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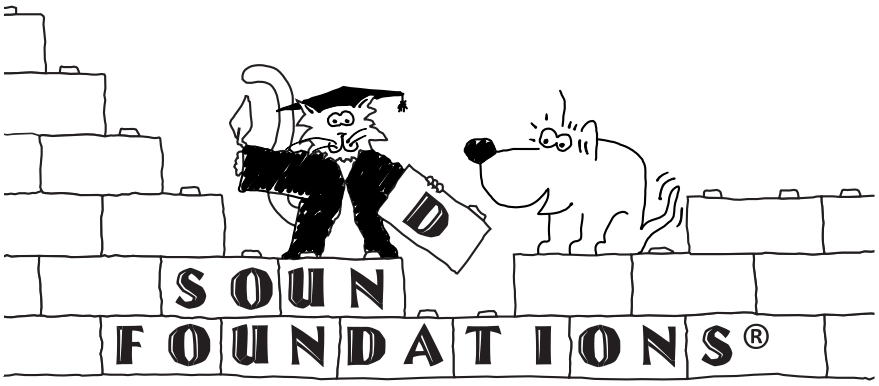

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The Ground Rules:

The Sound Foundations philosophy:

As a teacher, your objective is to get your pupil to make the maximum number of correct responses—***and*** the fewest errors—in the available time. If you manage to do this, you can't go far wrong.

1. **Teach—don't test.** Whenever a child gets stuck, say the sounds for them or tell them the word. Do not force them to 'work it out for themselves'. You do not want to make reading into a struggle.

2. Do not 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! Do not let your pupil's attention wander.

4. Daily lessons are essential. You only need to find 10 minutes per day for each slow reader.

The Teaching Techniques:

All pupils *must* complete either Dancing Bears Books A and B or Fast Track Book AB before starting this book. It is part of a carefully planned sequence.

1. **Using the flashcards**—it is not enough just to 'know' the letter-sounds. The response must be instant and automatic. Practise the flashcards ***every*** lesson while using **Dancing Bears**!

2. **Using the cursor**—This is quite easy to learn. The cursor trains the child 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.

The Flashcards:

By the time you start **Dancing Bears C**, your pupil should have had all the flashcards introduced. There are only two new flashcard sounds in **Book C** but your pupil may still need to practise some sounds that were introduced towards the end of **Fast Track/Dancing Bears B**.

Whenever your pupil makes a mistake or has forgotten a sound, use the **Flashback Technique**. Tell them what the sound is, get them to repeat it and then put the card behind the next one.

When do I stop using the flashcards?

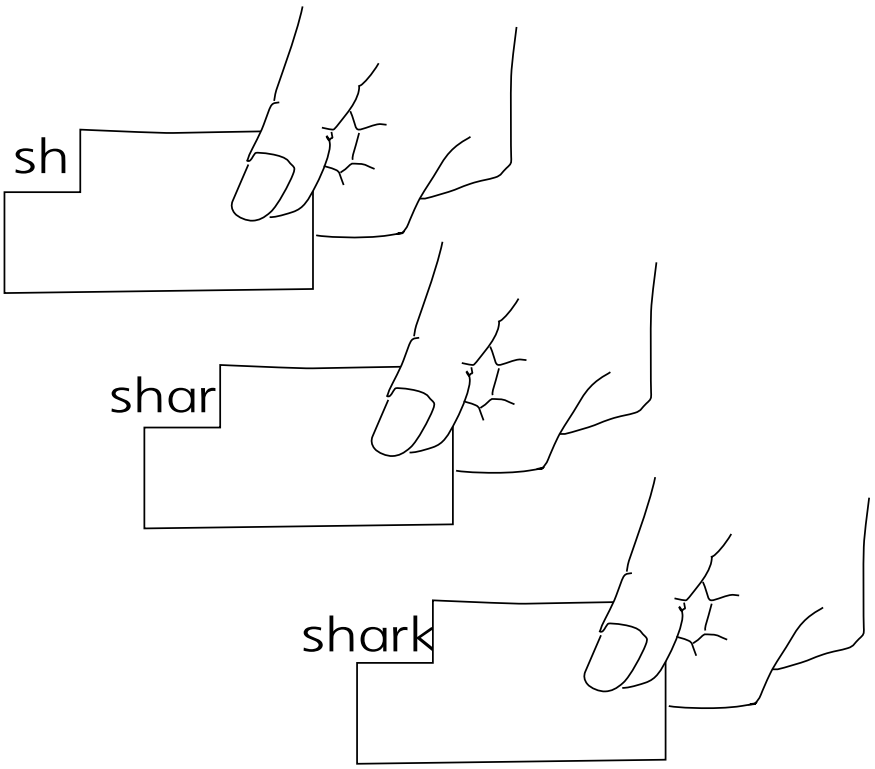
When your pupil can say the sounds quicker than you can flip the flashcards then you can stop practising those cards. Do not be tempted to stop using the flashcards too soon. Children must be able to respond instantly and automatically to the flashcards, otherwise, they will have trouble blending. You must "practise past the point of perfection." And no—your pupils will not get bored: children love getting it right!

Using the cursor:

A cursor is a piece of card about the size of a business card with a small notch cut out of one corner. You must use the cursor at all times.

1. When your pupil is sounding out a word, you can reveal one sound at a time. For example, the word shark has three sounds—***sh...ar...k.***
2. When your pupil already knows a word, just move the cursor smoothly and quickly across the letters. Never sound out words if you do not have to.
3. If your pupil makes a mistake, you can back up the cursor and then sound out the word.

The cursor eliminates visual confusion. When children have been 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.



If you use the cursor, it is highly unlikely that your pupil will need coloured overlays or tinted glasses.

The Flashback Technique:

Use the Flashback Technique every time your pupil makes an error. If you go back to the instructions for using the flashcards, you will see that when they have forgotten a card, you tell them what it is and then put it behind the next card. That way the card comes up again while it is still fresh in their memory. This is an example of the Flashback Technique.

You will also use the Flashback Technique when your pupil is reading words. Whenever they fail to read the word correctly:

- model the word,
- get them to repeat it,
- go on to the next item,
- go back to the one they 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 the missed words again.

This way, your pupil will usually earn their 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 lesson.)

Comprehension:

The main purpose of this book is to teach decoding, but it is also important for pupils to extend their vocabulary, and to understand what they have read. The Cloze exercises require pupils to pay attention to meaning in order to identify the missing word, and the Word building pages present longer words in sentences, giving meaning through context. Our stories provide valuable decoding practice and improve reading fluency. Some of the words in the stories or Word builders may be unfamiliar to your pupil. If they ask the meaning of a word while reading, simply write it down where you see this symbol; . You can also write down any new words here. Discuss their meanings briefly at the end of the lesson, and ask if your pupil can think of any **synonyms**—other words with the same meaning. At the start of the next lesson, quickly review these words to check that your pupil has retained their new vocabulary, (but never allow discussion of meaning to become a diversionary tactic to avoid reading practice!)

The Teaching Environment:

Always teach your pupil in a quiet room with no distractions. Do not let them bring toys or mobile phones with them.

Always sit facing your pupil. It is very difficult to use the cursor effectively if you are sitting side-by-side. You need eye contact. When you are facing your pupil it is easier to see when they are confused or getting tired. You can step in right away and show them what to do before they make a mistake and lose confidence.

-are, -ire

Remember to practise the flashcards every day.

care	bare	stare	dare	fare	☐
share	scare	wire	spare	hire	☐
aware	dire	rare	square	tire	☐

I don't care what Paul told you. ☐

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

You will get a shock ☐

Did Maud ☐

Don't you ☐

I told Dawn ☐

hare				spire	☐
flare				shire	☐

Would you ☐

Our bay mare ☐

The hunter caught a hare in a snare. ☐

Spike might not like the glare of those bright lights. ☐

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

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

Maud saw some rare jewels in the bank vault. ☐

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

Decoding Power Pages:

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

When children read the words on the Decoding Power Pages, they should not be trying to find a 'match' with a word they know. All the words on Decoding Power Pages are regular—they can all be 'sounded out' without any guesswork. Some of the words are very unusual, like 'quern', 'bort' and 'loach'—but they are all real words.

Remember—you must always use the cursor. You must teach your 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 them to 'try again', but you must not give any hints or prompts.

If your pupil cannot remember all the sounds or cannot blend them, say the sounds yourself and let them say the word. If they are in a total muddle, model the correct response. Always go back to any word you helped with—see **The Flashback Technique** on page 8.

If your pupil makes a mistake, back up the cursor and then sound out the word.

preshrunk	squirted	shredded	thrilling	☐
bare	wire	hare	fire	☐
blue	fewer	crud	strewn	☐
hire	pare	t	share	☐
duke	code		le	☐
squ	resp		hy	☐
rare			squ	☐
awful			gauze	☐
brew			refuel	☐
mire			spire	☐
sprawlin			decant	☐
spurn			skirmish	☐
shire	glare	quire	scare	☐
jaunty	applause	lawful	audit	☐
sire	tire	stare	ware	☐
describe	scruffy	thrice	splinter	☐
flare	mire	snare	spire	☐
pew	gruesome	ensue	fluently	☐

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Word building:

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

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.

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. Do not forget to use the Flashback Technique.

With the cursor, segment the root word into phonemes as usual. Then with each successive word use the cursor to reveal each morpheme as a whole.

Comprehension:

At the end of the lesson, check your pupil's comprehension of any new or unfamiliar words. Write these down where you see this symbol; , and briefly discuss the meanings.

Wordbuilder

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

chain	chained	unchained	☐
pay	repay	repaying	☐
load	upload	uploaded	☐
mark	market	supermarket	☐
new	renew	renewal	☐

Sue unchained a shopping trolley in the supermarket. ☐

You repaid me. ☐

Prue uploaded the photo. ☐

Dawn's book group meets on Tuesday. ☐

cork	uncork	uncorked	☐
nove	renove	renovating	☐
pert		expertly	☐
tract	distract	distracted	☐
pair	repair	repaired	☐
count	discount	discounted	☐

Maud just uncorked a jug of fine white wine. ☐

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

Paul repaired my bike expertly. ☐

I am beginning to tire of renovating this chair. ☐

Has that store discounted the price of new blue jeans? ☐

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Cloze Sentences:

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

In the box at the top of each page, you will find the new words that your pupil will need in order to read the sentences. Most are exception (tricky) words or words with ambiguous digraphs. Move the cursor smoothly across the letters while saying the sounds in the word. If your pupil gets confused, point out which sounds are regular and which are tricky. If they cannot read the word, model the correct response, then use the Flashback Technique (see page 9) and repeat each word until firm.

Reading the sentences:

For this exercise you will need a blank sheet of thin card about A6 in size. First, cover the sentence and, using the cursor as usual, ask the pupil to read the three 'answer' words above the sentence. (This is to prevent them from guessing at the missing word.) Then let them read the sentence, still using the cursor. If the pupil reads the sentence and selects the right answer without prompting, circle the correct word. (The pupil **should not** write the word—this takes too long and is a distraction.) 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 never encourage pupils to guess at words they have read incorrectly.

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

snore shire share

My older sisters have to _____ a bedroom.

horse house hare

The bay mare is the best _____ we have.

word worth work

Do you know how _____ ?

farm form

You will need _____

farm form

They _____ and the _____ .

stew work

The fish shop _____ to _____ .

squid square squawk

Your mum packed all your spare socks in the _____ box.

share shoot soon

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

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Fluency Reading:

Timed readings will help your pupil read words quickly and automatically. At first, the times are very generous and most pupils will find them easy to acheive. However, some children get nervous when they are being tested, and you do not want them to be worried by the stopwatch. For real timing-phobics, sit the child with their back to a wall clock with a second hand.

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 your pupil makes a mistake, you can move the cursor back and let them have another go but you cannot give them any help. Model any word they get stuck on and re-time that line the next day.

Unless our pupil is extremely slow, they will want to try for bonus points. You can award one bonus point if they read the line in 8 seconds, and two bonus points if they read it in 6 seconds. Motivate your pupil with rewards when they get enough points. If your pupil wants to have another go at a line, they must wait until the following day.

Story:

The purpose of the story is to provide decoding practice and to improve reading fluency, but you should always check your pupil's comprehension, and, at the end of the lesson, briefly discuss the meaning of any new or unfamiliar words. Write these down where you see this symbol: .

There are no tick-boxes for this exercise but, if your pupil struggles with a sentence, they should be encouraged to read it again. If their reading is very hesitant, it may be a good idea to read the story twice to improve fluency and comprehension. Model any words on which the pupil gets stuck.

FLUENCY READING

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

might	boy	hoard	ledge	☐ ☆ ☆
dock	edge	girl	beyond	☐ ☆ ☆
shell	goth	cage	coke	☐ ☆ ☆
fib	pence	[illegible]	[illegible]	☐ ☆ ☆
lucky	[illegible]	[illegible]	disarm	☐ ☆ ☆
latch	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	☐ ☆ ☆
sigh	[illegible]	[illegible]	unhappy	☐ ☆ ☆
turn	[illegible]	[illegible]	fringe	☐ ☆ ☆
stitch	[illegible]	[illegible]	road	☐ ☆ ☆
then	place	reload	since	☐ ☆ ☆
grudge	seed	queer	scotch	☐ ☆ ☆
nosh	witch	burn	fern	☐ ☆ ☆
extend	bird	bike	berg	☐ ☆ ☆

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

The Eye of the Storm.

Mark left the bridge of Maud's rusty old trawler and went down below to help Sue shovel coal.

Nate, the first mate, looked over the rail. "The rocky shore of Bangalore is only a mile away," he said. "We must call for help."

Neal, the real seal, said, "We cannot call for help because the wireless won't work. It is just like everything else in this old tub."

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

Down below, Mark found Sue, the gruesome stoker. She was shovelling coal so fast that it was just a black blur going onto the fire. Steam rose from her beefy arms, and she was soaked to the skin.

"Grab a shovel, Mark my lad, and give us a hand. If we can't get some more steam out of these boilers, we will not live to see the sun rise tomorrow. Shovel for your life!"

Mark was scared and he had still had no lunch, but he picked up a shovel and gave it all he was worth. The fire grew a little hotter and the screw turned a little faster. Mark was so tired he could hardly see, but he kept on shovelling. He started to feel a little dizzy, and Sue, the [illegible]some stoker, slapped his cheeks to keep him awake.

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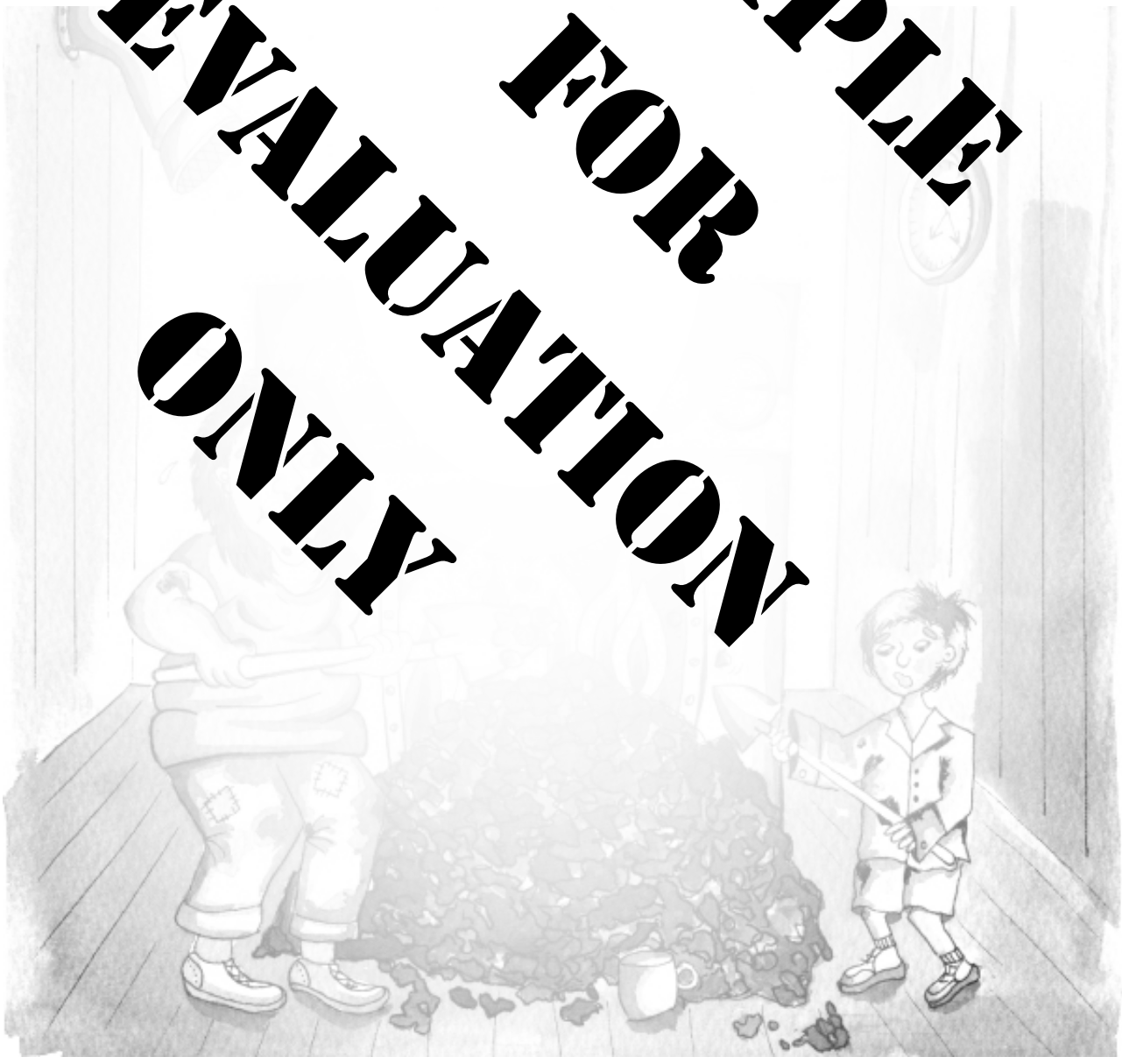

“Here my lad, have a sip of some sweet tea.” she said, “It will make you strong.”

Mark drank the sweet tea, and he felt a little better. They shovelled for ages. There was a speaking tube from the bridge, and they could hear the excited voices.

Then Nate, the first mate, shouted down, “We are almost on the rocks! Give it all you can!”

Nate was an old sea dog, but they could tell he was scared. At last, Mark passed out. He really had needed his lunch.

When he woke up, Sue, the gruesome stoker, was washing him with cold water. The trawler was still rolling, but the wind was gone.

“Well, my lad, we are in the eye of the storm. For a little while, we can rest. And when we come out of the eye of the storm, the wind will be coming from the other way, so we might live to see another day.”

-le, cure, pure, sure

Always use the cursor!

sure	pure	cure	lure	insure	assure	☐
single	gargle	puddle	needle	purple	uncle	☐
handle	kettle	Bible	table	maple	bubble	☐

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

If you gargle salt water, it will help a sore throat. ☐

Bert's ankles are ☐

Gail will ☐ you find a needle. ☐

Carl's un ☐ his ne ☐

You must pi ☐ ile. ☐

The Bible is th ☐ the maple table. ☐

rifle			riddle	☐
puzzle			ankle	☐

Are you sure ☐ ☐

Give the little baby his bottle and he will stop crying. ☐

Joan is able to solve hard puzzles and riddles. ☐

If you rustle cattle, you will end up in prison. ☐

Jake is just idle, pure and simple. ☐

A plaster cast is the cure for a broken ankle. ☐

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DECODING POWER PAGE

Remember to practise the flashcards every day.

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

Wordbuilder

If your pupil makes a mistake, back up the cursor and sound out the word.

wrong	wrongful	wrongfully	☐
cuse	accuse	accused	☐
dress	address	addressed	☐
hitch	hitched	unhitched	☐
judge	judged	misjudged	☐
Maud[illegible]s wrongfully [illegible] apple.			☐
Are you [illegible] to my uncle?			☐
Paul unhitched [illegible] the stable.			☐
Spike was seen [illegible] his tackle.			☐
coil	coiled		☐
fuse	fused		☐
noise	noiseless		☐
agree	agreeable	disagreeable	☐
peace	peaceful	peacefully	☐

The rifle recoiled when it was fired. ☐

The idle boy refused to go to school. ☐

Mark crept up on us noiselessly. ☐

They were able to settle their disagreement peacefully. ☐

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dead head bread read early learn war warn

work warm wire

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

idle tired dead

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

scare share sure

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

fiddle fight fire

Be careful with that candle, it might cause a _____.

ample ankle axle

My uncle got shot in the _____ in the last war.

pure tire table

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

bike bite bare

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

hare hire head

I hurt my _____ when I fell off my skateboard.

FLUENCY READING

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

curl	quack	jar	budge	☐ ☆ ☆
painful	barge	belau	lag	☐ ☆ ☆
fir	thigh	god	falling	☐ ☆ ☆
sludge	verb	[illegible]	[illegible]	☐ ☆ ☆
snatch	[illegible]	[illegible]	join	☐ ☆ ☆
beside	[illegible]	[illegible]	lock	☐ ☆ ☆
heel	[illegible]	[illegible]	law	☐ ☆ ☆
smudge	[illegible]	[illegible]	fork	☐ ☆ ☆
passes	[illegible]	[illegible]	quill	☐ ☆ ☆
Paul	moth	fork	wedge	☐ ☆ ☆
fraud	coil	drawn	bash	☐ ☆ ☆
first	tuck	pause	bight	☐ ☆ ☆
rid	flaw	boil	shocking	☐ ☆ ☆

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giant

Amanda, the Giant Panda

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

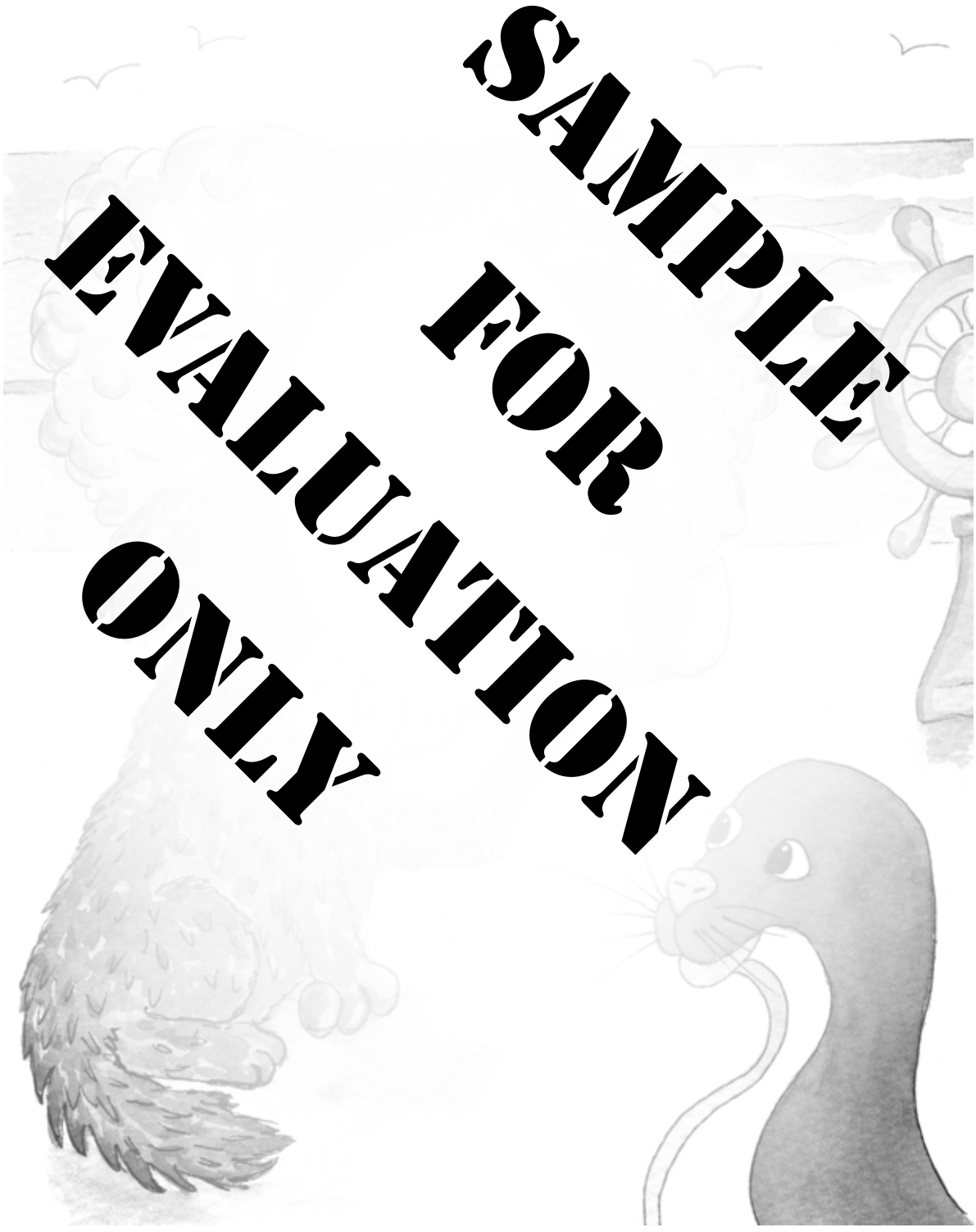
Mark's arms were so sore that he could hardly hold the mug of strong, sweet tea that Sue gave him.

Mark was starved. He said, "Look, this story has gone too far. If I don't get my lunch now, I will leave this story. I am fed up to my back teeth with being hungry. This has gone beyond a joke."

Sue looked at Mark sadly. She said, "Well, this story wouldn't be the same without you. It looks like we will have to feed you."

So, Sue went to the speaking tube and shouted up to the bridge, "Now that Mark has saved your skins, the least you can do is give him some lunch!"

Mark could hear some noise coming from the speaking tube, and at last he could hear Maud say, "Are you sure he can have lunch? I think it might be against the rules."



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

Up on the bridge, they were all just as scared of Sue, the gruesome stoker, as they had been scared of the storm.

Neal, the real seal, flapped his flippers and said, "What can we give him? I have eaten all the raw prawns. There are none left."

Nate, the first mate, said, "Well, Mark is not a seal, and I should think he would be just as happy with an apple sauce pizza and some cream cakes. We must go and fetch him from the boiler room and take him to the mess decks. Amanda, the giant panda, can give him his lunch."

So, Nate, the first mate, grabbed a new pipe and stuffed it with shag. He struck a match and puffed until the shag was on fire. He blew a huge cloud of smoke out of his ears. Who would dare to face Sue?

Mastery Test

If your pupil does not pass this test, they must go back to page 9. This is very important—a child who is struggling will not be learning. Contrary to what you would think, most children would rather go back than carry on getting things wrong. If your pupil needs to go back, use a different coloured pencil for ticking the boxes.

Use the cursor as you would on a Fluency Reading page.

Timed reading: 'Pass' mark [illegible] words per line.

sure square [illegible] wrongfully ☐

hire [illegible] ☐

supermarket [illegible] table ☐

simple [illegible] discount ☐

Reading [illegible] mistake.

Do not pr[illegible] correct, but you cannot say anything exce[illegible]

I am sure my un[illegible] took the test be[illegible] Coke. ☐

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

Herb broke his ankle while trying to jump over the puddle. ☐

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

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-are, -ire: Longer words

If your pupil makes a mistake, back up the cursor and then sound out the word.

spitfire	vampire	campfire	ensnare	inspire	☐
entire	aspire	warfare	crossfire	bonfire	☐
beware	perspire	declare	require	quagmire	☐
bonfire	desire	square	empire	hardware	☐

My grandad flew a Spitfire in the Second World War. ☐

We sat around the campfire and talked about vampires. ☐

Can Clive get some wire fence at the hardware store? ☐

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

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

Beware of the burning embers from the bonfire! ☐

retire	umpire	backfire	conspire	nightmare	☐
welfare	admire	expire	prepare	childcare	☐
enquire	software	gunfire	wildfire	ensnare	☐

Will we learn about childcare at high school? ☐

Steve had a nightmare about the sound of gunfire. ☐

I really admire Jean's new flares. ☐

When will our parking permit expire? ☐

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

You will be required to declare your welfare payments. ☐

Some of these words are unusual but they are all real words.

dribble	fable	cure	rifle	☐
retire	prepare	umpire	nightmare	☐
splotch	kitchen	flicker	ledge	☐
misfire	software	warfare	compare	☐
disagree	excuse	shrewd	hateful	☐
lure	maple	bugle	bugle	☐
welfare	[illegible]	recycle	recycle	☐
clew	[illegible]	[illegible]	withdrew	☐
madness	[illegible]	[illegible]	disable	☐
declare	[illegible]	[illegible]	satire	☐
turtle	[illegible]	[illegible]	apple	☐
spate	[illegible]	[illegible]	incline	☐
warfare	enquire	childcare	backfire	☐
fraught	haunches	audible	saunter	☐
entire	software	airfare	haywire	☐
sable	pure	tickle	needle	☐
unaware	aspire	crossfire	firmware	☐
palace	surge	irksome	since	☐

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

Wordbuilder

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

feat	defeat	defeated	undefeated	☐
treat	treated	retreated		☐
may	dismay	dismayed	undismayed	☐
joy	enjoy	enjoying		☐
tire	retire	retirement		☐

The defeated army retreated to the castle. ☐

Clair was dismayed when she found the dead rat. ☐

My grandad is really enjoying his retirement. ☐

clare	declare	declared		☐
tire	entire	entirely		☐
pare	prepare	prepared		☐
quire	require	requirement	requirements	☐
pute	compute	computer		☐

Kent declared at two hundred for three. ☐

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

Dawn prepared a lovely packed lunch for our hike. ☐

Paul didn't meet the requirements for that school. ☐

This new computer software is useless. ☐

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

prepare compare admire

Luke goes to a lot of trouble to _____ a nice lunch.

fuel idea fault

I had no _____ that Jean was so poor.

stares pickles

How many years

Does Peter

tackle

I am

about

If you work

nettle apple beetle

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

idles ideas pickles

Where does Joy get all of her bright _____?

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

FLUENCY READING

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

plaice	quilting	drawl	thug	☐ ☆ ☆
North	dodge	rain	yawn	☐ ☆ ☆
flight	perch	draw	art	☐ ☆ ☆
export	claw	toy	singe	☐ ☆ ☆
trike	god	thaw	beet	☐ ☆ ☆
retch	perk	brawn	sir	☐ ☆ ☆
pain	larch	thick	sister	☐ ☆ ☆
raw	nigh	torch	darn	☐ ☆ ☆
haul	quit	chill	hitch	☐ ☆ ☆
cause	fault	thorn	cake	☐ ☆ ☆
lee	church	vault	horse	☐ ☆ ☆
cadge	ashes	taut	wit	☐ ☆ ☆
path	rage	stressful	pail	☐ ☆ ☆

On the Mess Decks

Neal, the real seal, and Nate, the first mate, tossed a coin to see who would have to go down to the boiler room and fetch Mark up to the mess decks. They were both scared of Sue, the gruesome stoker.

Neal flipped a coin (for seals, a kind flippers), and Nate called "Heads!" But the coin landed on Neal's tail.

Nate said, "Well, that's very unfortunate. Whoever goes below will be eaten by the gruesome stoker. Compared to her, a shark would be a real treat." With that, Nate left the bridge and went down to the mess decks.

When Sue saw Mark, she said, "Bad dog! Go and sit down!"

Nate curled his lip and slunk off to the pile of oily rags. Then he rolled over on his back and waved his legs around in the air.

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

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

She asked Nate, "Who is this little boy in the dirty shirt? What is he doing on my mess decks?"

Nate said, "This is Mark, and really he is a smart boy. He saved this rusty trawler from the rocky shore of Bangalore. He went down into the boiler room to shovel coal in the middle of the storm. You have to admire him for that. Now he is hungry, and he needs some lunch. Maud said that you will have to feed him."

Amanda put down her map. "Since we are out of small prawns, all that is left is apple-sauce pizza and cream cakes. I have not got time to prepare food for everyone who wants to eat in the middle of the day."

Nate said, "Well that is fine by me, but if Sue hears that you have not fed Mark the nosh that he wants, she will come after you with a shovel."

Amanda grumbled and put down her map. "Well, you had better come here then, and we will see what we can find in our fridge."

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

Dropping the 'e'

If your pupil makes a mistake, back up the cursor and then sound out the word.

hide	hiding	take	taking	ride	ridable	☐
shave	shaving	fine	final	spike	spiky	☐
smile	smiling	care	caring	stone	stony	☐

My friends are all hiding in the barn. ☐

Are you taking all your books to school? ☐

That old bike is no longer ridable. ☐

My dad cut himself shaving this morning. ☐

We went to watch the cup-final last year. ☐

Mark is the boy with the spiky brown hair. ☐

smoke	smoky	shine	shiny	take	taking	☐
scare	scary	write	writing	trade	trading	☐
use	usable	bone	bony	bride	bridal	☐

The room got smoky when Jean lit the fire. ☐

The rides at the fun-fair were very scary. ☐

Maud is writing a long letter to her sister. ☐

Mike is trading his bike for a new tape deck. ☐

This old software is barely usable. ☐

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

Dropping the ‘e’

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

shine	shining	hope	hoping	style	stylish	☐
ride	riding	use	using	slime	slimy	☐
globe	global	fire	firing	love	lovable	☐

You can see the headlights shining from three miles away. ☐

Dawn was hoping you would come today. ☐

Jane [illegible] ☐

Is Jun [illegible] ☐

Joyce hat[illegible] ☐

Do you think [illegible] by man? ☐

size	sizable			tide	tidal	☐
shade	[illegible]			prune	pruning	☐
spine	spin[illegible]			close	closing	☐

Luke’s dog took a chunk out of the postman’s ankle. ☐

Are the soles of Paul’s feet ticklish?. ☐

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

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

Spike’s old white van is no longer drivable. ☐

Drew is pruning the hedge with my old clippers. ☐

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

DECODING POWER PAGE

Some of these words are unusual but they are all real words.

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

Wordbuilder

If your pupil makes a mistake, back up the cursor and sound out the word.

drive	drivable		☐
use	using	reusing	☐
quote	quoting	misquoting	☐
sale	salable	unsalable	☐
come	become	becoming	☐
Max's	was not	tree.	☐
Mum		es and	☐
I think Su			☐
The shop's go		fire.	☐
On Gail, that			☐
store			☐
fine			☐
close			☐
plete	complete	completely	☐
tame	tamable	untamable	☐

My grandad is good at restoring old clocks. ☐

They are finally disclosing the truth about the war. ☐

Most big cats are completely untamable. ☐

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

worm word worth

I am afraid your teacher wants a _____ with your mum.

moon soon sun

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

stony smoky scary

Spading over this _____ soil is hard work.

smoking sailing skating

Does Vern want to go _____ if the lake freezes over?

choose choice chance

Which shooting school did your uncle _____?

food root room

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

word world worm

If you join the Air Force, you might fly all over the _____.

righting writing biting

Does your school make you use joined-up _____?

FLUENCY READING

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

haunch	Wight	chock	jaunt	☐ ☆ ☆
forge	botch	jaw	nib	☐ ☆ ☆
snitch	craw	sigh	Turk	☐ ☆ ☆
quiz	pack	[illegible]	[illegible]	☐ ☆ ☆
trawl	[illegible]	[illegible]	clutch	☐ ☆ ☆
sawn	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	☐ ☆ ☆
pledge	[illegible]	[illegible]	blaunt	☐ ☆ ☆
bob	[illegible]	[illegible]	restock	☐ ☆ ☆
thigh	[illegible]	[illegible]	fluke	☐ ☆ ☆
fight	yaw	torn	dark	☐ ☆ ☆
trudge	farce	high	saucer	☐ ☆ ☆
ten	drudge	prawn	crutch	☐ ☆ ☆
cringe	porch	deck	sledge	☐ ☆ ☆

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The Fridge

Amanda, the giant panda, took Mark over to the fridge. It was a very big fridge, because Amanda had to feed the entire crew of a trawler. She opened the door and they walked in. Mark's nose was assaulted by many strange smells.

"Well, let us see what we can feed you." grumbled Amanda, " We have lots of left-overs, so perhaps we can find something you might like. Here is some crab's feet with blue cheese sauce. If you don't fancy that, maybe you would like some pot noodles with liver and custard. And for a sweet, we still have some bacon-and-egg ice cream."

Now Mark was starved. He wanted food very, very badly. He was so weak that he could hardly stand up. He felt so light-headed that he might faint at any time. But he did not think that he could bring himself to eat some pot noodles with liver and custard. Now he knew why Neal, the real seal, stuck with the small prawns.

"What else do you have?" he asked.

Amanda took him further back into the fridge. It looked like no one had been back that far in years. Globs of green goo clung to the dishes, and long strings of slime hung from the shelves. "Ah, here is the 'clams with peanut butter and chives',

I have been lo[illegible]lly nice! Or maybe you w[illegible] and leek leaves. The food [illegible]

At this poi[illegible]

"Oh dear," Am[illegible]e stoker will not be too happy about this. I had better make sure that she does not find out."

So, Amanda picked Mark up and hauled him out of the fridge. She laid him out on a table. She slapped his face and forced his eyes open. Nothing helped. Mark was out cold. He had gone so long without food that he was very weak. The dreadful

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smell in Amanda's fridge was the last straw. Amanda became very frightened. What could she do?

While Amanda was running around in a panic, Mark was having a dream. He was back at the snack bar on the river, and Dawn came up to him and said,

"This is your lucky day. You will not have to eat hedgehog crisps because I have saved a lovely treat for you! You will really like our snails in garlic butter."

But at one end of the tray, there was a snail sitting on a chair. Someone had painted 'for sale' on his shell in green paint.

Mark shouted, "Why, it's Froid! What are you doing here?"

Froid said, "I have got a job as a life-guard. I have to save anyone who is drowning in garlic butter. But us snails are fine in garlic butter, so I don't have much to do."

Mark said, "I think Dawn expects me to eat you. I couldn't eat an old mate."

Froid said, "Don't worry. Only frogs eat snails." With this, Froid picked up a guitar and started to sing a song.

Mastery Test

If your pupil does not pass this test, they must go back to page 30. This is very important—a child who is struggling will not be learning. Contrary to what you would think, most children would rather go back than carry on getting things wrong. If your pupil needs to go back, use a different coloured pencil for ticking the boxes.

Use the cursor as you would on a Fluency Reading page.

Timed reading: 'Pass' mark [illegible] words per line.

require enjoyed [illegible] lovable ☐

joking [illegible] sliding ☐

taking [illegible] computer ☐

completely [illegible] declare ☐

Reading [illegible] [illegible] mistake.

Do not prompt [illegible] correct, but you cannot say anything except

Bruce could get some steel wire at the hardware store. ☐

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

Do you wake up when you have a nightmare? ☐

Are you reusing these jars for making your pickles? ☐

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Always use the cursor!

quest	question	questionable		☐
state	station	stationary		☐
rel	relate	relation	relations	☐

My little sister is always asking questions. ☐

How far is it to the bus station? ☐

Of all my relations, I like Uncle Mike the best. ☐

vac	vacate	vacation		☐
rect	direct	direction	directions	☐
oper	operate	operation		☐

Last summer, we went to Spain for our vacation. ☐

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

My gran just had an operation on her hip. ☐

port	portion	portions	☐
fect	infect	infection	☐
fuse	confuse	confusion	☐

Could I have a large portion of chips, please? ☐

The robber got away in all the confusion. ☐

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

Wordbuilder

If your pupil makes a mistake, back up the cursor and sound out the word.

mit	*imit*	imitate	imitation	☐
don	donate	donation		☐
spect	inspect	inspection		☐
I want a real sheepskin coat, not one of those cheap imitations.				☐
My mum always gives a donation to a good cause.				☐
Please [illegible] your [illegible] inspection.				☐
cor		[illegible]oration		☐
viol	[illegible]	[illegible]lations		☐
probe	[illegible]			☐
Can I paint [illegible]?				☐
Why [illegible] violations?				☐
The robber [illegible] only gave him probation.				☐
pollute	[illegible]			☐
tense	tension	extension		☐
ject	object	objection	objections	☐
We spend a lot of time at school studying pollution.				☐
I was late with my work, but my teacher gave me an extension.				☐
I am going to have a bath, if you don't have any objections.				☐

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DECODING POWER PAGE

Some of these words are unusual but they are all real words..

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

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

infection donation station

Did James give a _____ to the Red Cross?

heard light noise

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

instead

Spi[illegible] on.

re[illegible]

Be sure you [illegible] hear the warning.

[illegible]

If you w[illegible] avoid getting _____.

imitation operation [illegible]

Paul had to get an _____ ladder to reach the roof.

heard held herb

Have you _____ about all the trouble at school?

stretch stitch search

Jane had to _____ all over the house to find her book.

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FLUENCY READING

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

taunt	poach	spike	spawn	☐ ☆ ☆
blight	swirl	weep	boy	☐ ☆ ☆
crotch	goth	Dutch	gawk	☐ ☆ ☆
haunt	match	tort	road	☐ ☆ ☆
smirk	unspoilt	blotch	Maud	☐ ☆ ☆
nosh	woke	wedge	sketch	☐ ☆ ☆
made	berg	brawl	these	☐ ☆ ☆
light	age	goat	chick	☐ ☆ ☆
tube	fawn	shine	batch	☐ ☆ ☆
shim	failed	cube	sludge	☐ ☆ ☆
hide	coat	vaunt	wide	☐ ☆ ☆
taut	mole	hers	quill	☐ ☆ ☆
grudge	lance	wise	maul	☐ ☆ ☆

Scary Mary, the Kitchen Maid.

While Mark was laid out on the table dreaming about Froid and his guitar, Amanda, the giant panda, was running around in a panic.

Scary Mary, the kitchen maid, was running down from the bridge with a tray full of dirty things and she said, "What is that dirty little boy done now? I will have to wash it again. I'll give him a warning this week."

Just then, Sue came storming in waving a dirty coal shovel. "What have you done to my Mark?" she bellowed. "I told you to look after him, and now you have killed him with your stupidity." She swung the shovel at Amanda's head.

Amanda dived out of the way. The shovel was so big that the table tipped over, and Mark rolled off and fell to the filthy deck.

Sue roared out, "Get down in the boiler room and shovel coal, you useless panda! I will look after Mark."

Amanda darted away, and Scary Mary started to run too, hoping that she could get away in all the confusion. But Sue caught her by the scruff of her neck.

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"You will stay here, you vampire. You will mop and scrub until the mess decks are spotless. And you will wash Mark's shirt and shorts and boots."

Scary Mary wiped her nose on her sleeve and snivelled, but she did as she was told. Sue made her wash and dry a table, and she made her get a clean blanket to keep Mark warm. Then Sue put on the kettle and [illegible] using three teabags for herself and [illegible]

"I guess my [illegible] for the young lad," she said.

But Mark did not [illegible] and warm in his soft blanket. He was [illegible] Hank, the hunch-backed [illegible]

"I hate to say this, [illegible] was faster. And the seats were more [illegible]

Hank said, "When we see Floyd the faultless fish, we can ask him for directions to the train station."

In his dream, Mark was eating fish and chips, which tasted ever so good. "Oh dear," he said, "I hope I haven't just eaten him."

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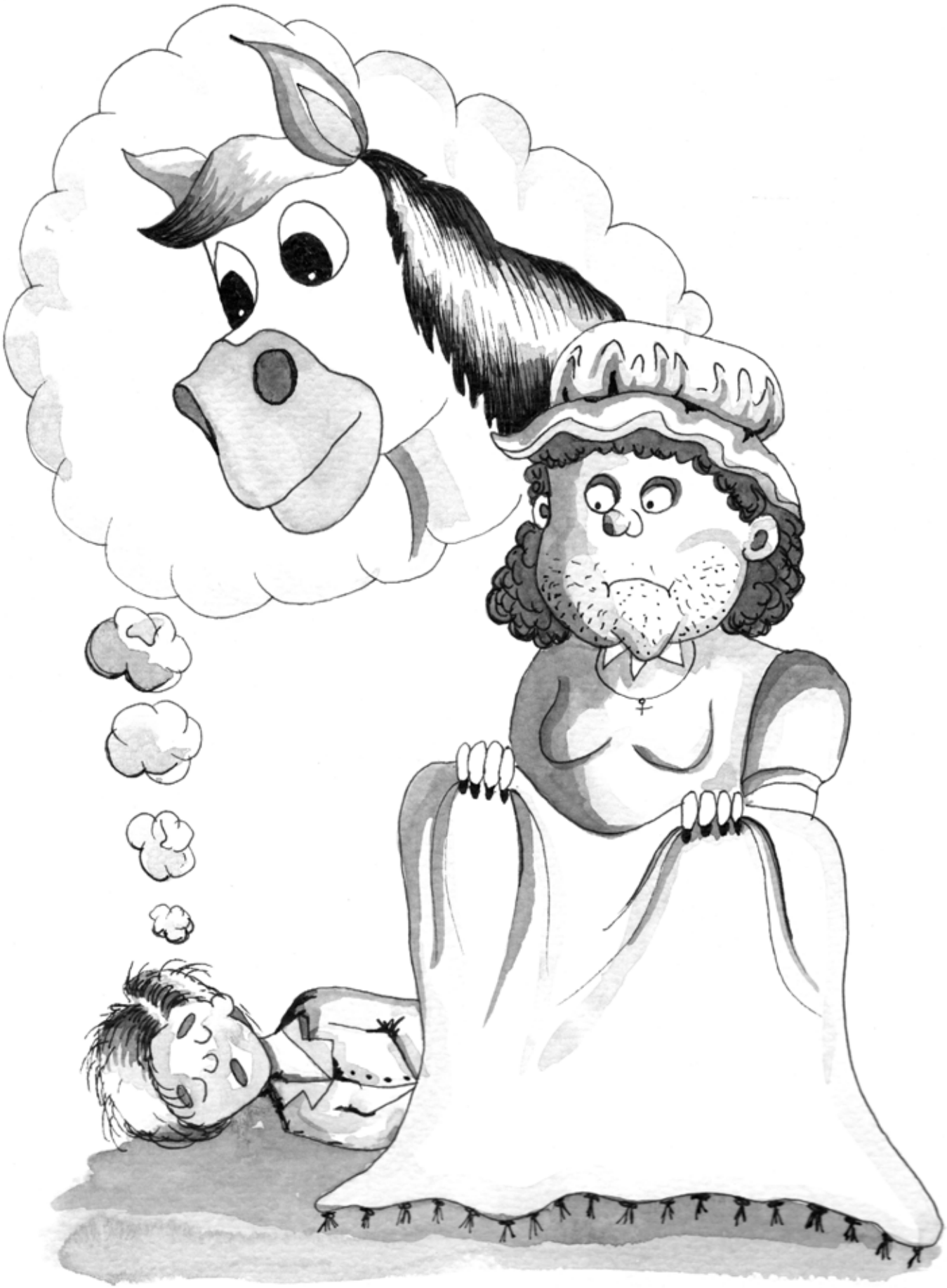

Dropping the 'e'

If your pupil makes a mistake, back up the cursor and then sound out the word.

hide	hiding	scare	scary	bride	bridal	☐
come	coming	fire	firing	ride	ridable	☐
fine	final	wipe	wiping	dine	dining	☐

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

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

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

Clive's old bike is barely ridable. ☐

Is Steve going to watch the cup final with us? ☐

dare	daring	scare	scaring	spike	spiky	☐
drive	driving	shine	shiny	smoke	smoky	☐
tube	tubing	like	likable	use	using	☐

June is wiping the crumbs off the dining room table. ☐

Joyce is always daring me to jump off the roof. ☐

Pete got into trouble for scaring those poor old people. ☐

Mark is the boy with the spiky brown hair. ☐

The dining room gets pretty smoky when Dad is cooking. ☐

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

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

infection	rejection	nation	question	☐
using	lazy	latest	joking	☐
prepare	haywire	software	bonfire	☐
closing	tamable	nicer	wider	☐
cable	puzzle	hassle	hustle	☐
imitation	inspection	solution	location	☐
bridal	pruning	pruning	pruning	☐
merger	handsome	handsome	handsome	☐
witchcraft	crafty	quirky	quirky	☐
daring	noisy	stolen	stolen	☐
pollution	confusion	confusion	confusion	☐
frightful	tight	tightrope	tightrope	☐
salable	tubing	crazy	scared	☐
tingle	noble	cure	beetle	☐
firing	likable	smoky	final	☐
tension	relation	operation	portion	☐
hectare	umpire	hardware	esquire	☐
spiky	wiping	skated	dining	☐

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Wordbuilder

Always use the cursor!

add	addition	additional		☐
tire	retire	retiring		☐
ject	object	objection	objections	☐

We had to hire additional workers for the heavy jobs. ☐

I heard that my uncle James is retiring in June. ☐

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

miss	mission	permission		☐
fine	final	finalist	finalists	☐
take	mistake	mistakable	unmistakable	☐

Does Maud have permission to trawl for prawns? ☐

The finalists on Big Brother are all twits. ☐

Ruth is unmistakable with her green hair. ☐

spire	inspire	inspiring	uninspiring	☐
flect	reflect	reflection		☐
fashion	fashionable	unfashionable		☐

Our new headmaster gave an inspiring talk last week. ☐

Can you see your reflection in the glass? ☐

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

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

sing sign singe

We just passed a _____ saying the road is closed ahead.

guess guest guilty

Uncle Bert will be staying in the _____ room.

guide guitar guess

I can't play the _____ because the strings are broken.

hurt guilty

The guards _____ the jail.

itches ews

Your h_____ in trouble.

guard guitar

Peter got a j_____ swimming pool.

sign slime size

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

guide global sweeper

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

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

FLUENCY READING

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

join	tale	pledge	bite	☐ ☆ ☆
gormless	light	lard	hack	☐ ☆ ☆
home	crawl	hope	gaunt	☐ ☆ ☆
boil	safe	notch	curb	☐ ☆ ☆
tame	quell	pawn	stone	☐ ☆ ☆
might	oak	weed	day	☐ ☆ ☆
lone	itch	June	haul	☐ ☆ ☆
shock	lane	thaw	wipe	☐ ☆ ☆
Wight	perch	twirl	note	☐ ☆ ☆
auk	mule	pain	beet	☐ ☆ ☆
fetch	vainly	tape	date	☐ ☆ ☆
perk	plunge	witch	urn	☐ ☆ ☆
jaw	toy	frailest	same	☐ ☆ ☆

pirate

Lunch At Last?

Mark was still dreaming. He was riding Hank, the hunch-backed horse, and he was eating fish and chips. Then he started to wake up because he really did smell fish and chips.

"About time you stirred yourself," said Sue, the gruesome stoker. "I was starting to worry about you. I sent Scary Mary out for some fish and chips. There's nothing fit to eat in the galley kitchen. I got you some skate and chips for your breakfast."

Mark was pleased to see the skate, and he was starving. He hadn't had any supper without a bite to eat, and he didn't think Sue would let him have his lunch early. He reached for his portion of skate and chips. Was it real? Or was it just an imitation? Was he still dreaming?

The bag of chips felt nice and warm in his hands. But just as he reached for his first chip, he heard the crack of gunfire. The steel deck above his head rang out with the crash of heavy boots.

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

"Why, it must be Jolly Roger, the pirate, drunk again," said Sue. "You just stay here and enjoy your chips while I go and sort him out."

Sue got up and stamped off in the direction of the noise.

Mark ran after her, but he tripped over Scary Mary, who was trying to hide under a table. Mark fell out on his face, and his fish and chips went all over the floor and deck. He was so hungry that he ate them anyway. He had eaten two chips and he was more hungry than ever. They were covered in cheese and dirty socks, with a taste so bad that Mark almost threw up. He threw them where it had landed.

When he looked up, Sue's eyes were dirty again. He was fed up with being in the dark, and going without lunch had become unbearable. He decided to run after Sue because he had never seen a real pirate before.

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

Mastery Test

If your pupil does not pass this test, they must go back to page 48. This is very important—a child who is struggling will not be learning. Contrary to what you would think, most children would rather go back than carry on getting things wrong. If your pupil needs to go back, use a different coloured pencil for ticking the boxes.

Use the cursor as you would on a Fluency Reading page.

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

retiring final ☐

bridal ☐

spiky ☐

inspection ☐

Reading accuracy

Do not prompt. [illegible] but you cannot say anything except "Try [illegible]"

We must get planning permission for our new extension. ☐

Spike is unmistakable, driving his shiny purple car. ☐

Please have your boarding passes ready for inspection. ☐

Jess thinks that my bright red trainers are unfashionable. ☐

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

Dancing Bears

Well done!

You have completed
Level 8

You are now
working on Level 9

Soft ‘c’

If your pupil makes a mistake, back up the cursor and then sound out the word.

race	racer	fence	fencing	choice	choicest	☐
slice	sliced	nice	nicest	dance	dancing	☐

Do boy racers smash up their cars very often? ☐

My mum sent me out to get a packet of white bread. ☐

Would you like to come dancing? ☐

Last summer Martin ☐

city ☐

I think this ☐

The boys were ☐

In the ☐

I am ☐

Little boys ☐

cell cellar ☐

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

Joan’s house has a very damp cellar. ☐

Bruce saw a tight-rope walker at the circus. ☐

My uncle Cecil likes to smoke a cigar after dinner. ☐

Would you like to go to the cinema tonight? ☐

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

DECODING POWER PAGE

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

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

cite	excite	excited	unexcited	☐
cent	percent	percentage		☐
cide	decide	decided	undecided	☐

Martha was very excited about ... puppy. ☐

We had to pay a tax of ten ... ☐

Please ... me what ... ☐

ceed				☐
ceive	rec...			☐
cept	except...		...ptions	☐

You m... hard ... ...d at first. ☐

I sent Dav... ...ed it. ☐

I am sorry, bu... ...ions to the rules. ☐

cel	excel	excellent	...ently	☐
cess	success	successful	successfully	☐
cent	recent	recently		☐

Luke got excellent grades at school last term. ☐

If you work hard, you will certainly be successful. ☐

The circus was in the city very recently. ☐

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

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

startle start star

Steve is a real _____ on the dance floor.

triple trouble tension

My Uncle Cecil goes to a lot of _____ to help poor people.

excellent excited exceptions

Clair's ideas are always _____ .

cigar cider city

Does Charles know the way into the ____?

circle circus cellar

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

square goat circle

You can draw a ____ if you trace around a saucer.

locked licked looked

Are you certain that Sue left the back door _____?

receive succeed decide

How many stations can you _____ on your tuner?

FLUENCY READING

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

daub	hinge	perk	pain	☐ ☆ ☆
switch	irk	Pete	paw	☐ ☆ ☆
torch	purse	life	murk	☐ ☆ ☆
dodge	darn	[illegible]	[illegible]	☐ ☆ ☆
reborn	[illegible]	[illegible]	hub	☐ ☆ ☆
law	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	☐ ☆ ☆
mail	rise	[illegible]	judge	☐ ☆ ☆
hole	[illegible]	[illegible]	right	☐ ☆ ☆
flirt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	☐ ☆ ☆
porky	bone	cause	[illegible]	☐ ☆ ☆
ford	night	burp	pale	☐ ☆ ☆
bawl	say	voice	fuse	☐ ☆ ☆
birth	badge	horse	rack	☐ ☆ ☆

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

Jolly Roger

Mark looked regretfully at his fish and chips, which were strewn all over the grimy floor. As he got up, he had trouble peeling his hands and knees off the greasy deck. Then he heard some more gunfire, so he decided to run for the door and see what the excitement was about. He ran up the ladder to the main deck, where everyone was running around in confusion. Mark saw a man with a black patch over one eye, and he had a gun.

"Down with Maudlin Maud! Let's take over this trawler, and then we can have all the cider and beer that we want." He shouted.

Sue, the gruesome stoker, stomped across the deck. "Jolly Roger, you are drunk already. Put down that gun, and you can sleep it off in the boiler room."

Jolly Roger raised his gun and pointed it at Gruesome Sue. "Stop, or I will shoot! I really mean it!" he shouted.

But Sue looked him squarely in the eye, and she kept on coming. As she got closer, Jolly Roger's hand began to shake.

"I'll shoot!" he yelled.

But Sue paid no attention to his brave words. She picked him

up by the scruff of his neck and shook him until he dropped his gun.

"Jolly Roger, you have some pretty daft ideas, even when you are sober. You are always causing trouble, stirring up the crew. If I were Maud, I'd feed you to the sharks."

But just then, Scary Mary crept up behind Sue with a big club. She was angry because Sue had ripped Mark's shirt, shorts and coats, [illegible]

Mark yelled [illegible]

But it was too late. Sue [illegible] as hard as she could, and poor Sue fell [illegible] quickly, but it was too late. She was [illegible]

Jolly Roger [illegible] shouted, "Let's make them walk the [illegible] pirates are supposed to do things."

One of the other pirates mentioned that Sue was in no condition to walk anywhere. Another one said that no one knew for certain where to find a plank.

"Well, we have to do something with all of the bosses, or we will all go to jail. Maybe we could put them in the hold, where we store our raw prawns," said Scary Mary.

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

So Jolly Roger and the pirates rounded up Maud, Nate, Neal and the loyal crew, and herded them into the hold for raw prawns. It took six men to drag Sue to the hold. While they were doing this, Mark hid in a lifeboat. He was very frightened —without Sue to protect him, who could he trust?

-ion:

Always use the cursor.

mention fraction caution attention ☐

dictation reputation education action ☐

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

Maud learned how to add and subtract fractions at school. ☐

Blind people always cross at the junction. ☐

If you don't pay attention you won't learn anything. ☐

My teacher gave me a detention from dictation. ☐

If you work hard you will earn a good reputation. ☐

My Uncle Cecil left school at the age of education. ☐

insulation four attention ☐

position tradition ☐

You can save money on your loft. ☐

Gail learned how to solve simple equations last term. ☐

Our new teacher gave Dawn a detention for being late. ☐

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

They should put up stop signs at that road junction. ☐

The leaking gas main caused a big explosion. ☐

The workers dug the foundations for our new house. ☐

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

DECODING POWER PAGE

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

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

Wordbuilder

If your pupil makes a mistake, back up the cursor and sound out the word.

lax	relax	relaxation	☐
vise	vision*	television	☐
fend	defend	defender	☐
tent	intent	intentional	☐
sense	sensate	sensational	☐
After a hard day in sch		relaxation.	☐
Last night I watch		television.	☐
The Leeds player		for an intentional foul.	☐
Spur's goal-keep			☐
cite	cite	excited	☐
miss			☐
ject	inj		☐
pair	repair		☐
verse	version	diversion	☐

The children were all excited about the new puppy. ☐

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

Does the nurse have to give me an injection? ☐

The road was being repaired and we had to take a diversion. ☐

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SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

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

heard healthy guilty

All that heavy work will make you fit and _____ .

insane instead insight

If Steve is not ready, we can take Charles _____.

caution condition confusion

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

information injection infection

You can get that _____ by searching on the computer.

health heavy guilty

Does that imported cigar have a _____ warning?

poor permission pretty

Fay goes to a lot of trouble to make herself look _____ .

warning warming working

June did not see the sign _____ that the bridge was closed.

sign sing sight

You must ____ your name here if you want to hire a van.

FLUENCY READING

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

face	sauce	belong	theme	☐ ☆ ☆
paid	Paul	shirt	hedge	☐ ☆ ☆
bilge	arch	prune	dirt	☐ ☆ ☆
pace	late	[illegible]	[illegible]	☐ ☆ ☆
fault	[illegible]	[illegible]	tune	☐ ☆ ☆
quin	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	☐ ☆ ☆
aid	Ben	[illegible]	urge	☐ ☆ ☆
gauze	[illegible]	[illegible]	porch	☐ ☆ ☆
birch	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	☐ ☆ ☆
verse	sight	quite	spurt	☐ ☆ ☆
faun	oath	use	exact	☐ ☆ ☆
Clive	lurch	form	eel	☐ ☆ ☆
flaw	dude	lunge	rule	☐ ☆ ☆

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

The Ventilation Shaft

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

The trawl dead in the water because the engine was out of steam becaus Mark walked up and down th stumped and found a barrel of cider, wi very carefully, Mark slipped the gu away. He was very excite pirates let Sue and the crew when he checked the gun, there w

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

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

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

"Sue?" He called out softly, "Are you there? Are you all right?"

The barking stopped. He could hear heavy footsteps down in the hold.

At last, Sue called up, "Mark, my lad, I have a sore head, but I will live. You must be careful that the pirates don't find you, and you must try to get us out of here. You must find the door to this room."

Sue gave Mark directions, so he would not get lost when he went below. Mark crept away – he was afraid that he would wake up a pirate, and then it would be all over for him.

Mastery Test

If your pupil does not pass this test, they must go back to page 67. This is very important—a child who is struggling will not be learning. Contrary to what you would think, most children would rather go back than carry on getting things wrong. If your pupil needs to go back, use a different coloured pencil for ticking the boxes.

Use the cursor as you would on a Fluency reading page.

Timed reading: 'Pass' mark is [illegible] per line.

circle percent [illegible] action ☐

junction [illegible] equation ☐

successful [illegible] circus ☐

exception [illegible] cell ☐

Reading [illegible] mistake.

Do not prompt [illegible] correct, but you cannot say anything except 'yes' [illegible]

We learned how to solve simple equations last term. ☐

You should never make exceptions to the rules. ☐

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

Are you certain that the circus is in the city? ☐

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

‘y’ to ‘i’:

story	stories	daddy	daddies	funny	funniest	☐
party	parties	puppy	puppies	hurry	hurried	☐
lady	ladies	lorry	lorries	marry	married	☐
copy	copied	nanny	nannies	heavy	heaviest	☐

I have copied all the funniest stories in that book. ☐

Sue hurried home to see all the new puppies. ☐

The ladies are worried about their nannies. ☐

My Uncle Cecil knows how to drive the heaviest lorries. ☐

noise	noisy	noisiest	scare	scary	scariest	☐

Clive and Jane always give the noisiest parties. ☐

Steve always goes on the scariest rides. ☐

thief	thieves	grief	grieves	piece	niece	☐
belief	believe	relief	relieve	brief	chief	☐
field	yield	shield	priest	siege	achieve	☐

The sneaky thief stole a piece of cake. ☐

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

I sent a brief note to the chief. ☐

A priest should always believe in God. ☐

Some of these words are unusual but they are all real words.

tidal	ridable	lazy	latest	☐
violation	extension	donation	inspection	☐
puppies	copied	stories	parties	☐
circus	icing	cellar	excite	☐
field	lorries	[illegible]	hurried	☐
retiring	mistake	[illegible]	[illegible]	☐
addition	[illegible]	[illegible]	stadium	☐
noisiest	[illegible]	[illegible]	believe	☐
misfire	[illegible]	[illegible]	empire	☐
fencing	[illegible]	[illegible]	racing	☐
thief	[illegible]	[illegible]	heaviest	☐
detention	[illegible]	[illegible]	attention	☐
able	cured	bungle	dabble	☐
grief	copier	niece	scariest	☐
becoming	wisest	bony	final	☐
daddies	achieve	noisier	piece	☐
foundation	junction	fraction	education	☐
brief	relieve	funnier	shield	☐

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

Wordbuilder

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

plore	explore	explorer	explorers	☐
cite	excite	exciting	unexciting	☐
cover	discover	discovery	discoveries	☐
feat	defeat	defeated	undefeated	☐

The explorers made many exciting discoveries. ☐

Our football team was undefeated last year. ☐

miss	mission	permission		☐
fect	affect	affection	affectionate	☐
civil	civilise	civilisation		☐

We cannot go if we do not get permission. ☐

Our new kitten is very affectionate. ☐

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

spire	inspire	inspiring	uninspiring	☐
pare	prepare	preparing		☐
cept	recept	reception	receptionist	☐

A good teacher can be very inspiring. ☐

Peter and Maud spent three hours preparing lunch. ☐

The receptionist told us to take a seat. ☐

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

break muddy hurry

You cannot park those lorries in this field when it is _____.

fought bought copied

I believe my Uncle Cecil _____ in the Great War.

hurried worked

My ni[illegible] getting [illegible].

bought busy

When do the[illegible]

busy event

We ou[illegible] gets back.

infection

I thought the [illegible]

cigars cellars stories

What do you hope to achieve by telling such _____?

thought bought ought

We _____ to take a break before my Uncle Cecil finds us.

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

FLUENCY READING

☐Pass:10 sec. ☆Bonus: 8 sec. ✰Double Bonus: 6 sec.

void	Maud	line	clutch	☐ ☆ ✰
name	orb	ice	drawn	☐ ☆ ✰
prevent	pole	nerve	boat	☐ ☆ ✰
force	pawn	robe	furl	☐ ☆ ✰
norm	first	rode	raw	☐ ☆ ✰
sale	lath	cadge	shine	☐ ☆ ✰
chirp	vaunt	loin	quiff	☐ ☆ ✰
cope	band	rude	quirk	☐ ☆ ✰
mesh	vault	swipe	mate	☐ ☆ ✰
drawl	toad	change	draw	☐ ☆ ✰
edge	sawn	leech	hock	☐ ☆ ✰
retrain	slide	caught	mince	☐ ☆ ✰
joy	dawn	ride	judge	☐ ☆ ✰

Leif, the Chief Thief

Sue's voice carried up the ventilation shaft so loudly that Mark was afraid that one of the pirates would wake up. She gave Mark directions so he could find his way to the door to the hold. Mark thought they were lucky to be locked in the hold—at least they had lots of rum down to eat. Mark went down a hatch, but it was dark down there. The lights on a ship are not p[illegible] the fire in the boiler [illegible] had no power. So, Mark went [illegible] could find a lighter. The pirates had [illegible] Mark thought that they all must be [illegible] a thief, and he did not like [illegible] what else could he do?

Mark was [illegible] ets. The first pirate he came to smelled [illegible] and he was snoring like a buzz saw. But Mark could not find a lighter in his pocket. The pirate started to wake up, and he mumbled a curse. Mark crept away. After a bit, he got up the nerve to try another sleeping pirate. His pockets were empty. Mark checked the pockets of five more pirates, but not one of them had a lighter.

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

"What can I do?" he thought. "I must find the door so I can let Gruesome Sue and Maudlin Maud out of the hold. But I will achieve nothing if I get caught."

Just then he heard footsteps. Slowly, they got closer and closer. In the moonlight, Mark saw a pirate with a cigar clamped in his teeth. Mark was so scared that he started shaking.

"Sorry pal, have you got a light?" the pirate asked.

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

"If you don't mind, sir, I will come with you. I like stealing lighters myself."

Mark was [illegible] should even play with lighters. [illegible] the sort of thing a pirate might say. [illegible] chief thief. He was sleeping with his [illegible] frowns, so he didn't snore [illegible] His [illegible] ters. Mark and the pirate took [illegible] with a sigh of relief.

"Care for a dr[illegible]

Mark said, "It's past my bedtime and if my Mum finds out that I am not in bed, I will be in real trouble. Thanks anyway."

With that, Mark slipped away to find the door to the hold.

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

-ure

Always use the cursor!

picture mixture capture torture vulture ☐

venture moisture puncture furniture nature ☐

Charles enjoys drawing pictures with his blue pencil. ☐

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

Little Max got into trouble for jumping on the furniture. ☐

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

culture fixture pasture future lecture ☐

feature creature texture fracture posture ☐

Last year we studied French culture at school. ☐

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

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

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

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

measure treasure pleasure seizure composure ☐

You can use a ruler to measure your box. ☐

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

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

If your pupil makes a mistake, back up the cursor and then sound out the

certain	cell	tracing	nicest	☐
siege	belief	carried	scarier	☐
picture	mixture	text	future	☐
violation	exception		action	☐
capture	vulture		ture	☐
slice	racing			☐
laziest				☐
puncture			ixture	☐
crazy			ikable	☐
caution			diversion	☐
torture			posture	☐
grieves			chief	☐
desire	beware	conspire	careful	☐
moisture	culture	pasture	treasure	☐
cinema	dancing	iced	cent	☐
furniture	fracture	pleasure	future	☐
piece	relief	nannies	copied	☐
feature	measure	posture	pasture	☐

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

Wordbuilder

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

vent	advent	adventure		☐
part	depart	departure		☐
feat	feature	featuring		☐
capt	capture	recapture	recaptured	☐

Merl reads a lot of adventure stories. ☐

The departure of our flight was delayed for three hours. ☐

My Grandad has some DVDs featuring the Rolling Stones. ☐

The police recaptured the escaped prisoner. ☐

pose	expose	exposure	☐
close	disclose	disclosure	☐
close	enclose	enclosure	☐

Jane suffered from exposure when she was caught out in a blizzard. ☐

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

My dog can get all of the sheep into the enclosure. ☐

sure	insure	insurance	☐
cure	secure	securely	☐

You should never drive a car without insurance. ☐

Please lock the door securely when you go to bed. ☐

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

feature fraction fracture

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

guitar station vulture

Have you measured the strings [illegible] _____ ?

surely [illegible]

You [illegible]

grief [illegible]

If you can't [illegible] try to _____.

[illegible] healthy

The guard[illegible] people.

great [illegible]

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

horses ladies goats

All the married _____ hurried to attend the lecture.

warning warm war

My father fought with the Welsh Guards in the _____.

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

FLUENCY READING

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

lawn	thud	pine	pause	☐ ☆ ☆
bird	haunts	hay	reed	☐ ☆ ☆
morse	bight	craw	because	☐ ☆ ☆
coy	gale	crawl	flange	☐ ☆ ☆
haunch	fort	stale	distance	☐ ☆ ☆
saucer	cute	thick	vain	☐ ☆ ☆
claw	lace	Gaul	catch	☐ ☆ ☆
beer	daub	hinge	Eve	☐ ☆ ☆
Maud	lark	burnt	gawk	☐ ☆ ☆
trim	switches	foil	hair	☐ ☆ ☆
faun	zone	gaunt	hurt	☐ ☆ ☆
pert	prawn	smudge	sauce	☐ ☆ ☆
fail	those	yawn	sir	☐ ☆ ☆

quiet, key

The Sign of the Vulture

With ten lighters in his pockets, Mark went off to find the door to the raw prawn hold. When he got below, he followed Sue's directions, and found the right door. The pirates had put a huge padlock on the door, so that there was nothing that Mark could do. He went back up and reported to the ventilation shaft and gave Sue one of the lighters.

"Don't let them catch you," he warned her. "They might decide to throw all the thieves and cut-throats. You'll all wake up, and Jolly Roger gu

Mark d and ra the ventilation shaft and went back to his bunk. The sun was rising in the east, and ste ly drunken thieves, who were passe k. Leif, the chief thief, was the smelliest of them all, for his head was still stuck in a pail of raw prawns.

Mark was very tired, and he slept until noon. When he woke up, the pirates were shouting and cursing. He heard Leif, the chief thief, say

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

"But we must have more cider! My head hurts, and going without cider is pure torture."

Jolly Roger shouted, "If you sail under the sign of the vulture, you must do as I say."

Mark saw a flag flying from the highest mast, and it had a picture of a vulture on it. In story-books, pirates sailed under

the skull and crossbones. He thought that times must have changed.

Jolly Roger carried on with his lecture. "If I am the boss, we will find lots of treasure, and we will all be very wealthy. You lot are just drunken slobs who think only of pleasure. If we do not plan for the future, the navy will catch us and hang us from the yard-arm. Now, we've got some steam in the boilers and there is treasure."

The pirates looked at each other and muttered that there was more cider. But they knew that Jolly Roger had a point. They did not want to be hanged from the yard-arm. The dogs did not want that. But they were not very happy next to the life-boat, and Mary Read, the pirate,

"Who does he think he is?" Jolly Roger was stuffing raw prawns in and he is some kind of god. We will see about that."

With this, Leif, the thief, lit a cigar (for he still had forty lighters) and stomped away.

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

Mastery Test

If your pupil does not pass this test, they must go back to page 84. This is very important—a child who is struggling will not be learning. Contrary to what you would think, most children would rather go back than carry on getting things wrong. If your pupil needs to go back, use a different coloured pencil for ticking the boxes.

Use the cursor as you would on a Fluency Reading page.

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

heaviest	reception	nature	preparing	☐
capture	relief	affectionate	married	☐
field	mixture	believe	stories	☐
chief	picture	ladies	adventure	☐

Reading accuracy: Pass mark is one mistake.

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

Jane hurried home to see the new puppies. ☐

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

Moving all that heavy furniture was pure torture. ☐

Our departure was delayed because a tyre was punctured. ☐

Soft 'c':

If your pupil makes a mistake, back up the cursor and sound out the word.

city	certain	circle	Cecil	cistern	☐
pencil	cycle	central	century	cedar	☐
council	fancy	fancied	special	cinnamon	☐

Please sign your name with the [illegible]ncil. ☐

On warm days I like to [illegible] ☐

Uncle [illegible] fixed the [illegible] [illegible]om. ☐

The Engli[illegible] century. ☐

The council [illegible] cedar tree. ☐

Luke fancied [illegible] special treat. ☐

centre	[illegible]	license	☐
cistern	[illegible]	centre	☐
spice	[illegible]	cement	☐

The car Clive just bought has central [illegible]. ☐

You can use this special cement for gluing rubber. ☐

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

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

Uncle Cecil makes the spiciest curries. ☐

They hold lots of social functions at the civic centre. ☐

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

DECODING POWER PAGE

Always use the cursor!

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

Wordbuilder

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

cern	concern	concerning		☐
cel	excel	excellent	excellently	☐
vent	advent	adventure	adventurous	☐
cide	decide	decided	undecided	☐
place	replace	replacing		☐
Bruce	not a lett		ce.	☐
I thought		s excell		☐
Charles is		enture.		☐
Jean is quite		furniture.		☐
cent				☐
cess		successful		☐
lay				☐
cise	precise			☐
ceive	receive	received		☐

The search for the guilty thieves was unsuccessful. ☐

Bricklayers mix sand and cement to make mortar. ☐

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

Dawn recently received a large parcel in the post. ☐

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SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

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

countries couples curries

Spain and France are the only _____ I have visited.

teach torch touch

The smooth texture of silk is a pleasure to _____.

guard worry work

My Uncle Cecil used to _____ as a builder.

looks laughs signs

Steve only _____ at the funniest jokes.

young great healthy

These puppies are too _____ to leave their mother.

country collie couple

The young _____ had to get a special license to get married.

bought built believed

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

dead young poor

Luke is too _____ to draw social security payments.

FLUENCY READING

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

taught	sore	cord	drove	☐ ☆ ☆
burning	brawn	laund	soap	☐ ☆ ☆
nude	Bruce	shape	Dutch	☐ ☆ ☆
more	flit			☐ ☆ ☆
jade			bright	☐ ☆ ☆
stab			re	☐ ☆ ☆
Crete			urf	☐ ☆ ☆
mock			crude	☐ ☆ ☆
tuneful			ght	☐ ☆ ☆
ripe	hutch	dime	eech	☐ ☆ ☆
daub	patches	shade	spawn	☐ ☆ ☆
coin	stole	merge	rope	☐ ☆ ☆
slight	fair	harsh	gripe	☐ ☆ ☆

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

Cecil the Special Civet

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

Mark was lying in the bottom of the life-boat trying to find a comfortable position when a small creature caught his attention.

"Shhh! Be quiet!" it said. "I am Cecil, the special civet. I am hiding from the pirates too."

Mark said, "I am not trying to be rude, but I am not sure that I have ever met a special civet before. What do special civets do?"

Cecil stroked his silky whiskers. "Well," he said, "civets are cat-like creatures that live in cedar trees and eat cinnamon toast." Cecil had a quick glance round to be sure that there were no pirates about. "But I'll tell you what special civets

are really for. When a writer isn't sure what to do with his story, he throws in a special civet. All good writers have lots of special civets."

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

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

Cecil smoothed his whiskers again (for special civets are rather vain) and thought for a while. Then he said,

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

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

‘y’ to ‘i’:

If your pupil makes a mistake, back up the cursor and sound out the word.

try	tries	tried	dry	drier	driest	☐
cry	cries	cried	fly	flies	flier	☐
fry	fries	fried	spy	spies	spied	☐

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

Do you like your eggs boiled or fried? ☐

If you think is still wet, put it in the dryer. ☐

Jess cries when she ons. ☐

pry	pries				plied	☐
ply	apply				implied	☐
ply	reply			ply	supplies	☐
try					ied	☐

Steve thought that he could fool me, but Spike denied it. ☐

Drew applied for a job working for the police. ☐

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

You should never eat anything that is covered with flies. ☐

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

In the States, chips are called French fries. ☐

We bought our supplies before we went camping. ☐

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

DECODING POWER PAGE

Always use the cursor!

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

Wordbuilder

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

note	notify	notified		☐
sate	satisfy	satisfied	unsatisfied	☐
drive	driver	screwdriver		☐
build	building	rebuilding		☐
ceed	succeed	succeeding		☐
When	you not			☐
Some pe				☐
Luke pried			screwed.	☐
They are rebu			it was falling to pieces.	☐
You m			at first.	☐
cent				☐
civil	civilis			☐
sign	assign	assignment		☐
plore	explore	explorer	explorers	☐
cover	discover	discovery	discoveries	☐
cite	excite	exciting		☐

We learned about Greek civilisation from this assignment. ☐

Explorers have made many exciting discoveries recently. ☐

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

rough, tough, enough, busy, eight, police

sign break guess

We will take a _____ at eight o'clock.

round rough laugh

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

police builders couples

During the Great War, the _____ were busy looking for spies.

tough eight enough

They have not supplied_____ bricks to build our house.

guilty tough busy

Jake thinks he is _____, but he is really a wimp.

tried fried implied

I am not satisfied that you have _____ hard enough.

accepted expected excited

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

build break bought

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

FLUENCY READING

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

aired	switch	shed	may	☐ ☆ ☆
wedge	mine	paw	witch	☐ ☆ ☆
cheer	mime			☐ ☆ ☆
squirt	terse			☐ ☆ ☆
botch				☐ ☆ ☆
budge				☐ ☆ ☆
quack				☐ ☆ ☆
pope				☐ ☆ ☆
burn				☐ ☆ ☆
Roy	drew	grip		☐ ☆ ☆
mew	board	chock	launder	☐ ☆ ☆
fuel	plate	unload	toil	☐ ☆ ☆
due	trade	few	awful	☐ ☆ ☆

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

moustache

The Secret Policeman

When it got dark, Cecil, the special civet, prepared to go to the rescue of Sue, the gruesome stoker. Mark saw him stick a false moustache over his whiskers and asked,

"Why are you doing that?"

Cecil replied, "Special civet secret policemen. We have to go in disguise. That's how we are cops." With that he put on a pair of lipstick. "Now you would never guess that I am a secret, let alone a policeman." He said.

"Now we must think how we can get busy," Cecil said. "We don't want to rescue a stoker, instead of a tough scruff."

He started digging in the cupboard and stored in the life-boat.

"Great!" he cried, "Here is a guitar. Now you can pretend you are a rock star. And here is a chain! Rock stars must have chains in their noses. And here is a long velvet jacket to cover that dirty shirt. There, you look just fine"

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

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

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

Cecil and Mark crept up to Maud's cabin. The door was closed, but they could hear Scary Mary shouting.

"What kind of pirate do you call yourself, Jolly Roger? You have been in charge of this tub for two days now, and you have not made one single person walk the plank. You have not fed anyone to the sharks, and you have not captured any treasure ships. All your men are muttering and cursing because they want more cider. If you don't watch yourself, Lief, the chief thief, will take over. And I have half a mind to help him, you spineless worm!"

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

Mastery Test

If your pupil does not pass this test, they must go back to page 101. This is very important—a child who is struggling will not be learning. Contrary to what you would think, most children would rather go back than carry on getting things wrong. If your pupil needs to go back, use a different coloured pencil for ticking the boxes.

Use the cursor as you would on a Flu[illegible]ding page.

Timed reading: 'Pass' mark is [illegible] per line.

central excelle[illegible] special ☐

screwdriv[illegible] distraction ☐

precisely [illegible] social ☐

license [illegible] cement ☐

Reading [illegible] [illegible]stake.

Do not prompt [illegible]rect, but you cannot say anything except '[illegible]'.

Clive fancied cinnamon buns washed down with cider. ☐

Explorers have made some exciting discoveries recently. ☐

We are not satisfied with our new tumble drier. ☐

Cecil has applied to become a British citizen. ☐

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

Dancing Bears

Well done!

You have completed
Level 9

You are now
working on Level 10

-age

If your pupil makes a mistake, back up the cursor and sound out the word.

postage package cottage village marriage ☐

luggage voyage coverage breakage baggage ☐

How much postage do you need for that package? ☐

There are five thatched cottages in the village. ☐

My mother and father had a very happy marriage. ☐

How much luggage did you have on the voyage? ☐

bandage [illegible] damage ☐

manage [illegible] passage ☐

Put all the used [illegible] in the garbage. ☐

There was a shortage of [illegible] last winter. ☐

Our yard is a mess after the storage shed is bad. ☐

Do you think [illegible] sausage? ☐

salvage damage vintage voltage message ☐

language sewage silage savage rampage ☐

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

The headlights on vintage cars have low voltage. ☐

He left a message in some strange language. ☐

Sewage smells even worse than silage. ☐

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

DECODING POWER PAGE

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

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

Always use the cursor!

close enclose enclosure ☐

broke broken unbroken ☐

cide *accide* accident accidental accidentally ☐

cover recover recover ☐

ease disease diseased ☐

All th lasses we ☐

My u e ☐

When we in the enclos ☐

cess nece unnecessarily ☐

mit ☐

miss ☐

fine fi ☐

count coun ncountered ☐

vent event eventful eventfully uneventfully ☐

I hate all this unnecessary homework. ☐

The day passed uneventfully and we were all bored. ☐

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

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

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

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

cabbage cottage sewage

Did you get enough _____ pie?

sausage sign tie

Do you have to wear a ___ to school?

dancing flying laughing

Have you seen any bears _____?

died fried spied

Our cabbages all ____ of some strange blight.

swearing tearing wearing

Bart was expelled from school for _____ at a teacher.

thought should ought

If you are tired, you _____ to go and lie down.

tough touch tear

James could hardly wait to ____ open the package.

action auction adventure

Uncle Cecil bought some vintage wines at an _____.

FLUENCY READING

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

roar	clue	skirmish	flew	☐ ☆ ☆
slime	march	gore	lodge	☐ ☆ ☆
true	tawny	skew	owl	☐ ☆ ☆
flit	explain			☐ ☆ ☆
harp			ice	☐ ☆ ☆
fair				☐ ☆ ☆
fright	new		applaud	☐ ☆ ☆
hue			boar	☐ ☆ ☆
pew			jowl	☐ ☆ ☆
oil	shorn	Sue	turf	☐ ☆ ☆
rue	ode	queer	scotch	☐ ☆ ☆
glue	drawn	grew	lay	☐ ☆ ☆
rule	predate	flue	hew	☐ ☆ ☆

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

Mark's rock concert

Amanda, the giant panda, snored loudly as she slumped over the wheel, and the trawler carried on sailing around in tight little circles.

Cecil, the special civet, told Mark, "I will go and hide behind the door, and then you must start playing your guitar. As soon as Jolly Roger and Scary Mary come out to see who is making all the noise, I will slip into their cabin and steal the keys to the raw prawn hold."

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

"What on Earth is all this commotion?" shouted Scary Mary.

"I am a rock star," Mark mumbled, "and I came here to entertain you. Life on a rusty trawler can be awfully boring." Jolly Roger said, "Well, I don't care much for rock. I prefer garage myself."

Scary Mary heard a noise, and she turned her head a bit. "Jolly Roger, can't you do anything right? The cat has just got out!"

Jolly Roger replied, "But we haven't got a cat. I swear we haven't"

Scary Mary said, "Don't lie to me, Roger, or you will die. I just saw a cat running [illegible] was wearing a mouse [illegible] what you do to your [illegible]

While they [illegible] from behind the guitar, slipped [illegible] to sneak away. He had to crawl [illegible] but she was snoring so loud [illegible] did not see him escape. He [illegible] main deck, and then down the hatch [illegible], the special civet, was there, trying to open the lock. His [illegible] had slipped, so that now he was wearing a false beard.

"Dear me," he said, "none of these keys work."

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

Soft ‘g’

If your pupil makes a mistake, back up the cursor and sound out the word.

strange stranger danger change changed ☐

changing gentle gerbil magic gypsy ☐

The stranger changed our tyre very quickly. ☐

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

Please be gentle with my gerbil. ☐

I like to watch the gypsies at the fair every year. ☐

gesture ☐

You should ☐

King George ☐

Some people th ☐
of time

midge ☐

ginger ☐

Our kitchen is full ☐

A midge is a very small insect. ☐

You must play very gently with a young kitten. ☐

Uncle Cecil likes to relax with a glass of gin and ginger ale. ☐

In the Great War, many German generals were geniuses. ☐

Our teacher has already taken the register. ☐

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

DECODING POWER PAGE

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

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

Always use the cursor!

gent	gentle	gentlemen		☐
urge	urgent	urgently		☐
quest	request	requested		☐
gest	suggest	suggest		☐
All gentlemen are urgently requ			ake some suggestions.	☐
imag	ine			☐
gest			indig on	☐
gine	engi		ngineering	☐
logic	logica		logically	☐
Many u	ch		nds.	☐
If you eat			ndigestion.	☐
My uncle Ge			college.	☐
Studying algebr			ally.	☐
cide	decide	decided	undecided	☐
cept	accept	acceptable	unacceptable	☐
gin	origin	original	originally	☐
gest	suggest	suggestion		☐

We have decided to accept your original suggestion. ☐

SAMPLE FOR EVALUATION ONLY

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

couple caution country

Our Uncle George built a house in the _____ .

manage damage salvage

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

cottage college cabbage

Maud studied algebra in _____ .

foundations suggestions digestion

The builders have just laid the _____ for our new cottage.

gerbil general German

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

laughs ideas lies

The young genius had many original _____.

imagination gadgets suggestions

You ought to pay more attention to your mother's _____.

break busy bear

Is Spike tough enough to _____ down the door?

FLUENCY READING

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

dosh	gore	street	scrape	☐ ☆ ☆
split	scrawl	oak	stretch	☐ ☆ ☆
gruel	churn	thrash	serve	☐ ☆ ☆
sprite	squint	[illegible]	[illegible]	☐ ☆ ☆
deer	[illegible]	[illegible]	argue	☐ ☆ ☆
throne	[illegible]	[illegible]	breed	☐ ☆ ☆
straw	scr[illegible]	[illegible]	curd	☐ ☆ ☆
stage	[illegible]	[illegible]	three	☐ ☆ ☆
nail	s[illegible]	[illegible]	dodge	☐ ☆ ☆
spring	cue	leer	rub	☐ ☆ ☆
strive	strip	paunch	Tay	☐ ☆ ☆
throb	trews	squirt	strut	☐ ☆ ☆
lock	shrine	lore	shred	☐ ☆ ☆

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George the German Gerbil

Cecil, the special civet, had taken the wrong keys, so he could not open the door to the raw prawn hold. Mark went to the ventilation shaft so he could give the bad news to Sue, the gruesome stoker. Sue was disappointed and she said,

"You must go down to the boiler room and look under the pile of oily rags. That is where George, the German gerbil, lives. He is very shy, but he is a genius. Tell him you have a message from Sue. If you give him a spicy sausage, he will trust you."

Mark turned away from the ventilation shaft and saw Scary Mary chasing Cecil, the special civet, with a broom.

"You horrible cat," she shouted. "You stole my cinnamon toast. If I ever manage to catch you, I will make you into cat stew!"

But Cecil was too quick for Scary Mary, and he ran up the mast. Mark took advantage of this distraction to slip off to the boiler room.

Leif, the chief thief, was supposed to be stoking the boilers, but he had fallen asleep. The fire in the boiler was almost out,

and the trawler was dead in the water again. Mark took a few lighters from Leif's pockets, and he didn't twitch. So Mark guessed it was safe to talk to George, the German gerbil. He went to the pile of oily rags and whispered,

"I have a message from Sue. She thought you would like a spicy sausage, but even if I had one I would have eaten it myself. I am a gerbil, after all. Sue said you were a gerbil, too. I'm not to do

A little furry face appeared from the oily rags. A tiny pair of glasses was perched on it. For gerbils are very short-sighted.

"Yes, I am a gerbil. I am very shy. I will have to hide in the boiler room."

So Mark took George and tucked him inside his shirt. George was covered in shredded newspaper, for he was a gerbil. Mark told him everything that had happened, and then George replied,

"Why it is all very simple. I have a plan that will save us all. First, we must go and get your friend Cecil down from the

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mast. Secret policemen are good at climbing up things, but they are not so good at getting down. Once we get him down, I will tell you what we can do."

Mastery Test

If your pupil does not pass this test, they must go back to page 119. This is very important—a child who is struggling will not be learning. Contrary to what you would think, most children would rather go back than carry on getting things wrong. If your pupil needs to go back, use a different coloured pencil for ticking the boxes.

Use the cursor as you would on a Fluency reading page.

Timed reading: 'Pass' mark is [illegible] words per line.

gentleman magic [illegible] cottage ☐

short[illegible] [illegible] com[illegible]ittee ☐

package [illegible] gadget ☐

register [illegible] original ☐

Reading [illegible] [illegible] mistake.

Do not prompt [illegible] correct, but you cannot say anything except [illegible]

You should never make rude gestures at a German giant. ☐

Could you manage some more sausages and cabbage? ☐

Do geniuses generally drink gin and ginger beer? ☐

The caller left a message in some strange language. ☐

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Hard ‘ch’, ph

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

phone	telephone	photo	photograph	☐
physical	physics	dolphin	alphabet	☐
pheasant	orphan	nephew	elephant	☐

Sue fancies taking some photos of the elephant. ☐

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

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

In the country, many gentlemen shoot pheasants. ☐

Peter tries to get some physical exercise every day. ☐

school	Christmas	stomach	ache	☐
chemist	chemistry	mechanic	technical	☐
schooner	scheme	character	anchor	☐

Steve came home from school with a stomach ache. ☐

Marge always gets enough presents for Christmas. ☐

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

I believe that Arthur studied chemistry in school. ☐

Maud sailed on a schooner to see the dolphins. ☐

Martin learned how to be a mechanic at technical college. ☐

The ship rode out the storm at anchor. ☐

Always use the cursor!

tried	reliable	denial	supplies	☐
urgent	suggest	imagine	digest	☐
phone	chemist	pheasant	school	☐
salvage	village	vo	language	☐
schedule	physical	ch	phan	☐
retri	pries			☐
engine			gad	☐
chemistry			dolphin	☐
necessary			cinnamon	☐
damag	soy		cabbage	☐
nephew			mechanic	☐
changes			gently	☐
rapture	feature	rupture	nature	☐
character	physics	ache	alphabet	☐
permission	auction	commotion	digestion	☐
elephant	technical	photograph	anchor	☐
register	ginger	gerbil	magic	☐
chemical	dolphin	orphan	Chris	☐

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Wordbuilder

If your pupil makes a mistake, back up the cursor and sound out the word.

cern	concern	concerning		☐
photo	photograph	photographic		☐
quip	equip	equipment		☐
pense	expense	expensive	inexpensive	☐
vent	venture	adventure	adventurous	☐
dure	endure	endurance		☐

Photographic equipment can be very expensive. ☐

This adventure holiday will be a real test of endurance. ☐

lieve	believe	believable	unbelievable	unbelievably	☐
gust	disgust	disgusting	disgustingly		☐
muse	amuse	amusing	amusingly		☐
verse	converse	conversation			☐

Their curries are unbelievably disgusting. ☐

Mother had an amusing conversation with her nephew. ☐

rupt	disrupt	disruption	disruptions	☐
cess	necessary	unnecessary		☐

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

I hate all this unnecessary homework. ☐

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fruit, juice, suit, cruise, bruise, island

cruise choose shoot

Uncle George went on a _____ to Christmas Island.

junk Joyce juice

Did you get enough fruit _____ink?

search sigh

My Un Cecil has to wear a _____ork.

be

If you play _____ bruise.

mecha racter

Our _____ only

br wearing

The police cau _____our garage.

juice fruit

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

worried hurried married

Which suit did Carl wear when he got _____?

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

duel	tight	splat	soy	☐ ☆ ☆
slew	thrill	grate	scrimp	☐ ☆ ☆
cheek	August	spruce	value	☐ ☆ ☆
quince	lair	splint	flute	☐ ☆ ☆
thrip	blue	quoin	scratch	☐ ☆ ☆
scruffy	thwack	male	par	☐ ☆ ☆
dewy	Jude	awe	expose	☐ ☆ ☆
oar	waif	stripe	awning	☐ ☆ ☆
pride	Tuesday	wick	Jane	☐ ☆ ☆
waiter	bulge	fail	bairn	☐ ☆ ☆
scrumpy	muse	cruel	dislike	☐ ☆ ☆
lain	quid	staunch	became	☐ ☆ ☆
shrank	maudlin	chore	unsafe	☐ ☆ ☆

Liberation At Last

Mark tucked George, the German gerbil firmly inside his shirt and went back up on deck. Scary Mary had got tired of chasing Cecil, the special civet, and was nowhere to be seen. Cecil was still perched on top of the mast. George, the German gerbil, said to Mark,

"We [illegible] You must ask Cecil [illegible]

After Mark di[illegible] you can have the keys, but pleas[illegible] up here. Secret policem[illegible] wards, because our tails go [illegible]

George said [illegible] scheme into action. Let us go and u[illegible] rum store too. After that, we will go down to the boi[illegible] room and tell Leif, the chief thief. He will be delighted with the news."

Very soon, all the pirates were roaring drunk again. Jolly Roger and Scary Mary came down from the bridge and shouted, but none of the pirates paid any attention to them. Mark and

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George were hiding in the anchor locker, and George said, "Now is our chance. We must hurry up to their cabin and get the keys to the raw prawn hold. Jolly Roger has hidden them in the toilet cistern."

Mark was amazed. "How do you know that," he asked.

George tapped his furry little nose and said, "I am a genius. That is how I know."

Mark raced up to the cabin and lifted the lid on the toilet cistern. Sure enough, there was a key wired to the ballcock. He hurried down to the raw prawn hold and, much to his surprise, the key opened the lock. Sue, the gruesome stoker, rushed out and hugged Mark in her beefy arms.

"Mark my lad, you have saved the day again. I certainly hope you have had some lunch."

Poor George, the German gerbil, was still stuck in Mark's shirt, and they could hear him squeak, "Help! You should never crush a genius."

Sue stormed up to the main deck, followed by Maud, Nate, Neal and the loyal crew.

Sue bellowed out, "You have a choice. You can take your rum

and cider down to the raw prawn hold, or I will throw you to the sharks."

The pirates were frozen with fear. Sue stared Leif, the chief thief, right in the eye and started towards him. Suddenly all the pirates started grabbing kegs of cider and rum and running down to the raw prawn hold.

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-ion:

Always use the cursor!

motion promotion emotion reflection section ☐

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

Bruce works very hard and he deserves a promotion. ☐

You should never get carried away by your emotions. ☐

I can see your reflection in the mirror. ☐

Have you read the sports section of the newspaper yet? ☐

admission explosion collision election mansion ☐

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

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

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

My Uncle Cecil votes in every election. ☐

Do all pop stars live in huge mansions? ☐

partition division population suspicion aviation ☐

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

A good maths teacher can explain how to do long division. ☐

France and Britain have roughly the same population. ☐

I have a suspicion that our cat is the thief. ☐

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

If your pupil makes a mistake, back up the cursor and sound out the word.

silage	marriage	baggage	drainage	☐
alphabet	anchor	telephone	scheme	☐
elephant	ache	nephew	character	☐
motion	section	[illegible]	partition	☐
original	suggestion	[illegible]	[illegible]dget	☐
refle[illegible]	explo[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]n	☐
passage	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]ge	☐
photograph[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]physics	☐
collision	po[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]lection	☐
spies	flies	[illegible]	supplier	☐
giant	[illegible]	[illegible]	algebra	☐
mansion	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]aviation	☐
chemistry	physical	Chris[illegible]	[illegible]pheasant	☐
exciting	civilise	access	decide	☐
conclusion	liberation	disruption	conversation	☐
postage	voyage	wreckage	carriage	☐
distraction	caution	foundation	digestion	☐
photo	schedule	dolphin	stomach	☐

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Wordbuilder

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form	inform	information	☐
stand	understand	understanding	☐
dict	dictate	dictation	☐

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

We had to write ten lines from dictation. ☐

fect	perfect	perfection	perfectionist	☐
exam	examine	examination		☐
cess	success	successful	successfully	☐

Steve takes forever because he is such a perfectionist. ☐

Jess sat her examinations successfully. ☐

ploy	employ	employed	unemployed	☐
port	transport	transportation		☐
mend	commend	recommend	recommendation	☐

Jake is still unemployed because he has no transportation. ☐

I can you give your friend a recommendation. ☐

rect	direct	direction	directions	☐
lead	leading	misleading		☐

We got lost because our directions were misleading. ☐

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

fought trouble frost

The flowers all died after the heavy _____ .

warning wearing warming

I could swear that the thief wa_ a blue suit.

treasure trouble ies

The pir s hid their

tie n

That photog decided it up.

flies

Does h ?

bear eak

The bridge was b _____ a heavy

tough torch touch

This woollen cloth feels rough to the _____ .

lunch laugh lurk

It only hurts when I _____.

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☐Pass:10 sec. ☆Bonus: 8 sec. ✰Double Bonus: 6 sec.

strew	wifely	sprayed	quern	☐ ☆ ✰
brace	smartly	splutter	skate	☐ ☆ ✰
bait	exclude	fewer	shrunken	☐ ☆ ✰
redrawn	wisely	morn	thrip	☐ ☆ ✰
defraud	shameless	hewn	reel	☐ ☆ ✰
beginning	thrush	quid	prepay	☐ ☆ ✰
pore	check	strapless	spiteful	☐ ☆ ✰
strew	scrunch	tail	gaunt	☐ ☆ ✰
useful	splitting	dawned	cork	☐ ☆ ✰
unmade	clue	foam	sprightly	☐ ☆ ✰
seer	thick	grunge	throaty	☐ ☆ ✰
screw	shrill	queen	unwise	☐ ☆ ✰
thaw	strewing	ensue	screed	☐ ☆ ✰

Conclusion: Lunch!

All of the pirates were safely locked in the raw prawn hold when Mark said,

"Has anyone seen Scary Mary? She must be hiding somewhere."

Then Scary-Mary crawled out of the boat. She was holding the gun that Mark had hidden.

"Now I will pay. Now I will feed you to the sharks. If you do not jump overboard, I will shoot. Get moving!" she screamed.

Mark laughed. "I am not afraid of you," he said. "I am not afraid of your gun."

He walked straight towards her. She started shaking.

"I'll shoot. I really will shoot!"

She could not believe that this little child was walking towards her. She edged back, and then she tripped on an empty cider keg. Gruesome Sue rushed in and grabbed the gun and threw it over the side. She picked up Scary Mary by the scruff of the neck and carried her down to the raw prawn hold and locked

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her up with the rest of the pirates. Nate, the first mate, hauled down the sign of the vulture and gave it to Mark.

"After all you have done. You certainly deserve to keep this."

Cecil, the special civet, was still at the top of the mast, crying out, "You can't leave a secret policeman up here."

Soon the trawler was back to normal. Maudlin Maud was on the bridge, crying for joy now she had her trawler back. Nate, the first mate, was barking orders, and Neal, the real seal, was getting ready to trawl for more prawns. Gruesome Sue was down in the boiler room with Mark, and after they got

the fires going again, they sat down for a mug of sweet tea. George, the German gerbil, was back in his pile of oily rags, happily shredding up newspaper.

"You are a very brave lad, Mark. How could you be sure she wouldn't pull the trigger?"

Mark said, "I couldn't be sure. But I knew the gun was empty, because I checked it when I found it under the trigger."

Sue laughed. "You are a very brave boy. Now we have the boilers going again, we'll have some lunch. You must be very hungry."

So Mark sat up in the bunk while he could get some lunch. There was Sue, Amanda, the giant panda, and Smudge, the batty cat in the raw prawn hold. Just as he was about to bite into a sandwich, the lookout shouted,

"Ahoy! There is a boat just ahead. It looks like a hunch-backed horse is rowing it!"

Mark rushed to the rail and, sure enough, there was Hank. He was still in the boat that belonged to Smudge, the batty cat in the flat cap.

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Mark said, "That is Hank, the hunch-backed horse, and he is an old mate of mine. I'll bet he is lost."

Maud stopped the trawler and Hank came alongside. Mark was really glad to see Hank again.

Hank said, "Floyd, the faultless fish, is always getting lost. I have been rowing for days and feel rather thirsty. Do you have any fruit juice?"

After he had a drink, Hank told them about an island he had found.

Maud said, "I think we will go to that island and leave the pirates there. Then they can dig for treasure until the coast guard, or the police, pick them up." Maud laughed for the first time on this cruise.

Mark asked if he could have some lunch.

Maud said, "Why you can have anything you like. I think the fridge is still full of food."

Mark said, "I have been in the fridge, and all the food is a year or two past its use-by date. Is there nothing else to eat?"

Nate, the first mate, said "I will share my last tin of dog food with you. I think it is rabbit and turkey."

But Mark did not want dog food.

At last, Hank said "Why don't you just turn back your watch? Sooner or later, you will get back to the place where there is some good food."

Mark said "What ... I say goodbye to Sue, the ...

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Soon, Mark was back at Dawn's snack bar. But Dawn had nothing but hedgehog crisps for him to eat. He turned is watch back again, and next they were at the church by the strange bridge. Smudge, the batty cat with the flat cap, had nothing but freshly-caught mice to feed him. Next, they got on the train that belonged to Mr. Froid, the loan shark. The first class carriage was very cold. Sat there was a large man with a bad temper.

Mark turned to Vern. They were amongst the junk collected by Froid, the loan shark, the snake, had run away with Froid's head. Then at last, he got back to Bart's snack bar. Bart looked up, and Froid peered down at him.

Vern said, "Is that the sharp shark? He might loan me his bus so I can go home."

Bart said, "I think Ron, the grey-green cat ate it. Maybe this little boy has one."

Mark tried to turn the hands of his watch back one more time, but the hands just broke off.

"Now how can we get back home?" he asked Vern. I am almost starved to death."

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Vern said, "Well you can fly if you try."

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

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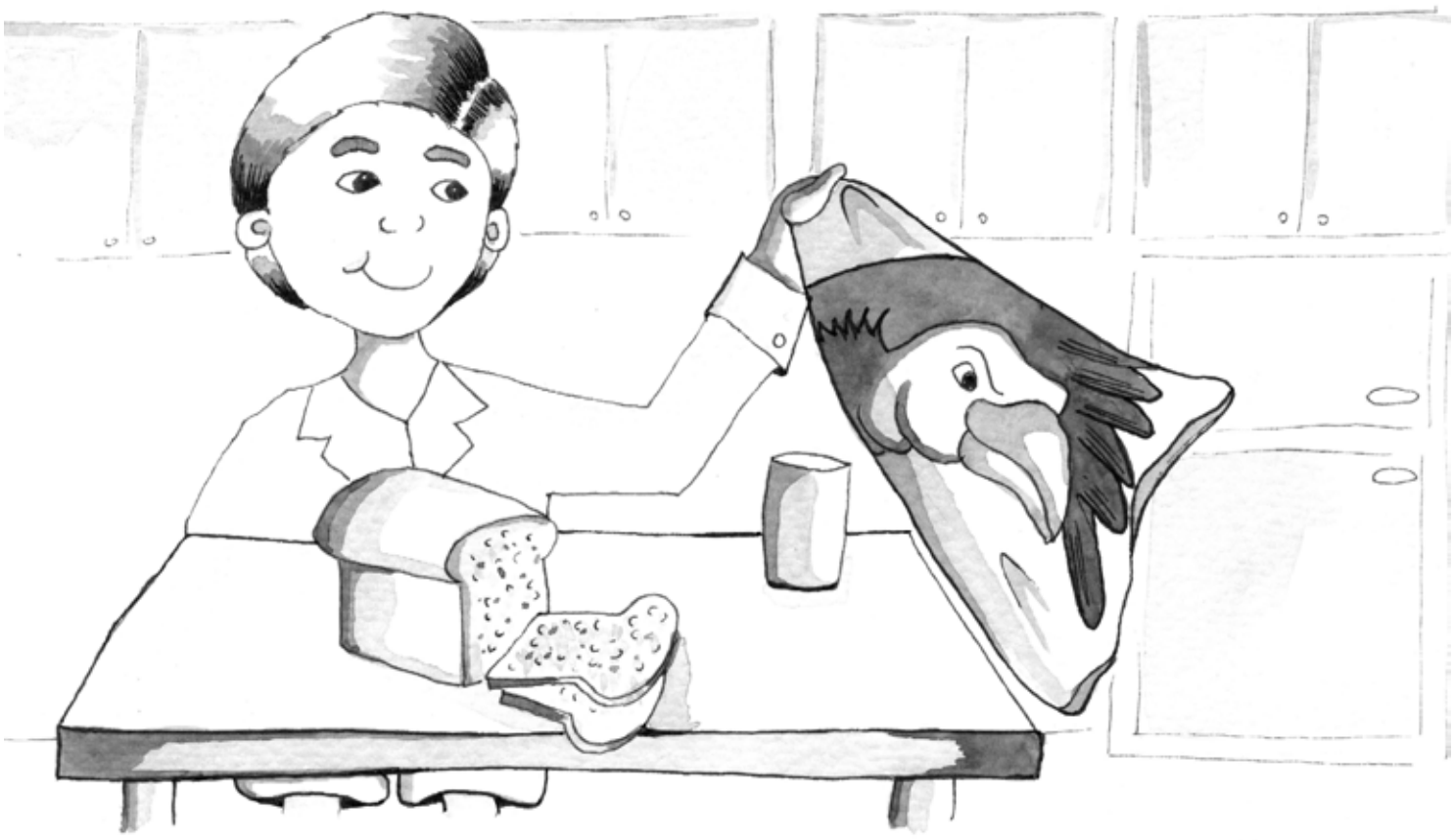

Word Search

Find the names of all the characters in the Froid stories

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Dancing Bears

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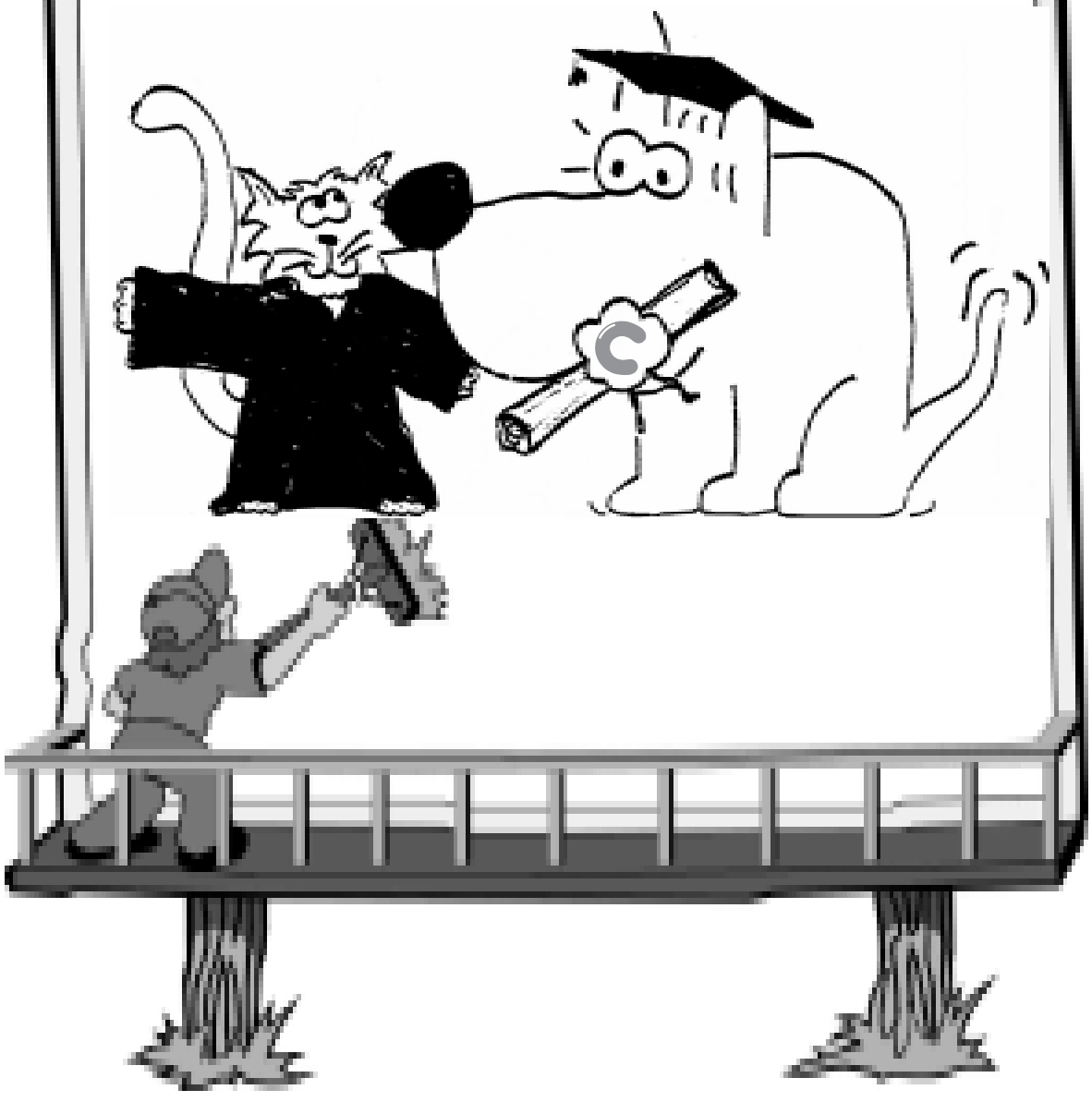
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