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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>Tricia</u> and <u>Jimmy</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."

<u>Tricia</u> had woken in a frenzy of excitement, but her day had since become more and more depressing with each passing moment. She had walked into the kitchen for breakfast, fully expecting cries of, "Happy Birthday!" from her parents and sister, but was instead greeted by nothing but silence. Tricia was so shocked by this lack of birthday wishes that she failed to even ask why her family sat mutely, as though today were a day like any other. She started to feel really sorry for herself and wasn't sure what she should do about it.

At school, this disturbing pattern continued throughout the day. Tricia thought that her best friend, <u>Jimmy</u>, would remember her special day. However, Jimmy, like her family, failed to offer any indication that he was aware of Tricia's birthday. Again, Tricia was too sad and embarrassed to point out to Jimmy that it was her birthday. By the time school let out and not a single person had wished her a happy birthday, Tricia herself was beginning to feel like it was just an average day. She even began to second-guess herself, and wondered if she had somehow mixed up the date her birthday fell on.

Tricia walked home from school with Jimmy like usual, but not much 213 conversation passed between them. Tricia kept quiet, knowing that she was going 225 to miss out on birthday events like cake and presents. Jimmy seemed strangely 238 oblivious to Tricia's mood and rambled on about the weather and homework. 250 Strangely, Jimmy walked Tricia all the way to her door instead of parting ways 264 with her at the corner like he usually did. Tricia unlocked her door and was 279 292 surprised to see that the living room was completely dark. Suddenly, the lights flashed on, and Tricia was greeted with a loud, "Surprise!" 302

Total Words Read:	- # of Errors:	= CWPM
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