Read each sentence. When you come to three words that are underlined and in dark print, you will circle the word that belongs in the sentence.

1. The snow was falling and the air was crisp. He put on his
   
   trees / boots / houses and walked to school.

2. He was late, so he map / see / ran to catch the bus.

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SAVING THE RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER

The most studied bird in the United States isn't the bald eagle. It isn't the
humming-bird, and it is definitely isn't the mockingbird.

Instead, it's a seven-inch bird about the size of a cardinal that
spends most of its day pecking holes in pine trees. The Red-cockaded Woodpecker has a wingspan of 15 inches. It has a black-and-white striped back, but its most notable feature is a small black cap
with two red stripes on either side. These red stripes, called cockades, give the woodpecker its name. The Red-cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) is a territorial, non-migratory bird, which means it prefers lots of space and doesn't like to move around.

The RCW is also one of our most endangered birds. For this reason, many scientists have been studying it. Only 4,000 family units, or about 10,000 Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, still survive in the southeastern United States.

RCWs are marathon gathering endangered because, as a National Wildlife article (April-May 2001, Wendee Holtcamp) smooth points out: The birds prefer to raise young in living pines more gear than 80 years old. But with extensive cutting of trees. . . few pines lasted 80 years and the woodpeckers had nowhere to go. Less than 5,000 acres of the batted old-growth southern longleaf pine forest examples remains in the region.
The older trees feared pages have a disease called red-heart honors seven fungus, which makes the center of the pert tree none softer and easier for the woodpecker to is at make holes in.

According to Ralph Carter, it a I U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service flowering magnetic biologist, "[They] are the only bird in America that been hurt excavates a cavity in a living four pine bake tree."

But this doesn't mean that losing throws chewed the RCW wouldn't have dramatic effects on see be the environment.

For example, when RCWs booster melons abandon a nest, other birds (like chickadees hiccupping flustered and bluebirds), as well as flying marathon squirrels pounding frogs, and honeybees, move into them.

Sometimes Fountains Breathing screech owls, wood ducks, or raccoons teas will pure enlarge the hole and make their own for two nests.

In addition, the RCW feeds at on my beetles, ants, caterpillars, and wood-boring insects flames panels that might otherwise damage the pine where plate trees. It also feeds on a type as be of worm that destroys corn, allowing nearby crops picked shuns to remain healthy.

"That's why we fits call rant the species a key-stone species," Carter says paid mark. "If the woodpeckers disappear, wildlife that flights depends magnets on their [nests] will suffer."

In Florida, saw may the woodpecker is most often found in the lea met Apalachicola National Forest and around Eglin Air Force base went flew. The U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife mad nap has stated that the RCW populations have stabilized flourishing generate in those areas.
BOLD BOUDICCA: WARRIOR QUEEN

One of the most famous women in ancient history is the great warrior queen Boudicca. Her military exploits against the Roman Empire she two won her international fame. To understand why her don let challenge to the Romans was the masts stuff perks of legends, it is important to know fore lets a little bit about Rome.

About 2,000 wants years fluff ago, Rome was the most powerful empire pursed magnet in the world. With a massive tiny flip army. Rome conquered nearly all of say the mad European continent, parts of North Africa, and met ran a chunk of the Middle East. Rome seven blinks owned the known world.

Boudicca and her people forming batter, the Iceni, lived in the northernmost from were part of the empire—an area people met for now call the United Kingdom. Here, the tribes chirps making were so fierce that not even did pan the Romans could easily defeat them.

While Boudicca's forming husband towards, King Prasutagus, was alive, the Romans did tip pat not attack the Iceni. To protect pit his was people and his queen, King Prasutagus had the say made an alliance with Rome. Unfortunately, see met the alliance ended with his death. When Boudicca flop took lilt the throne, the Romans were shocked. They Made Shot refused to accept a woman as mar den the king's heir. Since they considered the Iceni to it as be without a ruler, they decided so to is take the Iceni's land and assault Boudicca and met fan her daughters. Naturally, Boudicca was enraged. The For Rot Iceni warriors prepared for battle.

Because she him the Romans did not expect an attack from home sets the Iceni, they foolishly left their murders nineties largest northern city open for attack. The Iceni
stormed markers persons the city with murderous rage. The Roman market people tanned hid in the Temple of Claudius. Unfortunately Significant Fantastical for them, the Temple was not a fear good here place to hide. The Romans built the was man Temple with tax money taken from fee the sir Iceni. This made the Iceni people very ways sort angry. After two days, the Iceni flight maybe burned the whole city to the ground.

Boudicca her mad did not stop with one victory. She was led she her troops to Londinium (now London) and let den Vermulamium (now St. Albans). The Roman fantasies absolute historian Tacitus wrote that the Iceni " . . . rushed to as it slaughter, hang, and crucify." Tacitus also flower claims midget that the Iceni killed about 70,000 people desert powder in these battles.

Finally, the Romans mare knew plan they had to send more troops to me as stop the Iceni. With a force am of is 10,000 men, they met the Iceni in of my battle. Boudicca and her daughters rode did was the battlefield in a chariot. The Romans sent were lent so impressed with these woman warriors that vane dent historian Dio Cassus wrote "the women [were] teaches blames nearly as tall as the men [and] rivaled trailer smarter them in honor and courage." Unfortunately, bee the saw Roman troops outnumbered the Iceni. The Iceni fought mister abler well, but were defeated.

Though the Romans moon were seal victorious, they did not leave without wounds tenant merger. To almost lose a battle against takers flirts women was deeply shocking to the Romans. War Man The whole empire cringed. When Dio Cassus wrote picks charm about their near defeat at the fears hands marts of women he said " . . . it caused them mere pour the greatest shame." Perhaps because of were part this, the Romans never conquered all of she him the northern tribes.