



# Reading

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

## Reading Passage 1

The recurrent bad weather in the town finally culminated in a typhoon that destroyed homes and killed hundreds of people. Rescue work started once news of the tragedy reached the city. However, fallen trees and damaged roads obstructed the rescue efforts.

In all the mayhem, even the government did not think of sending the rescue troops to the town by helicopter. It was only when a philanthropist, known for his generosity, used his own helicopter to send rescue workers into the town and supplies to the survivors, did the government play a more active role.

Rescue workers worked day and night. Despite feeling tired, they persisted for they knew that every minute counted. Fortunately, the storm had abated by then and there was only moderate rain.

The people were filled with admiration for the unfailing efforts of the rescue workers. Without their help, even more people would have perished in the disaster.

## Reading Passage 2

I rushed up the bus and sat on the seat nearest the door. To my embarrassment, there was already a lady sitting there and I had landed hard on her lap. I stood up immediately and smiled apologetically at her. Surprisingly, she was not offended and even wanted to offer her seat to me. I declined politely and moved to the back of the bus.

I had just settled down when I realised that the gentleman next to me was dozing off. His head knocked against my shoulder and he woke up with a start. Wiping the drool from his mouth, he went back to sleep. For a moment, I was envious of how well he could sleep on such a bumpy ride. However, minutes later, I started getting annoyed with him. He had rested his head on my shoulder and he was snoring so loudly that I could still hear him despite music blasting in my ears.

When I reached my stop, I tapped him roughly on the shoulder. He woke up with a start and looked sheepishly at me. However, the expression on my face probably told him that I was furious. Not wanting to yell at him and create a commotion, I hurriedly got off the bus.