

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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took all month. I packed my cooler with ice and plenty	23
of room for the fish I wanted to catch. I also packed	35
some cheese and bread to use as bait.	43
I launched my boat into the lake and went to a new	55
spot. I put a hook on my line and cast it into the water.	69
While I waited for something to catch, I sat on the floor	81
of the boat and read my book.	88
When I felt the line tug, I jumped up to reel in my	101
catch. The line was heavy. I pulled and pulled, and	111
finally reeled it in. I caught a huge catfish. I would fry it	124
up nice. I started to drool just thinking about how good	135
it would be.	138
I hauled my boat out of the lake and put it on the	151
trailer to drive back home. As I closed the door to my	163
truck, I thought about how much I love fishing. If it was	175
up to me, I would spend every minute of every hour	186
fishing.	187

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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