Word Reading Activity Mat 2

Tick all of the **common exception words** that you can read.

poor ☐ because ☐

told ☐ every ☐

people ☐ hour ☐

bath ☐ water ☐

Circle all of the **ee** sounds. Look for all of the different ways of making the sound.

ee ea e e-e y ey

sleepy

beading

donkey

behind

theme

Add the **suffix -ful** to the root word and read the word that you have created.

cheer_____ = _____

wonder_____ = _____

help_____ = _____

thank_____ = _____

Count the **syllables** in each word.

boatman _____ syllables

lightning _____ syllables

little _____ syllables

turkey _____ syllables

Read this short story. Practise reading it a few times until you are fluent.

One day, a little, red squirrel found some seeds hidden under an ancient apple tree. "Will anyone help me to plant these seeds?" she asked. "I won't," replied the bat, the fox and the duck. They were all far too lazy and busy to help. This meant that the squirrel had to plant the seeds by herself.

When the tree had grown, the squirrel asked her friends, "Who will help me collect the apples?" What do you think that they said?

Extension

Complete the following tasks.

1. Which word most closely matches the meaning of the word 'ancient'?

   new　　　beautiful　　　　old　　　young

2. Sequence the events of the story by numbering the boxes:

   ☐　The squirrel asked 'Who will help collect the apples?'

   ☐　The squirrel asked for help to plant the seeds.

   ☐　The red squirrel found some hidden seeds.

   ☐　The bat, fox and duck refused to help plant the seeds.