

Fluency Practice – Unit 7 (I Think I Can L.1-5)

A Clown In Town	4
Rain showers are good for flowers, but not	12
for the Brown family. The Browns were	19
tired of being inside. “How can we see clowns?”	28
asked Howie.	30
“Is the circus in town?” asked Dad.	37
“Yes! There are clowns at the circus in town,”	46
said Mom.	48
The Browns ran down the stairs and	55
rode the bus to town.	60
It was hot and crowded, but the Browns did	69
not care.	71
Chowder the Clown did tricks.	76
He made a cat bark and a dog meow.	85
The Browns took the bus out of town.	94
On the way home, Howie said, “Wow!	102
Clowns are much better than rain showers.	109
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Max the Grouch	3
Pat hugged her hound, Max. But Max was a grouch! What will make Max happy?	11
Maybe Max needs a new doghouse,” said Mom.	18
But Max was still a grouch. “How about a pound of dog bones?” asked Dad.	26
Dad set a large bone on the ground.	36
Max split the bone out of his mouth.	41
He made a loud sound!	49
Max was still a grouch.	57
“How about a long walk?” asked Pat.	62
She and Max walked around the park.	67
Now Max was a tired grouch.	74
Pat went to feed Max.	81
“Look, Mom!” Pat whispered.	87
“Max found a mouse pail.”	92
Max was finally happy.	96
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King Knox and His Knight

King Knox told the knight to do things.

“I want you to tie knots” ordered King Knox.

“I don’t now how,” replied the knight.

“I want you to sharpen this knife,” ordered

King Knox. “I don’t know how,” replied his

Knight. “I want you to knit socks,” ordered

King Knox. “I don’t know how,” replied

his knight. King Knox was getting mad.

“You don’t know how to do much. What do you know?”

The Knight got down on his knee.

“ I know I don’t want to be a knight,”

he replied.

The knight packed a knapsack and went away. The knight was now happy.

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Foul Ball!

Jay looked down at the baseball field. It was so green. "Wow!" said Jay to Gramps.
 Lots of fans sat around Jay. The crowd was huge. The fans all came to see the Owls.
 The owls were the town's team. The Owl's played at Brown Park. Jay was thrilled.
 It was hard to get Owls tickets. But Gramps had found a way.
 "I like these seats," said Jay. We could catch a foul ball."
 "Maybe," said Gramps. Gramps had seen lots of Owls games.
 But Gramps never got a foul ball. Jay knew that.
 Soon the game started. The crowd was loud. Fans shouted, "Go, Owls, go!"
 The best hitter was up. The pitch was fast. Pow!
 He knocked the ball way up! It was a high foul ball. The ball flew in the stands close to Jay and Gramps!
 But the ball did not reach them. Instead, it hit a cement step. It made a loud sound as it bounced. The foul ball bounced by Jay's knee.
 Now was his chance. Jay knelt and got the foul ball!
 Gramps felt proud. "How about that catch!" shouted Gramps.
 Jay looked at the ball. Jay looked at Gramps. Jay held the round ball for a second. Then he gave it to Gramps.
 "This ball is for you, Gramps," said Jay. Gramps frowned a bit. Then he smiled and gave it back. "No thanks, Jay," said Gramps.
 Gramps felt even prouder of Jay.

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Paul's Sauce	2
Paul likes to cook. He makes sauce.	9
Because he likes it, he makes a lot.	17
Paul starts at dawn. He makes sauce all day.	26
He yawns at night. But he still makes sauce.	35
Paul uses sauce a lot. He mixes it with noodles and meat. That is fine.	45
But Paul mixes sauce with cereal and raw beets.	50
That tastes awful!	57
Paul mixes his sauce with straw for the cows.	59
Paul's cats get saucers of sauce. The cat has sauce on it's paws!	62
Paul makes jars and jars of sauce. I saw them in his basement and in his laundry.	71
Paul, stop making sauce!	80
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Mr. Daw Thought	3
Mr. Daw was so tired. He brought heavy loads	12
of cheese into his shop all day.	19
Mr. Daw could not rest. He was going into a	29
concert hall. His daughter had bought tickets.	36
Mr. Daw liked music, but he was tired. He fought to	47
stay awake as he sat into his seat. Mr. Daw started to	59
doze. His daughter sneezed into a cloth. He awoke.	68
“Don’t get caught sleeping!” he thought.	74
Mr. Daw started to tap his foot. “Tapping ought to	84
Keep me awake,” he thought.	89
The concert ended with applause. “I am clapping for the	99
for the music,” he thought. “And because I	107
stayed awake!”	109

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<p>At Dawn I bought a book about birds. I looked for birds shown in my book. I could not find one bird. It was the bunting. Dawn is a good time to spot birds. My dad taught me that dawn is when birds wake up. I visited the woods every day before dawn. I brought my bird book. I looked for a bunting. I hid in the woods. I crawled in tall grass. I fought awful bugs! But I didn't spot a bunting. In the fall, the buntings had to fly away. I had to spot a bunting before then! It was the last day of August. I hid in deep grass. I thought birds could not see me. I spotted a hawk. The hawk flew in a low circle. Was it because of me? No, it was looking for food. Small birds squawked and cawed. They saw the hawk. They did not wish to be caught. I saw a yellow finch and a blackbird. But I did not see a bunting. Soon it was time to go. I felt sad because I hadn't spotted a bunting. I paused and looked at the hood of my auto. There sat a bright blue bunting! I was in shock. I saw it at last! I was happy as I drove home. But at home, I saw a second bunting on my lawn! Then I saw a third bunting on my awning. I was ready for fall.</p>	2 12 16 22 26 34 45 53 58 63 68 73 77 83 92 100 107 112 119 123 130 135 144 146 150 162 165 172 184 194 206 212 219 230 239 244
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Roy and Royal	2
Roy dug in the soil. His dog, Royal, joined him.	12
Roy enjoyed gardening. Royal enjoyed digging.	18
Roy dropped seeds in the soil.	24
He planted green beans.	28
Royal planted a bone.	32
Roy used a hose. He kept the soil moist.	41
Roy waited for the seeds to grow.	48
Roy felt joy. Green points stuck out of the soil.	58
His green beans were growing.	63
The green beans grew. Rabbits tried to destroy them. But Roy spoiled the rabbits' snack.	71
He chased them away. Roy picked his	78
beans. Royal dug up his bone. That night, the	85
boy enjoyed a good dinner. Royal enjoyed his	94
bone.	102
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Little Wren’s Surprise	3
A wren family had a home in an oak tree.	13
One day they found a strange thing on the ground.	23
“What is it?” asked Dad. He tried wriggling under it,	33
but it was too big. “Can you write with it?” asked Mom.	45
Mom rubbed the side, but it didn’t make a mark.	55
“Let’s wrap it up,” said Little Wren.	62
But the paper had a big wrinkle.	69
It did not fit.	73
A girl came into the yard.	79
“Here’s that missing wrench!” she yelled.	85
“Now we can fix my bike.”	91
“We were wrong,” said Little Wren.	97
“It is a tool to fix things!”	104

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The Phantom Frog	3
In the spring, Phillip and Ralph take a hike in the woods	12
Phillip finds leaves like elephant ears. Ralph takes	20
photographs of birds in the trees. Then Phillip and Ralph	30
hear “Peep, peep, peep.” Ralph whispers,	36
“It is not a bird.” Phillip asks Ralph, “What can it be?”	48
The boys hear, “Peep, peep, peep.”	54
“I think it’s a phantom,” whispers Phillip.	61
“Don’t be silly,” scolds Ralph. “Phantoms are phony.”	69
Ralph looks closely at a leaf. He tells Phillip,	78
“I can take a photo of this frog.”	86
“Peep, peep, peep,” calls the frog.	92
Ralph shouts, “I found the phantom.	98
It’s a little green tree frog!”	104

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A Hike

The rain stopped. The hikers looked at the trail.

Was it all mud? Did the rain spoil it?

"The trail looks fine," said Joyce.

She was the leader.

Joyce looked at her wrist.

"And we have time."

Joyce smiled at the hikers.

"We can hike, boys and girls," she said in a happy voice.

Joyce used her cell phone to call camp.

"I have made a choice.

We will keep hiking," she said.

The sun was shining now.

And there was a rainbow! Kids took photos of it.

They enjoyed the hike.

The kids saw a lighthouse. By the lighthouse, waves hit big, big, rocks.

The waves made a loud noise.

At night, the lighthouse helped ships. It helped ships avoid big rocks. "Those rocks could wreck a ship!"

said Phil. "They have," said Joyce.

Joyce said more, "A ship filled with gold coins hit the rocks. It was destroyed.

The sailors were safe."

"A sailor wrote about the wreck," said Joyce.

"Lots of gold coins were sunk." Joyce pointed to the beach. "Waves still bring gold coins to the beach."

Phil looked at the sandy soil.

He saw a shiny, bright thing. Was it a gold coin?

Phil ran to the shiny thing.

It did look like gold!

Phil took a close look.

It was just an old candy wrapper.

It was made of gold foil.

Joyce smiled. So did Phil.

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