

**Directions**

Fluency Checks should be conducted at least one week *after* the completion of a unit.

Place the student copy of the passage in front of the student. Point to the passage and say **You are going to read this story out loud. If you come to a word you don't know, I will tell it to you. Keep reading until I tell you to stop. It's okay if you don't read the whole story. Just do your best reading.**

Set a timer for 1 minute. Start the timer when the student begins reading. When you are ready, point to the first word of the first paragraph and say **You will start here** (point). **Please begin reading when you're ready.**

If the student pauses for 3 seconds, give them the word, and mark it as an error. If the student reads no words correctly in the first line, discontinue the assessment.

Draw a slash (/) through each error the student makes.

When 1 minute is up, note the last word the student read with a bracket (]) or line (|).

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the city. Blair wanted to buy a gift for her teacher. Blair's	22
teacher is the greatest lady she knows. She is thoughtful,	32
kind, and often helps Blair with her school work.	41
When Blair walked into the store, she saw so many	51
things she could buy. It was going to be hard to choose	63
the right gift. She first saw a pair of colorful earrings.	74
"No," thought Blair, "my teacher does not wear	82
earrings." Blair continued shopping. Next, she spied a	90
box of doughnuts. "No," thought Blair, "I do not know if	101
my teacher likes doughnuts." Then, Blair noticed a shiny	110
pencil case. "No," thought Blair, "my teacher has plenty	119
of pencil cases."	122
Finally, Blair spotted a plant near the window. "Yes,"	131
decided Blair, "my teacher would love a plant for her	141
desk." So, she bought the plant and hurried back to	151
school to give it to her teacher.	158

**Scoring**

Calculate the total words correct by subtracting the errors from the total words read.

**Total words read** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total errors** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total words correct** \_\_\_\_\_

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