



Reader 1: _____ Date: _____

Reader 2: _____

Reader 3: _____

Words to Preview

Point & Say

- 1 **currents** – parts of water that flow in certain directions.
*The ocean **currents** took the shipwrecked boat far out to sea.*
- 2 **stuns** – puts in a daze or makes unconscious.
*The spider's bite **stuns** its prey so that it cannot escape.*
- 3 **responding** – reacting to something that happens.
*The boy must be **responding** to the medicine because he stopped coughing.*
- 4 **venom** – poison that some animals produce to catch prey; usually passed through a sting or bite.
*The **venom** a snake passes through a bite can be very dangerous to humans.*

jellyfish
(jellies)
tentacles
allergic

Note: Hyphenated words count as one word.

Jellyfish

READER 1

A jellyfish is not made of jelly. A jellyfish is not even a fish. Unlike fish, jellyfish 17
have no scales or bones. They do not even have a brain. Jellyfish are mostly 32
made of water, which is why they feel like jelly. 42

Jellyfish, or jellies, live in every ocean. Most live near the top of the water, 57
but a few kinds of jellyfish live in deep water. Jellyfish can swim, but they 72
mostly just float on the water currents. Some jellies do not like light, so they 87
move deeper into the water during the day. 95

READER 2

Jellies come in many sizes and colors. The biggest jellyfish is called a box 109
jellyfish. It can measure over nine feet in length. Most jellies are shaped like 123
a bell and can be any color of the rainbow. Some have no color, which 138
makes them very hard to see. 144



All jellyfish have tentacles that hang down from their bodies. Some 155
 tentacles are short, while others are very long. The tentacles have small 167
 parts that can sting. The sting puts poison into an animal's body. The poison 181
 stuns the animal so that it cannot get away. The jellyfish then traps the 195
 animal between its tentacles. 199

READER 3

Jellyfish sting to get food, and they also sting to stay safe. Since they do not 215
 have brains, they are not thinking when they sting. They are only responding 228
 to the world around them. 233

Some jellyfish are a danger to people. A sting from a small jelly doesn't 247
 often cause much pain, but stings from larger jellies can feel like nasty 260
 bee stings. Most stings do not kill, but some people are allergic to them. 274
 These people can die from a jellyfish sting. A sting from a box jelly is more 290
 harmful than snake venom. This kind of sting can kill a person in three 304
 minutes. To be safe, people should never get too close to jellyfish. If you do 319
 go in water that might have jellyfish, shuffle your feet in the sand so they 334
 know to stay away. 338

Calculation Boxes

	Reader 1	Reader 2	Reader 3
Number of Words at Bracket			
Subtract: Number of Words at Subhead		-95	-199
Equals: Number of Words Attempted			
Subtract: Number of Errors	-	-	-
Equals: Words Correct per Minute (WCPM)			
Accuracy Percentage	%	%	%



Mark It!

1 calendar

7 wordy

2 motor

8 projector

3 calculator

9 factory

4 mustard

10 grammar

5 nectar

11 cheddar

6 predator

12 afterward

Read It!

1 calendar

nectar

afterward

2 factory

motor

calculator

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grammar

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Word Sort

Write the spelling of the r-controlled vowel phonemes in the correct column. The schwa spellings are circled.

CHALLENGING

1 al•li•ga•tor

2 or•chard

3 mar•ching

4 for•ward

/ar/ as in barn

/or/ as in fork

/er/ as in bird

or

MORE CHALLENGING

5 nor•mal

6 col•lec•tor

7 world•ly

8 @•part•ment

/ar/ as in barn

/or/ as in fork

/er/ as in bird

MOST CHALLENGING

9 in•ven•tor

10 im•por•tant

11 pop•u•lar

12 score•card

/ar/ as in barn

/or/ as in fork

/er/ as in bird



CHALLENGING

- 1 was a collector of stellar art (6)
- 2 victory was not as important (5)
- 3 in the orchard or the cornfield (6)
- 4 is a wizard at perfect grammar (6)

MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 has a working tractor on his chicken farm (8)
- 6 ate artichokes with the popular armadillo (6)
- 7 heard chirping in the darkness by the pillar (8)
- 8 before the normal visitors arrive at the bookstore (8)

CHALLENGING

- 1 I want to earn fifty dollars to donate to the church in Corning. (13)
- 2 Can you please find aspirin for Connor and then monitor him? (11)
- 3 Clifford prefers to mix his collard greens with cheddar and mustard. (11)
- 4 Dora's shirt collar was torn on a sharp branch when she hid in the orchard. (15)

MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 Edward the earthworm chose to bravely enter the winter blizzard in his yellow parka. (14)
- 6 Mara will pick a carpet color to match the cardinal that perches on her windowsill. (15)
- 7 Before Margo went soaring off to Bora Bora, she had to search for her thermometer. (15)
- 8 Mark, my brother, is a bowler, an actor, an artist, a soccer player, and a member of the gardening club. (20)



WORDS

1. Read each word.
2. Underline the spelling **ar** when it spells the sound /er/.
3. Draw a **box** around the spelling **or** when it spells the sound /er/.
4. **Circle** words that have three or more syllables.

blizzard

adore

ambassador

collector

backward

organize

artichoke

flavor

earthworm

grammar

hazard

harbor

instructor

popular

border

CHALLENGE YOURSELF

- 1 Find 3 words that are careers.

- 2 Find the word that means "love." _____

- 3 Find a word that might be on a menu. _____

- 4 Find the word that is a type of storm. _____