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FLUENCY PRACTICE

Directions: Practice reading this passage four times. Check off each time you read it and note your improvements

- ☐ Read #1 - Focus: Accuracy (reading all words correctly)
- ☐ Read #2 - Focus: Pacing (appropriate speed)
- ☐ Read #3 - Focus: Expression (showing emotion and meaning)
- ☐ Read #4 - Putting it all together!



As you read pay attention to :

- **Pace:** Start slowly during the description. Speed up slightly during the dialogue to show urgency.
- **Expression:** Use a mysterious, slightly scary voice for the creature description. Make Hugo sound worried and Abigail sound determined.
- **Emphasis:** Stress powerful words: menacing, massive, lethal-looking, razor-sharp
- **Punctuation:** Pause at commas and periods. Use question marks to raise your voice

A branch snapped, as if something heavy had stepped on it. A menacing growl brought them to their feet as a beast stepped from the trees into the far side of the clearing.

It was taller than them, a massive wolf-like creature with hulking shoulders and a shaggy mane. Pointed ears stood at attention. Black eyes held a yellow slit in their center and slanted upward. Its paws were the size of dinner plates, tipped with lethal-looking claws that curled into the soil. It opened its jaws, revealing a row of razor-sharp teeth.

After practicing, what did you improve? What's still challenging?
