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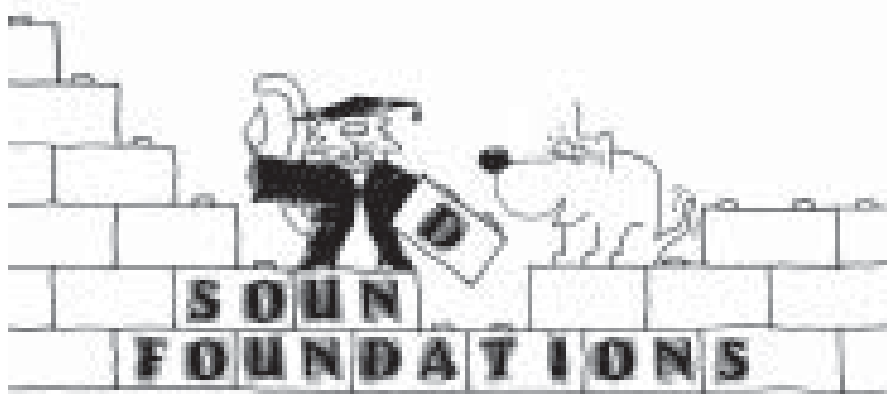
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The Ground Rules:

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:

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 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 flashcards:

There are two sets of flashcards. The first one is printed on green card. You will use this set right at the beginning. The second set, printed on blue card, is not used until you finish Level 2.

Cut up the green flashcards along the lines printed on the back. It is important to cut them accurately—the cards are hard to handle if they are all different sizes.

All the flashcards are numbered. It is important to teach them in order—the lowest number first. First, you must find out which sounds your pupil already knows. Present the flashcards one at a time, and ask what sound the letter makes. If the pupil gives the letter name, say

“That’s the *name* of the letter. But what *sound* does it make?”

If the pupil says the right sound, ‘give’ him the card by putting it in a pile in front of him. When you have finished going through the flashcards, this pile will go into the pocket inside the front cover of the book, and he will practice these every day. This will help him respond quickly and automatically.

Keep a separate pile for all the flashcards he doesn’t know. These will go into the pocket inside the back cover. You will introduce these—starting with the lowest numbered card. Most pupils can learn a new sound every day. If your pupil is severely dyslexic, 2 or 3 a week is about right.

Introducing a new sound:

Go through the cards in the back pocket and pick out the one with the lowest number. This is your new sound for the day. Present this card to the pupil and say;

“This card makes the sound *xx*. What sound?”

Make sure he pronounces the sound correctly. If he has a speech defect, make sure that he pronounces it the same as he does in a word.

Then pick out three more flashcards that the pupil already knows well. Mix the new card in with them, and keep presenting them until the new sound is pronounced correctly every time. If the pupil is really having problems, just shuffle it back one place. That way, he doesn't have to remember it for very long.

The next day, the pupil may well have forgotten the new sound. If he does, just tell him what it is, get him to repeat it and then shuffle the card back one place. That way, he will get it right the second time, and it will not worry him. In a few days, he should get it right the first time he sees it.

Any time your pupil gets a sound wrong, just tell him what the sound is, and then shuffle the card back one place. **Never, never** make a big deal of it. The whole point of ***FAST TRACK*** is to make reading easy. If a pupil doesn't say the right answer straight away, you must tell him what it is—and then make him repeat it.

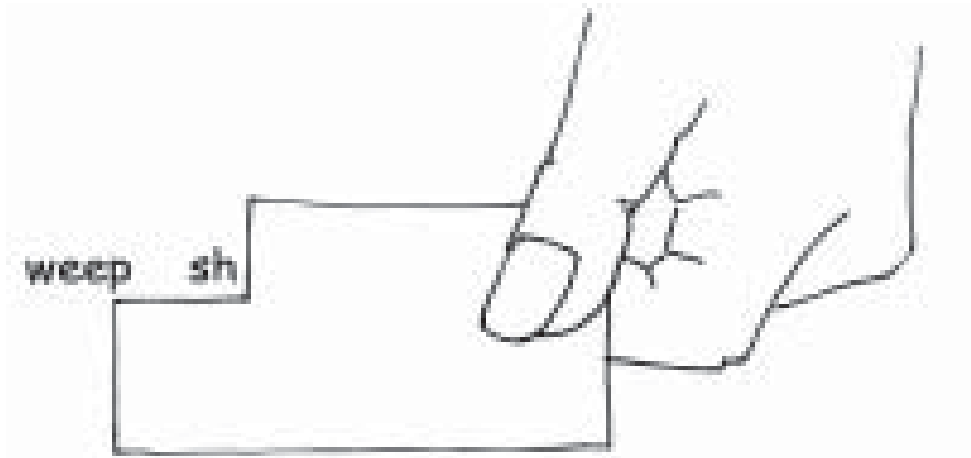
When do I stop using the green flashcards?

When the pupil can say the sounds quicker than you can flip the flashcards, you can stop using them. Usually, you will have to keep on using the digraphs (two-letter flashcards) for a bit longer.

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.)

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

Decoding Power Pages:

These exercises are the 'secret ingredient' of ***FAST TRACK***. 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 9.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

Always use the cursor!

gut egg jet cop

sell leg hog van

mop hen nod lip

pit off bug cab

hot till job men

pin set can tell

did mess puff kill

has yet box gun

cut bt bea cat

dot fog sub jazz

lot vat hill lass

net tax ham fit

ee, ar, sh

see seem car cart

wish ship bar barn

Shep park meet Carl

bark dark Josh shut

Mark keep Bart shed

weeds yard seen Barb

Can Bart see in the dark?

Did Shep bark at the fat cop?

Josh shut his cart in the shed.

Will Carl meet Max in the park?

Can Mark keep his red car in the barn?

Has Barb seen the weeds in the yard?

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

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

add dud jut pug

bee shop car wish

web rudd fuss ebb

ken pun wed biff

need farm meet dark

hiss Ben ell kit

rap wig boff huss

ship keep see cash

col gg mix ted

sat jug zap met

jam pig hut tub

six tug dad zip

er, ck, th

this withth her Herb

Jackck Jockck term Beth

bath duck maths kerb

Seth Mack teeth Mick

Vern lock pick shock

Merl sick muck thick

Herb got in the bath with his duck.

Beth did well in maths this term.

Tell Mick that his shark has sharp teeth.

Mack and Seth will sit on the kerb.

Will Jock and Vern pick the lock for you?

Merl will feel sick if the muck is thick.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

Always use the cursor!

yon mitt bid fen

jerk that tick duck

week rush bark sheep

bib fad luff Jess

herd than with nerd

hard posh been sham

wen moss corn gob

back deck thin Serb

part mash deep far

gas kiss hum miss

wax hit fat hex

dug got had fin

or, ch, qu

Norm chip quiz rich

quick Seth north march

forth cheek quill duck

quack sick thorn porch

chop beech quit such

quern Chuck torch much

The Queen has had my fish and chips.

Why did that sheep get a thorn in its cheek?

Did Rich get sick much in my car?

Chuck will kill you if that duck quacks.

Did Norm chop up that beech tree?

Seth will march up north with you this week.

DECODING POWER PAGE

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

quick rich sort charm

Dick kerb Thor Perth

bar seen rash darn

quid porch quiff forth

Jack perm teeth thorp

cuff bod hem nub

worn chap quin nor

tern pith lick chuck

feed cart shun mark

fern moth thick pack

quack fork quit much

jar bash lee shin

oy, ai, oa, ay, oi

boy pay coat boil

pain road poach Fay

foil Roy Gail wait

coach coin joy paid

join boat Joan chain

Perth quail void moan

Did Joan pay you much for that chain?

Who are the boys on the coach to Perth?

If Joy has paid, she can join us on my boat.

If you hit Roy hard, he will be in pain.

If we wait, Fay will poach six eggs for us.

If Gail waits for the coach, she will need her coat.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

Always use the cursor!

weep shim weed darn

boy coat day rain

goth hers shock thill

tort quill perch chub

road join toy mail

nosh lard beet marsh

berg hack perk thorn

goat boil pain ray

chick quell torn ford

lag rid wit bob

verb thug path wack

queen North chock torn

air, eer, oar, ore

beer more Clair roar

fair soar cheer tore

air queer hoard core

chair board wore hair

peer pair boar gore

Who will go to get more beer for the boys?

Clair wore a red coat to go to the fair.

If it is dark, you can see bats soar in the air.

Gail wore a pair of red socks today.

If you feel a bit queer, you can go and sit
in that chair.

Fix that board on top of the chair and I will
cut his hair.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

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

vain soap coin bay

beer more fair roar

lark jeep harsh shut

foil goal may Roy

hair wore cheer board

pert mock terse chock

fail coach pay toil

sole pair jeer hoard

cord beech quack march

lag rid wit bob

verb thug path wack

queen north chock torn

Advanced Flashcards:

The advanced flashcards are printed on blue card. They should be cut up and used in just the same way as the basic flashcards. You should note that many of these cards represent two phonemes (eg, ‘ack & ake’), but you will model these without breaking them down.

This is the first introduction to the silent ‘e’ rule. You need not go into it at this stage, but it helps pupils get used to the spelling pattern. In any case, it is always best to keep the rules to a minimum.

Final Consonant Blends:

Most pupils master consonant blends easily, but in some cases this can be a serious problem. If your pupil is having trouble, you will find the following sheets of final consonant blends will help.

You will notice that the words are arranged in pairs. The first word is a CVC word, and the second is the same word with another consonant added. The first pair is

ten tent

By now your pupil will be able to read ‘ten’ with no trouble. He should be able to add the final consonant without too much difficulty. If he cannot, you will have to do a bit of oral blending for him. For instance, say the word ‘ten’—pause for a split second—and then add the final /t/. Then ask him what the word was. Obviously, you don’t give him a tick until he can do this entirely on his own.

Final Consonant Blends

ten tent bus bust

tan tank pin pink

pass past loss lost

hill hilt ran rant

sun sunk chum chump

gun gunk sill silk

shell shelf hem hemp

dam damo bell held

Bess best well Welsh

gull gulf pun punch

gas gasp bus busk

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

Always use the cursor!

chore seer chair soar

quern thick erse thug

bait foam Hoy quail

morn queen chard gorse

reel marl hash sharp

pore jeer hoard air

check verb lack with

tail day foal soil

cork chart quiz lord

heel art shall park

cos god nib ten

York larch quiz porch

Fluency Reading:

Timed readings will help your pupil read words quickly and automatically.

Frame the first word in the line with the cursor, and then say 'go'. Move the cursor as fast as the pupil can read. Record the time on the sheet, and tick the line off if the pupil reads every word within 10 seconds. The usual rules apply—if the pupil makes a mistake, you can move the cursor back and let him have another go, but you cannot give him any help. Model any word he gets stuck on and re-time that line the next day.

Story:

The story is intended as a reward, so if the pupil wants to control the cursor, he may. (This is *never* allowed on any other page.) There is no tick-box for this exercise but if the pupil struggles with a sentence, he should be encouraged to read it again. It may be a good idea to read the story twice to improve fluency. Model any words the pupil gets stuck on.

FLUENCY ***READING***

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

gut sell mop pit ☆ ☆

hot pin did has ☆ ☆

cut egg leg hen ☆ ☆

off till set mess ☆ ☆

yet bit jet hog ☆ ☆

nod bug job can ☆ ☆

puff box beg cop ☆ ☆

van lip cab men ☆ ☆

tell kill gun cat ☆ ☆

dot vat ham tax ☆ ☆

net hill lot fog ☆ ☆

On the way to the shop.

Mark was lost. His mum had sent him to get a loaf and milk for lunch. He went up the road to the shop, and then he met Vern. Vern was a big boy and he had a pet snail. "You must meet my snail," Vern said. "Froid is my pet snail. He just had beer and roast beef for lunch. See him sit in his chair and rest."

Vern let Mark pick up Froid, who was Vern's pet snail. Vern let Mark pick up his chair. "Froid has wet feet," said Mark. Vern said, "Why, yes, Froid is a snail!"

Next, we will tell you why Mark got lost.



oi air eer ore

joint pair more deer

chair queer point tore

moist wore cheer hair

We need some more chairs here.

The coat she wore is moist with the rain.

Joy went to the store to get some more foil.

There are six deer in the park.

Where did you get that pair of red socks?

Can you point to the boy who tore his vest?

You can sit in the chair if you feel a bit queer.

If Roy scores a goal, all the boys will cheer.

There are six joints of pork left.

DECODING POWER PAGE

kip	null	yam	bun	<input type="checkbox"/>
mink	weld	risk	past	<input type="checkbox"/>
hair	fore	peer	boar	<input type="checkbox"/>
ant	sing	fond	daft	<input type="checkbox"/>
joint	lore	fair	leer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joan	aim	roach	Fog	<input type="checkbox"/>
barn	lush	sash	seek	<input type="checkbox"/>
board	pair	moist	pore	<input type="checkbox"/>
pong	imp	lunch	went	<input type="checkbox"/>
nick	kerf	term	thug	<input type="checkbox"/>
worn	quench	chill	port	<input type="checkbox"/>
sung	punch	belt	end	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

jam six gas wax ☆ ☆

jug pig tug kiss ☆ ☆

ham zap hut dad ☆ ☆

hum fat had jazz ☆ ☆

zip miss hex fin ☆ ☆

sub lass fit jam ☆ ☆

six dug got hit ☆ ☆

yon jerk week bib ☆ ☆

mitt that rush fad ☆ ☆

bid tick bark luff ☆ ☆

fen duck sheep Jess ☆ ☆

Off to the tip.

Mark let Vern have his pet snail back. Froid the snail just sat in his chair and Vern let him rest. Vern said, "You must go to the tip with me. We can have lots of fun at the tip." Mark said, "But I must go to the shop and get a loaf and some milk for my lunch. Mum will be mad if I am not back." Vern said, "It will be quick if we fly. You can fly if you try!"



So Mark and Vern set off to fly to the tip. They got to the tip with Froid, the pet snail. The tip was big and it was full of junk. It had a pong of damp dog. "We can have lots of fun in that hill of moist muck!" said Vern.

Can you think why Mark got lost?

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

Always use the cursor!

jail soy oat quoit

beer more fair roar

born quilt chip for

moist wimp hang fact

verve teem mush hark

shore fair board deer

chimp bung ramp pink

huff bell odd lax

think erne muck chick

serf thank pick perch

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

mat map mud fox □ ★ ★

pill bud bet dux □ ★ ★

kid bed sip tap □ ★ ★

tan tip ran yell □ ★ ★

fell pan tag boss □ ★ ★

herd gas back dug □ ★ ★

Bart, the Junk-yard dog.

So Mark, Vern and Froid went to the hill of moist muck. Froid was just a short snail, so he had to go. Then they met Bart, the junk-yard dog. Bart had the pong of a damp dog. But then Bart *was* a damp dog. Bart said, "Will you join me for some roast toad? I have a pair of hot toads in my hill of moist muck."



Vern said, "Froid cannot have roast toad for he is a snail. Can we have a short shark?" Bart said, "The last short shark went off to see the queen. But you can have a sharp shark." Mark said, "Thank you so much, but I must tell my mum or she will be mad."

Next, you will see why Mark did not get his lunch.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

joint	kiln	dump	song	<input type="checkbox"/>
cot	lap	rut	bus	<input type="checkbox"/>
sore	pair	jeer	soar	<input type="checkbox"/>
yarn	gosh	feel	teen	<input type="checkbox"/>
chop	bort	quill	pork	<input type="checkbox"/>
zest	gasp	melt	chink	<input type="checkbox"/>
bill	rip	bad	hug	<input type="checkbox"/>
ore	lair	queer	roar	<input type="checkbox"/>
win	gaff	Max	rig	<input type="checkbox"/>
ring	quest	pelt	jilt	<input type="checkbox"/>
load	coy	quail	void	<input type="checkbox"/>
say	her	quit	coin	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

sum get dog pub ☆ ☆

bat sad hop log ☆ ☆

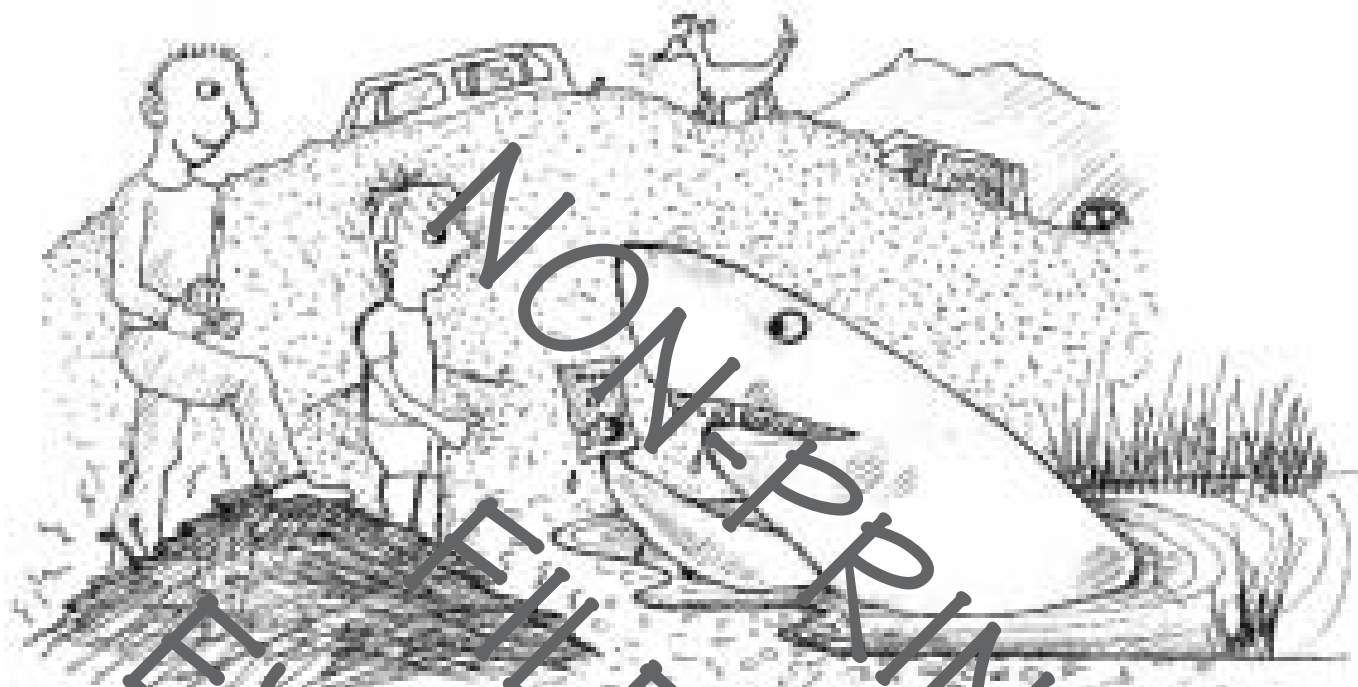
fad than posh moss ☆ ☆

fix big nut pop ☆ ☆

lit mum rug let ☆ ☆

Shark oil.

Mark went with Vern, Froid and Bart to the deep pond, where they met Herb. Herb was the sharp shark. "I am glad you are here for lunch," he said. "My back is sore and I need some oil. Here is ten quid for some oil." Bart said, "There are lots of junk cars here. I can go and drain some oil, then we can boil a joint of beef. I will bark if I get lost."



Then Froid fell off his chair into some moist muck. Vern said, "Can you see where Froid went?" Mark said, "Yes, he is in his shell. Shall I go and get my loaf and some milk?" But Bart was not back with the oil, so they had to ask Herb to wait in the deep pond. It was dark in his shell, so Froid went to sleep. "Who will tell my mum where I am?" Asked Mark.

Do you think Mark's mum was mad?

Initial Consonant Blends

stop play flag

drop glad swim

grab spell slip

brick clay trick

skill black crab

frog swot twin

snap dwell smug

skim Gwen twill

cram grin plot

snob pram fray

drip cliff spun

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

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

bunch elf foist bang

frog twin still snap

oat rail hoist bay

hat mid yes fed

clock flag pram swim

quell horn char cord

blot droll flock grit

lung chunk act vest

buck sock them her

twill slop green crab

sheer bore fair oar

pail quip horse joy

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

hid dig bad bell ☆ ☆

hug box rat nap ☆ ☆

fuzz pin bag hip ☆ ☆

with been con thin ☆ ☆

him pot cot lap ☆ ☆

rut bus not lad ☆ ☆

A crock of eels.

Mark and Vern left the deep pond to see where Bart had got to. Bart was a damp dog and damp dogs smell, so Mark and Vern just had to sniff. Herb the sharp shark had to stay in the deep pond, for he did not have a bus pass. Froid was still stuck in the moist muck, yet he still did not have his chair.



"I can smell a strong pong," said Vern, "so Bart must be here." But Bart was not here and he was not there. Mark said, "Here is a crock of eels. They smell a lot. They must be the things we can smell." Vern said, "Ask that eel if he has seen Bart, the junk-yard dog." But the eel did not say where Bart was. He just swam in his crock and stank. Mark said, "I must get back or my mum will tell the cops that I am lost."

Do you think that Mark was lost?

Initial Consonant Blends

fleet storm sleep start train

float creep spoil trail dress

swim Fred bleed play clock

a + way = away

Put the toys away and go to sleep.

I think Joan snores in her sleep.

We saw them start off up the trail at six o'clock.

Come here and play with my toy train.

Gail had some green snails for lunch.

You will spoil that dress if you bleed on it.

I think Joyce went away today.

I saw Fred creep up on the deer.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

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

prim grab drill blob

teeth hush chard shark

skid glut fled class

tuck perch maths neck

fee shot feet carp

chat ford tore quick

clink bluff grass plan

bath herb kick ruck

moan play gait coil

lore pair oar seer

tuft silk ask hump

parch fail leech hock

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

kin less cup bill ☆ ☆

rip dip doll hat ☆ ☆

mid yes fed gum ☆ ☆

sham gob far miss ☆ ☆

add bee web ken ☆ ☆

need hiss rap ship ☆ ☆

Groin, the gray-green goat.

Who do you think Mark and Vern ran in to on the way to the hill of moist muck? They met Groin, the gray-green goat, who wore his hair in a quiff. Vern said, "My pal Mark needs to get a loaf and some milk for his mum. Is there a store in this dump?"



Groin bit a chunk of brick and had a munch on some foil. Then he said, "You must ask Bart, the damp dog. I just have my lunch here."

Mark said, "We must go back to the deep pond and get Froid, the short snail. He must miss his chair." Groin, the gray-green goat said, "You must not trust Herb, the sharp shark, for he has no bus pass." So Vern paid Groin six coins for his torch and they went back on the trail to the deep pond.

Where do you think Bart, the junk-yard dog was?

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

crack	drip	glass	swig	<input type="checkbox"/>
woad	joint	stay	laid	<input type="checkbox"/>
chuck	verse	kith	peck	<input type="checkbox"/>
grip	flop	clam	skill	<input type="checkbox"/>
torch	corm	cheep	quit	<input type="checkbox"/>
tart	josh	yard	beef	<input type="checkbox"/>
pang	mend	nest	film	<input type="checkbox"/>
more	beer	Claire	hoard	<input type="checkbox"/>
loach	hay	loin	Cain	<input type="checkbox"/>
punch	soy	quilt	long	<input type="checkbox"/>
fore	sing	aim	lush	<input type="checkbox"/>
boar	daft	went	thug	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

farm Ben wig rid □ ☆ ☆

keep gig jut car □ ☆ ☆

fuss wed meet ell □ ☆ ☆

quid jack cuff worn □ ☆ ☆

boff see mix pug □ ☆ ☆

wish ebb biff dark □ ☆ ☆

kit huss cash Ted □ ☆ ☆

Mark and the shard.

Mark and Vern left Groin, the gray-green goat, who wore his hair in a quiff, and went off on the trail to the deep pond. On the way, Mark slid on some slick clay. He fell on a shard of glass and cut his arm.



Vern said, "I will put some mud on the cut so it will not bleed. It is not a bad cut, and I think you will live." Then they saw a damp dog come up the hill. "It must be Bart", said Mark, "I can tell by the smell."

Bart said, "I live in that smart shack on the steep hill. Come up the stairs with me and I will give you some lunch." But then Mark saw Froid, the short snail. He had green paint on his shell. He was still stuck in the moist muck.

Do you think Mark got his lunch?

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

Always use the cursor!

king aft bank champ

norm chit quilt inch

puck berth dock then

twig fret snip plum

Ark meek short tosh

elm dung mist quench

verse sack berth luck

peel arm shell seed

flap drop bran stab

sheer core fair boar

foil goad boy ail

shelf rung pond mint

Consonant blends

scarf shelf sweet point

free moist snarl twerp

braid blink gloat quoin

smart green stay think

rain + storm = rainstorm

The rainstorm has left the soil moist.

I saw your scarf by the green chair.

If you are smart, you will stay away today.

Could you tell your dog not to snarl?

Could you point to the deer you saw?

That twerp thinks the sweets are free.

Faith wore her hair in a green braid.

Could you put your torch back on the shelf?

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

yon jerk week bib □ ☆ ☆

herd hard den back □ ☆ ☆

part mitt that rush □ ☆ ☆

fad than posh moss □ ☆ ☆

deck mash bid tick □ ☆ ☆

bark luff with been □ ☆ ☆

con thin deep fen □ ☆ ☆

Beer with Bart.

Bart said that his shack was smart, for it had a coat of fresh paint. But it was big as well. They went up the stairs and at the top they saw Bart's maid. She had to mop up the muck and in a dump this can be a hard job.



"You can put Froid's chair here by this pail of snails." said Bart. "Here is the beer. If you wait, Meg the maid will bring you a glass. Then she will put lunch on the oak board by the stairs."

Mark said, "I am not a big boy, and my mum says I must not drink much beer. Can I have a glass of milk?" Vern said, "I am a big boy, and I drink lots of beer. Put my glass here. Cheers!"

Do you still think that Mark got his lunch?

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

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

quick kerb rash fifth

mort chug quench morse

part deep posh leek

swill glad brim drop

peep lard shed geese

loft junk kelp ink

shack perch Seth pick

brass grim spot swam

pair shore deer oar

Jock nerd them lock

tar baize tee noise

sung jail wimp moist

FLUENCY READING

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

buff buck fee nag ☆ ☆

bath dish tod puck ☆ ☆

peel mess sock shot ☆ ☆

teg seem duff berth ☆ ☆

arm them feet doff ☆ ☆

kick card will dock ☆ ☆

shell fib her carp ☆ ☆

cox ruck lash fid ☆ ☆

then seed fern quack ☆ ☆

duck sheep Jess nerd ☆ ☆

sham gob Herb far ☆ ☆

Mark has a bath.

Mark said, "Could I have a bath now? My hair is full of moist muck." Bart, the damp dog said, "You can go up the stairs and have a bath. Be quick now, or you will miss your lunch." So Mark went up the stairs. The stairs went up and up. They went up so far that Mark could see the stars in the sky.

At last Mark got to the bath. He got in the hot tub with some soap and had a long soak. Then he had to wait for Meg, the maid, who had some fresh socks. She said "Here, let me give you this dress to put on now." "But I am not a lass," Mark said. "I am a boy!" But Mark had to put on the dress, or he would have to go to lunch in just his socks.

Mark got back, but there was no lunch. Groin, the gray-green goat was there. The quiff in his hair was stiff with muck. "Have a munch on this board," he said. Vern, Bart and Froid drank the



beer, and they could not stand up. "Give a glass of beer to Herb," said Bart, "He cannot come up the stairs, for he is a sharp shark." Mark had to ask, "How did Herb get here? Has he paid ten quid for a bus pass?"

Do you think Mark will ever get his mum some milk and a loaf?

Do you think Mark will ever get some lunch?

Suffixes.

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

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

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

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

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

sleep	sleeping	tall	taller	<input type="checkbox"/>
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quick	quickly	rest	rested	<input type="checkbox"/>
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go	going	short	shorter	<input type="checkbox"/>
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hard	hardly	ask	asked	<input type="checkbox"/>
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cry	crying	small	smaller	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mark said that we must get going quickly.

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

Vern asked for a smaller bag of chips.

The taller boy was hardly crying at all.

Bart needs a shorter sleeping bag.

fish	fishing	hard	harder	<input type="checkbox"/>
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rain	raining	start	started	<input type="checkbox"/>
------	---------	-------	---------	--------------------------

miss	missed	hang	hanging	<input type="checkbox"/>
------	--------	------	---------	--------------------------

part	partly	munch	munched	<input type="checkbox"/>
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It has just started raining a lot harder.

Do you think we should go fishing or flying?

Ray missed the coat hanging on the back wall.

Max munched on his pork chop all day.

DECODING POWER PAGE

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

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

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 9), repeat each word until firm.

Reading the sentences:

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

should, would, could, how, now, your

Joan left her desk just now to get her ____.

coal coat coast

How did your car get a dent in the ____?

bath back bunk

Your dog should not be left in the ____.

lung pong car

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

quickly hardly partly

FLUENCY READING

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

bark luff with been ☆ ☆

duck sheep Jess nerd ☆ ☆

buff buck fee nag ☆ ☆

peel ness sock shot ☆ ☆

teg herb seem duff ☆ ☆

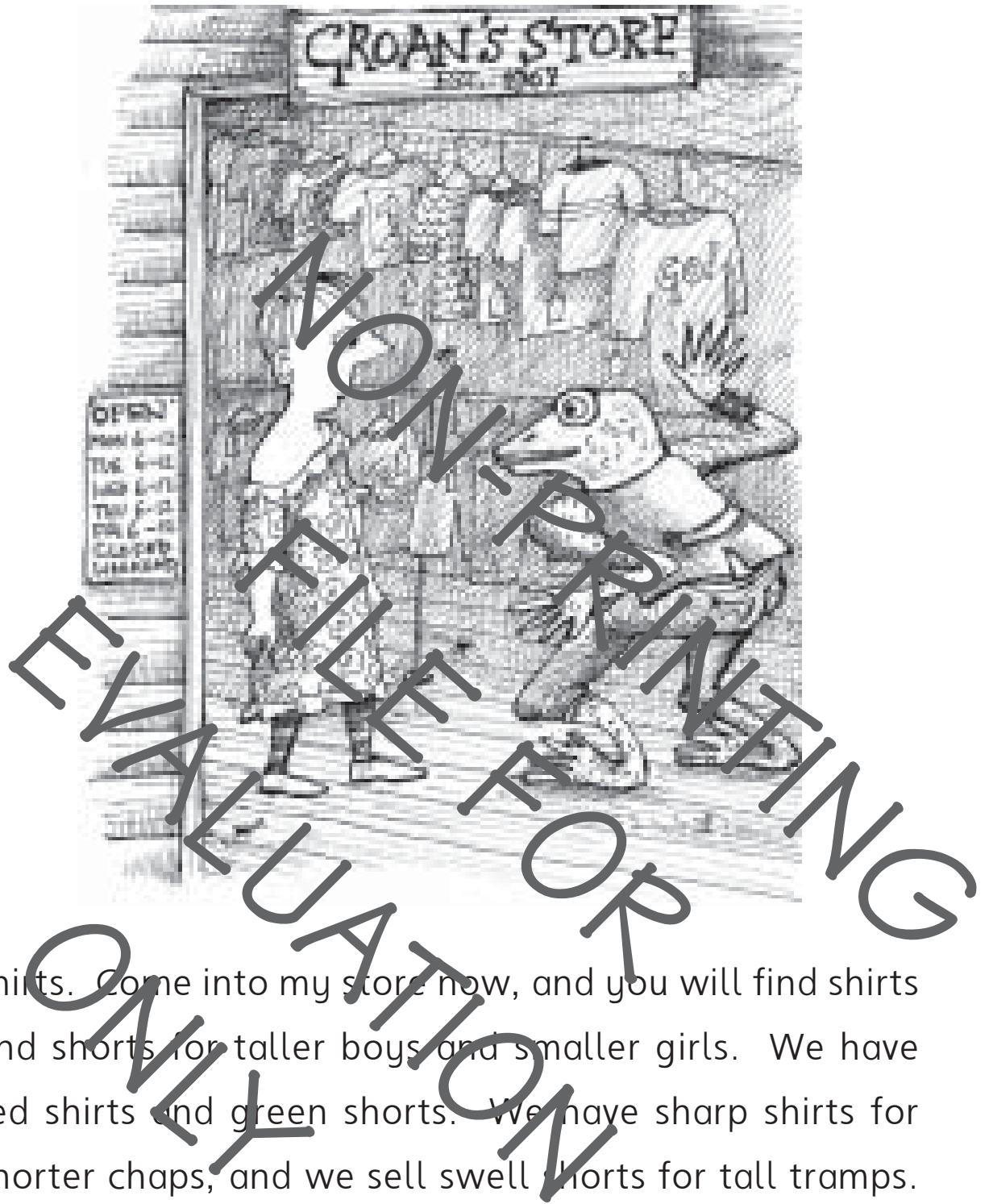
berth arm bin them ☆ ☆

Groan, the croaking toad.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

glass glasses strong strongest

fall fallen smell smelly

box boxes rot rotten

stick sticky small smallest

get getting rust rusty

You must pack the glasses in the strongest boxes.

The fallen trees blocked the road.

The smallest car is getting a bit rusty.

The rotten pork was sticky and smelly

tall tallest horse horses

feel feeling play playful

greed greedy luck lucky

thank thankful cord cordless

help helpful block blocked

The tallest horses are feeling playful.

My dad is helpful with his cordless drill.

You should be thankful that you are so lucky.

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

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

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

costly	tapped	landing	harder	<input type="checkbox"/>
rotten	tallest	foxes	happy	<input type="checkbox"/>
hoarse	flair	adore	sneer	<input type="checkbox"/>
handful	harmless	fatten	dotty	<input type="checkbox"/>
stoat	hoist	quaint	stern	<input type="checkbox"/>
horses	playful	smallest	spotless	<input type="checkbox"/>
helper	rubbed	badly	falling	<input type="checkbox"/>
brash	steep	float	scar	<input type="checkbox"/>
sunken	hottest	musty	glasses	<input type="checkbox"/>
score	queer	hair	oar	<input type="checkbox"/>
gleeful	sharpen	feckless	sticky	<input type="checkbox"/>
quitting	boxer	sorted	deftly	<input type="checkbox"/>
clash	creel	broth	slain	<input type="checkbox"/>
bosses	fattest	helpful	thicken	<input type="checkbox"/>

very, many, any, one, none, done

Has anyone rung the bell for ___?

lunch lump lamp

There are not many trucks on this ____.

roach road roast

They will clamp any cars that park in that ____.

your yard yarn

None of my ___ are very smelly.

songs sharks socks

FLUENCY READING

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

fern quack jar lag ☆ ☆

verb queen heel cos ☆ ☆

rid thug north art ☆ ☆

god larch thick quit ☆ ☆

nib quiz pack much ☆ ☆

park ten porch quick ☆ ☆

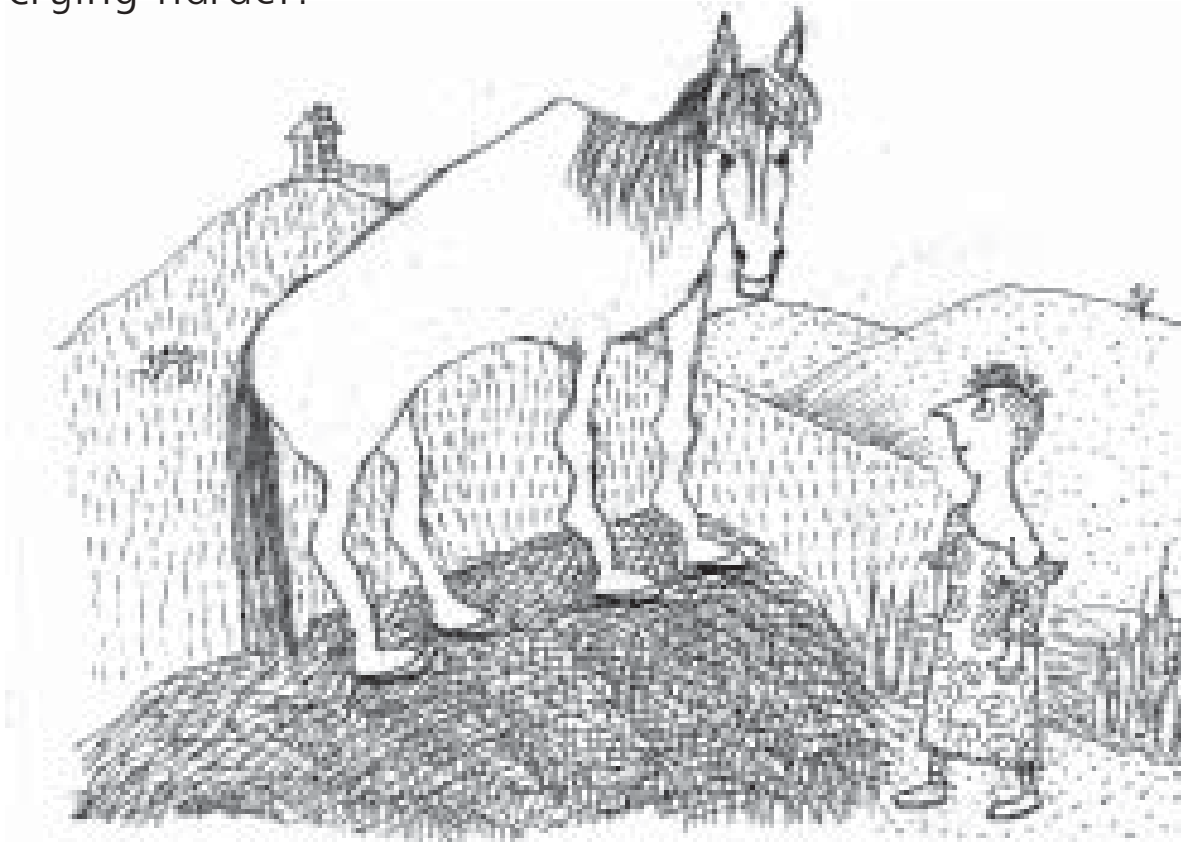
Hank, the hunch-backed horse.

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

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

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

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



Do you think Hank will help Mark get some cash?

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

-ck, -ke endings:

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

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

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

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

The Silent ‘e’ Rule:

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

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

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

-ke

bake cake pike strike snake

fake brakes bike take like

quake hike shake rake Mike

Did Gail bake a fresh cake?

Do you think a pike will strike at my bait?

Is that stuffed snake a fake?

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

A quake can shake things up a bit.

My brakes stop my bike very quickly.

take trike drake like lake

Mike wake spike sake Jake

flake bike stake make pike

Mike hit the brass spike into the wall.

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

Can Jake make a stake from this chunk of oak?

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

Can I take my trike to the shop?

Drakes and ducks like to swim on this lake.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

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

should, would, could, how, now, your

Did anyone see where she put her ___?

drink drop drag

One of the sailing boats sank in the ___.

pink past pond

How many glasses are on the top ___?

shell shelf smack

Joy still has not paid the ___.

barn boat bill

FLUENCY READING

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

cuff worn tern feed ☆ ☆

rich kerb seen porch ☆ ☆

quiff teeth hem quint ☆ ☆

lick shun charm Perth ☆ ☆

shim coat hers quill ☆ ☆

join lard hack boil ☆ ☆

Jake, the fake snake.

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



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

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

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

Do you think Jake is a fake?

-ke

stroke likes smoke coke Luke

broke duke spoke Jake poke

Mike wake bike stroke bloke

You may stroke the cat very softly.

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

My dad likes to have a smoke with his beer.

The Duke spoke to Luke just now.

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

I think Mike broke the chain on his bike.

Luke woke spike stoke choke

smoke like coke pike take

bloke nuke lake stroke fluke

Luke woke up at six o'clock.

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

In many pubs, you can choke on the smoke.

You should take short strokes with a paint brush.

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

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

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

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

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

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

take track tail

Jake loves to go ____ in the hills.

watching walking wanting

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

want water walk

I would love to fly above the ____.

water watch wash

FLUENCY **READING**

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

horse rack paid alch ☆ ☆

pail parch verse oath ☆ ☆

form eet void orb ☆ ☆

nerve boat norm lath ☆ ☆

loin quiff mesh toad ☆ ☆

coy fort thick vain ☆ ☆

At the creepy marsh.

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

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

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

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

Do you think Mark drank much sat beer?

Do you think he can stand up?



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

less unless port report

plain explain load unload

float refloat fore before

dress undress *turb* disturb

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

Could you explain why you got such a bad report?

The divers had to refloat the sunken ship.

At night we must undress before we go to bed.

Do not disturb Luke if he is sleeping.

tend pretend tract distract

cuss discuss mark remark

pay repay vent prevent

gust disgust well unwell

Did you discuss that smart remark with Joan?

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

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

Will the smell of rotten fish disgust Jake?

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

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

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

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

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

shopping shipping slipping

I keep hitting my hand with the ____.

hamper hammer handed

I think you should ____ the dog.

weld walk water

Could you bang in the nail with the ____?

hanger hopper hammer

FLUENCY READING

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

beer lark foil hair

soap more jeep goal

wore mock coach pair

beech coin fair harsh

jeer quack bay roar

toil board march chore

Hank feels unwell.

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

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

Jake the fake snake said, "I would love to help you, but I need ten socks and ten trainers, for I have ten feet. I am missing one of my trainers. But I will toss a pail of water on Hank, and then he will wake up." Hank had to shake the water from his hair. He got up and said, "Why, we must march on. We must not slip on

the slushy trail that takes us to see Mike, the loan shark. I will not let my pal fail.” So they left Jake, the fake snake, who lived in a rusty car by the creepy marsh. They walked up the slushy trail that went by the reedy lake. “Unless we are quick, it will get dark before we find Mike, the loan shark,” said Hank. Then he slipped on some sloppy muck and fell into a yucky pond.

Do you think that Hank will be a smelly horse?



-igh, -tch, -dge

hitch lodge fridge night edge

ditch light switch dredge sludge

catch bridge high pitch smudge

bright match badge notch might

Could Mike hitch a lift to the lodge?

I like to raid the fridge at night.

Do not stand on the edge of the ditch.

You must switch off the lights at night.

Did they dredge the sludge from the lake?

right judge twitch fetch thigh

stretch scotch midge blight clutch

patch slight budge sketch fight

fudge itch fright dodge sigh

My dad asked me to fetch his glass of scotch.

I have a slight twitch in my thigh.

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

The judge said we should go right at the lights.

Who trimmed that stretch of hedge?

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

Always use the cursor!

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

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

load reload reloaded

tend pretend pretending

gust disgust disgusting

long belong belonging belongings

The hunter reloaded his gun.

Jake was just pretending that he was broke.

Mike's dog smells very disgusting tonight.

You must take all of your belongings with you.

dress undress undressing

part depart departed

bid forbid forbidden

press express expressly

tract distract distracted

I was undressing so that I could have a wash.

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

Playing football in the street is expressly forbidden.

The train to Leeds has just departed.

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

I put your hammer on the shelf above the ____.

clod clock clog

You can sharpen a stick for toasting a ____.

boy bun bunk

He kicked the ball above the goal ____.

keener keeper killer

I want to watch him wash the black ____.

duck dog drink

FLUENCY READING

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

chard hash heard lack ☆ ☆

foal quiz soar thug ☆ ☆

quail gorse sharp air ☆ ☆

leer held toil lamp ☆ ☆

cheep dunk verve tank ☆ ☆

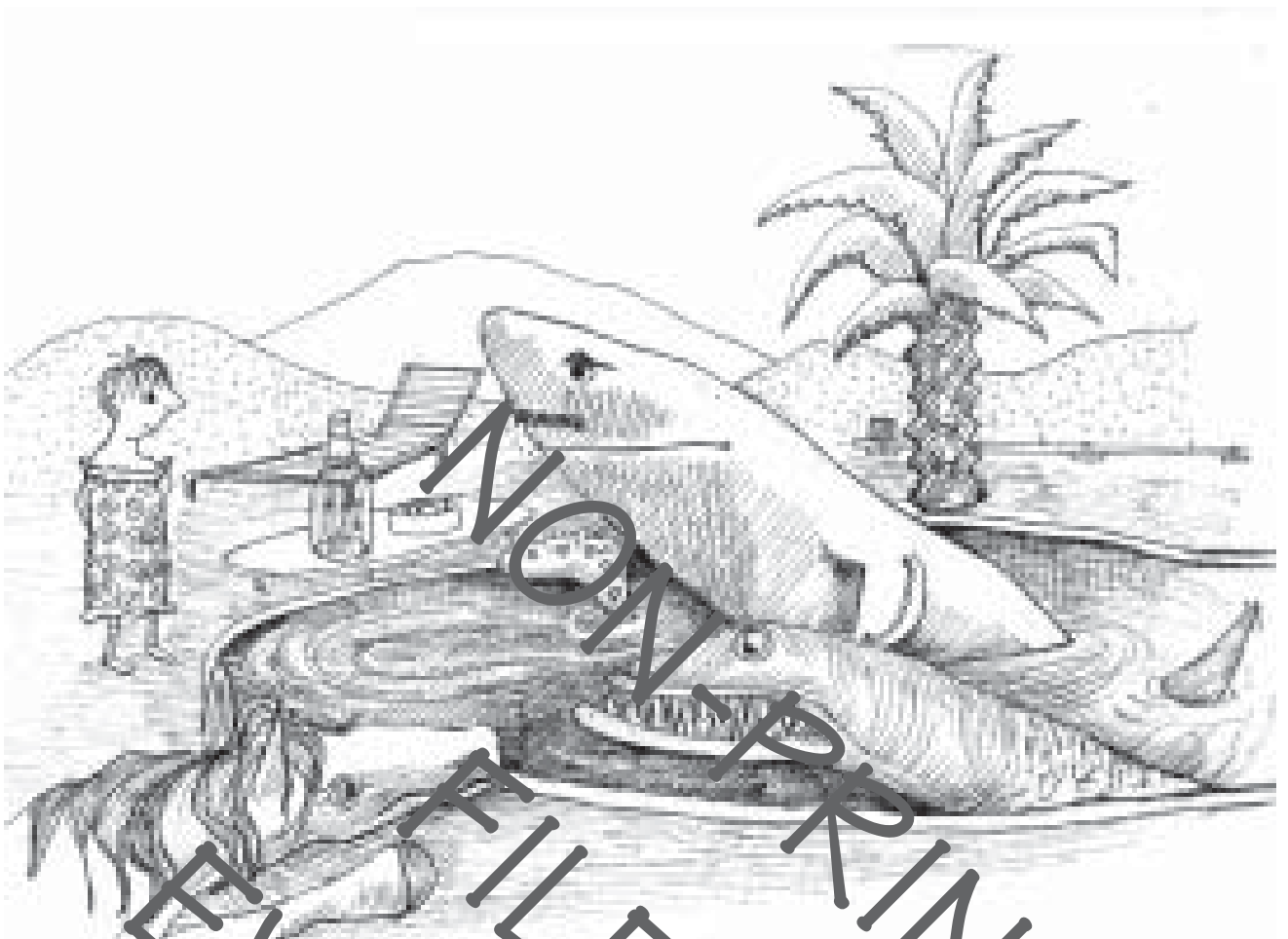
deed chair jump loath ☆ ☆

Mike, the loan shark.

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

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

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



not a girl, so I should not have to dress in a frock. If you can loan me six quid, all will be well."

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

Do you think Hank will have a wash?

ir, ur, -ce, -ge

large lice charge cage bird

Bruce choice girl hurry church

shirt price pence urge dance

Some very large lice are sleeping in my bed.

What did they charge you for that bird cage?

I think that Bruce made the right choice.

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

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

Joyce voice strange stage right

twice change birch fence hurt

Grace burn since Greece turn

page face dirt nice birth

Do you think that Joyce has a strange voice?

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

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

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

Grace hurt her leg jumping the fence.

My sunburn hurts since we got back from Greece.

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

Wordbuilder

dress address addressed

plain explain explained

just adjust adjusting

want wanted unwanted

Is that letter addressed to me?

Bruce just explained how to make a bridge.

Grace is adjusting the chain on her bike.

You could give your unwanted books to me.

port report reported

act exact exactly

mit admit admitted

play replay replaying

pect expect expecting

Joyce has reported her cat missing.

Luke admitted that he broke the glass.

Martha is expecting you back for lunch.

I am fed up with replaying that DVD.

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

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

Did he wake up at three o' ___?

cake chick clock

He hardly needed telling that his neck was ___.

broken blocked biker

My gran is very good at telling ___.

jocks jokes jumps

Put down your book and help me wash the ___.

cat cat cheer

FLUENCY READING

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

mink hair art Joan ☆ ☆

aim lush imp kerf ☆ ☆

quench yam risk peer ☆ ☆

fond roach sash lunch ☆ ☆

boar daft Fay seek ☆ ☆

oat chip hang mush ☆ ☆

Luke, the Duke of the dump.

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

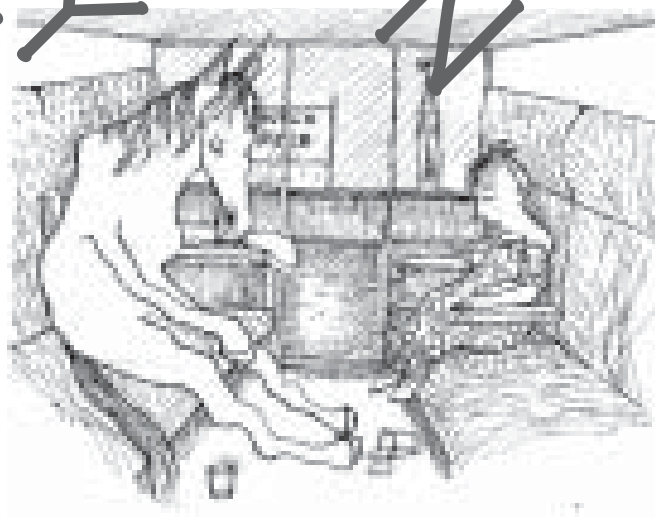


A large man with a badge asked them, "Can I see your passes?" Hank said, "Mike, the loan shark said we could catch a lift on his train. You would not want to mess with Mike, and we are going to see Luke, the Duke of the dump." The large man with the badge scratched his shirt, which was full of mice. He said, "Then it must

be alright. If Mike is your pal, there will be no charge for this trip. Have a nice day, and do not forget to change trains at the church by the strange bridge."

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

Do you think that Mark's dress needed washing?



au, aw

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

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

au, aw

caught Paul hawk lawn saw

taught draw fawn thaw dawn

Paul caught the ball.

I saw a hawk catch some mice on the lawn.

Who taught you how to draw?

At dawn, we saw a deer with her fawn.

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

browl fault paw because crawl

launch prawns trawl haul sprawl

yawn vault sauce jaw pause

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

Joyce likes lots of sauce on her chips.

Our dog could hardly crawl because she hurt her paw.

I like to sprawl across my nice soft bed.

When can we launch the sailboat?

The trawler caught lots of prawns.

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

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

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

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

Wordbuilder: -able

fast fasten fastened unfastened

plore explore exploring

sink sinkable unsinkable

fright frighten frightened

The smart cat unfastened the latch with her paw.

Paul loves to go exploring in strange places.

There is no such thing as an unsinkable ship.

Are you frightened to go into the haunted shack?

block blocking unblocking

flat flatten flattened

light relight relighting

fill refill refillable unrefillable

sweet sweeten sweetened unsweetened

I like my hot drinks unsweetened.

Take the matches for relighting the gas cooker.

Is your dad any good at unblocking the drains?

My dad gets his beer in unrefillable kegs.

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

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

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

camp cook crack

When you poke the dog, it will ___ up.

wash wake want

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

take tack tall

Did anyone see where she put her ___?

drink drop drag

FLUENCY READING

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

hark deer pink lax ☆ ☆

moist carve shore chimp ☆ ☆

quilt wimp teem fair ☆ ☆

bung bell tern serf ☆ ☆

joint yarn chop zest ☆ ☆

thank kiln gosh port ☆ ☆

Paul, the gawky hawk.

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



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

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

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

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

Do you think that Mark has lost his watch?

Word Search

gawky	are	s	t	r	a	n	g	e
strange	awe	i	a	w	i	a	c	
nicely	ice	l	w	k	e	c	w	a
light	ply	i	c	e	i	e	k	u
harpy	tree	g	e	a	p	l	y	s
truce	jaw	h	a	r	p	y	n	e
rake	luke	t	r	e	e	j	a	w

-tch, -dge, -igh

budge Dutch smudge slight night

flight lodge sketch fudge fridge

match fight watch cadge wedge

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

The Dutch boy says he will not budge.

There is a slight smudge on your face.

We took the last flight of the night.

Luke can draw a sketch of the hunting lodge.

Did you put the fudge in the fridge?

patch stitch might nudge witch

sledge hitch light switch bright

pitch stretch dodge bridge sight

Ask Madge to stitch a patch on your shirt.

Give the witch a nudge and she might wake up.

The farmer hitched his horse to the sledge.

Could you switch off the bright lights?

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

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

DECODING POWER PAGE

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

Wordbuilder

turn return returned

thank thankful thankfully

tend pretend pretended

dress undress undressing

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

Thankfully, we are done with shifting all that sludge.

The hawk pretended that it hurt its claw.

Do not watch when I am undressing.

stack stacking restacking

serve served reserved

plain explain explained

play display displayed

miss dismiss dismissed

Joyce got a job restacking the shelves at the store.

Have you reserved a place for the match tonight?

Mike just explained how to catch a pike.

We were dismissed when we were done with the job.

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

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

Look what the cat ___ in!

dragged quake sadly

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

posh pond poke

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

fishing fixing falling

I wish I was sailing a ___ on the lake.

bond boast boat

FLUENCY **READING**

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

teen pork chink radar ☆ ☆

rig jilt void bunch ☆ ☆

blot lung twill sheer ☆ ☆

bore foist still hoist ☆ ☆

pram char flock act ☆ ☆

green fair bang snap ☆ ☆

Smudge, the batty cat.

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

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



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

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

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

Do you think Hank can swim?

Silent 'e'

time home came same hope smile

game those name rope safe cope

late made ride spade lane prude

trade slime Clive pile hide nude

We all came home at the same time.

What is the name of the game?

I hope you can cope with those ropes.

We were late, but we made it home safely.

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

Clive will hide in that pile of slime.

June shine stale date these ale

pipe rude nine grapes pale wipe

dude ripe ate hole five use

stole Pete fuse mole Jane zone

That dude was very rude to June.

Wipe that pipe until it shines.

The pale ale is a bit stale.

I ate five ripe grapes and nine of these dates.

The mole stole back into its hole.

Did Pete use the right fuse?

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

Wordbuilder

take mistake mistakable unmistakable

use used unused

time timed mistimed

sell selling reselling

With your green hair, you are unmistakable.

Could you return your unused books?

We crashed because I mistimed that turn.

Pete made ten quid by reselling that bike.

late relate related

ripe ripen ripened unripened

line lined unlined

port report reporter

quote quoted misquoted

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

That unripened plum will make you ill.

Jane likes to draw on unlined paper.

The reporter misquoted the speech.

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

Please leave your coats in the ____.

hitch hall hedge

Last year, Clive and Jane gave up eating ____.

toads slime meat

Pete is really keen to ____ your friends.

meat meet cook

Can you ____ the book on the top shelf?

reach real eat

FLUENCY READING

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

grab hush flit perch ☆ ☆

maths tor grass gait ☆ ☆

oar blob shark ask ☆ ☆

coil seer hump crack ☆ ☆

woad chuck grip torch ☆ ☆

tart pang more loach ☆ ☆

Floyd, the faultless fish.

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

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

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



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

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

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

Would you like some hedgehog crisps?

ur, ir, -ce, -ge

prince dance chirp bird race

office nice sage mince curly

Turk plunge urge squirt slurp

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

Birds like to chirp in the morning.

I will race you back to the office.

Mince cooked with sage is very nice.

Do Turks have curly hair?

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

purse birth plaice sauce surf

chance wage nurse spruce huge

dirty barge bilge range firm

My sister gave Marge a purse for her birthday.

Do you like sauce with your plaice and chips?

This is your last chance to ride a surfboard.

Do nurses get paid a good wage?

We sat next to the huge spruce tree.

The bilges of a barge are full of dirty water.

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

Wordbuilder

pute dispute disputed undisputed

want wanted unwanted

float floated refloated

charge charged recharged

My darts team is the undisputed winner of the match.

Please leave all your unwanted DVDs here.

After my boat sank, the divers refloated it.

Dad just recharged his cordless drill.

friend friendly unfriendly

place replace replacement

turn return returned

slice sliced unsliced

place placed misplaced

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

Do you think that dog is unfriendly?

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

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

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

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

When can we leave this ___?

glass class mass

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

road roach roast

Can you reach the book on the top ___?

shall shell shelf

I did not mean to ___ all the meat.

ask eat end

FLUENCY READING

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

nest Claire loin swig ☆ ☆

beef film hoard Cain ☆ ☆

elm verse flap sheer ☆ ☆

foil aft chit fret ☆ ☆

core goad bank quilt ☆ ☆

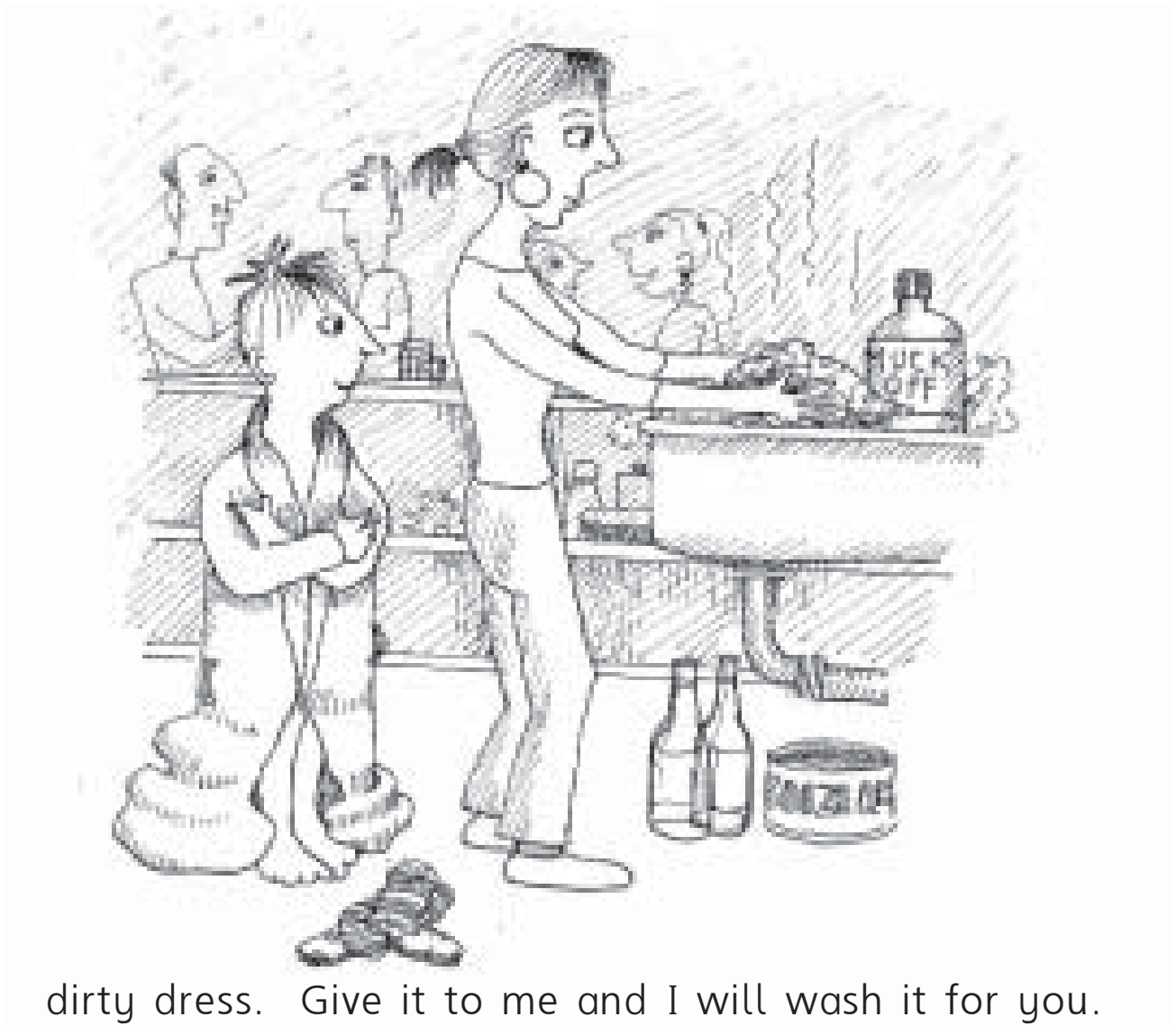
inch plum tosh quench ☆ ☆

Beer at Dawn's.

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

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

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



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

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

Do you think Hank paid for his beer?

Silent 'e'

Clive jade wrote note bike tube

Jane mine robe white stone prune

those bite make fine gate pine

Jade wrote a note to Clive.

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

I will make the gate with the finest pine.

Jane had to patch the tube on her bike.

The white bath robe is mine.

skate ice rode hate quite mate

Pete home late rule wife Clive

make bone shame alone tales Jane

sale crate these wine style froze

Pete rode home quite late last night.

Clive's wife makes all the rules at home.

My mate hates to skate on thin ice.

Leave the dog alone with his bone.

It's a shame that Jane is telling tales.

These crates of wine are on sale.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

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

Wordbuilder

firm confirm confirmed unconfirmed

play played misplayed

part depart departing

light delight delighted

We have unconfirmed reports of a space-ship landing.

We lost because the goal-keeper misplayed the ball.

I will be delighted to see my friends again.

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

wise unwise unwisely

change changed unchanged

give forgive forgiven

fess confess confessed

skill skilful skilfully

Small boys and girls sometimes act unwisely.

The score is still unchanged.

Jane plays the game very skilfully.

You will be forgiven if you have confessed your crime.

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

His hair is not ____, he has a wig!

rich real ring

Did you see where he put his glass of ____?

been beet beer

When will we be eating that ____ of beef?

join joist joint

My dad has been a joiner for ten ____.

yours years yeast

FLUENCY READING

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

loft shack brass pair ☆ ☆

shore baize pond quench ☆ ☆

spot deer tee mint ☆ ☆

pick swam oar noise ☆ ☆

spot tall bunk hotly ☆ ☆

sleet ball plum running ☆ ☆

Maud, the maudlin trawler-woman.

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



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

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

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

Do you think Mark likes prawns?

au, aw

Maud drawn because haunt brawn

hawk claw dawn crawl pause

sawn fraud daub maul sprawl

Maud took a ride in a horse-drawn cart.

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

This job takes brains, not brawn.

Hawks have very sharp claws.

Dawn had to crawl under the fence.

Shall we pause for a cup of tea?

Paul vault Maud caught prawn

taught brawl jaw yawn Paul

dawn gaunt drawn jaunt sauce

Paul keeps his cash safe in a bank vault.

Maud caught her sleeve on a rose bush.

Who taught you how to catch prawns?

Roy broke his jaw in a brawl.

Paul woke up at dawn and had a good yawn.

Maud looked gaunt and drawn after being sick.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

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

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

Wordbuilder

daunt daunted undaunted

hope hopeless hopelessly

pect expect expected unexpected

mark remark remarkable

dress address addressed

The ship sailed on, undaunted by the storm.

We got hopelessly lost when Maud lost the map.

Paul's return last night was unexpected.

Floyd scored a remarkable goal in the match today.

That letter is addressed to Dawn.

ply apply applying

watch watchable unwatchable

stand understand understanding

fish fisher fisherman

Spike is applying for a job at the chip shop.

That film is so bad that it is unwatchable.

I like my teacher because she is very understanding.

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

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

I really want to go flying to ____.

Spain sport spoil

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

end eat eke

Can we all play football in that ____?

yard yank year

I found out about this place from my best ____.

freeze friend forge

FLUENCY READING

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

float hall quest taller

flair fall snail hitting

horn flatly snack small

scar asking grill cutter

jolt helped score nipper

spoil lastly scorch calling

Mark's dream.

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

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



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

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

Do you think Mark will be a good fisherman?

silent 'e'

bride white Jade skate blade close

swine gate scone stale trade game

style robe cute late side shape

The bride was dressed in white.

Jade should sharpen the blades on her skates.

I will trade my scone for your stale cakes.

Those cute robes are all in the latest style.

Our side must get into shape for the next game.

pipes froze broke quite blame crime

shame Pete ate cube flame close

wise nine rise slope ice slide

Those pipes just froze because our heater broke down.

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

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

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

The sun will rise at nine this morning.

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

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

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

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

Wordbuilder

play replay replayed

tress distress distressing distressingly

force enforce enforcement

card discard discarded

How many times have they replayed that tune?

Gail's grades were distressingly bad.

Law enforcement is a cop's main job.

We had to pick up all the discarded cans.

part depart department

help helpless helplessly

plain explain explained

ploy employ employed unemployed

My mum likes to go shopping in big department stores.

Paul looked on helplessly as his toy boat sank.

Our teacher has explained that twice so far.

That useless slob has been unemployed for three years.

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

My shirt has got some dirt on the ____.

slipper sleeve sleep

Our house is not very ____.

large purge slur

Did you let the bird out of its ____?

cake curd cage

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

loud launch sugar

FLUENCY READING

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

harmless hoist playful rubbed

steep hottest queer sharpen

boxer creel fattest landing

smallest badly float musty

helpful harder happy sneer

scar glasses oar sticky

Nate, the first mate.

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

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



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

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

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

Do you think Nate should clean his teeth?

ew, ue

Sue knew cruel crew flew clue

new blue Kew few glue threw

stew glue screw fuel yew value

Sue knew that she was being cruel.

The crew flew the new plane over Kew.

Paul drew a few lines in blue paint.

Joyce threw the rotten stew in the bin.

Drew fixed the board with glue and screws.

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

true grew pew blue brew flue

argue knew sue newt due chew

shrew hue dew clue skew duel

Is it true that Pete grew five inches last year?

Some blue smoke went up the flue.

Sit in that pew while I brew some tea.

I think he knew when Sue was due back.

A newt cannot chew because it has no teeth.

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

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

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

pope trade five came

blue few yew stew

auburn awful saunter shawl

Kew clue new Sue

page skirmish lice turf

drew flew brew rue

grip slime Luke ode

kitchen lodge fright scotch

mew true newt glue

launder tawny applaud drawn

fuel skew hue grew

plate flit wife rule

unloader explode disgrace predate

due chew pew flue

Wordbuilder

harm harmless harmlessly

fright frighten frightening

grace disgrace disgraceful

tain contain container

The bomb dropped harmlessly into the sea.

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

Our dog did something disgraceful on the carpet.

You should keep those shells in a steel container.

norm normal normally

agree disagree disagreement

joy enjoy enjoyable

fess confess confessed

heat reheat reheated

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

Floyd had a disagreement with his teacher.

Joyce had a most enjoyable time at the fair.

Paul confessed that he swiped my lighter.

Dawn has just reheated the stew for lunch.

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

Are you sure you saw him twice last ___?

weed weep week

Have you got any space left at your ___?

burr blurt house

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

water merger furl

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

church splice chips

FLUENCY READING

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

hike queer stoke happen ☆ ☆

wilful spoilt Jake catty ☆ ☆

stair bike thinnest flip ☆ ☆

brick bloater luck backless ☆ ☆

needed neck store kick ☆ ☆

muck classes twain quack ☆ ☆

Sue, the gruesome stoker.

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

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

"My name is Mark, and I really am a boy," he said. "Maud said that I should help wash the dirty dishes, but I cannot find the mess decks. What should I do?" Sue, the gruesome stoker said, "Why, you can help me stoke the boilers. If there is no steam in the boilers, the screw will not turn, and then this trawler will not trawl. Pick up that shovel and help me sling coal on the flames."

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



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

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

What do you think Sue's tattoo looked like?

Three-letter blends

three stray shrub stroll street

shrimp squid thrash splash scream

throat spring sprout sprawl threw

I can see three stray dogs in the shrubs.

Let's take a stroll down the street.

The fisherman caught some shrimp and a squid.

Please do not thrash and splash in the bath.

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

In the spring, all the seeds will sprout.

scruff straw stress strain spruce

string screw squeak shrunk squall

scrap squall thrift splice scrape

Our scruffy dog sleeps on a pile of straw.

I can't stand all this stress and strain.

Why is my string hanging from the spruce tree?

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

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

Our chickens squawk when we feed them the scraps.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

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

Wordbuilder

cord record recorder

agree agreeable disagreeable

zip unzip unzipped

vent event eventful eventfully uneventfully

Maud taught us how to play the recorder.

There is no need to be disagreeable about this.

We were all bored and the day passed uneventfully.

It was so hot that Roy unzipped his coat.

arm armed disarmed

cuse excuse excused

tract retract retractable

match matched mismatched

place replace replacement

The cops disarmed the bank robbers.

We were excused PE because it was freezing outside.

My dad has a knife with a retractable blade.

Jake wore mismatched socks today.

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

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

Did it hurt when I twisted your ___?

urge fur arm

We got a very good price for our ___.

curve card car

She is sure to need a brace on her ___.

teen teeth three

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

out our oat

FLUENCY READING

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

gloat nuke torches snake ☆ ☆

call hoard Luke thickest ☆ ☆

chicken joist bloke bashful ☆ ☆

ball eke helpless green ☆ ☆

predict wall unseen wake ☆ ☆

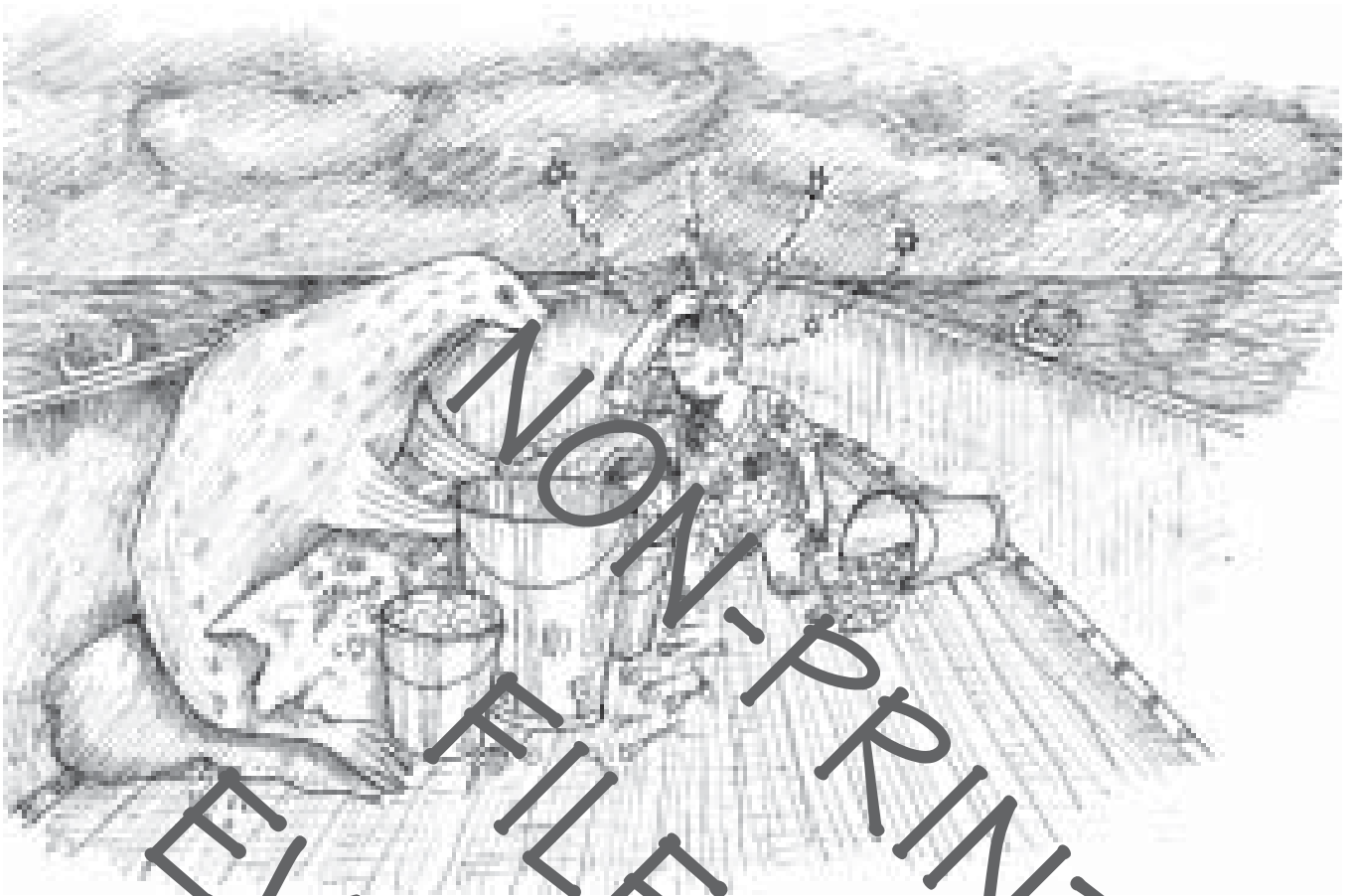
hack joint unjust broke ☆ ☆

Neal, the real seal.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Do you think Mark's socks are dry?

Silent 'e'

hope those ride theme write nine

lines slate blade knife twine plane

state chime tune spine slide Pete

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

You must write nine lines on the slate.

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

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

Those chimes play a nice tune.

Pete hurt his spine going down the slide.

Crete globe Jane like glide ice

skate mule tame smile grade Dane

nude cone scope drape gripe gale

Can you find Crete on the globe?

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

I think that mule is tame.

Smile if you got good grades!

Do Danes like to swim in the nude?

Would you like an ice cream cone?

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

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

Wordbuilder

pair repair repaired

spot spotless spotlessly

screw screwed unscrewed

card discard discarded

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

When Joyce cleans the house, it will be spotless.

Mike unscrewed the lid on the jar.

Pete discarded all that useless junk.

spell spelling misspelling misspellings

plode explode exploded unexploded

main remain remaining

join joining adjoining

force forceful forcefully

Jane was unhappy about all her misspellings.

You must stay away from that unexploded bomb.

There are just six sweets remaining in the jar.

Dawn and Maud slept in adjoining rooms.

Floyd made his point very forcefully at the meeting.

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

We both caught our ___ from Dawn.

cokes colds cones

Paul and Joyce were both ___ in the crash.

hurt hurry happy

Most of our friends ___ where we were.

knew new grew

I like to watch the snakes crawl in the ___.

bed grass stew

FLUENCY READING

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

explain drake unpick boxes ☆ ☆

shore unfit daft reject ☆ ☆

pluck coast prevent Mike ☆ ☆

expel thankful between joined ☆ ☆

refrain catch quick judge ☆ ☆

fridge flake tight unwell ☆ ☆

The storm.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

ew, ue

shrew chew Sue blew jewel

Kew true yew value knew

clue dew new Lew cue

Can a shrew chew hard cheese?

The wind blew Sue's boat back to shore.

How many yew trees did you count at Kew Gardens?

What is the true value of these jewels?

I knew that Lew would not have a clue.

There was some dew on the new grass this morning.

threw screw blue gruel Sue

fluent Lew glue drew few

crew cruel grew flue due

Nate threw a few screws into the blue tin.

We had to eat some thin gruel for lunch.

Sue can speak French fluently.

Lew drew a few sketches.

The crew grew restless waiting for the tide.

It is cruel to put glue in the locks.

DECODING ⚡ **POWER** ⚡ **PAGE**

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Wordbuilder

reck reckless recklessly

plug unplug unplugged

lax relax relaxing

mand demand demanded

Boy racers like to drive recklessly.

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

Faith likes to play relaxing tunes.

The greedy girls demanded new bikes.

treat treated mistreated

mast dismast dismasted

tract extract extracted

pain painful painfully

drink drinkable undrinkable

The nasty boy mistreated his pet snail.

The sailboat was dismasted in the squall.

Luke's rotten teeth were extracted very painfully.

My dad's home-made wine is undrinkable.

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

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

hold most dawn

Grace and Bruce both ___ to Greece last year.

swam worked flew

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

fridge flames frames

Most of my friends were chewing ___.

sludge gunge gum

FLUENCY READING

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

play itch begin hedge ☆ ☆

rake high needful might ☆ ☆

lodge display all light ☆ ☆

Luke batch expand point ☆ ☆

fudge unstuck night smoke ☆ ☆

eke badge fetch often ☆ ☆

The rocky shore.

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

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



over the rail. They looked at the lights, and at last Nate said, "That must be the rocky shore of Bangalore. If we can't get more speed out of this old tub, it will smash on those rocks."

Maud said, "We need more steam if we are to get away from the rocky shore. Someone must go and help Sue, the gruesome stoker. She must have help shovelling coal into the boiler." But no one wanted to go below. No one wanted to be trapped in the boiler room when

the trawler hit the rocks. Maud said, "I must stay by the wheel and steer this ship, so I cannot go below." Nate, the first mate said, "I must stay and bark at the crew, so I cannot go down to the boiler room." Neal, the real seal said, "I cannot shovel coal, because I cannot hold a shovel in my flippers."

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

Do you think the trawler will hit the rocks?

Do you think that Mark will get dirty again?

You will find out when you start the next book!