Reading Vocabulary Words

The Man Who Invented Basketball (Biography) by Edwin Brit Wyckoff

Practice reading the following words, understand what each word means, and practice using each word in a sentence:

1. **basketball**: a game played on a court where two teams try to throw a ball through a raised hoop. *Are you going to try out for the basketball team?*

2. **disease**: a problem in the body; sickness. *Polio is a disease that can easily be prevented.*

3. **freeze**: turn into ice. *I’m sure that the pond will freeze this winter.*

4. **guard**: a person who watches over or protects something. *Someone has to stay and guard our campsite.*

5. **popular**: liked by many people. *What is the most popular toy this year?*

6. **sports**: games in which people use their bodies. *Which sports do you like the best?*

7. **study**: to spend time learning, usually by reading. *Are you going to study your spelling words this week?*

8. **terrible**: really bad. *A terrible fire burned down our garage.*