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Title	Content vocabulary	Literary language	Reading strategies These suggestions are indicative only. There are many opportunities for addressing a range of reading strategies in each book.
Advanced Fluent Reading Stage: Level Q (40)			
Behind the Scenes at the Zoo Word count: 1,892	architect aviary breeding programs browse captive captivity carcasses carnivores conservation enclosures endangered extinct/ion habitat herbivores livestock native nurse nursery nutritionist omnivores primates species surgery veterinarians wildlife		Asking questions about the information
So Far from Home Word count: 3,081		Verbs: circled flapped flew grabbed soar struck swooped veered Language to build suspense: as fast as they could in close pursuit suddenly they waited. And waited. Words related to setting: Animal Control aviary birds of prey falcon/er/ry hawk jesses peregrine falcon raptor raptor rehab center red-tailed hawk talons The Department of Fish and Wildlife	Identifying characters' attitudes and the actions that reveal these
Get Me to School! Word count: 1,707	bamboo rafts burros classrooms Double Dutch education famines government homelessness language librarian library Luta de Galo Nobel Peace Prize Ounch Neech poverty recess right schoolhouse Tinikling		Making inferences about the information presented
The Sky Ladder Word count: 2,493		Verbs (saying): asked called cried laughed replied screamed whispered Nouns specific to setting: chili pepper chicken cliff-face dumplings farmer market mountain rungs sky ladder tree dragon village Adjectives: dangerous difficult exhausted precious rickety sheer steep strict	Identifying how a character changes from the beginning of a story to the end
What Makes a Champion? Word count: 2,710	agile ambitious athleticism champion coordinated determination disability discrimination flair mentors motivational persistence pioneer prodigy professional psychological resilience role model sacrifice self-motivation technique tournament		Comparing and contrasting the information in each chapter
Swim Like a Fish Word count: 2,571		Nouns (abstract): attention champion decision memories mood pain potential pressure relief silence Verbs: cheering discussed drifted promised rushed sighed struggled Figurative language: bursting with excitement flew across the ground in a flash in a heartbeat like a cold, wet cloud like a fish mind raced	Describing how and why characters changed from the beginning of the story to the end
HeroRATs Word count: 1,758	African giant-pouched rats clicker deminer diagnose excavated explosion explosives handler infectious disease landmines metal detector mine detection rats organization rodents scents sputum trigger tuberculosis war-torn		Asking questions about the information
Clever Ratty Word count: 3,040		Figurative language: a faraway look as gently as a curling feather face drops had zapped him with lightning her heart of hearts tremor of fear Verbs: adds agrees argues asks cries croons declares insists laughs promises shouts tells whispers yells Adjectives: cold clever determined different dim gentle huge joyous proud soft sunny terrified wide-eyed	Identifying how a character changes from the beginning of the story to the end



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Advanced Fluent Reading Stage: Level R (40)			
The Mighty Mississippi Word count: 2,108	bdote Cahokia cargo ceremonies channel course crops Dakota dams dredging fertile Gulf of Mexico Illinois Confederation irrigate Lake Itasca levees Mississippians navigate population resources sacred steamboat trade treaties watershed		Searching for information in a variety of graphics (photos, illustrations, captions, maps)
River Boy Word count: 2,729		Adjectives: crisp fertile first-class glistening heartfelt treacherous unreliable Figurative language: a dangerous beast as dark as night heart sank like a flooded river breaking its banks like a leaf in the wind Words related to setting: cargo deckhands dock Natchez navigated paddleboat pilot pilothouse port stow-aways wharf	Identifying the historical facts within a narrative
What's the Attraction? Word count: 2,499	accommodation attractions checking in/out cruises culture/s daytrips festivals history/ic/ical international/ly itinerary kids' clubs memorials monuments museums Park Rangers passport region resorts scenery theme parks tourism/ist vacation/ing		Comparing the information in each chapter
Rescue at Blue Canyon Word count: 2,511		Verbs: clutching crackled dangling emerged filming focused shackled slipped striding Figurative language: a blanket of dark clouds color drained from his face Victor was frozen Victor's head spun Nouns related to setting: canyon first aid kit harness heat blanket helicopter ledge mountain national park ranger station rescue kit uniform walkie-talkie	Identifying and recognizing the reason for varying narrative structure (flashback)
First-time Visitors Word count: 2,364	altitude sickness atmosphere avalanche bathyscaphe cosmonaut expedition exploration frostbite glacier gravity hypothermia motorized mountaineer navigate plateau solar winds space mission stratosphere summit uninhabitable		Making inferences about the information
Odysseus and the Cyclops Word count: 2,734		Language related to setting: bounty cannibals curse gods shipwreck temples thunderbolts trident whirlpools wine skins Proper nouns: Ancient Greece Cyclops Ithaca Nobody Odysseus Polyphemus Poseidon Trojan War Trojans Troy Nouns (abstract): choice hardship idea judgment lessons pride	Identifying the language of the text type (legend)
Polio: A Frightening Disease Word count: 1,751	calipers contagious diagnosed disease epidemic herd immunity immune system immunized iron lung paralyzed paralysis physiotherapy polio quarantine researcher spasms symptoms therapies vaccinated vaccination vaccine virus		Searching for information in a variety of visual images (photos, a timeline, maps)
Dance On! Word count: 2,157		Adjectives: difficult exciting frustrated glad lucky proud scared worst Language to build suspense: hands were sweaty heart raced butterflies in her stomach breathing was rapid Verbs (saying): asked blurted out complained cried explained responded screamed sniffed urged	Recognizing and understanding the use of a journal within a narrative structure



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Advanced Fluent Reading Stage: Level S (40)			
Protecting the People of the Arrow Word count: 1,973	activist Amazon rainforest canoe communities expedition Flecheiros humidity indigenous mission People of the Arrow poison route scout seasonal trekked treks uncontacted people village		Making inferences about information
Outsiders! Word count: 2,738		Abstract nouns: adventure anticipation cultures excitement fear instincts secret traditions Verbs: backtracked fled flew flitted gathering inhaled lurking peered scanned sobbing sprinted squinted trek Adverbs: breathlessly desperately in silence instinctively quietly rapidly sharply sternly with relief	Identifying a character’s thoughts and feelings by observing their actions and speech
Exploring Space Word count: 2,010	astronauts atmosphere explorers global positioning system (GPS) leaf sensor Mars mission navigators orbit/ed/ing planet radars satellite satellite dish sensor solar system space archaeology spacecraft technology Teflon transmit ultraviolet vaporized		Searching for information in a variety of graphics (photos, captions, fact boxes, diagrams)
Ocean Rescue Word count: 2,736		Verbs: abandon climbed flopped haul ploughed surfaced transmitted wound yanked Nouns (abstract): direction excitement happiness misery problem signal Nouns (concrete): beacon cabin channel coral reefs deck GPS navigation system keel life raft ocean satellite snorkel wrecks	Identifying how a character changes from the beginning of a story to the end
Our Active Earth Word count: 1,673	catastrophic continents core crust destruction dormant earthquakes epicenter eruption fault lines geologists geyser hot spots lava magma mantle molten Richter scale steam vents tectonic plates tsunamis volcanoes		Searching for information in a variety of visual images (photos, diagrams, maps)
A New Geyser Erupts Word count: 2,959		Nouns specific to setting: barriers boardwalk cadets flare gun national park ranger’s station walkie-talkie Adverbs: carefully fearfully higher properly severely slightly suddenly Language to convey mood: felt a wave of fear and shame snapped back to reality that dreadful night the air was getting colder tried to sound cheerful	Recognizing variations in narrative structure (flashback)
Clean Energy Word count: 1,945	coal electricity energy environmentally friendly fossil fuels gas geothermal energy hybrid cars hydroelectricity insulation non-renewable energy oil photo voltaic cells pollution renewable energy resources solar energy solar panels turbines wave energy wind energy		Asking questions about the information
Surviving the Earthquake Word count: 3,329		Verbs (sensing): awakened dreamed heard hoped remembered thought understand warn wish wonder Text connectives to indicate time: as darkness descended as the days passed back then by early morning it had been one day since it was midday just then now five years later the next morning Literary adverbs: cheekily gently greedily luckily quickly slowly suddenly	Identifying the language the author uses to signal changes in setting (time and place)



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Advanced Fluent Reading Stage: Level T (50)			
Animal Partnerships Word count: 1,921	adapted algae benefit commensalism energy grooming host larvae mutualistic organisms paralysis parasite parasitic partnerships pests plankton predators protection relationships secreting shelter species sucker symbiotic venom win-win		Identifying how graphics complement or extend the written text
Honey Hunters Word count: 2,641		Abstract nouns: culture disappointment panic praise tales traditions Language to convey mood: a wave of panic swept over feel warm inside festive and happy swallowed uneasily Words related to setting: acacia tree baobab fire stick Hadza honey hunter	Identifying words and phrases that describe emotion
Restoring Coral Reefs Word count: 1,826	acidic acidification algae atmosphere carbon dioxide climate change coastline colonies coral bleaching crown-of-thorns starfish ecosystem erosion Great Barrier Reef habitat marine nurseries overfishing pollution storm surge sustainable tentacles		Building on knowledge by identifying new information Identifying words and phrases that describe emotion
Colorful Coral Word count: 3,011		Nouns (abstract): buoyancy disease dream information lesson minute plan training Nouns specific to setting: aquatic life buoyancy control device butterflyfish coral crew mask mouthpiece ocean tentacles Language to convey mood: a warm glow inside feeling embraced heart leapt heart sank oddly calm rising sense of panic small and helpless surge of confidence that sinking feeling the deep, quiet water	Identifying words and phrases that describe emotion
Animals in Danger: Orangutans Word count: 2,264	critically endangered deforestation endangered extinct habitat illegal logging oil palm trees orphans poaching relocation programs sanctuaries seed dispersal souvenirs sustainable		Identifying important ideas
Ahmad's Journey Word count: 2,821		Verbs: scurried queried startled challenged wished thrashing panicked Literary adverbs: frantically ultimately cautiously calmly bravely desperately protectively excitedly instinctively Figurative language: stomach did a flip shiver down his spine on full alert felt light and fluttery	Identifying words that describe emotion in dialogue
Discovering the Lost World Word count: 1,829	arboreal biologist critically endangered data DNA samples electroreceptors habitat laboratory mountainous ornithologist pollination preserved scientific classification scientific expeditions species specimen surveyed		Identifying how visual images complement or extend the written text
Exploring Galápagos Word count: 2,798		Adjectives: arduous arid diverse isolated monumental rare remote unique volcanic Verbs (sensing): acknowledged assume believe dawned decided feel know panic recognize reflect thought want wonder Nouns: archipelago endemic equator historical figures lavatories marine iguanas officers ship's surgeon voyage	Identifying the historical facts within the text



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Advanced Fluent Reading Stage: Level U (50)			
Leading the Way Word count: 2,627	Action challenges chief decision-making discussion election inspired leadership legacy motivate/motivator opposition passionate persistence protestors respect rights values		Comparing and contrasting the information in each chapter
An Unlikely Leader Word count: 2,816		Literary adverbs: breathlessly briskly despondently glumly numbly Figurative language: painted a brave smile on my face butterflies raced around in my stomach Mom was a tornado Dad was a still summer's day Verbs (saying): asked beamed bellowed commanded continued yelled	Linking character development to events in the plot
Living With Robots Word count: 2,259	artificial intelligence assembly lines automated chatbot computer data digital technology files invented machinery machines manufacturing mechanical mechanized processing programmed radars robot robotic sensors technology touch screen voice command		Identifying important points
Milo and the Robots Word count: 2,914		Literary adverbs : anxiously enviously excitedly frantically gradually happily nervously obediently with alarm Proper nouns: Amy E-Scoots Go-car Milo Mom Seb Tracklet Uncle Nick Words related to setting: E-Scoots face scanner Go-car quiet robo-pets sync Tracklet village	Identifying language that describes setting (time and place)
Fighting For Children's Rights: The Story of Lewis Hine Word count: 2,077	abolish ailments alum cannery child labor compulsory declaration of dependence dormitories employers exhibits exploited factories illegal immigration industrial laboring legacy mines orphans oyster shucker photographer poverty publications published slums unions		Inferring the importance of the subject's accomplishment
A Dollar a Day Word count: 3,360		Verbs: caked churned nudged piled plodded scolded thumped tucked Idiomatic language: pulling his leg squeezing the life out of him taking the other's measure Words related to setting: coal mine colliery curry combs dandy brush girders headlamp kerchief liniment mule driver schoolhouse shaft sprag stablemaster	Linking character development to events in the plot
The Camera Doesn't Lie! Word count: 1,981	angle client computer software digital camera drone film images lighting photo shoot photographer shutter speed social media upload		Inferring the author's point of view
The Scoop Word count: 2,888		Verbs: added announced complained confessed muttered shouted suggested whispered Nouns (abstract): advice clue distance imagination interest luck position question scoop story surprise theme Nouns (concrete): burglar camera cameraman hero mayor newspaper pedestal photographer plaque police reporter storeroom studio	Linking character development to events in the plot



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Advanced Fluent Reading Stage: Level V (50)			
Privacy and the Internet Word count: 1,832	anonymity anonymous browsers cell phone digital technology facial recognition identity theft Internet invasion location monitor permission posted privacy profile sites social networks tag upload website		Asking and answering questions about the text
Tagged! Word count: 2,532		Figurative language: felt my stomach tighten grew red with anger Text connectives to indicate time: Just then The next morning Throughout the day two hours earlier When school ended Sensing verbs: embarrassed figured forgotten invaded named pretended remember wish wonder	Linking character development to events in the plot
Back from Extinction Word count: 1,789	Botanist cells clone conserve de-extinction dinosaur DNA embryo extinct fertilization genes genetic engineering genetically Maui mountain hibiscus molecule moral offspring organism pollinated predators preserved pterodactyls reproduce species surrogate theory woolly mammoth		Identifying important ideas
The Return of the Woolly Mammoth Word count: 2,655		Proper nouns: Earth February January Jelena Mammoth Museum May Neda Prisha Siberia Siberian Templeton Concrete nouns: colleagues DNA dung embryo potbelly stove reindeer herd species specimen tundra woolly mammoth Sensing verbs: caused disappeared ensure felt noticed panicked realized sensed thought wished	Identifying the language the author uses to describe the setting (time and place)
Living in Harsh Environments Word count: 1,976	air-conditioned Arctic core body temperature defense extreme climates mechanism environment equator heatstroke heatwave igloos indigenous insulation Inuit isolated nomadic nomads poles shivering sweat temperature unconsciousness		Identifying how visual images complement or extend the written text
Into the Desert Word count: 2,833		Verbs (sensing): concentrate daydream felt forget frightened imagined longed reminded wished Language to build suspense: sudden gust of wind fear in her sister's eyes looked around frantically shrieked in alarm the wind howled Adjectives: broad burning calm cool heavy leafy massive melted moist sandy small spiced still strong valuable weak	Recognizing variations in narrative text structure (flashback)
The Mystery of the Pyramids Word count: 1,924	afterlife ancient archaeologists ceramics civilization historians kingdom labor language systems memorials monuments mummification mummy pharaohs pyramids quarries radical theories religious customs religious rituals sarcophagus slaves tax tombs		Making inferences about the beliefs and perspectives of people who lived in the past
King For a Week Word count: 3,431		Nouns: builder chief engineer criminal guard high-ranking official king peasant servant slave stonemason Words related to setting: desert Egypt kingdom litter Nile River palace pyramid robes sarcophagus Literary adverbs: angrily desperately immediately merely richly sternly wearily	Identifying the historical facts within a narrative