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WITHIN READ ALOUDS**

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STEP 3	Read story aloud while fast mapping other unknown, critical vocabulary by substituting a succinct, student-friendly synonym or brief phrase for the unknown word.	Words for Fast Mapping: grateful, prickled, loped, kindling, slough, gleaming,
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