

Thought groups – Practice

A- Read the story.

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B- Now listen to the audio. Do the thought groups match the marks (/) on the text? Select the lines with the correct thought groups.

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Here is another audio. Listen and write the thought groups you hear

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