

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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strings with his pick. Whit whacks the drums with his	20
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Ralph.	41
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to Rich about the gang. They were in luck. The gang	63
sang for Rich, and he thinks they rock. "This was a thrill!	75
Stick with me and I will help you be a big rock band."	88
Trish winks at Chad, Ralph, and Whit. They all thank Rich.	99

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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