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2 Keep up

If you fall behind: “wait — let me catch up.” Never “say that again, shorter.”

3 Never change

The child’s words, not better ones. **the dog he runned fast** goes down exactly like that.

4 One chance

Read the whole thing back aloud. Ask once: “Is that right? Anything else?” Then it is finished.

5 They cast it

Write the cast in the corner. The child chooses who plays what. Then: “Now draw it.”

6 Act it — 4 minutes

The author sits in the chair. You read it slowly, exactly as written. Three actors, no props, ever. Clap for the author. Say their name.

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