



**Tier 2 Intervention Program**  
**Student Manual**

**Lessons 124-158**

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**Words to Read**

photo	phantom	graph	graphic	phonics
musician	electrician	optician	politician	beautician
treasure	pleasure	measure	closure	enclosure
comet	salad	radish	lemon	melon
travel	model	satin	habit	visit

**Heart Words**

Read, tap with letter names, write.

though      although      honest

**Connected Text**

I read, we read, you read.



## Words to Read

phase	phrase	orphan	sphinx	magician
dietician	statistician	mathematician	obstetrician	treasure
pleasure	measure	closure	enclosure	cabin
rabid	polish	finish	seven	placid
timid	solid	robin	legend	

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

though      although      honest

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

## Words to Read

musician	electrician	optician	politician	beautician
treasure	pleasure	measure,	closure	enclosure
comet	salad	radish	lemon	melon
travel	model	satin	habit	visit
toe	hoe	roe	oboe	woe
doe	woeful	toes	oboes	hoes

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

court	course	though	although	honest
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## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### Joe

Joe had a number of jobs around the town to do for his Dad, including hoeing the field and collecting the vegies from the farm next door. Joe also knew that he should practice the oboe more if he wanted to make it into the school band. Joe was one of those children who made any excuse not to do the things that he really must do. Today, Joe had a sore toe. "How does that make you unable to play the oboe or do your jobs, Joe?" his Mum asked. What Joe really wanted to do, what he took most pleasure from, was reading. He read anything and everything. Over time, his exposure to so many words made him a very knowledgeable young man. Joe was clever enough to know that he should use his time better. This would mean practising the oboe (to make it into the band and please his Mum), completing his chores even though they were tough (to be a helpful family member) and then he could use his spare time to read. Suddenly, Joe made the decision to change his ways.

He fixed his toe, practised his oboe, completed all his chores and then settled down in a soft chair to read his latest book. The book had arrived in a box from his Grandma. Joe was proud he had achieved what he set out to do.

## Words to Read

dietician	statistician	mathematician	obstetrician	treasure
pleasure	measure	closure	enclosure	cabin
rabid	polish	finish	seven	placid
timid	solid	robin	legend	doe
woeful	toes	oboes	hoes	toe
hoe	roe	oboe	woe	

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

court      course      though      although      honest

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

Although the hoe was broken, we still finished the gardening.

Though roe is tasty, it is not everyone's cup of tea!

Listening to my brother play the oboe, was woeful!

The doe stepped on my toes, as it ran past.

## Words to Read

treasure	pleasure	measure	closure	enclosure
comet	salad	radish	lemon	melon
travel	model	satin	habit	visit
toe	hoe	roe	oboe	woe
luggage	cottage	baggage	cabbage	passage
bandage	manage	average	postage	package

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

tough	rough	enough	court	course
though	although	honest		

## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### Joe the Second

Joe had a number of jobs around the village to do for his Dad, including hoeing the field and collecting the cabbage from the cottage next door. Joe also knew that he should practice the oboe more if he wanted to make it into the school band. Joe was one of those children who made any excuse not to do the things that he really must do. Today, Joe had a sore toe. "How does that make you unable to play the oboe or do your jobs, Joe?" his Mum asked. What Joe really wanted to do, what he took most pleasure from, was reading. He read anything and everything. Over time, his exposure to so many words made him a very knowledgeable young man. Joe was clever enough to know that he should manage his time better. This would mean practising the oboe (to make it into the band and please his Mum), completing his chores even though they were tough (to be a helpful family member) and then he could use his spare time to read. Suddenly, Joe made the decision to change his ways. Enough was enough!

He bandaged his toe, practised his oboe, completed all his chores and then settled down in a soft chair to read his latest book. The book had arrived in a package from his Grandma and had the image of a doe on the cover; it looked very interesting.

Joe was proud that he had done his work and that he could now enjoy the passages in his new book.

## Words to Read

treasure	pleasure	measure	closure	enclosure
cabin	rabid	polish	finish	seven
placid	timid	solid	robin	legend
luggage	baggage	cottage	image	bandage
leverage	drainage	leakage	seepage	postage

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

tough	rough	enough	court
course	though	although	honest

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

Although the passage was wide, we still could not manage to get the package inside.

Though it was cold outside, the cottage was snug and warm.

The news footage included an image of the escapee.

We sent a message to the village, informing them our luggage was on the way.

## Words to Read

comet	salad	radish	lemon	melon
travel	model	satin	habit	visit
toe	hoe	roe	oboe	woe
luggage	cottage	baggage	cabbage	key
monkey	honey	chutney	kidney	chimney
Sydney	motley	money	jockey	

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

through	thorough	tough	rough	enough
court	course	though	although	honest

## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### A Monkey Visit

Barney was a monkey that had always dreamed of visiting Australia. In particular, Barney wanted to explore Sydney, which is in New South Wales. He had heard about the wonderful Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Opera House, but if he were to be honest, he was most looking forward to tasting the local chutney.

The chutney from Sydney was made of the usual chutney ingredients like tomato and onion, but Sydney chutney was different because it also included barley, parsley and the secret (but not so secret) ingredient: whiskey!

When Barney had eventually saved enough money for the trip to Australia, it was time to pack his trolley and board a plane to fly the thousands of kilometres to his destination.

On Barney's arrival in Sydney, he was thoroughly shocked at the size and beauty of the place. The multi-storey buildings were so tall, and there were so many of them! Barney collected the key to his room (in a monkey hotel) and set out to explore.

The first stop was Sydney Harbour, where he knew he could see the most famous sights as well as try the chutney he had been waiting for all his life!

So, how did Barney like the chutney? I hear you ask ...

Barney was not disappointed by the amazing Sydney Harbour Bridge, the Opera House or the chutney! He ordered a turkey and chutney sandwich from the shop, as well as a honey tea, which were both every bit as good as he had hoped.

## Words to Read

cabin	rabid	polish	finish	seven
placid	timid	solid	robin	legend
luggage	baggage	cottage	image	bandage
chimney	Sydney	motley	money	jockey
key	monkey	honey	chutney	kidney

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

through	thorough	tough	rough	enough
court	course	though	although	honest

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

The jockey had a thorough training session, on his horse called "Chutney".

The sick monkey had a problem with its kidney.

We cooked the turkey all the way through, and then basted it in a sweet honey sauce.

We saved our money so we could spend it on our Sydney holiday.

## Words to Read

travel	model	satin	habit	visit
toe	hoe	roe	oboe	woe
luggage	cottage	baggage	cabbage	key
monkey	honey	chutney	kidney	receive
deceive	ceiling	seize	neither	either
caffeine	protein	deceit	receipt	

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

Adelaide	Australia	through	thorough	tough
rough	enough	court	course	though

## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### Adelaide

Adelaide is the best city in Australia, and I am going to tell you why.

1. In 2021, Adelaide received the award for being the 3rd most livable city in the world. Neither Sydney nor Melbourne beat Adelaide in this!
2. Although some perceive Adelaide to be small and boring, neither of those things is true. Adelaide has amazing food, wine and sporting activities – there is no ceiling to the amount of great things there are to do in Adelaide!
3. Adelaide has the best beaches. Head to either Glenelg or Brighton and you will receive a wonderful surprise: beautiful clear waters and stunning white sand.
4. Adelaide is said to have the best coffee in the world, so if you like your caffeine, this is the place for you.
5. The people in Adelaide are not weird, conceited or rude; they are lovely and welcoming. Ask them any question, and you will receive a friendly, helpful response.

Hopefully, after reading the five reasons Adelaide is the best city in Australia, I have convinced you that Adelaide is great and the best place to visit or live. There are many things to do in Adelaide, like visiting beaches, coffee shops, sports and more. So, if you receive an invitation to come to Adelaide any time soon, seize the moment and do it! You won't regret your decision.

## Words to Read

placid	timid	solid	robin	legend
luggage	baggage	cottage	image	bandage
chimney	Sydney	motley	money	jockey
either	caffeine	protein	deceit	receipt
receive	deceive	ceiling	seize	neither

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

Adelaide	Australia	through	thorough	tough
rough	enough	court	course	though

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

Caffeine can be found in coffee and tea.

We received a receipt when we paid to enter the Adelaide Zoo.

In Australia, it is illegal to deceive the police.

Neither Tom nor Bob could seize the ball to win the game.

## Words to Read

toe	hoe	roe	oboe	woe
luggage	cottage	baggage	cabbage	key
monkey	honey	chutney	kidney	receive
deceive	ceiling	seize	neither	lazier
puppies	plays	hurries	delays	ponies
carries	carrying	monkeys	hurried	

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

library	diary	Adelaide	Australia	through
thorough	tough	rough	enough	court

## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### Suffixing Rules

This week, we learned that we nearly always change the 'y' at the end of a base or root word to 'i' before adding a suffix. The only time the letter 'y' doesn't change to the letter 'i' before adding a suffix is when we add the suffix -ing. This avoids getting a double letter 'i' in a word because we usually don't do this in English.

There's only one word in English where a double i is permitted. Do you know it? Clue: snow!

Read these words that are made when we add suffixes and change the 'y' to an 'i':

Plurals: Baby becomes babies.

Hobby becomes hobbies.

Family becomes families.

Past Tense Verbs: Study becomes studied.

Try becomes tried.

Hurry becomes hurried.

Comparatives & Superlatives:

Happy becomes happier or happiest.

Heavy becomes heavier or heaviest.

Lazy becomes lazier or laziest.

Forming Adverbs: Happy becomes happily.

Heavy becomes heavily.

Lazy becomes lazily.

Be careful: We don't change the spelling if the word ends in: -ay, -ey, -oy or -uy.

Play becomes played.

Monkey becomes monkeys.

Enjoy becomes enjoyed

Buy becomes buys.

## Words to Read

luggage	baggage	cottage	image	bandage
chimney	Sydney	motley	money	jockey
either	caffeine	protein	deceit	receipt
carries	carried	marries	married	hurries
hurried	worries	worried	puppies	lollies

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

library	diary	Adelaide	Australia	through
thorough	tough	rough	enough	court

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

Change Y to I Worksheets 2-4 can be completed in subsequent lessons if required.



## Words to Read

luggage	cottage	baggage	cabbage	key
monkey	honey	chutney	kidney	receive
deceive	ceiling	seize	neither	lazier
puppies	plays	hurries	delays	diet
lion	Leo	neon	trial	triumph
poet	stoic	Romeo	violin	

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

height	guilty	library	diary	Adelaide
Australia	through	thorough	tough	rough

## Connected Text

Choral Read.

Syllable Division Worksheet: V/V Worksheet 1

## Words to Read

chimney	Sydney	motley,	money	jockey
either	caffeine	protein	deceit	receipt
carries	carried	marries	married	hurries
giant	dial	Leon	riot	trial
cruel	ion	duet	create	neon

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

height	guilty	library	diary	Adelaide
Australia	through	thorough	tough	rough

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

## V/V Syllable Division Worksheet: Worksheet 1

V/V Syllable Worksheets 3-6 can be completed in subsequent lessons if required.

## Words to Read

receive	deceive	ceiling	seize	neither
lazier	puppies,	plays	hurries	delays
diet	lion	Leo	neon	trial
Europe	eureka	feud	European	deuce
neutral	feudal	therapeutic	neurology	neurologist

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

palm	calm	height	guilty
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## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### The Eureka Stockade

In 1854, in Ballarat, a town in Victoria (Australia), there was a massive feud called the Eureka Stockade. The feud was between the gold miners and the politicians. The miners were from all over the world, including Europe, China and Australia.

The miners refused to pay the license fees to look for the gold in Ballarat because they saw it as a tax. Although they had to pay what they believed was a tax, they were not recognised as citizens and could not vote. The miners did not think this was fair.

The feud increased throughout 1854 until the miners marched to the Eureka Goldfields and built a stockade in December. The stockade was a wooden barricade where the miners were stocked and ready to fight.

The feud reached its peak when soldiers and police attacked the barricade and the one hundred and fifty miners. It is written that twenty-two miners and five soldiers were killed in this feud. Some miners were arrested when it was over, but they were later found not guilty of any crime.

By 1855, most of the demands that the miners were asking for were met by policymakers. The fees were eliminated, and the miners were given the right to vote. Calmness had been restored to the goldfields in Ballarat.

The Eureka Stockade was a pivotal moment in the development of democracy in Australia.

\* Have you ever heard someone yell out 'Eureka' when they find something? This word is an exclamation when something is found or invented and is still used today.

## Words to Read

either	caffeine	protein	deceit	receipt
carries	carried	marries	married	hurries
giant	dial	Leon	riot	trial
neutral	feudal	therapeutic	neurology	neurologist
Europe	eureka	feud	sleuth	deuce

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

palm          calm          height          guilty

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

Our trip to Europe is going to be delightfully therapeutic!

Eureka! We found some large palm trees to lay under.

When my brother and I are engaged in a feud, our mother tries to calm us down.

The neurologist studies neurology at university.

## Words to Read

lazier	puppies	plays	hurries	delays
diet	lion	Leo	neon	trial
Europe	eureka	feud	sleuth	deuce
chemist	chemistry	school	orchid	chorus
character	architect	chaos	orchestra	technology

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

straight      island      palm      calm      height      guilty

## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### Secondary School

Did you know that when you go to secondary school, you can choose some of your subjects? It doesn't matter which school you attend because you will be given choices about what you want to learn. Let me tell you about some of the subjects that will be on offer.

If you like science, you might choose to study chemistry, physics or biology. If you enjoy using technical skills, you might choose design, woodwork or metalwork.

There are many subjects to select from if you are a creative student. Drama, if you enjoy getting into character, or if music is your passion, you might decide to be involved in a choir where you can sing in the chorus or even sing a solo!

Perhaps you are keen to become an architect when you are older, in which case, you might choose the maths and design subjects.

In your first years at high school, you will only get to choose a few subjects, but as you get into Year 11 and Year 12, you get an even greater choice.

Whatever your passion, as long as you are willing to do the work, there will be subjects for you. For now, though, listen to your Primary teachers; they will teach you more generally about many different subjects, building your background knowledge and preparing you for continued, more highly specialised learning in Secondary School.

## Words to Read

carries	carried	marries	married	hurries
giant	dial	Leon	riot	trial
neutral	feudal	therapeutic	neurology	neurologist
character	architect	chaos	arachnid	technology
chemist	chemistry	anarchy	orchid	chorus

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

straight      island      palm      calm      height      guilty

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

At school, we had Chemistry straight after lunch.

There was chaos when the orchestra forgot how to play the chorus of the song.

The exotic orchids grew on the tropical island.

We studied technology and chemistry at school.

**Words to Read**

diet	lion	Leo	neon	trial
Europe	eureka	feud	sleuth	deuce
chemist	chemistry	school	orchid	chorus
chef	chiffon	champagne	chandelier	chaperone
moustache	Charlotte	chic	machine	machinery

**Heart Words**

Read, tap with letter names, write.

Wednesday	February	straight	island	palm
calm	height	guilty		

**Connected Text**

Choral Read.

**The Chandelier**

Ali was excited because her parents were taking her and her family to dinner Wednesday night. The place they were going for dinner had a massive chrome and crystal chandelier that hung above the table that Ali's Dad had booked the last time they had dinner there.

Ali loved this chandelier because sunlight from outside refracted through the crystal and made beautiful red, orange, yellow, green, indigo, blue and violet patterns on the walls. It was February, so the daylight would still be coming through the west-facing window and hitting the chandelier at six o'clock.

When Ali and her family arrived at the reception desk, they were greeted and directed straight to their table. Ali was delighted they were being led to the table under the chandelier! Even though the chandelier wasn't on, a small machine made it turn slowly, and the refracted sunlight made a moving pattern of colours on the walls. It was as if the room's colour scheme had been chosen to look fantastic as the light from the chrome and crystal chandelier danced across it. It was simply stunning, and Ali could have watched it all night.

"Champagne?" a voice asked, jolting Ali from her hypnotic state. The waiter poured bubbly champagne into crystal glasses in front of her parents. "Is the usual chef on duty tonight?" asked Ali's dad as he sipped his champagne, careful not to leave any on his bushy moustache. "Yes, Doctor Jones," replied the waiter. "Delightful!" said Ali's dad, who was a neurologist. Ali knew the evening would be fantastic, and she went back to watching the sunlight shine through the chandelier .

## Words to Read

giant	dial	Leon	riot	trial
neutral	feudal	therapeutic	neurology	neurologist
character	architect	chaos	arachnid	technology
moustache	Charlotte	chic	machine	machinery
chef	chiffon	champagne	chandelier	chaperone

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

Wednesday	February	straight	island	palm
calm	height	guilty		

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

In February, the chef was asked to serve champagne with the finger food.

On Wednesday, we used the special machine to clean the chandeliers. Charlotte wore a chic chiffon ball gown.

The chaperone had a tiny, black moustache.

## Words to Read

Europe	eureka	feud	sleuth	deuce
chemist	chemistry	school	orchid	chorus
chef	chiffon	champagne	chandelier	chaperone
gym	gymnasium	dyslexia	system	cyst
syllable	crystal	cygnet	lyric	crypt

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

yacht	biscuit	Wednesday	February	straight
island	palm	calm	height	guilty

## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### The Crypt

It was after midnight. The moonlight made the old crypt look incredibly eerie. The cemetery was silent except for the sound of distant machinery. A fog had settled over the gravestone, making the cemetery spooky. In the shadow of an elm tree stood an old gypsy. She moved silently toward the crypt and gazed at the brass sign next to its padlocked gate. Inscribed on the sign were the words:

If you feel like it's hopeless, then you must think again because feelings are something not felt by dead men.

Live your life to the full, and try not to hurry because life is too short to fuss, fret or worry.

The old gypsy loved the words on the brass sign. They were like lyrics for a song about how to live a good life. The gypsy wanted an vintage necklace that was held in the crypt. The necklace was over five hundred years old and had been made using a secret process. This made this necklace priceless. From a tool bag, the gypsy produced a set of bolt cutters and fixed them around the padlocked chain that held the gate closed. She squeezed with all her strength, but cutting this chain would need somebody with stronger hands than hers.

Suddenly, a flashlight shone on the old gypsy. She stopped trying to cut the chain that locked the crypt's gate and froze still. "Hey, what are you doing?" said a man's voice.

A security guard had heard the racket caused by the chain as the gypsy tried to cut it. The security guard sprang toward the Gypsy like a gymnast. He reached to grab her by the arm, but his hand passed right through her. He looked up, not believing what had just happened, but nobody was there. No gypsy. Just the squeaking sound of the chain and padlock. The frightened security guard realised what he had just seen!

## Words to Read

neutral	feudal	therapeutic	neurology	neurologist
character	architect	chaos	arachnid	technology
moustache	Charlotte	chic	machine	machinery
syllable	crystal	cygnet	lyric	crypt
gym	gymnasium	dyslexia	system	cyst

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

yacht	biscuit	Wednesday	February	straight
island	palm	calm	height	guilty

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

On Wednesdays, we go to the gym to practise gymnastics.

Mother Goose, along with her cygnets, safely swam past the yacht.

We counted the syllables in the lyrics, to make sure it matched the melody of the song.

The witch's crystal showed us a spooky crypt where the gypsy had hidden the biscuits.

## Words to Read

neutral	feudal	therapeutic	neurology	neurologist
chef	chiffon	champagne	chandelier	chaperone
gym	gymnasium	dyslexia	system	cyst
plaque	antique	critique	unique	physique
picturesque	oblique	technique	opaque	bisque

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

tongue	forfeit	yacht	biscuit	Wednesday
February	straight	island	palm	calm

## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### The Crypt 2

It was after midnight. The moonlight made the old crypt look incredibly eerie. The cemetery was silent except for the sound of distant machinery. A fog had settled over the gravestone, making the cemetery spooky. In the shadow of an elm tree stood an old gypsy. She moved silently toward the crypt and gazed at the brass plaque next to its padlocked gate. Inscribed on the plaque were the words:

If you feel like it's hopeless, then you must think again because feelings are something not felt by dead men. Live your life to the full, and try not to hurry because life is too short to fuss, fret or worry.

The old gypsy loved the words on the brass plaque. They were like lyrics for a song about how to live a good life. The gypsy wanted an antique necklace that was held in the crypt. The necklace was over five hundred years old and had been made using a secret technique and unique chemistry. This made this necklace priceless. From a tool bag, the gypsy produced a set of bolt cutters and fixed them around the padlocked chain that held the gate closed. She squeezed with all her strength, but cutting this chain would need somebody with a stronger physique than hers.

Suddenly, a flashlight shone on the old gypsy. She stopped trying to cut the chain that locked the crypt's gate and froze still. "Hey, what are you doing?" said a man's voice.

A security guard had heard the racket caused by the chain as the gypsy tried to cut it. The security guard sprang toward the Gypsy like a gymnast. He reached to grab her by the arm, but his hand passed right through her. He looked up, not believing what had just happened, but nobody was there. No gypsy. Just the squeaking sound of the chain and padlock. The frightened security guard realised what he had just seen!

## Words to Read

character	architect	chaos	arachnid	technology
moustache	Charlotte	chic	machine	machinery
syllable	crystal	cygnet	lyric	crypt
picturesque	oblique	technique	opaque	bisque
plaque	antique	critique	unique	physique

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

tongue	forfeit	yacht	biscuit	Wednesday
February	straight	island	palm	calm

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

The opaque glass on the bottom of the yacht was extremely unique.  
 The shopkeeper had to critique the antique vase, to put a price on it.  
 Mum's technique for making seafood bisque, was a secret family recipe.  
 Once the antique plaque was cleaned, we could read the inscription engraved into it.

## Words to Read

chef	chiffon	champagne	chandelier	chaperone
gym	gymnasium	dyslexia	system	cyst
plaque	antique	critique	unique	physique
vague	league	plague	colleague	fatigue
guard	guess	guest	guy	guitar

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

quarter	war	tongue	forfeit	yacht
biscuit	Wednesday	February	straight	island

## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### Gymnastics

Gymnastics is a highly demanding sport. Gymnasts spend hours in a gymnasium perfecting their performance in events like the parallel bars, floor exercises, the pommel horse, still rings, vault and the high bar.

Gymnasts must develop fantastic strength, and yes, you guessed it, they often have impressive physiques with bulging shoulders and arms and rippling abs and obliques. Many people are intrigued by how fit and strong gymnasts are.

In junior events, young gymnasts compete against others of the same age or league. As gymnasts get older and become professional athletes, they can compete in open competitions like the Commonwealth Games or the Olympics.

In these events, a panel of judges critique the gymnast's performances and score them out of ten. Because professional gymnasts must maintain a high fitness level and a strong physique, they are careful about their diet and avoid junk food like the plague! If they eat poorly, they can fatigue quickly.

To stay fit and strong, most professional gymnasts get help from nutritionists to guide them with what to eat. Another thing that gymnasts are very careful about is injuring themselves. To guard against injury, they warm up, stretch before events, and carefully cool down afterward. If a gymnast is injured during a competition, they must forfeit, meaning they must leave the competition.

## Words to Read

moustache	Charlotte	chic	machine	machinery
syllable	crystal	cygnet	lyric	crypt
picturesque	oblique	technique	opaque	plaque
guard	guess	guest	guy	guitar
vague	league	plague	colleague	fatigue

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

quarter	war	tongue	forfeit	yacht
biscuit	Wednesday	February	straight	island

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

My colleague often stuck out his tongue, while playing the guitar.

The league did not approve of teams being forced to forfeit.

I guess the guard felt great fatigue after his lengthy shift guarding the king.

I had a vague idea who the special guest might be.

**Words to Read**

plaque	antique	critique	unique	physique
vague	league	plague	colleague	fatigue
guard	guess	guest	guy	guitar
ghost	ghastly	aghast	gherkin	spaghetti
ghostly	yoghurt	Afghan	dinghy	ghoul

**Heart Words**

Read, tap with letter names, write.

quarter	war	tongue	forfeit	yacht
biscuit	Wednesday	February	straight	island

**Connected Text**

Choral Read.

**Ghosts at the Morgue?**

A plumber was called to the morgue. It was 8:15 on Christmas Eve. She was hungry, fatigued and was not in the mood for another job. She wanted to be home watching Carols By Candlelight. There was, however, some intrigue about being called to a morgue to fix a blocked drain late at night. "Maybe I'll see a ghost," she thought to herself as she giggled and climbed into the driver's seat of her van.

While driving to her last job of the night, the plumber ate some cold spaghetti leftovers from a container as she waited at the traffic lights. She licked the last spaghetti from her thumb as the lights turned green. She was so fatigued she could hardly keep her eyes open.

## Words to Read

moustache	Charlotte	chic	machine	machinery
syllable	crystal	cygnet	lyric	crypt
picturesque	oblique	technique	opaque	plaque
guard	guess	guest	guy	guitar
vague,	league	plague	colleague	fatigue

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

quarter	war	tongue	forfeit	yacht
biscuit	Wednesday	February	straight	island

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

During the war, many men ate tinned spaghetti and baked beans.

To make a healthy smoothie add half a punnet of strawberries to a quarter cup of yoghurt and blend well.

The ghost was a ghastly ghoul!

I dropped the gherkin on the new Afghan rug!

## Words to Read

vague	league	plague	colleague	fatigue
guard	guess	guest	guy	guitar
ghost	ghastly	aghast	gherkin	spaghetti
lamb	comb	plumber	climb	thumb
limb	dumb	numb	bomb	climbing

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

quarter	war	tongue	forfeit	yacht
biscuit	Wednesday	February	straight	island

## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### Ghosts at the Morgue? Continued...

She arrived at the morgue and pulled up under the limb of a large tree. She checked the job sheet and confirmed that it was a blocked drain that needed unblocking. She went to the back of the van and pulled out the drain machine. It was a long, coiled hose that connected to a high-pressure pump. She nicknamed it 'The Snake'. It would blast a high-pressure column of water down the drain to remove the blockage. A certain technique was needed to get it right. "I hope I do see a ghastly ghost in the morgue," she thought to herself. "It might scare me awake!"

## Words to Read

syllable	crystal	cygnet	lyric	crypt
picturesque	oblique	technique	opaque	plaque
guard	guess	guest	guy	guitar
limb	dumb	numb	bomb	climbing
lamb	comb	plumber	climb	thumb

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

quarter	war	tongue	forfeit	yacht
biscuit	Wednesday	February	straight	island

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

The plumber climbed onto the roof, so she could look at the pipes.

We were numb with anticipation, as we waited for the bomb to go off. The lamb got his back limb stuck in the gate.

I hurt my thumb while climbing the tree.

**Words to Read**

guard	guess	guest	guy	guitar
ghost	ghastly	aghast	gherkin	spaghetti
lamb	comb	plumber	climb	thumb
rhombus	rhino	rhinoceros	rhyme	rhythm
rhubarb	rhapsody	rhetoric	rhetorical	rheumatism

**Heart Words**

Read, tap with letter names, write.

quarter	war	tongue	forfeit	yacht
biscuit	Wednesday	February	straight	island

**Connected Text**

Choral Read.

**Ghosts at the Morgue? Continued...**

The plumber knocked on the front door and was met by a man in surgical scrubs. "This way," he said, barely making eye contact with her. She followed him through a brightly lit room with white tiles and stainless-steel tables.

They left the white room and walked into a dark room. There were spider webs, bats and loads of mould and dirt. "This is the disused part of the building. It's where the morgue used to be," said the man.

"The blocked drain is in a sink in the old bathroom. We still use that sink for ..." he stopped, cleared his throat and grumpily said, "Just morgue stuff."

**Words to Read**

picturesque	oblique	technique	opaque	plaque
guard	guess	guest	guy	guitar
limb	dumb	numb	bomb	climbing
rhubarb	rhapsody	rhetoric	rhetorical	rheumatism
rhombus	rhino	rhinoceros	rhyme	rhythm

**Heart Words**

Read, tap with letter names, write.

quarter	war	tongue	forfeit	yacht
biscuit	Wednesday	February	straight	island

**Dictation**

Read, repeat, cover, write.

We drew a rhombus and coloured one quarter of it green.

Mum asked me a rhetorical question.

In class, we learnt about rhyme and rhythm.

Sometimes we shorten the name rhinoceros to rhino.

## Words to Read

ghost	ghastly	aghast	gherkin	spaghetti
lamb	comb	plumber	climb	thumb
rhombus	rhino	rhinoceros	rhyme	rhythm
hymn	Autumn	column	condemn	solemn

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

quarter	war	tongue	forfeit	yacht
biscuit	Wednesday	February	straight	island

## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### Ghosts at the Morgue? Continued...

A spider climbed up her arm. She shook it off her shoulder, turned, and the man was gone! She walked into the old bathroom, and there, before her eyes, were seven shadowy figures sitting around a table playing a game of UNO!

Old lady ghosts! The plumber gasped. The ghosts turned and looked at her.

They seemed annoyed with the disruption. Suddenly, the cards flew up in the air, and the green-coloured shadowy spectres climbed over one another and flew past her and out of the room. They moved so quickly that they were a blur.

Half believing what she'd just seen, the plumber started to unblock the drain. Once finished, she packed up and walked out of the morgue, not bothering to tell the grumpy man she'd finished. She walked outside, and there, leaning against the side of the van were the same ghosts she had disturbed inside! They were looking at her with red glowing eyes, still very annoyed. She let out a scream and scared herself awake. It was all a dream.

She was tucked up in bed! Can you boo-lieve it?

## Words to Read

guard	guess	guest	guy	guitar
limb	dumb	numb	bomb	climbing
rhubarb	rhapsody	rhetoric	rhetorical	rheumatism
hymn	Autumn	column	condemn	solemn

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

quarter	war	tongue	forfeit	yacht
biscuit	Wednesday	February	straight	island

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

War time is a very solemn time.

I was only a quarter of the way through the hymn, when I suddenly began to cough.

In Autumn, the leaves fall from the trees.

Please do not condemn people who make mistakes.

## Words to Read

lamb	comb	plumber	climb	thumb
rhombus	rhino	rhinoceros	rhyme	rhythm
hymn	Autumn	column	condemn	solemn
knives	leaves	wives	people	children
women	mice	tomatoes	heroes	fungi

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

cupboard      language

## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### Democracy

A system of government called democracy was invented in Ancient Greece in 507 BC. 'Demo' means 'ordinary people', and 'cracy' means 'power or rule'. When these go together to form the word democracy, it means 'rule by ordinary people'.

In a democracy, adult men and women who live in a place form areas called electorates. Electorates can be big or small, and each electorate is represented by a politician who is voted in by the adults who live in that electorate. In our democracy, children are not allowed to vote until they are eighteen. Some people believe that children should be allowed to vote at sixteen.

In a democracy, politicians are elected by the people to speak for them in a particular place where laws are made. This place is called Parliament. In Parliament, politicians come together to engage in rhetoric about important issues. It is the job of Parliament to make new laws.

## Words to Read

limb	dumb	numb	bomb	climbing
rhubarb	rhapsody	rhetoric	rhetorical	rheumatism
hymn	Autumn	column	condemn	solemn
knives	leaves	wives	people	children
women	mice	tomatoes	potatoes	geese

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

cupboard      language

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

Mum asked the children to get the good knives and forks out of the cupboard.

Many people speak different languages.

Many of our heroes are women.

The mice played in the leaves, and then fed on the tomatoes in the garden.

## Words to Read

rhombus	rhino	rhinoceros	rhyme	rhythm
hymn	Autumn	column	condemn	solemn
knives	leaves	wives	people	children
level	panel	tunnel	squirrel	towel
label	hazel	camel	vowel	travel

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

laughter      water      cupboard      language

## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### Cyril the Squirrel

Cyril the squirrel embarked on an adventure to see the ocean. He had never travelled to the coast and was especially excited to eat some tuna. On his way, he had to show caution not to be seen by the wolves, who had teeth as sharp as knives. They would devour him for sure! He was also in danger from the grumpy geese who would peck him in the backside if he wandered near them!

## Words to Read

rhubarb	rhapsody	rhetoric	rhetorical	rheumatism
hymn	Autumn	column	condemn	solemn
knives	leaves	wives	people	children
label	hazel	camel	vowel	travel
level	panel	tunnel	squirrel	towel

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

laughter      water      cupboard      language

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

A camel can store water and walk through the desert for many days at a time. There was great laughter when the children saw the squirrel run up the tunnel, leading to the shed.

Mum put my name on a label on my towel, so I wouldn't lose it while I was on camp.

A syllable is a clap or a beat in a word. Every syllable must have a vowel in it.

## Words to Read

hymn	Autumn	column	condemn	solemn
knives	leaves	wives	people	children
level	panel	tunnel	squirrel	towel
basil	fossil	tranquil	civil	nostril
daffodil	pupil	evil	devil	weevil

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

warn	warm	laughter	water
cupboard	language		

## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### Cyril the Squirrel Continued...

On his quest to see the ocean, Cyril the squirrel meandered through acres of daffodils. The pollen from the flowers got into his nostrils and made him sneeze. The sneeze was so audible that it alerted a Tasmanian Devil snoozing nearby. The devil growled an evil growl that terrified Cyril. He ran up a gum tree as speedily as he could and only halted when he reached the top.

## Words to Read

hymn	Autumn	column	condemn	solemn
knives	leaves	wives,	people	children
label	hazel	camel	vowel	travel
daffodil	pupil	evil	devil	weevil
basil	fossil	tranquil	civil	nostril

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

warn	warm	laughter	water
cupboard	language		

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

We sat and drank tea, next to the tranquil water.

The pupils laughed as their nostrils were filled with the sweet smell of daffodils.

Dad added basil to his special pasta sauce.

My Nan says it is evil for children to not be civil to older people. She calls these kids, "Little devils!"

## Words to Read

knives	leaves	wives	people	children
level	panel	tunnel	squirrel	towel
basil	fossil	tranquil	civil	nostril
cymbal	signal	personal	animal	equal
total	criminal	final	vocal	local

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

kangaroo	axe	warn	warm	laughter
water	cupboard	language		

## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### Cyril the Squirrel Continued...

The Tasmanian Devil got halfway up the tree but became fatigued. After one final attempt to get to Cyril the squirrel, the devil threw in the towel! That didn't stop her from being very vocal and growling at Cyril, but Cyril knew that he was safe from the fatigued devil.

Cyril took a deep breath and smelled the sea air! He looked out from the tree top and saw the tranquil blue water of the coast. The ocean was close. Cyril was elated!

## Words to Read

knives	leaves	wives	people	children
label	hazel	camel	vowel	travel
daffodil	pupil	evil	devil	weevil
total	criminal	final	vocal	local
cymbal	signal	personal	animal	equal

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

kangaroo	axe	warn	warm	laughter
water	cupboard	language		

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

The local hotel allowed animals to sit with their owners.

A person's purse is a very personal possession.

There was great laughter when the comedian told a joke and hit the cymbals after the punchline.

We filled the glasses with equal parts of juice and ice.

## Words to Read

level	panel	tunnel	squirrel	towel
basil	fossil	tranquil	civil	nostril
cymbal	signal	personal	animal	equal
reindeer	vein	rein	beige	veil
reins	veins	veiled	reign	surveillance

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

Asia	Asian	kangaroo	axe	warn
warm	laughter	water	cupboard	language

## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### Christmas Chaos

Father Christmas, his reindeer and sleigh came screaming out of the tunnel, entirely out of control. The reindeer were panicked, especially Prancer, who had seventeen evil squirrels latched firmly to the back of his hind left leg. "Woah, Woah", bellowed Father Christmas, pulling on the reins, trying to calm his reindeer. The reindeer were wide-eyed, the veins in their necks bulged, and their pupils were opened wide in horror from what had transpired at their last stop. Basil Snotsbury from fourteen St. Francis Lane had done it again!

Last year, it was three hundred mousetraps on the roof that set off, like a chain reaction, as soon as Rudolph set a hoof down on the roof. It had caused total chaos and put deliveries back by hours.

This year, Basil had taken things up a level by having one hundred hungry, angry squirrels waiting on the roof for Father Christmas. The evil animals had swarmed as soon as the reindeer touched down and they rather liked the look of reindeer as a Christmas Eve meal.

Basil had disliked Christmas since he was eleven when he received a potato for Christmas for being naughty. Being vengeful, Basil had made it his mission to hijack Christmas from that day on. "When will this child's vengeful reign end?" thought Father Christmas to himself as he pulled on the reins to settle the reindeer.

The squirrel finally let go of Prancer's leg, and a veil of calm began to settle over the reindeer once again. "Next year, Basil Snotsbury gets nothing for Christmas!" muttered the not-so-jolly bearded man.

## Words to Read

label	hazel	camel	vowel	travel
daffodil	pupil	evil	devil	weevil
total	criminal	final	vocal	local
reins	veins	veiled	reign	surveillance
reindeer	vein	rein	beige	veil

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

Asia	Asian	kangaroo	axe	warn
warm	laughter	water	cupboard	language

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

The reindeer's reins were pulled, so they would stop the sleigh.

King Charles's reign over the Commonwealth began in 2023, after the death of Queen Elizabeth.

We were warned that there was a surveillance truck in our street.

It was too warm for the bride to wear her veil.

## Words to Read

basil	fossil	tranquil	civil	nostril
cymbal	signal	personal	animal	equal
reindeer	vein	rein	beige	veil
caught	taught	daughter	slaughter	distraught
haughty	naughty	naughtily	onslaught	fraught

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

bough	Asia	Asian	kangaroo	axe
warn	warm	laughter	water	

## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### Shark Nets

Australia is becoming very dangerous for sharks and other sea life for a few reasons, but mostly because of shark nets. Sharks are being trapped in nets, painfully hooked and killed in an attempt to reduce encounters with beachgoers. Endangered species like Great Whites, Bull Sharks and Tiger Sharks are being slaughtered, and many different shark species are dying out along the coast of Western Australia, Queensland and New South Wales. Shark nets have a lot to do with the problem.

Shark nets are set around five hundred metres from the beach. Their aim is to protect beachgoers. Unfortunately, shark nets are fraught with problems and don't offer protection for people. Shark nets barely cover half the depth of the water they are set in, so they do not prevent sharks from swimming over, under or around them. People think shark nets completely enclose beaches, but, in reality, they float around in the sea. Marine experts say that shark nets don't work and that there are other more effective ways to keep swimmers safe from sharks, ways that also keep the sharks safe.

Another reason to stop using shark nets is that they catch turtles, dolphins, rays and many other marine animals. Thousands of dead and distraught dolphins that are caught have to be cut free from shark nets every year.

People should be taught that shark nets don't stop shark attacks; they kill sharks, dolphins and other marine life. If we all knew the facts about shark nets, haughty politicians might stop using them.

We must all remember that sharks are not naughty or evil; they are just sharks! Humans must respect that the ocean is their home, not ours.

## Words to Read

daffodil	pupil	evil	devil	weevil
total	criminal	final	vocal	local
reins	veins	veiled	reign	surveillance
haughty	naughty	naughtily	onslaught	fraught
caught	taught	daughter	slaughter	distraught

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

bough	Asia	Asian	kangaroo	axe
warn	warm	laughter	water	

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

The kangaroo was distraught when its back leg got caught in the trap.

My naughty daughter needs to be taught a lesson!

The haughty witch naughtily added another toad to her potion.

My Pop taught me how to carefully chop wood with an axe.

**Words to Read**

cymbal	signal	personal	animal	equal
reindeer	vein	rein	beige	veil
caught	taught	daughter	slaughter	distraught
bought	brought	thought	thoughtless	ought
sought	fought	thoughtful	thoughtfulness	unthoughtful

**Heart Words**

Read, tap with letter names, write.

circuit	injure	bough	Asia	Asian
kangaroo	axe	warn	warm	laughter

**Connected Text**

Choral Read.

**Unthoughtful?**

Let us give you all something to think about!

When people's actions upset us, we ought to check if they intended to be unkind or mean or were being unthoughtful by accident. There is a difference between being mean and being thoughtless. We ought to know that it is a very normal thought pattern for humans to jump to the conclusion that people wanted to hurt our feelings when they actually didn't.

Once upon a time, some clever researchers did an experiment using two different sorts of people. They wanted to find out if people who sought to find out if another person intended to be mean to them would have better relationships with others than people who would always conclude that people were being mean on purpose. Who do you think had the better relationships?

The research concluded that people who sought to find out if someone had upset them on purpose had better relationships than people who just assumed other people were being mean. The people who asked, "Did you mean to sound angry when you said that?" or "Are you upset with me?" had less conflict with others and better friendships. Even if these people had fought, asking these questions would start a conversation and made it more likely that they could get past the problem.

I like the sound of that!

## Words to Read

total	criminal	final	vocal	local
reins	veins	veiled	reign	surveillance
haughty	naughty	naughtily	onslaught	fraught
sought	fought	thoughtful	thoughtfulness	unthoughtful
bought	brought	thought	thoughtless	ought

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

circuit	injure	bough	Asia	Asian
kangaroo	axe	warn	warm	laughter

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

Mum bought me a present while on her recent trip to Asia.

The lady, who worked in the Asian Grocery Store, was always thoughtful and kind.

The thoughtless lad ought to know better!

I thoughtfully brought snacks to share at the party.



## Words to Read

reindeer	vein	rein	beige	veil
caught	taught	daughter	slaughter	distraught
bought	brought	thought	thoughtless	ought
medicine	officer	optimist	American	intelligent
substitute	participate	ability	activity	humidity

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

circuit	injure	bough	Asia	Asian
kangaroo	axe	warn	warm	laughter

## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### The Centipede and the President

An intelligent centipede was walking along a lonely road that skirted an estate. Carried by his one hundred legs, he thoughtlessly wandered into a carnival by accident. Before he knew it, he was surrounded by activity and festivity! By his estimate, there were at least twenty carnival rides. A Ferris Wheel, a Gravitron, a merry-go-round, and a giant swing surrounded him! The majority of kids and adults were lined up to go on the Ferris Wheel.

The American President pulled up in a huge, black car right next to where the centipede was. Twenty security officers piled out of surrounding cars and surrounded the President's car. Although the centipede would never drive a car, he knew the paint job on the president's car was high quality.

Finally, the President climbed out of her car and stood with dignity. Her security officers scanned the surroundings for criminals who might want to do anything criminal! The President, ever the optimist, told his security officers to relax, stepped into the crowd of adoring fans, and began shaking hands and kissing babies. She liked to participate in the community; it helped her maintain her sanity.

The centipede looked up adoringly at the President. He had been her longtime supporter and wanted nothing more than to shake the President's hand. He started moving towards her when the President suddenly moved her foot.

CRUNCH! Oops!

## Words to Read

reins	veins	veiled	reign	surveillance
haughty	naughty	naughtily	onslaught	fraught
sought	fought	thoughtful	thoughtfulness	unthoughtful
substitute	participate	ability	carnival	article
centipede	officer	optimist	president	intelligent

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

circuit	injure	bough	Asia	Asian
kangaroo	axe	warn	warm	laughter

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

The officer offered the American President an Anzac biscuit.

Being an optimist, I thought the bough would hold me when I swung from it.

The humidity in the Asian village was unbearable!

We wanted to participate in every activity the festival had to offer.

## Words to Read

caught	taught	daughter	slaughter	distraught
bought	brought	thought	thoughtless	ought
medicine	officer	optimist	American	intelligent
referred	deferred	equipped	equipping	beginner
forgettable	travelled	travelling	beginning	admitting

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

circuit	injure	bough	Asia	Asian
kangaroo	axe	warn	warm	laughter

## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### Electricians

Electricians work with electrical power called electricity. They have the ability to install, test, and maintain wiring circuits, lighting systems, and fixtures in homes and businesses. Electricians work indoors and outdoors and don't like rain or humidity. They are equipped to participate in new construction and in existing buildings. Electricians often need to substitute old electrical equipment. Electricians work with other tradespeople, including tilers, carpenters, painters, plasterers and plumbers. Electricians ensure the correct electrical equipment is delivered to be installed. Electricians also work with alternative power sources that turn wind or sunlight into electricity. The work of an electrician is too dangerous for blundering individuals. If safety rules are omitted, regrettable accidents happen, and people are injured.

Electricians need to have a license to work in most places. They earn their licenses by participating in an apprenticeship. An apprenticeship is where beginners start their training and work with a more experienced electrician. This program lasts about 4-5 years and has coursework and exams to pass. Being an electrician can be a very rewarding job and can also pay very well!

Next time you see an electrician, tell them you know how hard they have worked to do what they do.

## Words to Read

haughty	naughty	naughtily	onslaught	fraught
sought	fought	thoughtful	thoughtfulness	unthoughtful
substitute	participate	ability	carnival	article
forgettable	travelled	travelling	beginning	admitting
referred	deferred	equipped	equipping	beginner,

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

circuit	injure	bough	Asia	Asian
kangaroo	axe	warn	warm	laughter

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

The doctor referred me to a specialist, because I injured my knee.

We admitted that we were not equipped to go camping in the desert.

The magnificent circuit we built in Science was amazing and unforgettable!

We deferred our trip to Rome because we were tired of travelling.

## Words to Read

bought	brought	thought	thoughtless	ought
medicine	officer	optimist	American	intelligent
referred	deferred	equipped,	equipping	beginner
noise	poise	praise	raise	cheese
choose,	please	chose	blouse	cause

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

patient                  against

## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### Peter Brock

Racing car driver Peter Brock was known as 'King of the Mountain' for his domination of the Bathurst racing circuit at Mount Panorama in New South Wales. Brock won the one thousand-kilometre Bathurst event nine times between 1972 and 1987. He was lovingly referred to as 'Peter Perfect' because of the fashion in which he raced - driving with poise when under pressure.

Even as a beginner Touring Car Driver, Brock showed promise. In his first Bathurst car race, he finished third to massive applause from the crowd and caught the interest of many racing teams. His high skill level in piloting V8 touring cars was evident from early on. Peter Brock made the Holden Dealer Team his racing team for most of his time as a race car driver. Brock spent most of his time racing behind the wheel of the Holden Commodore. The Commodore was one of Australia's most popular family sedans and was made in Australia between 1979 and 1990. As well as racing

Commodores, Brock and the Holden Dealer Team (HDT) sold modified Commodores to the general public. These cars were built to resemble the cars Brock raced. They were equipped with high-performance V8 engines and special body kits.

Peter Brock was involved in a fatal accident in September 2006 when driving in a rally car race in Western Australia. The car he was driving hit a tree. Brock's injury caused his death and created an outpouring of grief across the nation.

Peter Brock has earned praise as Australia's best-ever racing car driver, and the noise from his finely-tuned V8 Commodore would rouse thundering applause from adoring crowds wherever he raced. 'Brocky' goes down in history as Australia's best-ever racing car driver.

## Words to Read

sought	fought	thoughtful	thoughtfulness	unthoughtful
substitute	participate	ability	carnival	article
forgettable	travelled	travelling	beginning	admitting
choose	please	chose	blouse	cause
noise	poise	praise	raise	cheese

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

patient          against

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

I often choose to add cheese and mayonnaise to my sandwiches.

There was much applause and praise at the end of the show because it was very good.

Do not raise your voice or tease your sister!

If I choose to go to the party, will I regret what I chose afterwards?

## Words to Read

medicine	officer	optimist	American	intelligent
referred	deferred	equipped	equipping	beginner
noise	poise	praise	raise	cheese
maze	blaze	craze	froze	freeze
gauze	glaze	bronze	wheeze	squeeze

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

favourite	difficult	patient	against
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## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### The Soldier

The injured soldier was in a daze as he was rolled into the makeshift field hospital. The doctor yelled, "We need to cleanse the wound first!" The leg wound was from a fragment of a roadside mine that had detonated as the soldier's troop carrier had driven over it while on patrol.

"Gauze!" yelled the doctor. A nurse hurried to hand her gauze to squeeze into the leg wound that had just been cleansed with saline solution. The gauze slowed the bleeding and allowed for some clotting. The nurse placed a cushion under the soldier's leg to elevate it. The soldier's eyes, which had been wide and alert momentarily, began to glaze over. "I'm feeling weird," mumbled the injured soldier. The doctor froze for a second and then urgently called for a blood transfusion.

"He needs A-positive blood, stat!" yelled the doctor as if she were in a craze. The soldier had lost a lot of blood on the journey to the makeshift hospital and needed that blood replaced urgently. The doctor had found the soldier's blood group by looking at the bronze-coloured dog tag that he was wearing around his neck. Dog tags were worn by all soldiers and had important information stamped on them. Blood type was part of this critical information.

The soldier began to drowse. "Stay awake, private Stephanos!" yelled the doctor, squeezing his shoulders. The soldier's eyes widened again, and he farted! "Sorry about the smelly breeze," joked the soldier, who was beginning to feel more alert. The blood transfusion was doing its work.

"You Australians amaze me with how tough you are," said the kind doctor as she removed the gauze to inspect the leg wound where the bleeding had slowed to an ooze.

The Soldier. Continued...

“Okay, Private Stephanos is ready for surgery to put that leg back together. Let’s get him on the aeroplane,” said the doctor to the waiting attendants. “Just beware of his back end,” she said, smiling. “It could cause injury!” she said, inferring that his farts were dangerous!

Private Stephanos smiled as he set off on the plane to be mended.

## Words to Read

substitute	participate	ability	carnival	article
forgettable	travelled	travelling	beginning	admitting
choose	please	chose	blouse	cause
gauze	glaze	bronze	wheeze	squeeze
maze	blaze	craze	froze	freeze

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

favourite      difficult      patient      against

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

We froze when we saw the weird bronze statue in the courtyard.

I began to wheeze after running, so I needed to squeeze my puffer.

If we freeze the cakes now, we can add the glaze later.

We flew above the blaze in our private plane.

## Words to Read

referred	deferred	equipped	equipping	beginner
noise	poise	praise	raise	cheese
maze	blaze	craze	froze	freeze
alphabet	buffalo	Canada	cinnamon	manager
ornament	permanent	pharmacy	relative	tentacle

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

shoulder    boulder    favourite    difficult    patient    against

## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### Pharmacies

Pharmacy is a branch of chemistry that studies the molecular structure of drugs to find drugs that work effectively for certain diseases. A pharmacy is also a type of shop where many items are sold, including medical drugs. A drug is a substance that changes the way the body works. Medicines are forms of drugs that can remedy illnesses. If you watch television programs from America, you might hear a pharmacy called a drug store.

Pharmacies store many types of drugs that help people when they are ill, some of which can be addictive, some can react differently for different people, and some need to be taken in a special way. Some drugs can even cause permanent changes to how the body works, which can be harmful.

Only a medical doctor knows which drugs should be taken, so these types of drugs cannot simply be bought over the counter at a pharmacy. A prescription is necessary to get them. Medical doctors give out prescriptions needed to get certain drugs from the pharmacy.

## Words to Read

forgettable	travelled	travelling	beginning	admitting
choose	please	chose	blouse	cause
gauze	glaze	bronze	wheeze	squeeze
ornament	permanent	pharmacy	relative	tentacle
alphabet	buffalo	Canada	cinnamon	manager

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

shoulder    boulder    favourite    difficult    patient    against

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

The weird octopus had ten tentacles!

My relatives often fly to Canada by private plane.

The manager made my position at the store permanent.

The alphabet is the basis of English Orthography.

## Words to Read

noise	poise	praise	raise	cheese
maze	blaze	craze	froze	freeze
alphabet	buffalo	Canada	cinnamon	manager
elephant	antelope	comedy	competent	elevate
enemy	integrate	remedy	supplement	delegate

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

senior	junior	shoulder	boulder	favourite
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## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### Pharmacies....Continued

Some people who work in a pharmacy are called pharmacists or chemists.

These people are university-trained, can recognise simple diseases, and make drugs for some of them. They are the ones in the white coats and are often also the store manager.

As well as selling medical drugs, many pharmacies also sell vitamin supplements, hygiene, beauty and baby products, first aid items, and even weird ornaments or nicknacks for last-minute gifts.

So, next time you have a cough or a wheeze, you might need to visit a pharmacist to get a medicinal drug to help your body get better.

## Words to Read

choose	please	chose	blouse	cause
gauze	glaze	bronze	wheeze	squeeze
ornament	permanent	pharmacy	relative	tentacle
enemy	integrate	remedy	supplement	delegate
elephant	antelope	comedy	competent	elevate

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

senior	junior	shoulder	boulder	favourite
difficult	patient	against		

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

If an antelope raced against an elephant, who do you think would be victorious?

The comedy duo elevated the mood of the crowd.

The doctor prescribed supplements for her patient.

The delegate was integrated into the community.

## Words to Read

maze	blaze	craze	froze	freeze
alphabet	buffalo	Canada	cinnamon	manager
elephant	antelope	comedy	competent	elevate
abdomen	absolute	acrobat	advocate	balcony
chocolate	compromise	custody	customer	democrat

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

iron	onion	senior	junior	shoulder
boulder	favourite	difficult	patient	against

## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### Schwa

We know that a syllable is a beat in a word, and if you count the number of beats in a word, you'll know the number of syllables! Every syllable contains a vowel phoneme. What you may not know is that not all syllables are equal. Some syllables last longer and have more strength than others.

Let's say some two-syllable words together and see if we can hear which syllable is more audible. Say after me: label, basil, camel, pupil, evil and total.

It takes careful surveillance, but in these words, if you're patient, you'll hear that one syllable lasts slightly longer than the other. It's the initial syllable in these words that is a little stronger and lasts a little longer.

Now, say acrobat. The first and last syllables are stronger in this word, and the middle syllable goes so fast that you barely notice it!

It is usual for some syllables to last a little longer than others. These syllables are called stressed. In the word 'label', the first syllable has the stress on it and lasts the longest. The second syllable is said very quickly and is called the unstressed syllable. Why does this matter? It matters big time because that unstressed syllable has a special phoneme called schwa! Can you hear it? It's hiding between the (b) and (l) in 'label', and its sound is a very short grunt!

Schwa is also on the end of 'teacher' and 'doctor'. It's at the start of 'above' and in the last syllable of 'chocolate'. Does your name have a schwa?

## Schwa. Continued...

The schwa vowel will never become obsolete because unstressed syllables are everywhere! Here's the irritating thing: schwa is hard to spell! It can be spelt by any of the vowels on their own and can also be spelt with a vowel and the letter 'r'.

So, how do you know how to spell schwa if it can be any of these graphemes? Well, to spell tricky little schwa phonemes, we need to use something called our spelling language inside our mind. When you learn to spell a word with a schwa in it, try saying it, stressing the vowel sound that is making the schwa in the word. Your teacher will help explain this amazing trick we call spelling language or using your spelling voice by showing you the spelling language for the word 'balcony'!

Using spelling language is a game changer for learning to spell tricky words that include a schwa phoneme.

## Words to Read

gauze	glaze	bronze	wheeze	squeeze
ornament	permanent	pharmacy	relative	tentacle
enemy	integrate	remedy	supplement	delegate
chocolate	compromise	custody	customer	democrat
abdomen	absolute	acrobat	advocate	balcony

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

iron	onion	senior	junior	shoulder
boulder	favourite	difficult	patient	against

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

My favourite ice-cream flavour is chocolate.

The acrobat showed amazing strength when he swung from the balcony.

My advocate helped my boss and I come to a compromise about how many hours I would work.

The customer swore that he told the manager the absolute truth.

## Words to Read

elephant	antelope	comedy	competent	elevate
abdomen	acrobat	advocate	balcony	argument
calculate	incubate	instrument	insulin	dictionary
anniversary	boundary	library	diary	February
imaginary	primary	secondary	stationary	

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

aisle	isle	iron	onion	senior
junior	shoulder	boulder	favourite	difficult

## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### Diabetes

Diabetes is an illness caused by an unusually high sugar level in a person's blood. This type of sugar, called glucose, must be kept at specific levels in the blood because if there is too much, it can damage organs in the body.

A hormone called insulin allows glucose to move from the blood to the body's cells. Insulin regulates the amount of glucose in the blood. When insulin allows glucose into cells, the cells use the glucose to make energy.

Without energy, the body has no strength. Insulin is produced in an organ called the pancreas, and diabetes occurs when there is either not enough insulin or the body can't use insulin in a regular way.

Diabetes is not a single condition; there are two main types of diabetes:

**Type 1 diabetes:** Type 1 diabetes is the most common type that affects children and teenagers in Australia. Type 1 diabetes is caused by the body not having enough insulin. Without insulin, glucose levels build up in the blood. Type 1 diabetes is treated by replacing the insulin and managing blood glucose levels. To replace insulin, some people have an injection in the abdomen.

**Type 2 diabetes:** Type 2 diabetes rarely occurs during childhood and adolescence. Type 2 diabetes is caused by the body becoming resistant to insulin. Type 2 diabetes can be treated with diet, weight loss and medicine.

## Diabetes. Continued...

There are certain signs that can indicate someone has diabetes. Feeling very thirsty or hungry all of the time or suddenly losing lots of weight can indicate diabetes. Having to go to the toilet to wee all the time or feeling sick and vomiting can also be signs.

As well as this, feeling very tired all of the time is also something to get checked out. These are not absolute but are worth checking with a doctor if they persist.

Diabetes can be very difficult to live with, but people can manage it if they can carefully monitor their blood glucose levels, calculate what they can eat and know when to inject insulin.

## Words to Read

ornament	permanent	pharmacy	relative	tentacle
enemy	integrate	remedy	supplement	delegate
chocolate	compromise,	custody	customer	democrat
occupy	pendulum	porcupine	regular	singular
argument	calculate	incubate	instrument	insulin

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

aisle	isle	iron	onion	senior
junior	shoulder	boulder	favourite	difficult

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

My teacher was certain that we could calculate the equations accurately.

It is sometimes difficult to learn how to play a new musical instrument.

My friend and I had an argument about how to calculate percentages.

The porcupine wanted to occupy my dog's kennel!

**Words to Read**

elephant	antelope	comedy	competent	elevate
abdomen	absolute	acrobat	advocate	balcony
argument	calculate	incubate	instrument	insulin
dictionary	anniversary	boundary	library	diary
February	imaginary	primary	secondary	stationary

**Heart Words**

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**Connected Text**

Choral Read.

**Larry and Abdul**

Larry found primary school difficult. He didn't have a lot of friends and found the work very hard. Every day, he would go to the Library at lunchtime so that he wouldn't have to walk around alone or pretend to enjoy playing soccer with the rest of the boys in his class. Some days, he even found himself reading the dictionary to pass the time until the bell rang to mark the end of lunch.

Larry was looking forward to moving to Secondary School. He imagined finding friends who liked the same activities, friends whom he felt happy to spend lunchtimes with. He was especially looking forward to choosing his subjects.

One day at lunchtime, when Larry was reading an article about the anniversary of the theatre show 'Cats' in the library, he heard the Principal talking with someone he had never seen before. It was a boy about his age who looked quite timid, his shoulders hunched and his eyes focused on the floor. The boy and the Principal walked over to Larry. Larry felt a nervous tension overcome him but politely looked up and smiled at the Principal and the boy.

It turned out that the boy (whose name was Abdul) was new to the school, and not only that, he'd also only been in Australia since February! No wonder he had looked so timid! Abdul was quiet and shy, so Larry took it upon himself to look after him. He smiled and showed him all around the school. Slowly, Abdul became more comfortable with Larry and spoke to him about his life back in India. He told Larry why he had come to Australia and all about his passion for musical theatre.

Larry and Abdul. Continued...

Larry was astounded! Musical theatre? That was also a passion of his!

Larry and Abdul become fast friends. They spent every lunchtime together, sometimes in the library, but other times playing games outside. Primary school for Larry was now a whole lot easier and more fun. Secondary school could wait a bit longer!

## Words to Read

enemy	integrate	remedy	supplement	delegate
chocolate	compromise	custody	customer	democrat
occupy	pendulum	porcupine	regular	singular
February	imaginary	primary	secondary	stationary
dictionary	anniversary	boundary	library	diary

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

aisle	isle	iron	onion	senior
junior	shoulder	boulder	favourite	difficult

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

The boulder marked the boundary of our property.

In February, my parents celebrated their wedding anniversary.

In primary school, we often use a dictionary in the library.

Luckily, the car was stationary at the intersection when the truck sped by.

**Words to Read**

abdomen	absolute	acrobat	advocate	balcony
argument	calculate	incubate	instrument	insulin
dictionary	anniversary	boundary	library	diary
category	compulsory	directory	history	introductory
ivory	laboratory	memory	observatory	satisfactory

**Heart Words**

Read, tap with letter names, write.

aisle	isle	iron	onion	senior
junior	shoulder	boulder	favourite	difficult

**Connected Text**

Choral Read.

**Memory**

Our memory stores our experiences in our brain to use them later. We use memories every moment of our lives. We must remember words and ideas to speak or to write. To walk or to eat, we remember the movements we learned as children. This is all stored in memory.

There are two categories of memory: working memory (also called short-term memory) and long-term memory. Our working memory stores information for a short time. It lasts about 15 to 30 seconds and can hold between about four and seven pieces of information. Working memory is satisfactory for doing things like holding a new passcode in our mind while we type it in. We also use working memory to keep short lists of things we must do in our mind.

Long-term memory stores information for longer. It can last days, months, years, or even a lifetime. Repeating and practising something instructs our brain to store information in our long-term memory. This is called review, and we do it every day to make sure we tell our brains to store important information like graphemes, spelling rules and maths facts.

You know what nouns and syllables are because they are stored in your long-term memory. We pull out information stored in memory through a process called recall.

Recall is when we bring something learned earlier back into our working memory to use it or think about it. Being unable to remember something is called forgetting.

Not doing enough practice or review is a major reason we forget things.

## Memory. Continued...

People do not like to forget, but forgetting serves essential purposes. The brain forgets information that it no longer needs, so long-term memory isn't changed by new information that isn't important.

Forgetting can also help people to survive painful experiences from their history.

Researchers have learned from sleep studies that getting enough sleep is important for storing information in long-term memory.

If we don't sleep enough, newly learned information does not get into our longterm memory and is forgotten. This makes learning impossible. This is one of the reasons parents and teachers emphasise the importance of sleep and why parents make bedtimes compulsory.

## Words to Read

chocolate	compromise	custody	customer	democrat
occupy	pendulum	porcupine	regular	singular
February	imaginary	primary	secondary	stationary
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category	compulsory	directory	history	introductory

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

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## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

We looked in the Junior School Directory, to find my teacher's email address.

The gym had an introductory offer for seniors to join for half price.

Visiting an observatory should be a compulsory activity for everybody.

The history of the ivory trade is both interesting and sad.

## Words to Read

argument	calculate	incubate	instrument	insulin
dictionary	anniversary	boundary	library	diary
category	compulsory	directory	history	introductory
archery	battery	celery	gallery	jewellery
lottery	mystery	nursery	surgery	stationery

## Heart Words

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## Connected Text

Choral Read.

### The Jewellery Heist

Prisha stood stationary in the shadows of the alleyway. She was waiting for the gallery to close and for the security guard to leave for the night. She planned to enter the gallery and take back the jewellery that belonged to her family.

How the valuable jewellery had ended up in this gallery was a mystery. Still, her home had been broken into two years earlier, and two precious necklaces that had been in her family for decades had been stolen.

Police detectives didn't have a single lead on who had taken them or where they had gone. One senior detective investigating the robbery of Prisha's home said that the thief had won the lottery because the house was in a blackout during the robbery. The thief had been able to break into the home undefended by the alarm.

While Prisha watched from the shadows, the security guard rearranged some stationery on the front counter. He placed a stapler into a drawer and put some pens back into a pot. When he had finished, the guard punched a six-digit code into a panel on the wall near the front door, stepped out onto the wet sidewalk and pulled the main door closed. He locked the deadlock with a key, turned, and walked away into darkness.

It was time to make her move. Prisha had about forty seconds to pry the side entrance open, get into the gallery, take the two necklaces and get out before the exit delay on the alarm expired, and the alarm sounded.

## The Jewellery Heist. Continued...

Prisha levered the door open with every ounce of strength she could muster. The door gave way with a loud, wood-splintering crack. Prisha ran straight to the glass cabinet that contained the heirlooms that belonged to her family. She slid the glass door open, grasped the twin necklaces and quickly tucked them into her socks, one on each foot!

Prisha slipped out the side door into the cover of the alley. Prisha had timed her heist perfectly because the number fifteen bus was waiting with doors open. She jumped aboard the abandoned bus, safe and with her jewellery.

The family jewellery would be returned to its rightful place in her home.

## Words to Read

occupy	pendulum	porcupine	regular	singular
February	imaginary	primary	secondary	stationary
ivory	laboratory	memory	observatory	satisfactory
lottery	mystery	nursery	surgery	stationery
archery	battery	celery	gallery	jewellery

## Heart Words

Read, tap with letter names, write.

aisle	isle	iron	onion	senior
junior	shoulder	boulder	favourite	difficult

## Dictation

Read, repeat, cover, write.

Mum bought me some fancy stationery, to use when I write in my diary at night.

It was a mystery! Who stole jewellery from the gallery?

Celery and onion were required to make the soup tasty.

Dad had to go to the doctor's surgery when he stepped on an piece of sharp iron at work.





