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## Reading Fluency Log

















Use this log to keep track of your words per minute (WPM). Submit this page after each reading fluency in this lesson is completed.

<b>Words Per Minute (262-336)</b>			
Fluency Page	First Try	Second Try	Did You Beat Your Score? <small>Color a Face</small>
<b>A Tornado Warning</b>	WPM =	WPM =	  Yes      No
<b>Thomas Edison</b>	WPM =	WPM =	  Yes      No
<b>Going Camping</b>	WPM =	WPM =	  Yes      No
<b>Statue of Liberty</b>	WPM =	WPM =	  Yes      No
<b>A Shooting Star</b>	WPM =	WPM =	  Yes      No
<b>Water Skiing</b>	WPM =	WPM =	  Yes      No
<b>Sharks</b>	WPM =	WPM =	  Yes      No

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Alexander Graham Bell	WPM =	WPM =	  Yes No
Writing a Letter	WPM =	WPM =	  Yes No
Family Traditions	WPM =	WPM =	  Yes No
Mount Rushmore	WPM =	WPM =	  Yes No
The Magic Rock	WPM =	WPM =	  Yes No
Spelling Test Troubles	WPM =	WPM =	  Yes No
Helping a Stranger	WPM =	WPM =	  Yes No
Elephants	WPM =	WPM =	  Yes No

# A Tornado Warning

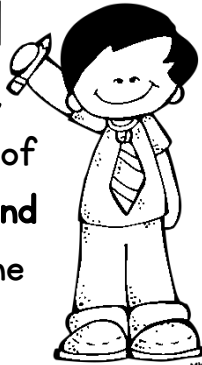
12 It had been very gloomy all day, but now the sky was  
 21 becoming very dark, and was covered in gray and  
 32 black clouds. The wind began to pick up, and some of  
 41 the leaves began blowing off of the trees. The  
 50 howling of the wind was very eerie. Michael knew  
 60 right away that he needed to head inside. He turned  
 68 on the television, and listened to the meteorologist  
 77 talk about the forecast for the evening. He showed  
 86 the radar, and informed the audience to stay tuned  
 92 for further updates. Approximately ten minutes  
 100 later, the meteorologist came back onto the screen  
 110 to say that a tornado warning had been issued, and  
 119 every one in the viewing area should seek shelter.  
 127 Michael and his father grabbed a battery operated  
 135 radio, a flashlight, and some pillows before heading  
 144 into the basement. Michael turned on the radio, and  
 152 listened to the local station. They were also  
 160 informing everyone to seek shelter due to the  
 168 current tornado warning. Michael and his dad began  
 178 to hear the sound of the rain outside. Then, they  
 188 began to hear the loud pounding of hail falling from  
 200 the sky as it continued to hit the roof of the house.  
 212 All of a sudden, the lights went out, and they were in  
 219 total darkness. Fortunately, Michael had his flashlight,  
 227 so he immediately turned it on. The thunderstorm  
 235 continued for about twenty more minutes, and then  
 245 it slowly started to quiet down. Once they heard the  
 253 announcement on the radio that the tornado warning  
 262 had passed, Michael and his dad went back upstairs.  
 271 Even though a tornado never came, Michael was very  
 278 glad that they had taken the appropriate  
 282 precautions to stay safe.

## 5 STEP FLUENCY

1. Read it & Mark it
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3. Highlight Word Work
4. Silly Read
5. Read it & Mark it

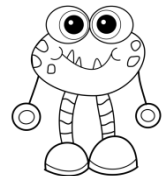
### Word Work

Highlight all of  
the **compound**  
words in the  
story.



### Silly Read

Read the story in a  
monster voice.



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# Thomas Edison

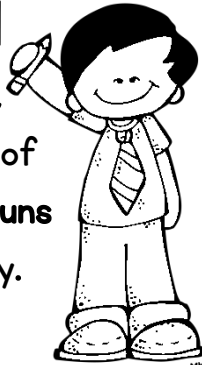
10 Thomas Edison was born on February 11, 1847, in Ohio.  
 22 He was born into a large family as the last of seven  
 33 children. Edison was sick as a child, and lost much of  
 43 his hearing due to his illnesses. His family moved to  
 51 Michigan when he was young, and Edison attended  
 61 school for only three months. He had a lot of  
 70 difficulties focusing on his work, and was not doing  
 79 well in school, so his mother began homeschooling him.  
 87 At the age of twelve, Edison began selling  
 95 newspapers to train passengers. He would use his  
 105 time on the train to set up experiments in the  
 114 baggage car. At one point, he accidentally caused a  
 123 fire during one of his experiments, and was kicked  
 132 off of the train. Edison continued to work hard  
 141 during his young adult life, and loved to experiment  
 151 and invent things. In 1869, he moved to New York  
 159 City, and developed his first invention, an improved  
 168 stock ticker. With the money from this invention, he  
 178 moved to New Jersey, and set up his first laboratory.  
 190 He was able to hire employees to help him with all of  
 199 his ideas for inventions. Edison is most well known  
 209 for inventing the light bulb, even though he was not  
 218 the first person to invent it. Many earlier inventors  
 228 had invented lightbulbs, but they would not stay lit for  
 238 long periods of time, and were not practical for use.  
 245 Edison's lightbulb lasted longer, and could be  
 252 produced commercially for a reasonable price. His  
 261 first successful lightbulb test lasted for a little over  
 269 thirteen hours. Edison continued to improve on his  
 276 design. He eventually created the Edison Electric  
 285 Light Company in New York City. Edison held over  
 291 1,000 patents on his various inventions.

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### Word Work

Highlight all of  
the plural nouns  
in the story.



### Silly Read

Read the story in a  
pirate voice.



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# Going Camping

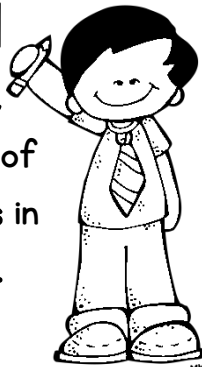
8 Lucas and his brother, Caleb, were going camping  
 17 with their dad. As they were traveling to the  
 26 campground, a car accident caused a traffic jam, so  
 35 they were running late. It was already getting dark  
 45 by the time they arrived at the campsite. Lucas and  
 55 Caleb jumped out of the car, and found the perfect  
 67 spot to set up the tent. Their dad told them to start  
 77 unpacking the car as he pitched the tent. Once the  
 87 tent was up, the boys helped their dad build a  
 95 roaring fire. They cooked hot dogs and roasted  
 105 marshmallows. Their dad told the boys to put all of  
 115 the food in the coolers for tomorrow while he went  
 125 into the tent to unroll the sleeping bags. Lucas and  
 134 Caleb started putting some of the food into the  
 142 cooler, but then realized how exhausted they were.  
 153 They put all of the items that needed to stay cold  
 163 for breakfast in the morning into the cooler and left  
 173 the rest of the food on the picnic table. They  
 183 assumed that it would be fine, and they were too  
 192 tired to worry about it tonight. Lucas and Caleb  
 202 crawled inside of their tent and went to sleep. A  
 211 couple of hours later, the boys heard a rustling  
 219 sound outside of the tent. They were petrified  
 228 because they didn't know what was making the noise.  
 239 Lucas tapped his dad on the shoulder and told him to  
 250 wake up. His dad listened to the noise outside of the  
 259 tent. They slowly and carefully unzipped the top of  
 268 the tent and peeked outside. Standing on the picnic  
 276 table were two hungry raccoons eating the food  
 286 that the boys did not put away. Lucas and Caleb's  
 297 dad told the boys that this is what can happen when  
 304 they don't put the food away correctly.

## 5 STEP FLUENCY

1. Read it & Mark it
2. Read at your own pace.
3. Highlight Word Work
4. Silly Read
5. Read it & Mark it

### Word Work

Highlight all of  
the **adverbs** in  
the story.



### Silly Read

Read the story like  
you are sleepy.



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# Statue of Liberty

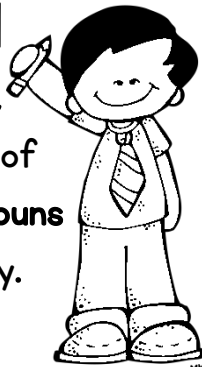
10 The Statue of Liberty is a statue located on Liberty  
 20 Island in the New York Harbor. It was a present  
 30 given to the United States in 1886 from France, and  
 36 commemorates the Declaration of Independence. It  
 43 was designed by the French sculptor, Frederic  
 51 Bartholdi. Crews worked long hours every day, seven  
 61 days a week, for nine years to complete the statue.  
 69 The statue was then disassembled into 350 pieces,  
 77 and shipped to New York. The statue was  
 84 reconstructed on Bedloe Island, now called Liberty  
 93 Island. The sculptor believed that this would be the  
 102 perfect location for the statue because it would be  
 111 the first thing people would see when coming to  
 119 America. Liberty Island is surrounded by water and  
 129 can only be reached by ferry. The statue is a  
 139 symbol of freedom, and was meant to be a symbol  
 148 of welcome at the time for immigrants from other  
 157 countries. The Statue of Liberty stands 151 feet in  
 168 height, and 305 feet from the ground to the top of  
 177 the torch. The Statue of Liberty, often called Lady  
 188 Liberty, would wear a size 879 shoe. She has a 35  
 197 foot waistline. There are 354 stairs inside of the  
 205 statue for visitors to reach the statue's crown,  
 213 where there are twenty-five windows. The Statue  
 224 of Liberty holds a torch, and a tablet. The date of  
 231 the American Declaration of Independence, July 4,  
 240 1776, is inscribed on the tablet. There are stairs  
 251 leading up to the torch, but have been closed to the  
 260 public since 1916 due to safety concerns. The statue  
 270 is made of copper, which over time has turned green  
 280 due to a process called oxidation, or the mixing of  
 283 metal and water.

## 5 STEP FLUENCY

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4. Silly Read
5. Read it & Mark it

### Word Work

Highlight all of  
the proper nouns  
in the story.



### Silly Read

Read the story in a  
dinosaur voice.



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# A Shooting Star

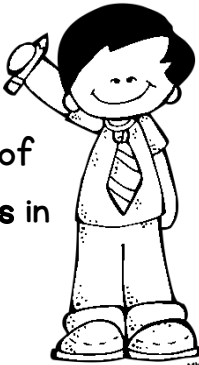
10 Have you ever seen a shooting star? I always look  
 20 for shooting stars in the sky, but have never been  
 31 fortunate enough to see one. I would like to see a  
 41 shooting star because I want to make a wish, and  
 53 see if it would come true. I have made a list of  
 64 things that I would wish for. The first thing on my  
 75 list is a new puppy. I have been begging my parents  
 86 to get me a puppy for many years, but they keep  
 97 saying that a dog is a lot of responsibility, and they  
 109 do not think I would be up for the challenge of taking  
 120 care of a new puppy. Something else that is on my  
 130 wish list is a motorized scooter. One of my friends  
 141 has a motorized scooter, and it looks like it would be  
 151 such a thrill to ride on. However, my parents say  
 161 that it is too dangerous. They are worried that I  
 173 would get hurt if I had one. Another thing on my list,  
 187 if I ever get to wish on a shooting star, is a pool. I  
 199 would be thrilled if we had a pool in our backyard. I  
 209 think it would be amazing to have a humongous pool  
 219 with a really tall and curvy waterslide. I would also  
 230 love to have a really bouncy diving board, so I could  
 239 do backflips into the water. I cannot even imagine  
 251 how much fun my friends and I would have in a pool.  
 264 The last thing on my wish list is to go on a vacation  
 274 to the beach. I have always wanted to visit the  
 283 beach because I want to build a gigantic sandcastle.  
 295 It would be taller than me. I would also like to swim  
 304 in the ocean with dolphins. Dolphins are my favorite  
 314 animals, and it would be an amazing experience to get  
 325 to swim with them. I will continue to look for a  
 333 shooting star, so maybe someday my wishes will  
 335 come true.

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4. Silly Read
5. Read it & Mark it

### Word Work

Highlight all of  
the **adjectives** in  
the story.



### Silly Read

Read the story like  
you are sad.



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# Water Skiing

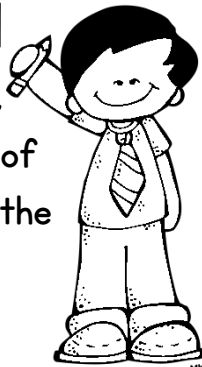
9 Today was the day that Benjamin was going to  
 19 attempt to learn how to water ski. He had watched  
 28 his older siblings water ski for years, but Benjamin  
 39 had always been too young to try it for himself. He  
 49 knew that it would be difficult, and very awkward at  
 59 first, but he was determined to acquire this new skill.  
 67 Before they got everything into the boat, Benjamin's  
 75 brother put the water skis on Benjamin, and  
 85 demonstrated to him how he would have to lean back  
 97 once he was able to stand up in the water. He had  
 104 Benjamin practice numerous times sitting on the  
 115 ground, and trying to stand up with the skis on his  
 124 feet. He showed him the correct stance that he  
 133 would have to take to keep from falling. Once  
 142 Benjamin felt like he was ready, everyone put on  
 150 their lifejackets, and boarded the boat. They took  
 161 the boat out into the middle of the lake, and hooked  
 172 up the rope for the skis. Benjamin wanted to watch a  
 181 couple of times before trying himself, so his sister  
 192 went first. She jumped off the boat, put the skis on  
 201 her feet, and grabbed onto the rope. Benjamin's dad  
 210 started driving the boat until the rope was tight.  
 221 Then, the boat sped up, and his sister stood up on  
 229 her skis. She looked so confident. Benjamin was  
 242 finally ready to give it a try. He told his dad that he  
 253 wanted to go next. When it was his turn, he jumped  
 264 off the boat, put on his skis, and grabbed the rope.  
 273 The boat took off, and Benjamin pulled himself up.  
 283 About ten seconds later, he fell down into the water.  
 291 He prepared himself, and tried again and again.  
 301 After the eighth attempt, Benjamin got the hang of it,  
 310 and was able to ski for almost five minutes.

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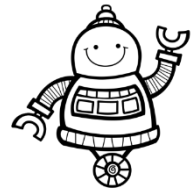
### Word Work

Highlight all of  
the **verbs** in the  
story.



### Silly Read

Read the story in a  
robot voice.



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# Sharks

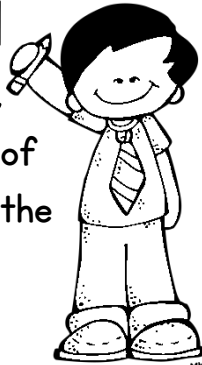
8 There are more than 450 different species of  
 16 sharks. Even though sharks are often feared by  
 23 people, shark attacks are relatively rare. Different  
 33 types of sharks live in different parts of the ocean.  
 41 Some shark species like warmer water, while others  
 50 like the cooler ocean water. Some species, like the  
 60 bull shark, can even swim in fresh water. Sharks do  
 68 not have bones. Their skeletons are made of  
 78 cartilage, which is a type of tissue that makes up  
 88 your ears and nose. It is very tough and flexible.  
 97 Sharks breathe through gills on the sides of their  
 105 bodies. Some types of sharks have to continue  
 112 moving throughout their entire lives because they  
 121 need the moving water to flow over their gills  
 131 allowing them to get oxygen into their bodies. If the  
 141 shark stops moving, it will not be able to breathe.  
 150 Sharks eat fish, crabs, seals, and other sea life.  
 160 They have an amazing sense of smell, and can detect  
 169 blood from miles away. Sharks can also hear very  
 181 well, so they are able to hear when a fish is nearby.  
 190 Sharks are interesting in that some species lay eggs,  
 200 while other species give birth to live shark babies. If  
 211 a shark is an egg laying species, the mother will lay  
 222 the egg, and swim away. The egg will land on the  
 233 ocean floor or attach to seaweed or coral until it is  
 243 time for the baby shark to hatch. Once the baby,  
 255 called a pup, hatches out of the egg, it is ready to  
 265 take care of itself. For species of sharks that have  
 275 live births, the mother shark leaves the baby as well.  
 284 Baby sharks are born ready to take care of  
 292 themselves. Many times, the baby shark will swim  
 301 away quickly, so the mother will not eat it.

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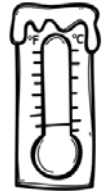
### Word Work

Highlight all of  
the **nouns** in the  
story.



### Silly Read

Read the story like  
you are cold.



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# Alexander Graham Bell

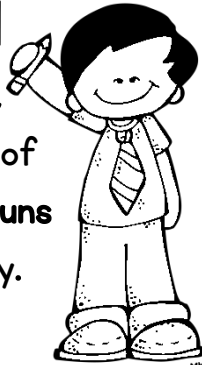
10 Alexander Bell was born in Scotland on March 3, 1847.  
 20 He did not have the middle name, Graham, when he  
 30 was born. He always wanted a middle name, so his  
 40 father gave him one as a birthday gift when he  
 48 turned eleven. Alexander was a very curious child.  
 57 He was always building things, and trying to figure  
 66 out how things worked. He was an excellent piano  
 73 player and loved music. Alexander's mother began  
 82 losing her hearing when he was young, which made  
 91 him become very interested in sound, and the way  
 99 the human voice worked. He worked in various  
 107 schools for the deaf, and enjoyed doing experiments  
 117 with sound. He eventually met his wife, Mabel, at one  
 127 of the schools he worked for. She had been deaf  
 136 since the age of five after a serious illness.  
 145 Alexander Graham Bell wanted to invent a way for  
 153 sound to be transmitted along wires, and began  
 161 working with his assistant, Thomas Watson, to create  
 169 the first telephone. Many other inventors were also  
 179 working on creating a telephone. He came up with an  
 189 idea, and in February 1876, he rushed to the patent  
 198 office with his design for the first telephone. He  
 206 barely beat out another inventor with a similar  
 213 design. On March 10, 1876, Alexander successfully  
 222 spoke his first words "Mr. Watson. Come here. I  
 232 want to see you." over the telephone. He formed the  
 239 Bell Telephone Company, and continued to improve  
 246 the telephone. Alexander Graham Bell had many  
 254 inventions during his life including metal detectors, and  
 262 devices to find icebergs. When he died, every  
 271 telephone in the United States was silenced for a  
 278 short time to honor Alexander Graham Bell.

## 5 STEP FLUENCY

1. Read it & Mark it
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3. Highlight Word Work
4. Silly Read
5. Read it & Mark it

### Word Work

Highlight all of  
the plural nouns  
in the story.



### Silly Read

Read the story like  
you are a ghost.



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# Writing a Letter

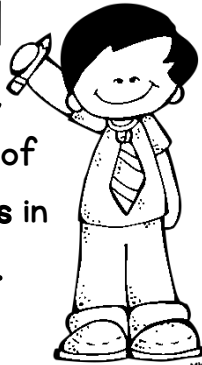
10 I am going to write a letter to my Grandma  
 21 Catherine. I wanted my mom to help me with it, but  
 32 she told me that I am perfectly capable of doing it  
 45 all by myself. First, I go to my room, and get a light  
 54 pink piece of paper. Pink is my grandma's favorite  
 66 color, so I picked out the paper with her in mind. I  
 76 set out my favorite pens on the desk. They are  
 85 colorful gel pens that leave sparkles when they write.  
 95 They are just beautiful. I begin by writing the date  
 106 at the top of the paper. My teacher taught me that  
 117 this is the first thing you include when you write a  
 125 letter. Next, I start with my greeting, "Dear  
 135 Grandma Catherine." I sit and think about all of the  
 147 things I want to include in the body of my letter. I  
 159 want to tell her all about school, and how I was the  
 170 lead actress in our school play. I also want to tell  
 182 her how I am doing at gymnastics. I think I will even  
 192 invite her to my next competition. I begin writing all  
 203 of these things down. I realize that I have so many  
 214 things to tell Grandma Catherine. It is going to be an  
 223 extraordinary letter with a lot of details about what  
 235 is going on in my life right now. I proceed with my  
 246 letter until I reach the bottom of my page. Then, I  
 256 write my closing, and put my signature in my very  
 265 best, fanciest handwriting. I decide that I want to  
 274 decorate my letter as well. I draw squiggly lines,  
 284 and add hearts around the outside of the letter to  
 294 make a unique border. When it is complete, I fold  
 305 the letter, and place it in an envelope. I write my  
 313 grandma's name and address on the outside, and  
 324 then put my own name and address at the top. I  
 336 get a stamp from my mom and put it in the mailbox.

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5. Read it & Mark it

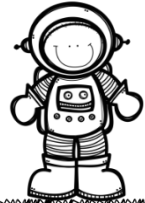
### Word Work

Highlight all of  
the pronouns in  
the story.



### Silly Read

Read the story like  
you are in space.



### Did you beat your score?

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# Family Traditions

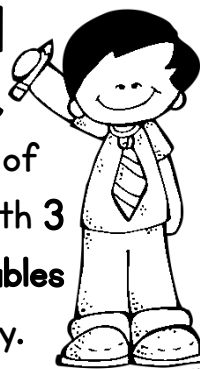
8 What are your favorite family traditions? We have  
 17 so many great family traditions, and a couple that  
 26 are not my favorite. Every spring, when the weather  
 37 starts getting nice, we have to go outside as a family,  
 50 and clean up the yard. This is not a day that I enjoy  
 61 because we have to work really hard. I am always in  
 70 charge of raking the leftover leaves out of the  
 81 flowerbeds. My sister has to pick up all of the sticks  
 92 out of the yard. Thankfully, the next day we get to  
 104 go as a family to pick out flowers that we want to  
 114 plant. This is a family tradition that I really enjoy.  
 124 Even though it is a busy weekend, the yard looks  
 133 beautiful when we are finished. Another one of our  
 141 family traditions is a vacation each summer. We  
 149 have gone to the beach, the waterpark, the  
 158 mountains, and even boating on a gigantic lake. They  
 167 have always been so memorable, and we always have  
 177 a fantastic time. My parents tell me that the most  
 186 important thing about a family vacation is to spend  
 195 time together. I look forward to our vacation every  
 205 year. In the fall, my least favorite family tradition is  
 214 getting things ready for our annual yard sale. We  
 225 have to clean out every room in our house. I really  
 235 dislike sorting through all of my toys, and making the  
 244 tough decision about which ones to sell. The best  
 256 part of the yard sale is that my parents let me keep  
 268 the money that I make on the toys that I sell. That  
 279 is the only benefit for all of that hard work. The  
 287 winter months bring some of my favorite holiday  
 297 traditions. We get to do so many fun things with  
 309 everyone in my family. We even get to spend a lot of  
 315 time with my cousins and grandparents.

## 5 STEP FLUENCY

1. Read it & Mark it
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3. Highlight Word Work
4. Silly Read
5. Read it & Mark it

### Word Work

Highlight all of  
the words with 3  
or more syllables  
in the story.



### Silly Read

Read the story like  
you are a vampire.



### Did you beat your score?

Color a face.



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# Mount Rushmore

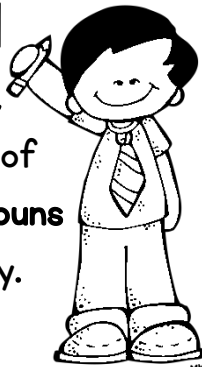
7 Mount Rushmore National Memorial is located in  
 17 South Dakota. It is a sculpture that is carved into  
 25 Mount Rushmore with the faces of four former  
 32 presidents of the United States. The memorial  
 37 depicts George Washington, Thomas Jefferson,  
 44 Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln. The idea  
 51 for the Mount Rushmore National Memorial came  
 60 from a local historian who wanted to bring more  
 68 tourism into South Dakota. The carving began in  
 77 October of 1927, and did not get completed until  
 86 fourteen years later in October of 1941. The original  
 96 plan was to carve the figures from head to waist,  
 105 but there was not enough money to continue the  
 113 project after the faces were completed. The project  
 122 cost almost one million dollars to complete as is.  
 130 Over four hundred workers helped to carve the  
 140 faces into the side of the mountain. They had to  
 150 climb over five hundred steps to reach the top each  
 159 day to work on the project. The workers initially  
 168 used dynamite to remove the stone, and then used  
 177 jackhammers and chisels to add the details to the  
 185 faces. Each face is approximately sixty feet tall,  
 196 which is about the same size as a six story building.  
 205 The noses are about twenty feet long, their mouths  
 215 are eighteen feet wide, and the eyes are eleven feet  
 222 across. Trained mountain climbers help to maintain  
 230 Mount Rushmore by cleaning the rock, and sealing  
 238 any cracks. In 1991, Mount Rushmore celebrated its  
 245 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a forty million dollar  
 252 restoration project. It is estimated that between  
 260 two and three million people visit Mount Rushmore  
 262 every year.

## 5 STEP FLUENCY

1. Read it & Mark it
2. Read at your own pace.
3. Highlight Word Work
4. Silly Read
5. Read it & Mark it

### Word Work

Highlight all of  
the proper nouns  
in the story.



### Silly Read

Read the story like  
you are a pig.



### Did you beat your score?

Color a face.



Yes



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# The Magic Rock

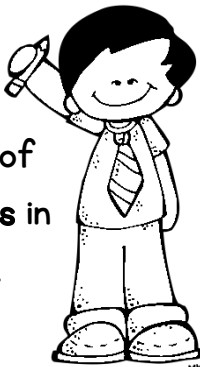
8 Lauren loved collecting rocks. She had a huge  
 17 collection of rocks that she had collected from all  
 26 over the world. Everyone in her family knew that she  
 36 loved to collect rocks, so they would bring rocks back  
 47 to her if they went on vacation. She had some very  
 56 unique rocks. Some were big, and others were very  
 65 tiny. She had sparkly rocks, dull rocks, bumpy rocks,  
 74 smooth rocks, and rocks of almost every color. One  
 83 day, Lauren was walking along the creek looking for  
 92 any exceptional rocks that she could add to her  
 100 collection. She spotted something very shiny on the  
 110 ground, so she bent down to get a closer look.  
 119 Lauren looked at the very peculiar rock. It wasn't  
 130 very big, but it was very colorful, and it sparkled in  
 139 the sunlight. The rock was very smooth, and she  
 148 rubbed it between her fingers. As she rubbed the  
 157 rock, Lauren noticed that it began to change colors.  
 166 She kept rubbing it, and watching as the colors  
 176 continued to shift. All of the sudden, she heard a  
 186 faint noise in the distance. She turned around to find  
 195 a parrot flying towards her. The parrot flew right  
 204 over to Lauren, and landed on her shoulder. The  
 214 parrot began to speak to Lauren. It said that she  
 223 had found a magic rock. This magical rock had  
 231 special powers to make people happy. Lauren could  
 240 use this rock anytime someone was feeling upset to  
 250 help them feel happy again. Lauren could not wait to  
 261 try it out. She ran straight home with the rock in  
 271 her hand. When she walked in the door, her baby  
 279 sister was crying. Lauren immediately knew what to  
 289 do. She walked over to her sister, and rubbed the  
 296 rock. Her sister stopped crying right away!

## 5 STEP FLUENCY

1. Read it & Mark it
2. Read at your own pace.
3. Highlight Word Work
4. Silly Read
5. Read it & Mark it

### Word Work

Highlight all of  
the **adjectives** in  
the story.



### Silly Read

Read the story like  
you are a wizard.



### Did you beat your score?

Color a face.



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# Spelling Test Troubles

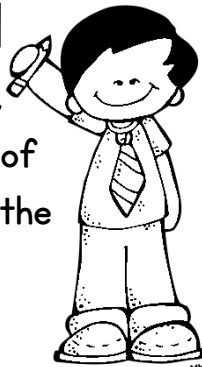
8 Derrick had such a busy week. On Monday, he had  
 17 football practice after school. His dad's birthday  
 26 was on Tuesday, so his family went out for dinner,  
 36 and then came home to eat birthday cake. On  
 47 Wednesday, he had football practice again, and on  
 56 Thursday, the weather was so beautiful that Derrick  
 65 came right home, and went outside to play. Friday  
 74 morning, Derrick woke up in a panic. He realized that  
 83 he had not studied his spelling words at all this week.  
 92 His spelling test was today, and he was not at all  
 100 prepared. He ran downstairs, and found his spelling  
 110 word list. He looked over the words, and knew right  
 119 away that he should have reviewed them this week.  
 130 It was a really hard list. He was nervous when he  
 139 told his mom that he had not had time to study this  
 148 week. His mom was very disappointed in him. She  
 157 told him that he should have spent at least ten  
 166 minutes each night looking over his words instead of  
 176 trying to learn them all the morning of the test.  
 186 Derrick practiced his spelling words the entire time  
 195 he was eating breakfast, and had his mom quiz him on  
 204 their way to school. When he got to school, he spent  
 214 every second of free time looking over his words.  
 223 He really wanted to read a book at the classroom  
 231 library, but he knew he had to practice his words  
 240 before the test. Later in the morning, Mrs. Blackwell  
 250 told the class it was time to take the spelling test.  
 261 Derrick was very anxious, and he hoped that he  
 271 remembered how to spell all of his words. As she  
 279 went through each word, he took his time, and tried  
 289 his very best. Derrick ended up missing only one  
 296 word on his test.

## 5 STEP FLUENCY

1. Read it & Mark it
2. Read at your own pace.
3. Highlight Word Work
4. Silly Read
5. Read it & Mark it

### Word Work

Highlight all of  
the **verbs** in the  
story.



### Silly Read

Read the story like  
you are excited.



### Did you beat your score?

Color a face.



Yes



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# Helping a Stranger

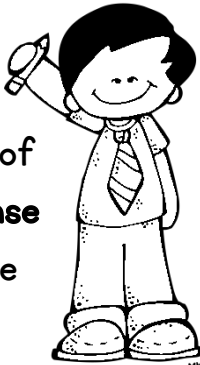
10 Last night as we were driving home, we turned the  
 21 corner and noticed a car stopped on the side of the  
 31 road. It was a dangerous place to stop because you  
 40 couldn't see the car until you turned. If someone  
 49 came around the corner too fast, they could crash  
 61 into the back of the car. As we drove by, we looked  
 73 inside of the car, and a woman had her head down in  
 83 her hands. We knew that it was our responsibility to  
 95 turn around, and go back to check on her to see if  
 106 she needed any help. By the time we were able to  
 117 turn around, the lady was getting out of her car and  
 126 walking down the road. We rolled down our window,  
 137 and yelled to her to see if she needed any assistance.  
 147 She turned around and walked up to our car. She  
 159 said that she had run out of gas. She didn't have a  
 170 phone, and she had left her purse at home. We let  
 181 her use our phone, so she could call someone for help.  
 192 As she was making the phone call, a man driving a  
 202 tow truck pulled up behind us. He noticed that her  
 211 car was stopped at a dangerous place, and he  
 223 offered to hook up her car to the truck and pull it  
 234 farther down the street, so it was out of the way.  
 246 The man hooked her car up to the tow truck to pull  
 256 it away from the corner. While he was doing that,  
 266 we drove to the nearest gas station, and went inside  
 279 to buy a small gas can. We took it out to the gas  
 288 pump and filled it with gasoline. We brought the  
 300 gasoline back to the woman, so she could put it in her  
 309 gas tank. She was so appreciative of our kindness.  
 318 She could not believe how her horrible day was  
 325 brightened by complete strangers. We were just  
 333 happy that we were able to help her.

## 5 STEP FLUENCY

1. Read it & Mark it
2. Read at your own pace.
3. Highlight Word Work
4. Silly Read
5. Read it & Mark it

### Word Work

Highlight all of  
the **past tense**  
verbs in the  
story.



### Silly Read

Read the story like  
you are a grandma.



### Did you beat your score?

Color a face.



Yes



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# Elephants

8 Elephants are the largest land animal on Earth.

16 There are two types of elephants, Asian elephants

22 and African elephants. Asian elephants have

28 smoother skin than African elephants. Asian

38 elephants have small ears that do not reach up over

46 their necks, unlike African elephants that have very

54 large ears. Both the male and female African

62 elephants have tusks, whereas only the male Asian

70 elephants have tusks. Elephants use their tusks to

81 dig in the ground, and look for food. They can also

91 use their tusks to dig in search of ground water.

99 Elephants can drink about fifty gallons of water

109 every day, and can eat between 200 to 600 pounds

117 of food. Elephants are herbivores, so they eat

123 grasses, plants, bark, and other vegetation.

133 Elephants use their trunks to eat. They can pick up

143 food and bring it to their mouths. They can also

154 suck up water into their trunks and then pour it into

163 their mouths to drink. Elephants are also very good

172 swimmers. They can use their trunks as a snorkel

181 while they swim in deep water. Elephant's trunks are

190 made of muscles, and do not contain any bones.

200 They will sometimes wave their trunks in the air to

208 smell what is around them. Elephants have padding

219 on the bottom of their feet that allow them to walk

228 silently, despite their large size. They are the only

237 mammal that cannot jump. Elephants do not have any

245 natural predators. Sometimes lions will try to attack

254 weak or young elephants, but will not attempt to

262 attack large adult elephants. The biggest threat to

270 elephants are humans. Many elephants are killed by

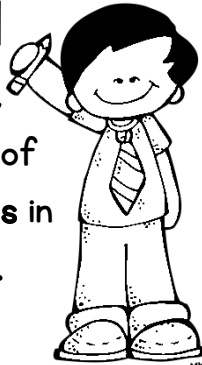
277 humans because they want the elephant's tusks.

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### Word Work

Highlight all of  
the **adjectives** in  
the story.



### Silly Read

Read the story in a  
whisper.



### Did you beat your score?

Color a face.



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