

These sentences are used to assess reading span. In this task, people read the sentences aloud to an experimenter in groups of 2 to 6, with five groups at each level, except for the 6s. After reading each sentence in a set, the person is to recall the last word of each sentence in the order they were heard.

In a flash of fatigue and fantasy, he saw a fat Indian sitting beside a campfire.

The lieutenant sat beside the man with the walkie-talkie and stared at the muddy ground.

I will not shock my readers with a description of the cold-blooded butchery that followed.

The courses are designed as much for professional engineers as for amateur enthusiasts.

The taxi turned up Michigan Avenue, where they had a clear view of the lake.

The words of human love have been used by the saints to describe their vision of God.

It was shortly after this that an unusual pressure of business called me out of town.

He pursued this theme, still pretending to seek for information to quiet his own doubts.

I was so surprised at this unaccountable apparition, that I was speechless for a while.

When at last his eyes opened, there was no gleam of triumph, no shade of anger.

Filled with these dreary forebodings, I fearfully opened the heavy wooden door.

I'm not certain what went wrong but I think it was my cruel and bad temper.

I imagine that you have a shrewd suspicion of the object of my early visit.

I turned my memories over at random like pictures in a photograph album.

Sometimes I get so tired of trying to convince him that I love him and shall forever.

The woman hesitated for a moment to taste the onions because her husband hated the smell.

It was your belief in the significance of my suffering that kept me going.

When in trouble, children naturally hope for a miraculous intervention by a superhuman.

With shocked amazement and appalled fascination Marion looked at the pictures.

There are days when the city where I live wakes in the morning with a strange look.

We boys wanted to warn them, but we backed down when it came to the pinch.

He stood there at the edge of the crowd while they were singing, and he looked bitter.

What would come after this day would be inconceivably different, would be real life.

John became annoyed with Karen's bad habits of biting her nails and chewing gum.

Due to his gross inadequacies, his position as director was terminated abruptly.

It is possible, of course, that life did not arise on the earth at all.

The poor lady was thoroughly persuaded that she was not long to survive this vision.

After all he had not gone far, and some of his walking had been circular.

The announcement of it would resound throughout the world, penetrate to the remotest land.

To do so in directions that are adaptive for mankind would be a realistic objective.

Slicing it out carefully with his knife, he folded it without creasing the face.

He laughed sarcastically and looked as if he could have poisoned me for my errors.

He tolerated another intrusion and thought himself a paragon of patience for doing so.

The reader may suppose that I had other motives, besides the desire to escape the law.

On the desk where she wrote her letters was a clutter of objects coated in dust.

He stuffed his denim jacket into his pants and fastened the stiff, new snaps securely.

He had an odd elongated skull which sat on his shoulders like a pear on a dish.

His imagination had so abstracted him that his name was called twice before he answered.

The basic characteristic of the heroes in the preceding stories is their sensitivity.

He listened carefully because he had the weird impression that he knew the voices.

He had patronized her when she was a schoolgirl and teased her when she was a student.

The rain and howling wind kept beating against the rattling window panes.

He covered his heart with both hands to keep anyone from hearing the noise it made.

The stories all deal with a middle-aged protagonist who attempts to withdraw from society.

Without tension there could be no balance either in nature or in mechanical design.

I wish there existed someone to whom I could say that I felt very sorry.

Here, as elsewhere, the empirical patterns are important and abundantly documented.

The intervals of silence grew progressively longer; the delays became very maddening.

Two or three substantial pieces of wood smoldered on the hearth, for the night was cold.

I imagined that he had been thinking things over while the secretary was with us.

There was still more than an hour before breakfast, and the house was silent and asleep.

He leant on the parapet of the bridge and the two policemen watched him from a distance.

These splendid melancholy eyes were turned upon me from the mirror with a haughty stare.

He sometimes considered suicide but the thought was too oppressive to remain in his mind.

And now that a man had died some unimaginably different state of affairs must come to be.

When I got to the big tobacco field I saw that it had not suffered much.

The products of digital electronics will play an important role in your future.

One problem with this explanation is that there appears to be no defense against cheating.

Sometimes the scapegoat is an outsider who has been taken into the community.

I should not be able to make any one understand how exciting it all was.

A small oil lamp burned on the floor and two men crouched against a wall, watching me.

The sound of an approaching train woke him, and he started to his feet.

The boisterous laughter of the children was disturbing the aged in the building.

In comparison to his earlier works, the musician had developed a unique and enthralling style.

The entire construction crew decided to lengthen their work day in order to have lunch.

The smokers were asked to refrain from their habit until the end of the production.

All students that passed the test were exempt from any further seminars that semester.

Despite the unusually cold weather, the campers continued their canoe trip.

The young business executive was determined to develop his housing projects within the year.

In order to postpone the business trip, he canceled his engagements for the week.

The incorrigible child was punished brutally for his lack of respect for his elders.

The brilliant trial attorney dazzled the jury with her astute knowledge of the case.

I found the keynote speaker incredibly boring, inarticulate and not well read.

The devastating effects of the flood were not fully realized until months later.

In a moment of complete spontaneity, she developed a thesis for her paper.

At the conclusion of the musicians' performance, the enthusiastic crowd applauded.

Her mother nagged incessantly about her lack of concern for the welfare of the children.

Circumstantial evidence indicated that there was a conspiracy to eliminate him.

Without any hesitation, he plunged into the difficult mathematics assignment blindly.

To determine the effects of the medication, the doctor hospitalized his patient.

The lumbermen worked long hours in order to obtain the necessary amount of wood.

They attended the theater habitually except for circumstances beyond their control.

The old lady talked to her new neighbor on her weekly walks from church.

After passing all the exams, the class celebrated for an entire week without resting.

The entire town arrived to see the appearance of the controversial political candidate.

The weather was very unpredictable that summer so no one made plans too far in advance.

According to the results from the survey, Robert Redford is the most liked Hollywood star.

Jane's relatives had decided that her gentleman friend was not one of high status.