

Weekly First Grade Fluency Homework

Directions: (This process should be repeated every night.)

1. Student reads the passage aloud to the parent, who is timing them for EXACTLY one minute. During this time, the parent is also keeping track of any errors the child makes while reading, BUT does NOT try to correct the child at this time.
2. Parent records the number of words read in a minute (use the numbers at the end of each line to help you add quickly) and the number of errors.
3. Parent NOW points out and corrects the errors made to the child.
4. Student should retell everything they remember about the story to the parent.

A Symbol of Hope

February 2009 is a month Australians will always remember. During that month, fires 13
 raced across parts of Australia. Thousands of homes were burned and many people 26
 died. This left Australians feeling sad and upset. But they found hope in a strange 40
 place—in the story of a saved koala. While walking through a burned forest, 54
 firefighter David Tree spotted a limping little koala. Mr. Tree called to her in a 68
 gentle voice. He got some bottled water to give the poor animal. As she gulped 84
 down the water, she even put her burned paw in the firefighter's hand. Koalas 98
 normally like to be alone and they normally get all the water they need from eating 114
 leaves. After the fire, this koala was desperate for any help. She was taken to a 129
 wildlife shelter. There she was named Sam and met another burned koala named 144
 Bob. The lady who took care of the burned animals said, "They keep putting their 159
 arms around each other and giving each other hugs. They really have made friends 173
 and it is quite beautiful to see after all this." Since koalas move slowly, they can't run 189
 from fires. Sam and Bob were very lucky to survive. When Mr. Tree found Sam, he 205
 used a cell phone to video the rescue. Afterward, the video was posted on the 220
 Internet and people all over the world watched it. Seeing the sweet story of the 235
 rescue has helped people remember that goodness can come even after such a 248
 horrible loss. 253

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| Words read in 1 minute | | | | |
| -number of mistakes | | | | |
| = total words read correctly | | | | |
| Parent initials | | | | |