

## Reading Difficult Words

Read the paragraph below and do your best to sound out the difficult words. Then, find a partner and take turns reading the list of words at the bottom of the page to each other.

Thomas is sitting on the bus when he hears nonsensical talking. He looks around to see where it is coming from and he sees two elves sitting under the seat in front of him. He thinks that he must have misinterpreted what he saw, so he looks again, but he still sees them! The elves stop talking when they notice him. They lay down on the floor and pretend to be unresponsive. Thomas doesn't want to be disrespectful, but he leans down to ask if the elves are alright and if there is anything that he can do to help them. One of the elves sits up and deliberately reaches out for Thomas' hand. Thomas picks the elves up and puts them in his backpack. When he gets off the bus, he walks behind a bush, takes the elves out and puts them down. The elves wave to him as a way to say thank you. Thomas starts walking to his house and thinks about how his bus ride was definitely not a predictable one.

Read the following words out loud with a partner:

- Disrespectful
- Predictable
- Nonsensical
- Misinterpreted
- Unresponsive
- Deliberately