write ten lines from dictation.     

*fect*      perfect      perfection      perfectionist     

exam      examine      examination     

*cess*      success      successful      successfully     

Steve takes forever because he is such a perfectionist.     

Jess sat her examinations successfully.     

ploy      employ      employed      unemployed     

port      transport      transportation     

mend      commend      recommend      recommendation     

Jake is still unemployed because he has no transportation.     

If you do a good job, I will give you a recommendation to my friends.     

*rect*      direct      direction      directions     

lead      leading      misleading     

We got lost because our directions were misleading.

bear, wear, tear, swear, lie, tie, pie

The flowers all died after the heavy \_\_\_\_\_.

fought      trouble      frost

I could swear that the thief was \_\_\_\_\_ a blue suit.

warning      wearing      warming

The pirates hid their \_\_\_\_\_ on a lonely island.

treasure      trouble      smarties

That photograph of me is so bad that I decided to \_\_\_\_\_ it up.

tie      tear      sign

Does he always get caught out telling \_\_\_\_\_?

flies      lies      triss

The bridge was built to \_\_\_\_\_ a heavy load.

bear      bought      break

This woollen cloth feels rough to the \_\_\_\_\_.

tough      torch      touch

It only hurts when I \_\_\_\_\_.

lunch      laugh      lurk

***FLUENCY READING***

Pass: 15 sec.     Bonus: 10 sec.     Double Bonus: 7 sec.

strew	wifely	sprayed	quern	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
brace	smartly	splutter	skate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
bait	exclude	fewer	shrunk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
redrawn	wisely	morn	thrip	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
defraud	shameless	hewn	reel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
beginning	thrush	quid	prepay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
pore	check	strapless	spiteful	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
strew	scrunch	tail	gaunt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
useful	splitting	dawned	cork	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
unmade	clue	foam	sprightly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
seer	thick	grunge	throaty	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
screw	shrill	queen	unwise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
thaw	strewing	ensue	screed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Conclusion: Lunch!!!

All of the pirates were safely locked in the raw prawn hold when Mark said, "Has anyone seen Scary Mary? She must be hiding somewhere." Then Scary Mary crawled out of the life-boat. She was holding the gun that Mark had hidden. "Now you will pay, Gruesome Sue," she sneered. "Now I will feed you and that horrible little girl to the sharks. If you do not jump over the side, I will shoot you both. Get moving!" she screamed.



Mark laughed. "Go ahead and shoot," he said. "I am not afraid of you." Mark walked slowly towards Scary Mary. She started shaking. "I'll shoot! I really will!" she screamed. She could not believe that this little child was walking towards her. She edged back, and then she tripped on an empty cider keg. Gruesome Sue rushed in and grabbed the gun and threw it over the side. She picked up Scary Mary by the scruff of the neck and carried her down to the raw prawn hold, and locked her up with the rest of the pirates. Nate the first mate hauled down the sign of the vulture, and gave it to Mark. "After all you have done, you certainly deserve to keep this." Cecil the special civet was still at the top of the mast, crying out, "You can't leave a secret policeman up here!"

Soon the trawler was back to normal. Maudlin Maud was on the bridge, crying for joy now that she had her trawler back. Nate the first mate was barking orders, and Neal the real seal was getting ready to trawl for more prawns. Gruesome Sue was down in the boiler room with Mark, and after they got the fires going again they sat down for a mug of sweet tea. George the German gerbil was back in his pile of oily rags, happily shredding up newspaper.



"You are a very brave lad, Mark. How could you be sure she wouldn't pull the trigger?" Mark said, "I couldn't be sure. But I knew the gun was empty, because I checked it after I took it from Jolly Peger." Sue laughed.

"Well, you are still a brave boy. Now we have the boilers going, you must go and get some lunch. You must be very hungry by now.

So Mark went up to the bridge to see if he could get some lunch. The mess decks were empty, because Amanda the giant panda and Scary Mary were both locked up in the raw prawn hold. Just as he came up on the bridge, the lookout shouted, "Ahoy! There is a boat just ahead. It looks like a hunch-backed horse is rowing it!" Mark rushed to the rail, and sure enough, there was Hank. He was still in the boat that belonged to Smudge, the batty cat in the flat cap. Mark said, "That is Hank the hunch-backed horse, and he is an old mate of mine. I'll bet he is lost". Maud stopped the trawler and Hank came alongside.

Mark was really glad to see Hank again. Hank said, "Floyd the faultless fish is always getting lost. I have been rowing for days, and I am rather thirsty. Do you have any fruit juice?" (Hank was on the wagon.)



After he had a drink, Hank told them about an island he had found. Maud said, "I think we will go to that island and leave the pirates there. Then they can dig for treasure until the coast guard or the police pick them up!" Maud laughed for the first time on this cruise.

Mark asked if he could have some lunch. Maud said, "Why you can go have anything you like. I think the fridge is still full of food." Mark said, "I have been in the fridge, and all the food is a year or two past its use-by date. Is there nothing else to eat?" Nate the first mate said, "I will share my last tin of dog food with you. I think it is rabbit

and turkey.” At last, Hank said, “Why don’t you just turn back your watch? Sooner or later, you will get back to some place where there is some nosh.” Mark replied, “What a good idea. But I must say goodbye to Sue the gruesome stoker first.”

Soon Mark was back at the pub, but Dawn had nothing but hedgehog crisps for him to eat. He turned his watch back again, and next they were at the church by the strange bridge. Smudge, the batty cat with the flat cap, had nothing but freshly caught mice to feed him. Next, they got on the train set that belonged to Mike the loan shark. The first-class carriage was very comfortable, but the large man with a badge was out of cakes.

Mark turned back the hands again, and they were in the junk cars by the creepy marsh, but Jake the fake snake had run away with Groan, the croaking toad. Mark made Hank promise to get a cell phone so they could send text messages, and then at last he got back to Bart’s shack. Vern was just waking up, and Froid peeked out of his shell. Bart was using a hair drier, because he was tired of being a damp dog.

Vern said, "Have you seen Herb the sharp shark? He might loan me his bus pass, and then we could go home." Bart said, "I think Groin the grey-green goat ate it. Maybe this little girl has one." Mark turned back the hands of his watch one more time, so he could be a boy again. No sooner did he have his shorts and his shirt back, than his watch broke. "Now how can we get back home?" he asked Vern. "I am almost starved to death." Vern said, "Well, you can fly if you try."



Soon Mark was back home, with a loaf and some milk for his lunch. His mum made him a lovely ham sandwich and a nice bowl of stew. Just as he was sitting down to eat, he felt a big sneeze coming. He pulled out his hankie, and his mum said, "Why there is a picture of a vulture on your hankie. Where on earth did you get that?"

Do you think Mark is still hungry?

Word Search

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