

Reading Passage – Standard Four

Read the passage at least three times. As you read:

- pay attention to punctuation
- read with expression
- try not to read too fast or too slowly
- try to pronounce the words correctly
- ask for help if you don't know the word

Practise! Practise! Practise!

If you have difficulty with a word, try these strategies:

Decode It! Read It!



1. Sound. Blend. Read

/b//r//ai//n/ or /br//ai//n/

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2. Chunk it (look for parts you know)

savannah sa/**van**/nah

3. Break it up. Blend and Read

discover - dis/ cov/ er

4. Flip the vowel sound

discover

dīs/ cōv/ er



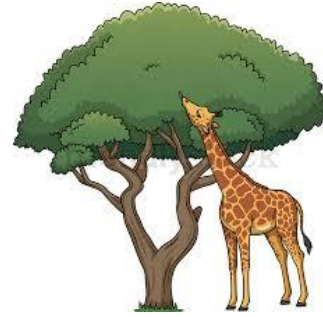
dīs/ cōv/ er



5. Root Words/Beginnings/Endings

reconnects

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THE GIRAFFE

Giraffes are the tallest of all land animals. The males may grow taller than 5.5 metres (18 feet). The tallest females are about 4.5 metres. Giraffes are a common sight in grasslands and open woodlands in East Africa. They can be seen in reserves or specific National Parks.

They have long legs and a coat pattern of brown patches on a light background. Giraffes grow almost to their full height by four years of age. They gain weight until they are seven or eight years. Males can weigh up to 1,930 kg (4,250 pounds). Females can weigh up to 1,180 kg (2,600 pounds). The tail may be a metre in length and has a long black tuft on the end.



120 words

Readability 5.5

<https://www.britannica.com/animal/giraffe>

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GUIDELINES TABLE

Standard 4 Passage ' The Giraffe'					
	Sight words	Phonics	Syllabication	Inflectional Endings	Compound Words
Use the table to classify student errors and to assist with corrections	Are	Tallest	Tall/est	animals <u>s</u>	Grass-lands
	a	about	An/i/mals	females <u>s</u>	Back-ground
	Age	black	Com/mon	legs <u>s</u>	Wood-lands
	All	brown	Na/tion/al	males <u>s</u>	
	And	coat	Near/ly	metres <u>s</u>	
	Be	eight	Pat/tern	parks <u>s</u>	
	by	feet	Spe/ci/fic	patches <u>s</u>	
	Can	Giraffes	Un/til	reserves <u>s</u>	
	eight	grow		woodlands <u>s</u>	
	end	height		years <u>s</u>	
	four	Land			
	full	length			
	Has	light			
	have	long			
	In	metres			
	May	parks			
	Of	patches			
	open	pounds			
	Or	reserves			
	Seen	seen			
	seven	sight			
	Than	tail			
	the	tuft			
	Their	weigh			
	They	weight			
	Up				
	years				

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