



Reading (II)

Read the passages fluently using the correct pronunciation.

Reading Passage 3

When I came home yesterday, I found my usually chirpy brother looking rather morose. He refused to speak to me when I asked him what was wrong. Feeling bewildered, I asked my mother what had happened. She was equally perplexed. She had been trying to find out what was wrong the whole afternoon.

After dinner that night, my brother trooped miserably up to his room. My mother was exasperated by what was happening. She wanted to help my brother but she did not know what was wrong. Just then, we heard my brother's outraged voice on the phone. We rushed to his room and found him shouting red faced into his phone. By the time he stopped talking, he looked enraged.

It was only then that we found out that he had used all his savings to buy a figurine only to find out that it was not the one he had wanted. The seller refused to give him a refund. I offered to help my brother speak to the seller but he refused, saying that he had learnt his lesson. He regretted not trusting the negative reviews he had read about the seller.

Reading Passage 4

The elderly lady hardly slept last night because she had a premonition that something bad would happen to her son. In the morning, when she tried to contact her son, she was flabbergasted to find out that he was in the hospital. Something terrible had indeed happened to her son.

She was so disturbed by what had happened that she slammed down the phone without giving her son a chance to explain. She rushed to the hospital with a deep sense of dread. However, once she spotted her son at the hospital, all her fears dissipated. He had a blissful look on his face and in his arms he was carrying his newborn daughter. The elderly lady stared at her son and her new granddaughter in a daze. She was consoled that nothing terrible had happened to her son but she was so jittery about what she thought had happened that it took a while before she could hold her granddaughter in her arms.

Then, she joined the rest of the family as they rejoiced over the arrival of the newborn. She was relieved that everyone was well.