

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 James. 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>James</u> loved animals. His favorite thing in the entire world was going to the	14
zoo. He liked to see the elephants, lions, and zebras. He had dreamed about going	29
to Africa one day. He wanted to go on a safari and see all of these animals in the	48
wild. James spent all of his allowance on books about these animals. He wanted to	63
learn everything he could about them.	69
One day, when he was at the zoo with his dad, he saw a poster for a contest.	87
It was an essay contest. The assignment was to choose an animal that lived in the	103
zoo and write an essay about it. James was certain that he could win the contest.	119
He had spent years learning about zoo animals. He could surely write a short essay	134
about one of them. He chose to write about elephants, his absolute favorite. James	148
explained the different types of elephants. He talked about their habitat, their	160
eating habits and why he loved them the most. He hoped that he would win. The	176
prize was the opportunity to spend an entire day with a zookeeper.	188
James waited to hear about the results of the contest. One day, his mother	202
told him that he had a phone call. It was the zoo; he had won! The zookeeper said	220
that she was impressed by everything he knew about elephants. Now he was going	234
to be able to spend an entire day feeding the animals and learning about being a	250
zookeeper.	251

Total Words Read: _____ - # of Errors: _____ = CWPM: _____