

**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 (|).

**A Magical Universe**

Once upon a time, in a universe far away, there was	11
a planet filled with magical creatures. On this planet	20
there lived unicorns, gnomes, werewolves, and dragons.	27
Although they were different, they worked together to	35
live in harmony as one nation united by magic.	44
The gnomes lived comfortably underground. They	50
helped the plants grow so that there was food to eat.	61
The unicorns were peacemakers, so they helped the	69
creatures solve their disagreements. The werewolves	75
were strong, smart, and good at building things. They	84
built indestructible homes for everyone to live in. The	93
dragons were powerful and brave. They made fire to	102
keep everyone warm and watched over the nation to	111
keep everyone safe.	114
The creatures made a commitment to always be kind	123
and helpful to one another. They made sure their planet	133
was a lovely place to live. Their days were filled with fun,	145
silliness, and adventure. They could not imagine living	153
anywhere else.	155

**Scoring**

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

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

## **A Magical Universe**

Once upon a time, in a universe far away, there was a planet filled with magical creatures. On this planet there lived unicorns, gnomes, werewolves, and dragons. Although they were different, they worked together to live in harmony as one nation united by magic.

The gnomes lived comfortably underground. They helped the plants grow so that there was food to eat. The unicorns were peacemakers, so they helped the creatures solve their disagreements. The werewolves were strong, smart, and good at building things. They built indestructible homes for everyone to live in. The dragons were powerful and brave. They made fire to keep everyone warm and watched over the nation to keep everyone safe.

The creatures made a commitment to always be kind and helpful to one another. They made sure their planet was a lovely place to live. Their days were filled with fun, silliness, and adventure. They could not imagine living anywhere else.