

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

re CONNECT **s**

Joy on the Horizon

“Three more days to go! Three more days to go!” sang Kate excitedly.

The prospect of all the ‘lazy days’ ahead thrilled her. There would be no more early morning trips to Port-of-Spain in distressing traffic jams. Instead, there would be two weeks of bliss. She would not have to get out of bed before eight o’ clock. This was because she would be spending the entire time at her grandfather’s farm in Princes Town. Grandpa was one of the few persons who understood that Kate was descended from a long line of princesses. For this reason, he always let her have her ‘beauty sleep’. Kate was roused from her reverie by a sigh of exasperation from Ray-Ann.

Ray-Ann was preparing for a big examination and was far too distracted by this to revel in the impending joy. Ray-Ann and Kate once again became embroiled in a bitter argument. Aunt Martha motioned to them to stop their bickering but kept her eyes fixed on the television screen. The announcer said something that Kate missed but she noticed her sister’s eyes dart in the direction of her aunt. She thought her sister looked concerned but dismissed the thought when she saw Ray-Ann return to her work almost as quickly. A few words from the news broadcast then caught Kate’s ear.

“The Medical Chief of Staff has summoned advisors to a closed-door meeting...”

Aunt Martha picked up the phone and, this time, waved the girls away. They knew that signal. This was going to be another night when their parents would be stuck at the hospital.

Word Count: 264

Flesch-Kincaid Readability Level: 5.7

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GUIDELINES TABLE

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Use the table to classify errors and to assist with corrections.

| Sight words | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| a | again | ahead | all | almost | always | and | another | as |
| at | aunt | away | be | beauty | became | because | big | but |
| by | caught | chief | dart | days | direction | door | early | ears |
| eight | entire | eyes | far | farm | few | for | from | get |
| girls | go | has | has | have | he | her | in | kept |
| knew | line | long | looked | miss ¹ | meet | more | morning | news |
| night | no | not | notice | of | on | once | one | out |
| persons | picked | quickly | reason | return | said | sang | saw | she |
| sigh | sister | sleep | something | stop | that | the | their | them |
| then | there | they | this | thought | three | time | to | too |
| town | trip | two | understood | up | was | waved | weeks | when |
| | | who | words | work | would | | | |
| Phonics | | | | | | | | |
| bed | big | bliss | clock | dart | fixed | hospital | jams | joy |
| Kate's | Martha | missed | o' | parents | phone | Ray-Ann | roused | screen |
| | | sister's | staff | stuck | thrilled | traffic | | |
| Compound Words | | | | | | | | |
| broad-cast | closed-door | grand-father | grand-pa | Port-of-Spain | some-thing | under-stood | | |

¹ In the passage, endings were added to the miss and meet to form **missed** and **meeting** respectively.

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| Syllabication | | | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| ad/vis/ors | a/head | an/noun/cer | ar/gu/ment | beau/ty | be/came |
| bick/er/ing | bit/ter | con/cerned | de/scend/ed | dis/missed | dis/tract/ed |
| dis/tress/ing | em/broiled | ex/am/in/a/tion | ex/as/per/a/tion | grand/fa/ther | grand/pa |
| hos/pit/al | im/pend/ing | in/stead | la/zy | me/dic/al | meet/ing |
| morn/ing | mo/tioned | par/ents | prin/ces | prin/cess/es | pros/pect |
| quick/ly | rea/son | rev/el | rev/er/ie | sig/nal | spend/ing |
| sum/moned | te/le/vis/ion | traf/fic | un/der/stand | | |
| Inflectional Endings | | | | | |
| advisors <u> </u> | bickering <u> </u> | closed <u> </u> | concerned <u> </u> | days <u> </u> | descended <u> </u> |
| dismissed <u> </u> | distracted <u> </u> | distressing <u> </u> | embroiled <u> </u> | fixed <u> </u> | going <u> </u> |
| impending <u> </u> | jams <u> </u> | looked <u> </u> | meeting <u> </u> | missed <u> </u> | motioned <u> </u> |
| noticed <u> </u> | parents <u> </u> | picked <u> </u> | preparing <u> </u> | princes <u> </u> | princesses <u> </u> |
| spending <u> </u> | summoned <u> </u> | thrilled <u> </u> | trips <u> </u> | waved <u> </u> | weeks <u> </u> |