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fair	alone	slowly	following
each	body	feelings	windowless
boast	adore	waited	container
greet	shadow	breezy	delayed
float	soda	frighten	amazing
dream	before	wavy	eagerly
growth	reason	seemed	delightful
snail	highway	really	silently
own	weekend	midnight	amused
throw	raincoat	lightning	frequently

hopefully	meaningful	carelessly	brightened
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only	again	laugh	says
been	pretty	does	against

It was the last week of the school year. The class was planning a trip to the beach. The kids were in teams making plans. One team made a list of snacks to bring. They had to be sure they had plenty to eat for the entire day. A second team was trying to agree on what the class would do when they got to the seashore. The last team had to make a list of all the things they would need while they were there, such as sunscreen, blankets, and swim flippers. The class had meetings all week to plan for the big event.

The day of the trip, the bus left at nine o'clock sharp. As soon as they got to the beach, the kids dropped their bags and sprinted to the sea. The waves were high, but that only delighted them even more. Nate had never been to the beach before and was afraid to jump in the waves. He could hear his friends laughing as they dove in again and again, but he just walked along the shore alone.

While Nate was amusing himself collecting seashells, he came across a helpless crab that was stuck in a plastic bag. It was on its back and couldn't flip over on its own. He carefully pulled the crab from the bag and flipped it right-side up. It quickly dashed to the sea where it belonged.

Later in the day, there was a cry for help. Someone had come upon a seagull that had its beak stuck in a torn fishing net. All of the kids came running to see what had happened, but were afraid to get near the frightened gull. But not Nate. He asked the kids to step back and be still. “We need to free the seagull. If it can’t eat, it won’t live very long.” Slowly and carefully, Nate freed the gull.

The kids all stared as the gull went flying high into the sky. Then they cheered for Nate because he had saved the gull. Nate smiled from ear to ear.

The class had an amazing time at the beach, and Nate got back on the bus feeling three inches taller!

Comprehension questions:

How did the kids prepare for the trip?

Why did Nate go off by himself?

How did he help some of the animals on the beach?

How was Nate feeling on the way home? Why?



Proficiency Test #7 (Spelling Dictation)

stay keep catch airplane afraid tiny
snore floating lucky brightest rained slowly

Does the store across the street sell snacks?

We have been sailing only one time before today.

The coach says all the players need to show up next week.

Maybe I can sleep over again on Friday night.

Don't laugh at me because it is mean.

Kate wore pretty socks but they didn't match.



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PROFICIENCY TEST SUMMARY

Errors noted below become instructional goals.

READING

Phonetic Words

One-syllable root words

Root words + suffixes

Multisyllable words

Red Words

Text Reading (fluency & comprehension)

SPELLING

Phonetic Words

One-syllable root words

Root words + suffixes

Multisyllable words

Red Words

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