**JUST KEEP READING!**

**Sometimes when we are reading we come across a word that we don’t know. We try stretching it out but we still can’t figure it out. What do we do?**

**Let’s look at an example:**

**Sophie opened her lunch bag. Inside was a container of lasagna. She tried it. It was yummy!**

**In this passage, we have a new word, “lasagna”. That is a challenging word. It is not easy to stretch out. What do we do?**

**If we are stuck on a word, we need to keep reading. Often we can figure out the meaning of the word by the context. One unknown word usually doesn’t affect our understanding of the story.**

**Let’s go back to our example.**

**Sophie opened her lunch bag. Inside was a container of lasagna. She tried it. It was yummy!**

**We know lasagna is something to eat or drink because it was in Sophie’s lunch bag. We know she tried it and liked it. That should give us enough information to keep reading and it shouldn’t affect our understanding of the rest of the story.**

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