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# Reading (II)

**Read the passages fluently using the correct pronunciation.**

## Reading Passage 1

The country was stunned when it was revealed that the man who tried to assassinate the president of the country was actually a patriot. Having served in the army for the past two decades, he had pledged his allegiance to the country and the people. After he left the army, he had become a rebel. He was also an aggressor who engaged in unprovoked attacks.

The man was prosecuted and put behind bars. The police were on the lookout for the man's accomplices as well as they did not believe that he acted alone. After an arduous search, they found one of them. He was a stowaway in a truck that was trying to leave the country.

The decisive actions taken to put the perpetrators behind bars made it clear to the people that such actions were not tolerated. The potential crime was prevented because the police relied on informers who discovered the plot on time and revealed it to the police.

## Reading Passage 2

No one in the class likes Jason because he is a braggart. He boasts about how wealthy his family is and the luxurious life that he leads. He is also a hypocrite because he pretends to be caring and helpful but actually mocks people behind their backs.

Unfortunately, Jason excels in his studies without having to put in much effort. He criticises those who do badly in class, calling them loafers. He is such an egoist that no one wants him in their group when it is time to do class projects. Jason, however, is oblivious to how his classmates feel about him. Instead, he will insist on being part of one of the groups, once again bragging that he knows everything and will be able to help them in their project.