



Fluency

root astro



Do this

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

Stars Above the Citadel

- 1 On clear nights, watchmen climbed the citadel stairs and looked across the dark city. They were not astronauts, and they did not fly beyond the sky. They were careful observers. They watched the stars rise and set, and they noticed that certain star patterns returned in order. Their observations helped the city mark seasons, plan travel, and prepare fields.
- 2 The root astro means star. Astronomy is the study of the stars and other objects in the sky. Ancient observers did not have modern instruments, but they still recorded patterns. A scribe might write that a bright star appeared before dawn in one season and after sunset in another. He might contrast a wandering light with a fixed pattern of stars. To contrast is to tell how things are different.
- 3 Good observation also has limits. A star record can help a farmer notice seasonal change, but it cannot tell whether a king is wise or whether a decree is just. The watchmen saw real patterns above the city. The people still needed truth, justice, and humble judgment below the stars.

Reading Tracker

Read 1:

Read it carefully.

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Listener:

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Read 2:

Read it smoothly.

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A word I practised:

Read 3:

Read it like talking.

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