



# Reading

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

## Reading Passage 1

Jane and her parents had just arrived in Singapore from China. To better assimilate with the locals, they took part in activities organised by the neighbourhood residential group. At first, they were alienated by the locals who could not communicate with them. However, Jane and her parents soon won them over with their friendly behaviour.

At school, Jane enjoyed playing with her classmates. She could not speak English as fluently as they could so her friends helped her to improve her English. In turn, she helped them with their Mandarin. Jane also exhibited all the traits of a good student. She was attentive in class and she always strove to do better in her studies. She was also an amiable girl who enjoyed being with her friends.

Before long, Jane and her parents had settled down comfortably in Singapore. They were full of confidence of being able to live happily in this new country.

## Reading Passage 2

“Will you stop fidgeting?” my mother yelled at my brother for the third time. My brother was such an active person that when he had to sit still for a while, he would get fidgety.

To my mother’s annoyance, he knocked over the bowl of cereal that he was eating. Lifting him out of his highchair, she ordered him to pick up the cereal that was scattered all over. For a moment, my brother looked apologetic. In order not to antagonise my mother, he tried to pick up the cereal. However, he soon lost patience and ended up tossing the cereal around the entire dining room. He even knocked over a figurine and a glass bowl on a low shelf.

My mother shook her head helplessly. She decided to put him back in his high chair before he became more destructive.