FAITH READERS
growing readers into leaders

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Fluency

root pop

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

A Population Around the Well

1 The root pop means people. A population is the number or group of people living in a place. A populous city has many people. A popular custom is known or practiced by many people. These words can help readers think carefully about tradition.

2 In a dry valley, the central well shaped the town's weekly rhythm. Families came before sunrise with jars, ledgers, and news. The custom became popular because it met a real need: people could draw water, trade small goods, and hear public notices at the same time. As the population grew, the town had to regulate the morning line. Older residents remembered when ten families waited at the well. Newer records named fifty households and three extra storage tanks.

3 Nadia wrote that a tradition is not strong merely because it is old or familiar. It must be understood. The well tradition showed how people shared a resource and formed a civic habit. By tracing the root pop through population, populous, and popular, she explained how one custom could reveal the life of a whole people.

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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