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**Instructions**

You are going to read this story titled Only an Empty Pot out loud. This story is about a boy named Ping who had trouble growing a flower for the emperor (turn the reading passage over, face down). Try to read each word. You can use your finger to keep your place. If you come to a word you don't know, I'll tell it to you. You will read for one minute. Be sure to do your best reading. Are there any questions? (turn the passage right-side up). Put your finger on the first word. Begin.

### Only an Empty Pot

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| <u>Ping</u> was very worried. He put new soil into a bigger pot.                       | 11  |
| Then he transferred the seed into the rich black soil.                                 | 21  |
| Another two months he waited. Still nothing happened.                                  | 29  |
| By and by the whole year passed.   | 36  |
| Spring came, and all the children put on their best clothes to greet the               | 50  |
| <u>Emperor</u> .   | 50  |
| They rushed to the palace with their beautiful flowers, eagerly hoping to              | 62  |
| be chosen.   | 64  |
| <u>Ping</u> was ashamed of his empty pot. He thought the other children would          | 76  |
| laugh at him because for once he couldn't get a flower to grow.                        | 89  |
| His clever friend ran by, holding a great big plant. " <u>Ping</u> !" he said. "You're | 102 |
| not really going to the <u>Emperor</u> with an empty pot, are you? Couldn't you grow a | 117 |
| great big flower like mine?"   | 122 |
| "I've grown lots of flowers better than yours," <u>Ping</u> said. "It's just this seed | 135 |
| that won't grow."  | 138 |
| <u>Ping's</u> father overheard this and said, "You did your best, and your best is     | 151 |
| good enough to present to the <u>Emperor</u> ."  | 157 |