

Reading Long Words

Social Studies Long-Word Reader

Long social studies words, read in real texts: con|ti|nent, de|moc|ra|cy, ar|ti|fact, com|mu|ni|ty. Chunk the word, read it in its text, and answer from the text, even about a topic that is new to you.

de moc ra cy

de + moc + ra + cy: four chunks. In a democracy, citizens vote to choose their leaders.



IN THIS FREE SAMPLE

- Lesson 1: land, water and maps
- Warm-up, model and words to read together
- A chunk count and a chunk map
- A short informational text with questions
- Answers for every activity
- For grades 3–6

1 Chunk the word

2 Read it in its sentence

3 Find what the text says

4 Answer from the text

Digital download • Print at 100% on US Letter • About 15 minutes a session • Supplemental reading practice, not a social studies course or a diagnosis

How this book works

Four lessons, four short sessions each.

This book is for a learner who decodes long words in lists but stalls on social studies words in real texts. Each lesson teaches a set of words, then gives a short original informational text that uses them. Chunk the word, read it in its sentence, and answer from the text.

Lesson 1: land, water and maps. Lesson 2: how the U.S. government works. Lesson 3: how we learn about the past. Lesson 4: communities, then and now. The facts are basic ones, stated simply. Every question about a text can be answered from that text, so decoding is practiced even when the topic is new; the word tasks use the meanings in the word list.

EACH LESSON: FOUR PAGES

Learn	A warm-up, the routine, a model word (I do) and words to read together (We do).
Practice	Activities with help, and sentences to read aloud.
On your own	New words the learner has not seen in this book. The partner only marks.
Read it for real	An original story, questions, and words to spell.

MARKING

Right · Fixed it (the learner corrected themselves: count it as right) · Needed help. Note what went wrong, not just that it did.

NOT A TEST OR A DIAGNOSIS

Supplemental practice. It does not screen for or diagnose dyslexia or any reading difficulty, and it is not a full reading program. Progress depends on the learner, the time spent and the teaching around it.

PRONUNCIATION

Some words keep spellings from other languages (plateau, pharaoh, archaeologist). Model them once; the chunks show how they are said.

Land, water and maps

continent, peninsula, plateau, prairie: geography words in a real text.

Before you start: reads three-syllable words in lists.

WARM-UP

Three short geography words. Mark right, fixed it or needed help.

map



land



hill



THE ROUTINE

1. Chunk the word
2. Read it in its sentence
3. Find what the text says
4. Answer from the text

I DO · THE ADULT READS ALOUD

con ti nent

Chunk it: con|ti|nent. Blend: continent. Read it in its sentence: "Earth's land is divided into seven continents." What does the text say? A continent is one of seven very large areas of land.

WE DO · READ TOGETHER AND DRAW A SCOOP UNDER EACH CHUNK

peninsula

plateau

prairie

ADULT: WATCH FOR

Answering from what the learner already knows instead of the text. Ask: "Where does the text say that? Point to it."

Practice: Land, water and maps

Work with your partner. Help is fine here.

A How many chunks does each word have? Write the number.

valley

chunks

desert

chunks

island

chunks

delta

chunks

canyon

chunks

B Map it: write each chunk in a box.

latitude

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chunk

longitude

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chunk

boundary

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chunk

C Read each sentence aloud. Your partner marks the circle when every long word is right.

1. Florida is a peninsula.

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2. Buffalo once roamed the prairie.

☐

On your own: Land, water and maps

New words first, then words at work. Use the routine; your partner only marks.

A Read each word aloud. Your partner marks how it went.

		right	fixed it	needed help
1	legend	☐	☐	☐
2	country	☐	☐	☐
3	region	☐	☐	☐
4	tributary	☐	☐	☐

Words right (fixed it counts as right): _____ / 4

B Read the word. Circle the meaning that fits.

legend

the part of a map that tells what the symbols mean

a kind of mountain

tributary

a smaller river that flows into a bigger one

a tall tree

Read it for real

Read the story aloud. Answer the questions. Spell two words.

Reading a Map of the World

Earth's land is divided into seven continents. North America is one of them. Some land has water on three sides: that is a peninsula, like Florida. A plateau is high, flat land, and a prairie is wide, flat land covered with grass. On a map, the legend tells you what each symbol means. Lines of latitude run east and west, and lines of longitude run north and south, from pole to pole. Together they help you find any place on Earth.

READING STRIPS · READ EACH LINE THREE TIMES; TICK A BOX EACH TIME

seven continents | on Earth

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water on three sides: | a peninsula

☐☐☐

from pole | to pole

☐☐☐

1. What is a peninsula, according to the text?

2. Which lines run north and south?

Spell it: your partner says a word. You say its chunks or parts, then write it.

1. _____

2. _____

PARTNER: TICK EACH LONG WORD READ CORRECTLY

☐ continent

☐ peninsula

☐ plateau

☐ prairie

☐ legend

☐ latitude

☐ longitude

Lesson 1 answers

Land, water and maps

Warm-up	map, land, hill
I do	continent (con ti nent)
We do	peninsula (pe nin su la), plateau (pla teau), prairie (prai rie)
Sentences	"Florida is a peninsula." "Buffalo once roamed the prairie."
Watch for	Answering from what the learner already knows instead of the text. Ask: "Where does the text say that? Point to it."
Practice A	valley 2; desert 2; island 2; delta 2; canyon 2
Practice B	lat i tude (closed + open + vowel-consonant-e); lon gi tude (closed + open + vowel-consonant-e); bound a ry (vowel team + open + open)
On your own A	legend (leg end); country (coun try); region (re gion); tributary (trib u tar y).
On your own B	legend: the part of a map that tells what the symbols mean; tributary: a smaller river that flows into a bigger one
Story	1. Land with water on three sides, like Florida. 2. Lines of longitude.
Dictation	continent (con ti nent), desert (des ert)

THE FULL BOOK

The full Social Studies Long-Word Reader has three more lessons (how the U.S. government works; how we learn about the past; communities, then and now), a quick check, a final check with ten new words, word cards, a progress record and a glossary.