

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**

Dashing through the...What?

There was a neigh, a whinny and a nicker and before Joseph could steady himself in the seat, off they went into the night. He had heard of dashing through the snow, but this was ridiculous. This was his first time in New York, and every experience he had had since his arrival had been ‘new’. As far as Joseph was concerned, he had been experiencing a little too much novelty. He remembered how much fun riding in a sleigh appeared to be on television. Try as he might, he found no fun in this experience. In fact, he had found little fun in any of his experiences to date.

When he alighted from the plane, the first thing to greet him was a draught of extremely cold air. Then as he exited from the taxi, he met a pile of snow with which he was forced to make acquaintances. When he finally got to the door of the hotel, he was cold and clammy. Snow was presented as one of the key ingredients in the wonderland he had been told he would find. Well, he did wonder. Why would anyone want to put their feet, let alone their hands, into that? Thankfully, his room was warm. Okay, so there was something good about his visit.

His thoughts returned to the present. As buildings whizzed by, he weighed his options- an early morning flight back home or three more days of ... He was about to decide to have his money’s worth and stay on in New York. However, at that moment, the sleigh scaled a mound of snow and rose to an amazing height. Joseph was certain he was at least six metres off the ground and there and then he made his decision. He would be on a flight home in the morning once he lived. By a sleight of hand, the driver steered the sleigh skilfully back to the ground. Joseph tumbled out of the carriage and headed back to the apartment, with unsteady steps, to pack.

Word Count: 340

Flesch-Kincaid Readability Level: 5.3

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GUIDELINES TABLE

Standard 4 Passage: **Dashing through the...What?**

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

Sight Words								
a	about	air	alone	and	any	appear	as	at
back	be	been	before	build	but	by	certain	cold
could	days	decide	door	drive	early	fact	far	feet
finally	find	first	found	from	fun	good	got	ground
had	hand	have	he	head	heard	himself	his	home
how	however	in	into	key	little	least	let	live
moment	money	more	morning	much	new	night	no	of
made	make	off	on	once	one	or	out	plane
put	present	return	remember	ride	room	rose	seat	six
snow	something	stay	step	that	the	their	then	there
they	thing	thought	three	through	time	to	told	too
try	want	warm	was	well	went	when	which	why
			with	would	visit			
Phonics								
alighted	date	did	draught	flight	forced	greet	ground	height
hotel	Joseph	lived	mound	neigh	Okay	pack	scaled	sleigh
sleight	steered	weighed	whizzed	worth	York			
Compound Words								
		anyone	himself	Wonderland	something			

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Syllabication					
ac/quaint/an/ces	a/ma/zing	an/y/one	ap/art/ment	ap/peared	buil/dings
car/riage	cer/tain	clam/my	con/cerned	dash/ing	de/cide
de/cis/ion	dri/ver	ear/ly	ex/pe/ri/ence	ex/pe/ri/en/ces	ex/pe/ri/en/cing
ex/treme/ly	head/ed	ho/tel	in/gre/di/ents	mor/ning	nick/er
nov/el/ty	op/tions	pres/ent	pre/sen/ted	re/mem/bered	re/turned
rid/i/cu/ous	skil/ful/ly	stead/y	tel/e/vis/ion	thank/ful/ly	tum/bled
	un/stead/y	whin/ny	won/der	won/der/land	
Inflectional Endings					
acquaintances <u> </u>	amazing <u> </u>	appeared <u> </u>	buildings <u> </u>	concerned <u> </u>	dashing <u> </u>
days <u> </u>	experiencing <u> </u>	experiences <u> </u>	forced <u> </u>	hands <u> </u>	headed <u> </u>
lived <u> </u>	ingredients <u> </u>	metres <u> </u>	money's <u> </u>	options <u> </u>	presented <u> </u>
remembered <u> </u>	returned <u> </u>	riding <u> </u>	scaled <u> </u>	steered <u> </u>	steps <u> </u>
	thoughts <u> </u>	tumbled <u> </u>	weighed <u> </u>	whizzed <u> </u>	