

# Year 4

## Speed Reading

### 100 word extracts

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# Improving Reading Speed

*These texts can be used as models to support pupils in improving their reading speed over short passages. This resource can be used in conjunction with the model for explicitly teaching reading speed, which can be found in Reading, Whole School Resources on Primary Wise.*

*Further teaching ideas and guidance for developing pace and fluency can be found in the Speed Reading section of the KS2 Supporting Resources folder within Reading.*

# Calculating Reading Speed

*As well as using these as a teaching resource for improving pupils' pace of reading, these extracts can also be used to test their reading speed.*

To find the child's initial reading rate:-

- Give the child a passage of text to read (100 words).
- Note down the amount of words they read accurately.
- Divide this by how many seconds it took the child to read the passage.
- Multiply this by 60.

E.g. Child X read 91 words accurately in 90 seconds.

$$91 \div 90 = 1.011$$

$$1.011 \times 60 = 60.66$$

Reading rate – 61 words per minute (wpm).

# Extract 1

What is a two-step problem? Well, it probably won't surprise you to know that it's a problem with two separate parts. That doesn't have to mean that the maths will be particularly difficult. However, you do need to understand which different calculations you have to perform, in the correct order, to find the solution. Imagine you're a special agent, trying to get the top secret plans out of a safe in a locked room. It's not enough just to have one key. You must use the key to open the door before you enter the code to unlock the safe.

# Questions for Extract 1

1. In which order does the text say you should perform the two calculations?
2. What sort of plans does the text mention?