

**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 (|).

**The Best of Friends**

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time. They are always honest with each other, and they	19
truly love spending time together. Thankfully, their	26
houses are on the same street, so they can see each	37
other every day. When Heather wakes up each	45
morning, she instantly runs to Joy's house. She rings the	54
bell then silently waits. When Joy answers the door,	64
Heather always yells "Good morning!" in a silly voice	73
that makes Joy giggle.	77
Today, the girls took a walk down to the lake. They	88
spend endless hours playing together. They ran around	96
the lake to see who was faster. Then they hunted for	107
shells and went for a swim. When they got hungry,	117
Heather unpacked some snacks. They found the tallest	125
tree and sat under its branches to eat together.	134
At the end of the day, Heather and Joy returned	144
home. They walked slowly because they did not want	153
the day to end. The girls dislike having to say goodbye,	164
but they know they will see each other again shortly.	174

**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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