

**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 (|).

**Billy's Puppy**

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from the pet shop. Billy named his puppy Spy. Spy	22
would be Billy's best friend.	27
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Spy is brindle which looks like wavy stripes along the	48
middle of his back. Spy loves to nibble on kibble and	50
see people walk by. Spy also likes to fetch. When Billy	68
tosses a ball, Spy runs fast to catch it.	79
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Spy also likes to jump in cold puddles. But when Spy	99
jumps in the puddles, he gets so muddy! Mom told Billy	110
that Spy cannot come inside with muddy legs because	123
it will make a huge mess. When Spy gets muddy, Billy	127
scrubs his legs with a rag until they are nice and dry so	
he can come inside.	

**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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