



Fluency

root theo



Do this

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

A Theologian Reads a Poem

- 1 The Greek root *theo* names God and the study of God. Theology is disciplined thought and speech about God. Theological writing deals with questions of doctrine, worship, Scripture, or faithful living. A theologian must use words carefully because careless words can confuse serious truth.
- 2 In literature class, the students read a short poem about a traveler hearing church bells across a field. The poem did not explain every doctrine it suggested. It used setting, sound, and memory. Maya noticed that the poem's language was theological because it treated worship as weighty and public. She also noticed that the poem was still literature, not a sermon outline.
- 3 Her paragraph made two claims. First, readers should not force a poem to say more than its words support. Second, readers should not ignore theological language when the poem clearly uses it. Maya quoted a phrase about the bells calling the town to prayer, then explained how the image shaped the theme. The root *theo* helped her name the subject. Careful literary evidence kept her explanation truthful.

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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