



Reader 1: _____ Date: _____

Reader 2: _____

Reader 3: _____

Words to Preview

Point & Say

- 1 **diesel** – oil-based fuel that is thicker and heavier than gasoline.
Diesel is a type of fuel used in some cars that do not use an electric spark to start their engines.
- 2 **locomotive** – an engine used to push or pull railroad cars.
The locomotive pushed the train along the track.
- 3 **engineer** – a person who works with engines and other machines.
The engineer helped keep the train's engine running smoothly.
- 4 **pollution** – things that are harmful to the Earth.
Pollution in the water can hurt or kill things that live in the ocean.

engine
electric
countries

Note: Hyphenated words count as one word.

Trains

READER 1

Trains run on rails. They get power from locomotives, or engines.	11
The locomotives push or pull trains along a track. Some trains are so heavy that they have to use more than one engine to move.	24 36
Long ago, before engines were invented, horses pulled trains along tracks.	47
Then, about 300 years ago, an engineer made the first steam engine.	59
Steam engines worked better than horses. Engines have much more power than horses, so they can move heavy loads over mountains. They can also	70 83
move much faster than horses. Trains with steam engines can travel	94
100 miles an hour.	98



READER 2

Trains with steam engines take a long time to start. First, a fire is made in a special box. Water in a large tank gets very hot, and the water turns into steam. Then the engineer can start the locomotive. It takes about three hours to make enough steam to start the train.

Few trains run on steam these days. Now, most have diesel or electric engines. Diesel engines can go farther than electric ones without needing more fuel. However, not everything about diesel engines is better.

READER 3

When diesel burns, it makes black smoke, smells bad, and creates pollution. Electric engines are much cleaner, but it costs more to make electric trains.

The fastest trains in the world are electric. Many countries have electric trains. One train in China travels at 430 miles an hour!

Monorails are trains that run on only one rail instead of on two. The prefix *mono* means “one.” The word *monorail* means “one rail.” Many cities around the world have monorails. They run on rails above streets, on land, and under the ground.

People like to look at and take pictures of trains. Some people even take trips to see different kinds of trains. Today, people use trains to travel and see different places. Trains have places to eat and sleep inside the train. Some trains even have showers!

Calculation Boxes		Reader 1	Reader 2	Reader 3
			-98	-185
Number of Words at Bracket				
Subtract: Number of Errors	-			
Equals: Words Correct per Minute (WCPM)				
Accuracy Percentage	%		%	%



Mark It!

1 d e s t r o y

2 b o y i s h

3 l o y a l

4 a n n o y

5 j o i n t e d

6 e n j o y

7 p o i s o n

8 r o y a l t y

9 b o i l i n g

10 a p p o i n t m e n t

11 o y s t e r

12 n o i s y

Read It!

1 boyish

2 noisy

3 royalty

4 annoy

5 poison

6 destroy

7 jointed

8 loyal

loyal

enjoy

poison

jointed

appointment

noisy

boiling

oyster

appointment

destroy

boiling

oyster

boyish

enjoy

annoy

royalty



Word Sort

Write all vowel spellings in the correct columns. The schwa spellings are circled and filled in.

CHALLENGING

1 grat•i•tude

2 @•void

3 tea•spoon

4 voy•age

Short	Long	R- Controlled	Other	Schwa
a			u_e	i
				a
				a_e

MORE CHALLENGING

5 ru•by

6 @m•ploy•ee

7 pin•point

8 ar•gu•ment

Short	Long	R- Controlled	Other	Schwa
				e
				e

MOST CHALLENGING

9 o•ver•joy

10 shal•low•ness

11 dis•@p•point

12 truth•ful•ly

Short	Long	R- Controlled	Other	Schwa
				e
				a
				u



CHALLENGING

- 1 ate a moist pork loin for dinner (7)
- 2 can be a batboy for the last game (8)
- 3 made a toy rooster out of corduroy (7)
- 4 spoonful of oily soybean and raccoon stew (7)

MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 will try to avoid the noisy voyage to Detroit (9)
- 6 newsboy left the paper on the steps of our porch (10)
- 7 might be disappointed by the game's broken joystick (8)
- 8 pointed to the poster of the royal family and the loyal Yorkie (12)

CHALLENGING

- 1 Bring the stew to a boil and broil the meat in oil. (12)
- 2 Joy avoided the pool when the noisy children were in it. (11)
- 3 Farmer Roy fed the annoying pigs soybeans to keep them from oinking. (12)
- 4 Moira needed more ointment for the itchy poison ivy on her arms and legs. (14)

MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 Troy was the poster boy for a topsoil company in Chattanooga, Tennessee. (12)
- 6 The boys enjoy making mud cakes from the moist soil until they hear Mom shriek. (15)
- 7 The boy had a doctor's appointment that he was trying to avoid by pretending to be fine. (17)
- 8 Floyd put a decoy duck in the pond to dupe, or trick, the annoying bobcat that kept chasing the real ones. (21)



Complete It!

Add **oi** or **oy** to finish the incomplete words in each sentence. Write the whole word on the line.

- 1 My little sister does her best to ann____ me. _____
- 2 The paperb____ keeps throwing our paper in the wet grass. _____
- 3 Please make the n____sy dogs stop barking. _____
- 4 It is best to av____d the traffic jam. _____
- 5 Did your hamster destr____ his spinning wheel? _____
- 6 How many c____ns do you have left in your piggy bank? _____
- 7 Tim wore cordur____ pants. _____
- 8 Snake venom is a kind of p____son. _____
- 9 Do you enj____ visits with your grandmother? _____
- 10 The baby p____nted to the colorful ball. _____
- 11 The pirate said, "Ah____, matey!" _____
- 12 Please b____l the carrots for dinner. _____
- 13 The busb____ clears the dinner dishes away. _____
- 14 Put a thin layer of ____ntment on the burn. _____
- 15 Br____l the fish for our brunch. _____

CHALLENGE YOURSELF

Try to figure out the correct spelling of /oi/ in each of these challenge words.

1. ____ster

2. r____al

3. t____let

4. v____age

5. ____ly

6. j____ful