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Student Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Place the Student Copy in front of the student. Point to the names on the Student Copy as you read them:

"This is a story about <u>Abby</u>. I want you to read this story to me. You'll have 1 minute to read as much as you can. When I say "begin," start reading aloud at the top of the page. Do your best reading. If you have trouble with a word, I'll tell it to you. Do you have any questions? Begin."

- 2. Start the timer.
- 3. While the student is reading, mark errors with a slash (/).
- 4. At 1 minute, mark the last word read with a bracket (]).
- 5. When the student gets to a logical stopping place, say "**Stop**."

It was Abby's birthday. She was seven years old. She was so excited!

Abby loved opening her family's birthday presents. She hoped she would get a 26 kitten this year for her birthday. She had wanted a pet cat for such a long 42 time! Abby's mom, dad, brother, and sister each had a present for her. First, 56 72 she opened a fancy bag from her mom. Inside the bag was a pretty doll with black hair. Next, Abby unwrapped new markers from her brother. Abby's 83 sister gave her a new red sweater as a gift. Red was Abby's favorite color. 98 Finally, Abby's dad handed her a plain cardboard box with a lid. It wasn't 112 wrapped and didn't look like a present! 119 Abby studied the box carefully before opening it. She noticed small 130 holes poked through the cardboard sides. She heard something rustling 140 inside! She wondered if it could be a kitten. Abby gently lifted the top off 155 170 the box. Inside she discovered a ball of fuzz wrapped in a warm blanket. The gray and white ball of fuzz started to stretch. It was a tiny kitten! It was so 187 cute! Abby felt so lucky. She had gotten what she always wanted. Abby lifted 201 the baby cat out of the box and held her in her arms. The kitten purred and 218 blinked her blue eyes. Abby decided to name her new pet Lucky because that 232 is how she felt. Abby thanked her family for all her presents. She hugged her 247 dad for making this the best birthday ever! 255