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Words to Practice:
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- incentive
- preventing
- persuade
- glorious

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- The Reptile Room | Lexile text measure: 1040L
- The Wide Window | Lexile text measure: 980L
- The Miserable Mill | Lexile text measure: 1000L
- The Austere Academy | Lexile text measure: 1120L
- The Erstaz Elevator | Lexile text measure: 1110L
- The Hostile Hospital | Lexile text measure: 1110L
- The Carniverous Carnival | Lexile text measure: 1120L
- The Slippery Slope | Lexile text measure: 1150L
- The Grim Grotto | Lexile text measure: 1040L
- The Penultimate Peril | Lexile text measure: 11500L
- The End | Lexile text measure: 1370L
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