

L.O, I am learning to improve my fluency when I read aloud.

*Practise reading this extract 3 times.*

“We will make sure the Nubians can take him easily’,” said Nefi quietly. “What if they mean Thami, Finn?” Finn said nothing. He wanted to reassure her but in truth he shared her fear. He and Arthur had discussed the same thing earlier that evening while the temple guards were making camp. They had agreed that Arthur would do his best to stay with Thami at all times so they had some chance of influencing events.

“If the Nubians were to capture Thami,” Nefi went on, “it would force my father to do what so many of his advisers want – to make war against Nubia. I just know that the high priest is planning something awful.”

Finn had to agree, although there was still much that didn’t make sense. For one thing, he wondered, if the plan was to stage a kidnap, and assuming that the temple guards were part of the plot, why would they let Thami risk his life hunting lions? He would be no use to them dead.

“Another reason why that guard was so determined to drive the lion away!” said Nefi, keeping her voice low.



#### Pacing

Work on your pacing by reading the passage three times.

- Decode unfamiliar words.
- Ask questions to clarify the meaning of the story.
- Read the words correctly.
- Improve your pace each time.

*Use these tips to help you as you practise.*