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Making Difficult Words Easy

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Examples of Code Reader™ Keys

Long a sound (as in make):

a (*with a silent e*) or **ay**

Examples: able (*AY-bul*); break (*brake*)

Short i sound (as in sit): **i** or **ih**

Examples: myth (*mith*); mission (*MIH-shun*)

Long i sound (as in by):

i (*with a silent e*) or **y**

Examples: might (*mite*); bicycle (*BY-sih-kul*)

Keys for the long o sound (as in hope):

o (*with a silent e*) or **oh**

Examples: molten (*MOLE-ten*); ocean (*OH-shen*)

**Codes use dashes between syllables (*SIH-luh-buls*),
and stressed syllables have capital letters.**

For more Code Reader sound keys, see pages 74 and 75.

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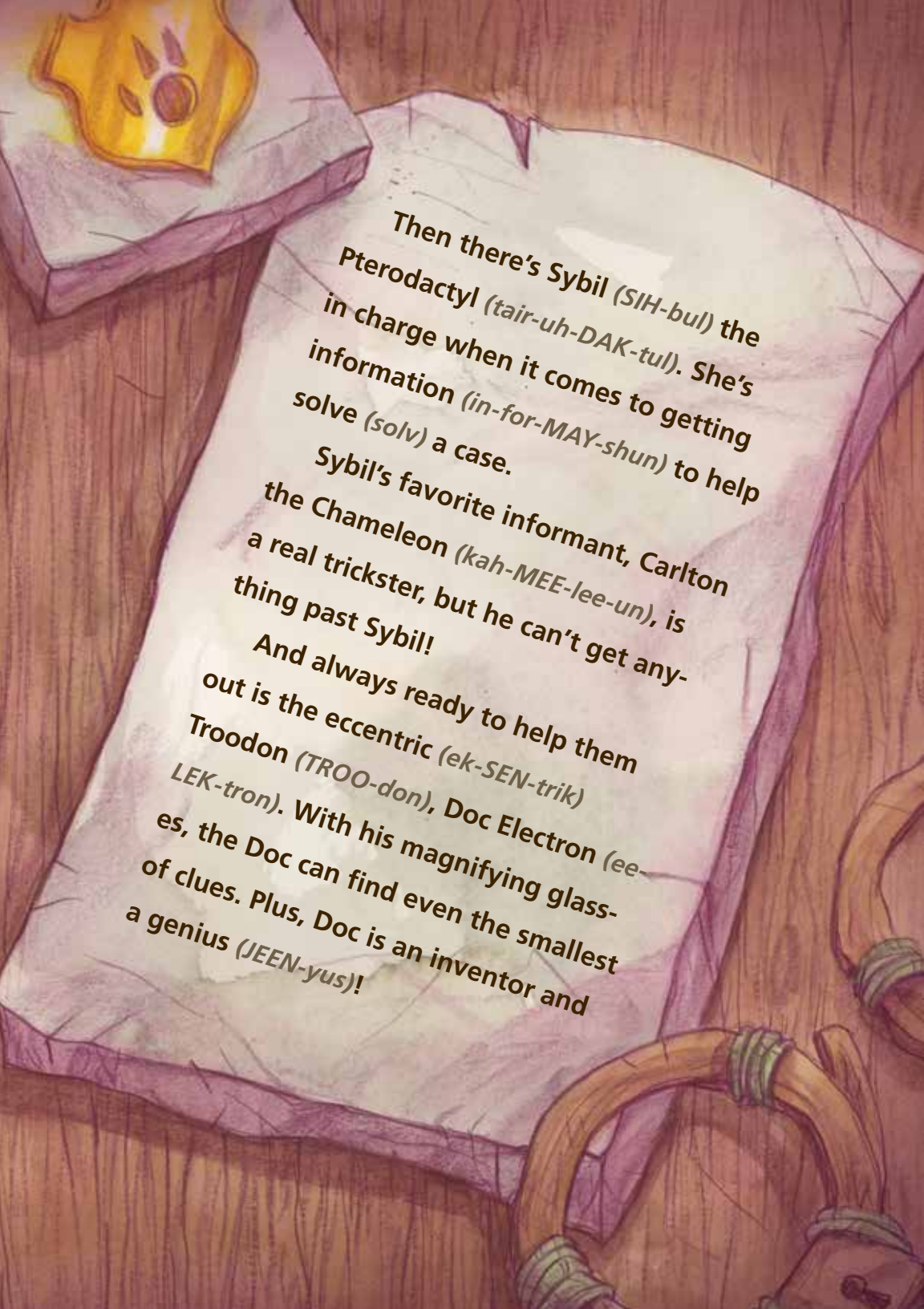


PROLOG

(PRO-log)

There's always something exciting going on at the Dinosaur (DINE-uh-sore) Protection (pro-TEK-shun) Force. Detective Raptor (RAP-tur) is always ready to throw himself into a new case as soon as he hears Captain Smasher shout, "Raptor, report for duty (DOO-tee)!"

Bops the Triceratops (try-SARE-uh-tops) is one of Raptor's team members. His favorite activity is eating. Sandwiches, ferns, grass . . . he's not picky!



Then there's Sybil (*SIH-bul*) the Pterodactyl (*tair-uh-DAK-tul*). She's in charge when it comes to getting information (*in-for-MAY-shun*) to help solve (*solv*) a case.

Sybil's favorite informant, Carlton the Chameleon (*kah-MEE-lee-un*), is a real trickster, but he can't get anything past Sybil!

And always ready to help them out is the eccentric (*ek-SEN-trik*) Troodon (*TROO-don*), Doc Electron (*ee-LEK-tron*). With his magnifying glasses, the Doc can find even the smallest of clues. Plus, Doc is an inventor and a genius (*JEEN-yus*)!



CHAPTER 1

Blowing Bubbles

It was a very hot morning in June, and Detective (*dee-TEK-tiv*) Raptor was on the brink of a nervous breakdown (*BRAKE-down*). He didn't have a case to get his teeth into and, as if that wasn't enough (*ee-NUF*), his friend, Bops, was driving him crazy with his latest hobby . . .

POP!

“Hey! Would you like some gum?” the Triceratops (*try-SARE-uh-tops*) asked. “It’ll help you relax.”

“That green, gooey thing you won’t stop chewing and popping?” asked Raptor, grumpily.



“Yes!” replied (*ree-PLYd*) Bops. “Watch this—I’m going to blow a bubble.”

“No thanks,” muttered Raptor, fidgeting (*FIJ-et-ing*) in his chair.

“Try it! It’s a lot of fun!” his friend promised enthusiastically (*en-THOO-zee-as-tik-lee*).

POP!

“You’re driving me crazy with all your popping!” shouted Raptor. “I’m going to get some earthworm (*URTH-wurm*) juice (*joos*) to calm myself down.”

“Just do what I do, boss,” advised (*ad-VYZd*) Sybil the Pterodactyl (*tare-uh-DAK-tul*), “and put some earplugs in.”

Sadly, it looked like Detective Raptor’s mood was only going to get worse (*WURs*). He noticed a new police officer trying desperately (*DES-per-ret-lee*) to get fingerprints



from a huge (*hyooj*) centipede (*SEN-tih-peed*). Who could have asked him to do such a thing?

“There’s no need to take fingerprints for all of his feet,” Raptor huffed to the young police officer. “Just one is all you need.”

Raptor was digging through (*throo*) his jacket pockets looking for a quarter (*KWOR-tur*) to put into the drinks machine (*muh-SHEEN*) when suddenly Captain (*KAP-tin*) Smasher’s door opened with a crash.

“RAPTOR, REPORT FOR DUTY!” ordered the captain.

“No need to shout, boss,” Raptor replied. “I’m right here.”

POP!

The loud sound caught (*kawt*) Captain Smasher’s attention (*uh-TEN-shun*). “Bops!

How did you make that pretty green bubble?" the Captain asked with curiosity (*kur-ee-YOS-it-ee*).

"With chewing gum," Bops replied. "It's Doc Electron's latest invention (*in-VEN-shun*) and it's a great way to relax," he added with a smile.

"Hmmm . . . ," Sybil murmured. "It seems it doesn't (*DUZ-nt*) work on everyone though." Sybil peered at Raptor out of the corner of her eye.

"Interesting," muttered Smasher. "Why haven't I been offered any gum? After all, I am the boss. . . . Hmph . . . right . . . well, we'll talk about this later, but for now let's get back to our case!"



