FAITH READERS
growing readers into leaders

Name: _____

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Fluency

root dict





Do this Read the passage three times: carefully, smoothly, like talking. Tick a box each time. Read the words over each scoop together.

The Ranger's Verdict

1 The park ranger asked us to study a pond habitat. Though the water looked still from the trail, the edge was full of life. Dragonflies rested on reeds. Tadpoles moved in the shallows. A turtle slid from a log into the water.

2 "Do not predict before you observe," the ranger said. "Let the habitat tell its own story." We listed evidence in our notebooks: food, water, shelter, and space. Then each group gave a short statement about whether the pond could support many living things.

3 The root dict means say or tell. A prediction tells what might happen. To dictate is to say words for someone to write. A verdict tells a decision after evidence is heard.

4 Our verdict was careful: The pond was a healthy habitat in spring, but it needed clean water and protected plants to stay that way. The ranger nodded because our statement came from details we had actually observed.

Reading Tracker

Read 1: Read it carefully. ☐

Read 2: Read it smoothly. ☐

Read 3: Read it like talking. ☐

Listener: ☐ ☐ ☐

A word I practised:

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