

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



ANTS

Ants are insects that are social in habit and live together in organized colonies. Ants are found worldwide, but are more common in hot climates. They range in size from about two to twenty-five millimetres. Their colour is usually yellow, brown, red, or black. Most ants live in nests, which may be located in the ground, or under a rock. Some nests are built above ground and made of twigs, sand, or gravel.

Carpenter ants are large black ants that live in old logs and timbers. Some species live in trees or in the hollow stems of weeds. Tailor ants make nests of leaves and similar materials held together with silk secreted by larvae. The pharaoh ant, a small yellowish insect, builds its nest either in houses or outdoors. It all depends on if it is warm or cold.

140 words

Readability 5.5

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

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GUIDELINES TABLE

Use the table to note errors and guide reading					
Sight Words	Phonics		Syllabication	Inflectional Endings	Compound Words
a	above	size	car/pen/ter	builds	out-doors
about	ants	small	cli/mates	climates	twenty-five
all	black	social	col/our	colonies	world-wide
are	brown	species	com/mon	depends	
be	builds	stems	de/pends	houses	
but	built	tailor	gra/vel	insects	
by	cold	trees	hol/low	its	
from	either	twenty-five	in/sect	leaves	
if	ground	twigs	in/sects	located	
in	held	usually	lar/va	logs	
is	hot	warm	lo/ca/ted	materials	
its	houses	weeds	ma/te/ri/als	millimetres	
make	insect	yellow	mil/li/me/tres	nests	
may	large		or/gan/ized	organized	
more	larva		se/cre/ted	outdoors	
most	leaves		sim/i/lar	secreted	
of	live		tail/or	stems	
old	live		tim/bers	timbers	
or	logs		to/geth/er	trees	
some	made		to/geth/er	usually	
that	occur		un/der	weeds	
their	pharoah		yel/low		
they	range		yel/low/ish		
to	red				
two	rock				
which	sand				
with	silk				