Practice Activity #1
Reading Fluency Passage

1. Give your child one Fluency Reading passage, and you will keep Fluency Reading passage with directions and chart on the back.

2. Set a timer or watch for 1 minute and have your child read this week's passage aloud to you.

3. While your child is reading and they make an error then you will put a mark through the word they missed.
   - **Monday:** use a blue color pencil
   - **Tuesday**: use a green color pencil
   - **Wednesday**: use a red color pencil
   - **Thursday**: use an orange color pencil

4. When the timer goes off have your child stop reading and count how many total words they read during that 1 minute and record it on the sheet.

5. Then write the total errors (mistakes) they made on the chart below.

6. Next, subtract the number of errors they made from the total words they read to get their total number of correct words. Then write the number of correct words on the chart below for that day.

7. Continue to do the same thing each time you read the passage to chart your child's growth with the week's passage.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Total Words Read				
Total Errors (mistakes)				
# Words Per Minute (WPM)				

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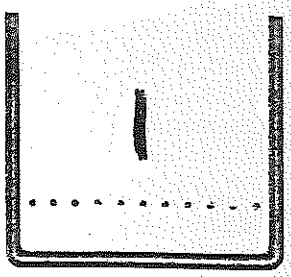

Oral Reading Fluency

Once upon a time there was a greedy dog. Even 10
though he had plenty of food and toys, he always 20
desired more. One afternoon he observed a little puppy 29
chewing on a huge bone. 34

"Give me that bone," the greedy dog growled. The 43
frightened puppy dropped the bone and scurried away. 51
The greedy dog scooped up the bone and marched on 61
his way. 63

As the greedy dog crossed a bridge over a creek, 73
he glanced over the edge of the bridge and noticed 83
another dog staring up at him from the water. That dog 94
also had a huge bone in his mouth. The greedy dog 105
decided he wanted that bone, too. 111

He bared his teeth and let out a fierce growl. Much 122
to his disbelief, the dog in the water growled back. The 133
greedy dog snapped at the bone in the other dog's 143
mouth. Plop! The bone in the greedy dog's mouth fell 153
into the water, and the other dog vanished. 161

"That dog has stolen my bone!" thought the greedy 170
dog, "I must find him!" 175

Of course, he never did. 180

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Oral Reading Fluency

Dylan was eager to begin his first camping trip. His 10
parents had packed the tent and sleeping bags in the car. 21
Dylan had borrowed a book about camping from 29
the library. He began to read the book during the trip in 41
the car. Dylan was very interested in the chapter titled 51
"Camping Safely." He carefully read the page about 59
poison ivy. 61
"The leaves grow in groups of three," Dylan read 70
aloud. "Study the picture of this poisonous plant on the 80
next page." But, someone had torn out the page with 90
the picture of the plant! 95
That afternoon, the family went for a walk in the 105
woods. Dylan counted the leaves on each plant they 114
passed. Suddenly, his brother pointed at an owl sitting 123
in a tree. Dylan forgot the plants as he stepped closer to 135
the tree. 137
"Dylan," said his mother, "You're standing in poison 145
ivy! Get out of there!" 150
Dylan looked down and counted the leaves, "One, 158
two, and three." Realizing his mistake, he turned and 167
ran back to the trail. 172
"Well, now you know what poison ivy looks like!" said 182
his dad. 184

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Oral Reading Fluency

Alex froze when he saw the clown walk into the yard. 11
He couldn't let his friends at the party know that he was 23
terrified of clowns! 26

Alex joined the group of kids who had gathered 35
around the clown. "It's just a clown," he whispered 44
to himself. 46

From behind, Alex heard someone say, "It's just a 55
clown." Worried that someone was making fun of him, 64
Alex slowly turned around. He saw a five-year-old boy, 73
sobbing quietly while his mother tried to comfort him. 82

"I think I can help," Alex said to the boy's mother. 93
She smiled gratefully and stepped aside. He bent and 102
whispered in the boy's ear, "When I was a kid," he said, 114
"I was afraid of clowns, too." 120

"You're not afraid of them now? They're so scary!" 129
the boy said. 132

"I faced my fear," Alex said. "Look at that clown. He's 143
really pretty silly if you watch him." 150

Alex and the boy watched the clown for a little while, 161
and then the boy chuckled. Alex was happy to know that 172
by helping someone else, he had learned to control his 182
own fear. 184

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Oral Reading Fluency

Amanda was spending the night at her friend's house. 9
Amanda and Kayla had been friends since first grade. It 19
was quiet and dark in the living room, where the girls 30
were settled in their sleeping bags. 36

Suddenly, Amanda heard a noise. Her eyes jerked 44
open. "Kayla?" she called, but Kayla was asleep. 52

Amanda listened carefully, but the noise was gone. 60
Just as her eyes grew heavy, she heard the sound again. 71
"What is that?" she asked herself. "Is it a garbage truck? 82
No, the garbage truck wouldn't come at night. Is it an 93
airplane? No, that noise was louder than an airplane." 102

Amanda thought of waking Kayla, but the noise wasn't 111
scary. It was just loud. She clicked on the flashlight 121
she and Kayla had used earlier for reading. Slowly, she 131
crawled out of her sleeping bag. 137

As she walked toward the kitchen, the noise grew 146
louder. Amanda shone the beam around the kitchen. The 155
noise was very loud in here! Suddenly, she froze in her 166
tracks! Then she started laughing. Kayla's dog, Ruffy, was 175
snoring! Amanda laughed again and went back to the 184
living room. 186

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Have nurses ever held your wrist and told you to be 11
quiet? If so, do you know what they were doing and why 23
it was important? 26

You probably know that your heart pumps blood. Did 35
you know that blood travels in tubes, called arteries, 44
from your heart to all parts of your body? Some of 55
these tiny tubes are in your wrist. 62

Each time your heart beats, it squeezes blood into 71
your arteries. When this happens, the tubes bulge. The 80
bulging is called your pulse. When nurses hold your 89
wrist, they feel and count the bulges to find out how 100
fast your heart is beating. 105

You can feel your pulse in other places, too. Put 115
your index and middle fingers together, and then press 124
them gently on your neck, just below your chin. Count 134
the number of bulges, or beats, you feel in one minute. 145
This count tells you your heart rate, or the number of 156
times your heart beats in one minute. Your heart rate is 167
lower when you are resting. Worrying or exercising can 176
increase your heart rate. 180

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Last weekend we had a picnic in our neighborhood to 10
celebrate the end of summer. I saw one of our neighbors, 21
a little girl named Margaret. Margaret will start kindergarten 30
in a few days. I asked her whether she was excited about 42
school. She told me that she was, but she looked ready 53
to cry. 55

I knew that she had gone to half-day preschool, so I said, 67
"You'll stay at school all day this year! Isn't that exciting?" 78

She nodded and walked away. I followed her over to her 89
mother, and I heard Margaret ask how long she'd stay in 100
kindergarten. Her mother said that she'd stay all day. 109

"So, will I miss dinner at home and will I get home when 122
it's dark outside?" Margaret asked with a brave face. 131

"Oh, no!" her mother responded. "You won't stay *all* day. 141
The bus will bring you home at 3 o'clock." 150

On the first day of school I saw Margaret on the bus. 162

"I didn't learn everything today," she said. "So they're 171
making me come back tomorrow." 176

Boy, does she have a lot to learn! 184

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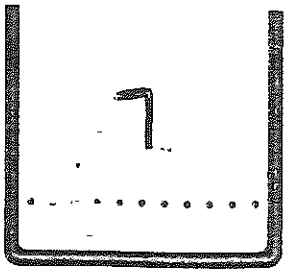

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A wolf is a member of the dog family. Unlike pet 11
dogs, wild wolves are not good companions for 19
humans. They are ferocious hunters. 24

Wolves live in groups called packs. Wolves in a pack 34
communicate with one another. One way they do this 43
is by howling. Many people think a wolf's howl is a 54
frightening sound. They often say wolves howl at the 63
moon. The truth is, wolves howl for different reasons. 72

A wolf might howl to tell the rest of the pack that 84
they should come together to start a hunt. Because 93
wolves hunt mostly at night, the moon happens to be 103
out. A wolf may howl to tell another animal to stay out 115
of the wolves' territory. If a wolf gets separated from 125
the pack, it may howl to tell the other pack members 136
where it is. 139

Like our pet dogs, wolves also bark and growl. What 149
does it mean when a dog barks or growls? A wolf's 160
bark or growl might mean the same thing. A wolf uses 171
these sounds to say, "I'm angry!" 177

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Oral Reading Fluency

Today was rainy. Usually my sister and I complain 9
to our parents that we're bored. They usually come up 19
with a list of chores we could do so that we "won't be 32
bored." Well, that is not what happened today. 40

My sister and I were in her room complaining 49
because we wanted to play volleyball outside. My sister 58
suggested that we play inside. But, one of our main 68
rules is that there is to be no ball playing in the house. 81
That rule came after I broke a lamp with a softball. 92

We put our heads together and came up with a 102
great game using a balloon. We strung a piece of string 113
across the floor, just inches above the ground. We sat 123
on the floor, leaned back on our hands, and pushed up 134
onto our hands and feet. We would only be allowed to 145
kick the "ball" over the "net" with one foot. All three 156
other limbs had to stay on the floor. It was fun! So we 169
invited two friends over and had a great game of 179
"foot-ball!" 180

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Oral Reading Fluency

Our solar system used to have nine planets. Now it 10
has eight. In August 2006, scientists decided that Pluto 19
was not a planet at all. Pluto is very small. It is even 32
smaller than our moon. Pluto is also very far away from 43
Earth. It is so small and so far away that it is hard to 57
see, even with a telescope. No space probe has ever 67
gone there. As a result, scientists know very little about 77
Pluto. 78

Since Pluto was discovered in 1930, scientists have 86
wondered whether it really is a planet. This is partly 96
because it is so small and so far away. Now scientists 107
have decided to answer the question. First they had to 117
answer another question. What is a planet? They found 126
that all the other planets have at least three things in 137
common. Pluto has only two of these things. Scientists 146
decided to give Pluto a new title, "dwarf planet." Dwarf 156
planets, like the other planets, go around the sun. They 166
also have a nearly round shape. 172

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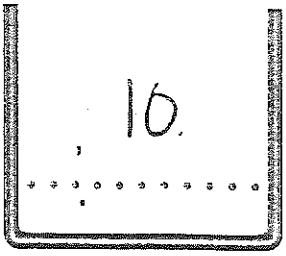

Oral Reading Fluency

If you have ever wished that you lived in a castle, 11
keep reading because you may soon change your 19
mind! More than a thousand years ago, royalty started 28
constructing stone castles because castles offered a 35
safe place to live. From the castle, people could protect 45
their land from enemies. Soldiers, servants, and animals 53
lived inside the castle making it a bustling, crowded 62
place. 63

It was frequently damp and cold inside the walls 72
of stone castles. Even in the summer time, the stone 82
rooms remained damp causing people to spend as 90
much time outside the castle as possible. In the winter, 100
cold winds ripped through the rooms and hallways of a 110
castle. Rooms without a burning fire were quite cold. 119

Life in the castle was not very private because only 129
royalty had bedrooms and slept in beds. Most other 138
people slept in one large room called the great room 148
on benches or on the floor. Since most castles did not 159
have running water, people did not bathe every day. 168

Many castles remain standing today, but would you 176
want to live in one? 181

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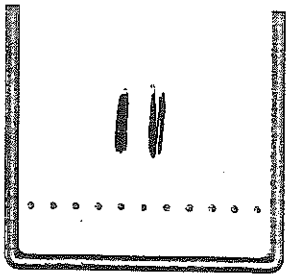

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Bingwen raced to the bulletin board and searched 8
it for the cast list. He just knew that the music teacher 20
had picked him for the leading role in the play. He 31
found his name and ran his finger across the page to 42
the list of characters. Oh no! There must be a mistake. 53
How could he get such a small part? Bingwen read the 64
list more carefully. Leon, Bingwen's best friend, had 72
received the starring role. Leon hadn't even planned on 81
trying out until Bingwen had encouraged him to do so. 91

Bingwen decided that he wouldn't be in the play at 101
all if he couldn't be the star. 108

At lunch, Leon came up to Bingwen. Leon told 117
Bingwen that he felt bad. He wanted to drop out of the 129
play so that Bingwen could have the lead role. 138

At that moment, Bingwen realized that Leon was 146
willing to give up the lead just to make him happy. 157
Bingwen told Leon that he would make a great star and 168
that he couldn't wait to practice the play with him. 178

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Oral Reading Fluency

For the last two years, Nadeem has tried to convince 10
his mother that he was responsible enough to have a 20
dog. When she agreed, Nadeem and Mom went to the 30
animal shelter. Nadeem knew that he wanted a puppy. 39
He was already planning the games they would play. 48

At the shelter, Nadeem heard barking and whining. 56
He thought some of the dogs sounded sad. Nadeem 65
was surprised to see the rows and rows of cages. Some 76
dogs whined in the back of their cages. Some dogs just 87
wanted to play. They wagged their tails and watched 96
hopefully as Nadeem walked past. 101

Nadeem looked at each dog. There were all shapes, 110
sizes, ages, and colors. Yet all the dogs had one thing 121
in common: they needed a home. 127

Nadeem turned to Mom. "I've made my decision," 135
he said. 137

"Already?" questioned Mom. "You haven't even taken 144
one dog out to play." 149

Nadeem decided that instead of taking home one 157
dog, he would come to the shelter after school each 167
day. He would be a volunteer and play with all of 178
the dogs. 180