



Reader 1: _____ Date: _____

Reader 2: _____

Reader 3: _____

Words to Preview

Point & Say

1 **windsock** – a fabric tube that hangs from a pole, used to tell the direction the wind is blowing.

*The **windsock** shows the wind is blowing from the south right now.*

destination

angle

tailwind

2 **skipper** – the captain of a boat or ship.

*The **skipper** is responsible for everyone's safety on a boat.*

3 **rudder** – a flat, movable blade at the back of a boat used to control the boat's direction.

*We could not turn the boat around after the **rudder** hit a rock and broke.*

4 **exposed** – put out in the open.

*When they pulled off the cover, a beautiful painting was **exposed**.*

Note: Hyphenated words count as one word.

Sailors

READER 1

Sailors both respect and fear the wind. The right winds can help sailors	13
safely reach their destination. Harsh winds can destroy a sailboat. Weak	24
winds can bring a sailboat to a stop.	32

Wind is the force that powers a sailboat. Good sailors understand wind	44
direction. They often fly a flag or windsock to learn the direction of	57
the wind.	59

Winds are named for the direction they are blowing from. That means that	72
a wind blowing from the south to the north is called a south wind. A wind	88
blowing from the west to east is called a west wind.	99



READER 2

Sailing is easiest when the sailboat is headed in the same direction as the wind. This is called a tailwind. The tailwind fills the sail so the boat moves smoothly across the water. The sailboat will go fastest when the skipper puts the sails fully up to catch the wind.

It is not as easy to sail against the wind. To head into the wind, the boat must sail in a zigzag pattern. This is called tacking. To tack, the skipper steers the boat at an angle against the wind. After a while, the skipper turns the boat and sails at a different angle. Tacking lets the sailboat stay on course when sailing against the wind.

READER 3

Too much wind can be bad for the sail. The wind forces the sailboat to lean over on its side. When a boat leans too much, the rudder cannot work right. The skipper may not be able to steer the boat. Sometimes too much wind in the sails makes a boat tip over into the water.

A sailboat's skipper and crew are always on the lookout for strong winds. Strong winds can damage a boat in many ways. They can shred the sails on a boat. They might even rip the steel cables from the mast. The mast is the tall pole that holds up the sails. When that happens, the mast falls and the sails end up in the water.

When the wind is too strong, a wise skipper will make the sail smaller. That means less of the sail is exposed to the wind. Doing this makes the boat more stable. Sometimes the crew will even take down all the sails. The wind will not do as much damage when the sails are down.

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Number of Words at Bracket					
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Equals: Words Correct per Minute (WCPM)					
Accuracy Percentage		%		%	%



Mark It!

1 pau s i n g

7 h a u n t e d

2 A u g u s t

8 a w f u l

3 l a u n c h i n g

9 d r a w b a c k

4 s e e s a w

10 a p p l a u d

5 c a u l i f l o w e r

11 s q u a w k i n g

6 c r a w l i n g

12 f l a w l e s s

Read It!

1 August

pausing

seesaw

2 launching

applaud

flawless

3 crawling

drawback

cauliflower

4 squawking

awful

haunted

5 flawless

crawling

pausing

6 seesaw

launching

drawback

7 applaud

cauliflower

squawking

8 haunted

August

awful



Which Syllable Is Which?

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

CHALLENGING

1 jig•saw

2 foot•note

3 raw•hide

4 chew•y

Closed	Open	VCE	Vowel Team	R-Controlled
jig			saw	

MORE CHALLENGING

5 laun•dry

6 cow•ard

7 chim•ney

8 de•claw

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MOST CHALLENGING

9 awk•ward

10 au•t@•graph

11 @•part•ment

12 foot•lock•er

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CHALLENGING

- 1 yawning at dawn after no sleep (6)
- 2 will use a jigsaw to fix the awful mess (9)
- 3 crawling on the ground like a toddler (7)
- 4 can launch a small stone off of the seesaw (9)

MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 did not enjoy visiting the scrawny Santa Claus (8)
 - 6 can broil some cauliflower and carrots for dinner (8)
 - 7 had an outdoor picnic on the lawn at the end of August (12)
 - 8 has drawn a newborn fawn in the woods in her notebook (11)
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CHALLENGING

- 1 Did you see Dawson crawling to pick up the blue straws? (11)
- 2 Saul, do you go to haunted houses or go on hayrides in October? (13)
- 3 Paula had to thaw the frozen sausage for supper before cooking it. (12)
- 4 Mister Paws, Shaun's pet dog, likes to chew rawhide with his big jaws. (13)

MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 Even if Shawn's vault is not flawless, you should applaud, not gawk at her. (14)
 - 6 Aubrey took Dawn for an authentic prawn dinner last night for her birthday. (12)
 - 7 What is causing that awful odor that is oozing out from under your bedroom door? (15)
 - 8 Austin has to sort his laundry, mow the lawn, and fix the flaw in his art project before he can go to the carnival. (24)
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Match It!

Draw a line to connect the syllables that will spell a real word. Write the whole word on the line.

1. see dry laundry
 au sing _____
 pau saw _____
 laun/ thor _____

2. aw draw _____
 flaw ful _____
 with a _____
 saun less _____

3. cole ing _____
 crawl ward _____
 awk fish _____
 craw slaw _____

4. chain gust _____
 Au ted _____
 saw saw _____
 haun dust _____

CHALLENGE YOURSELF

Choose **two** words from above, and write **one** sentence that includes both of those words on the lines below.

Choose **two** different words from above, and write **one** sentence that includes both of those words on the lines below.
