

# Expert Reader - **Book 4**

## Chapter 1 – Reading



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## Chapter 1 - Stories that saved my life

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I was glad I had **stayed up late** to listen to my uncle’s stories, **otherwise** I should certainly have been seriously **injured**, perhaps **something even worse**, I could have been killed.

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# NEW VOCABULARY:

**abroad**

They have been living abroad for five years.

**although**

Although it rained a lot, we enjoyed our holiday.

**dump**

My house is a dump because of my little brothers.

**leaked**

The tap leaked all night long.

**confess**

You must confess all your sins to the priest.

**instead**

Instead of being complaining you should do something!

**tales**

My grandmother tells me tales every night.

**rather**

The boy is rather tall for his age.

**terrifying**

She is terrifying her little brother with her tales.

**crash**

I heard a loud crash coming from upstairs.

**thick**

You could see that it was good quality because the glass was thick.

**dust**

There are a lot of dust behind that bookshelf.

**otherwise**

We should go to the cinema, otherwise we will be at home all night.

**injured**

He has got physically injured after that soccer game.

**worse**

I feel even worse today after talking to her.



# EXPRESSIONS

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not the kind of**

I could not bear to see him in pain.  
I've just watched a rather terrifying movie.  
You can see thick clouds of dust over that books.  
When the fog began to clear we could move on.  
I stayed up late because of that new book.  
Something even worse started to happen after she arrived.  
The bus will arrive at any moment.  
He is not the kind of person you imagined.



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