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Reader 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Reader 3: \_\_\_\_\_

### Words to Preview

### Point & Say

1 **identify** – to recognize and be able to say who someone is or what something is.

mare

vapor

*I was able to **identify** the clouds by their shapes.*

2 **Latin** – the language of ancient Rome.

*Some people study **Latin** even though it is no longer a spoken language.*

3 **cumulus** – (pronounced kyoom-yuh-luhs) a fluffy cloud made of white masses piled on each other.

*The **cumulus** clouds look like cotton balls.*

4 **stratus** – (pronounced strat-uhs) a cloud forming a flat gray sheet.

*The **stratus** clouds are like a blanket in the sky.*

5 **cirrus** – (pronounced sear-uhs) a high, long, thin cloud.

*The **cirrus** clouds are wispy and high.*

Note: Hyphenated words count as one word.

## Clouds

### READER 1

Clouds are water in a different form. They usually float high in the sky, 14  
but sometimes they touch the ground. We call these low clouds fog. We 27  
identify clouds by their shape and how high they are from the ground. 40

Clouds have three main shapes. There are other cloud shapes, though. 51  
Most of the other cloud shapes are some mix of the three main types of 66  
clouds. The names for the three main cloud shapes come from Latin. 78  
The meanings of the Latin names tell us what the clouds look like. 91

### READER 2

One cloud shape is called cumulus. That means “heap” in Latin. Cumulus 103  
clouds are white and fluffy, and they look like cotton balls. They are caused 117  
by rising warm air. These clouds can get very tall. 127



Another cloud shape is called stratus. Stratus means “layer” in Latin. Stratus clouds spread across the sky in a wide, flat layer. They can look like a big blanket in the sky.

The third main cloud shape is cirrus. Cirrus means “curl of hair” in Latin. Cirrus clouds look like thin wisps in the sky. They are sometimes called mare’s tails because they can look like the tail of a horse.

### READER 3

Clouds are also identified by how high they are from the ground. There are low, mid, and high-level clouds. Low clouds are closest to the ground. They are usually made of water droplets. The bottoms of mid-level clouds are between 6,500 and 20,000 feet above the ground. High-level clouds are so high that they are usually made of ice crystals.

Some clouds get so tall that they are in two or three levels. Cumulus and stratus clouds can be low, mid, or high-level clouds. Cirrus clouds are only found high above the ground.

Clouds are made when water turns from a liquid into a gas. The gas is called water vapor. As the water vapor rises, it cools and turns into droplets. The droplets cling to tiny bits of dust in the air. The droplets can be water or ice. This depends on how cold the air is.

When billions of droplets come together, they form the clouds you see in the sky. When the droplets in the clouds grow too heavy, they fall to Earth. They may fall as rain, snow, or sleet.

Calculation Boxes		Reader 1	Reader 2	Reader 3
Number of Words at Bracket				
Subtract: Number of Errors	–		–	–
Equals: Words Correct per Minute (WCPM)				
Accuracy Percentage	%		%	%



### Mark It!

1 o l i v e

2 t e m p l a t e

3 f e s t i v e

4 c o t t a g e

5 p a l a c e

6 p a c k a g e

7 a t t e n t i v e

8 l u g g a g e

9 m e s s a g e

10 p i r a t e

11 a c t i v e

12 e x p l o s i v e

### Read It!

1 olive

2 attentive

3 pirate

4 luggage

5 palace

6 explosive

7 package

8 cottage

palace

active

package

cottage

message

luggage

festive

template

explosive

message

festive

template

pirate

active

attentive

olive



# Which Syllable Is Which?

Write each syllable in the correct column. The schwa spellings are circled.

## CHALLENGING

- 1 pas•sage
- 2 na•tive
- 3 cab•bage
- 4 pave•ment

Closed	Open	VCE
pas		sage

## MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 in•flate
- 6 re•pack•age
- 7 pri•vate
- 8 cap•ti•vate

Closed	Open	VCE

## MOST CHALLENGING

- 9 del•i•cate
- 10 steth•o•scope
- 11 re•pul•sive
- 12 frus•trate

Closed	Open	VCE



### CHALLENGING

- 1 ate some cabbage at lunchtime (5)
- 2 made a disgusting olive cupcake (5)
- 3 the secretive unit at our campsite (6)
- 4 pirate will manage to escape the trap (7)

### MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 will have a positive time at the parade (8)
- 6 did hope to live in a private Chinese palace (9)
- 7 ape is native to the massive mangrove thicket (8)
- 8 repulsive garbage will bake in the hot sunshine (8)

### CHALLENGING

- 1 The wind damage to the lonely cottage was quite extensive. (10)
- 2 Our passage across the uneven lake to the village was difficult. (11)
- 3 I put my printed image and my package in a secret safe on campus. (14)
- 4 Do not rummage in my grandma's closet to find her private candy stash. (13)

### MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 You could invite Miss Vandike to the festive parade by our cottage. (12)
- 6 Pete is motivated to pass the secretive message on to Nate the pirate. (13)
- 7 The advantage of this type of luggage is that it has extra side pockets. (14)
- 8 Will you have to repackage the delicate Japanese glass globe from Jolene? (12)



### WORDS

1. Read each word.
2. Underline and connect the vowels in the VCE spelling patterns that spell the *schwa* sound.
3. Draw a **box** around the words that rhyme with **fit**.
4. **Circle** all the words that have **three** syllables.

cottage

chocolate

detective

palace

negative

reptile

private

landscape

positive

mistake

village

umpire

passage

climate

festive

### CHALLENGE YOURSELF

- 1 Find the word that contains a digraph. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Find 2 words that refer to jobs.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Find 3 words that are places where you can live.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Find the word that is the opposite of positive. \_\_\_\_\_