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Reader 2: _____

Reader 3: _____

Words to Preview

Point & Say

- 1 **predators** – animals that hunt other animals for food.
Predators, such as larger fish or raptors, hunt small fish to eat.
- 2 **frigid** – very cold.
*The ocean water at the New Jersey shore is **frigid** in January.*
- 3 **cold-blooded** – having a body temperature that matches the surroundings.
*The **cold-blooded** snake slithered through the forest toward the sun to keep warm.*
- 4 **dwarf goby** – (goby rhymes with Toby) one of the smallest fish in the sea.
*The **dwarf goby** swims away from the hungry shark.*

gills
ocean
temperature

Note: Hyphenated words count as one word.

Fish

READER 1

There are more than 28,000 kinds of fish that live all around the world. 14
Some live close to land, and others live in deep water. Some fish live in the 30
salt water of seas and oceans. Other fish live in the fresh water of lakes, 45
rivers, and ponds. 48

Fish are animals that live in the water. Most fish have scales to protect them. 63
They use fins and tails to move through the water. They use gills to breathe 78
under water. 80

READER 2

Most fish lay eggs. Some make their nests in rocks or plants. Others just lay 95
their eggs in the water. Some fish lay many eggs, but not all the eggs will 111
hatch. Predators will eat some of them. Others will not hatch because the 124
water is too warm or too cold. When eggs hatch, the young fish are still at 140
risk. Water that is too hot or cold can kill baby fish. Predators also eat many 156
young fish. Very few eggs will become adult fish. 165



READER 3

Fish breathe through gills. The gills take oxygen from the water to help fish breathe. This is different from the way many other animals breathe.	178
Not everything that lives in the water is a fish. Dolphins, whales, jellyfish, and starfish are not really fish.	190
Some kinds of fish swim in groups called schools. Fish are safer when they swim in schools. They work together to watch for danger. Also, the small fish look bigger to predators when they are together.	203
The biggest fish is the whale shark. It can grow up to 60 feet long. One of the smallest fish is the dwarf goby. It is less than half an inch long.	209
Most fish are cold-blooded. This means their temperatures change with the temperature of the water where they swim. Some fish live only in warm waters. Others live only in cold waters. Fish that live in frigid temperatures can even live in water that has ice on the top.	223
	237
	245
	262
	277
	287
	301
	314
	325

Calculation Boxes		Reader 1		Reader 2	Reader 3
		Number of Words at Bracket			
		Subtract: Number of Words at Subhead		-80	-165
Number of Words at Bracket		Equals: Number of Words Attempted			
Subtract: Number of Errors	-	Subtract: Number of Errors		-	-
Equals: Words Correct per Minute (WCPM)		Equals: Words Correct per Minute (WCPM)			
Accuracy Percentage	%	Accuracy Percentage		%	%



Mark It!

1 h o c k e y

7 a l l e y

2 l a d i e s

8 d i e s e l

3 b e l i e f

9 b a b i e s

4 c h i m n e y

10 m e d l e y

5 f i e l d t r i p

11 c a s h i e r

6 w i n d s h i e l d

12 v o l l e y b a l l

Read It!

1 hockey

belief

babies

2 medley

ladies

windshield

3 volleyball

fieldtrip

alley

4 chimney

diesel

cashier

5 babies

volleyball

ladies

6 windshield

hockey

medley

7 alley

cashier

diesel

8 belief

chimney

fieldtrip



Word Sort

Circle the correct number of syllables, and write the long vowel spellings in the appropriate columns for all long vowels. Some words may have more than one long vowel phoneme, and not all of the long vowel spellings will be vowel teams. The vowel letters that spell schwa are circled.

CHALLENGING

- 1 brief
- 2 backseat
- 3 key
- 4 windowpane

How many syllables?	/ā/	/ē/	/ī/	/ō/
1 2 3		ie		
1 2 3				
1 2 3				
1 2 3				

MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 volley
- 6 dream
- 7 soapy
- 8 roadside

How many syllables?	/ā/	/ē/	/ī/	/ō/
1 2 3				
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1 2 3				

MOST CHALLENGING

- 9 shadow
- 10 sunscreen
- 11 yellowtail
- 12 showm^onship

How many syllables?	/ā/	/ē/	/ī/	/ō/
1 2 3				
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CHALLENGING

- 1 will donate lilies, posies, or lilacs (6)
- 2 messy chimney needs a cleaning (5)
- 3 pays to stay in a clean, cheery motel (8)
- 4 sits in the backseat of the speedboat (7)

MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 need to find cash to pay for a new fishbowl (10)
- 6 a chutney and baloney sandwich on the trolley (8)
- 7 roaming in a jeep to find jelly for my chimpanzee (10)
- 8 had a big fight while coaching the baseball team (9)

CHALLENGING

- 1 My mom uses an oatmeal treatment for her itchy skin. (10)
- 2 The plane delay will make us late for the freedom rally in Philly. (13)
- 3 Will you be attending the Greek eating event in the bungalow? (11)
- 4 Amy has her pillow and plenty of games, so now she can sleep at Janeen's. (15)

MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 We keep honeybees so we can sweeten our cakes and cookies. (11)
- 6 Mickey, the cashier at the Coastline Grill, divides the meat for sandwiches. (12)
- 7 After we get back from bowling, I need to feed beets and cocoa to my happy gray donkey, Bailey. (19)
- 8 The little insect on our windshield was so distracting that we had to pull right over to the side of the road and clean it off. (26)



SENTENCES

1. Read each sentence.
2. In Sentence 1, underline all of the vowel teams.
3. Draw a box around all the vowel team spellings of *long e*.
4. Circle the word that contains the *long o* sound twice.

- 1 I am not afraid of shadows at night when I have my flashlight.
- 2 I wept when I lost my keys and all of my pennies beneath the willow tree.
- 3 I like hot cocoa and raisin oatmeal for brunch on the weekends.

CHALLENGE YOURSELF

Using your knowledge of long vowel spellings, come up with three words that contain each long vowel phoneme listed below. To make the challenge more difficult, use a different spelling of the long vowel phoneme in each word. Do not use words from the sentences above.

long i	<u>frightful</u>	<u>hide</u>	<u>silent</u>
long a	_____	_____	_____
long e	_____	_____	_____
long o	_____	_____	_____