

# 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE READING FLUENCY

**In this packet, there are reading passages for your child to practice reading fluently.**

**Record the number of words they can accurately read in a minute at the bottom of the page for a week. Make it into a competition to see if they can beat their score from the day before! This is a great way to goal set and to try to increase automaticity and speed in reading.**

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## The Game

**It was the bottom of the ninth in the championship game. The Bears are up by three runs. The bases were loaded, and it was my turn to bat. My team, the Lions, had two outs. I was their last hope at winning the championship.** 13  
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**I sighed and walked up to the base. *Elbows up. Keep my eyes on the ball,* I told myself. I saw the pitcher wind up and throw the ball. The ball whizzed past me right across the plate and into the umpire's glove.** 59  
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**"Strike one!" roared the umpire.** 93

***Okay. Take a deep breath,* I thought. The ball whizzed closer to me. I jumped out of the way.** 106  
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**"Ball one!" exclaimed the umpire.** 117

**I shuffled my feet and got back into my position. I swung at the ball and missed. "Strike two!" yelled the umpire.** 131  
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***You can do it.* I told myself. The ball came again. I swung and CRACK! The ball soared up into the air and was going, going, GONE! The ball landed on the other side of the fence. It was a homerun! I ran around the bases with my teammates. We scored four more points. We won the championship game!** 153  
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## The Hare and the Tortoise

Once there was a tortoise and a hare. The hare was very lean and fast. The tortoise liked to take his time and go slow. One day, the hare challenged the tortoise to a race. The tortoise had nothing else to do, so he agreed to the race. They agreed to race to the tree and around it back to their starting point.

The hare and the tortoise lined up at the starting point. On your mark, get set, GO!

The hare raced off and made it to the tree first. The tortoise was walking slowly. *Ha!* thought the hare. *The tortoise will take all day at that pace. I will sit in the shade and take a nap.* The hare leaned his back and rested against the trunk of the tree. He closed his eyes and went to sleep.

The tortoise kept going slow and steady. He made his way to the tree and went around it. He started to make his way to the finish line. He was almost at the finish line, when the hare suddenly woke up. The hare stood up quickly and looked around. Where was the tortoise? He spotted the tortoise near the finish line. The hare was confident he could make it in time to beat the tortoise. He sped off towards the finish line. The tortoise crossed the finish line right before the hare. That was the day that the hare learned that sometimes slow and steady wins the race.

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## Mae Jemison

Mae Jemison was born in Alabama on October 17, 1956. She was the youngest of three children and she loved to study science, especially outer space. She was an avid fan of *Star Trek*, an American television series on space. She always dreamed of going to outer space.

When Mae Jemison was older, she studied to become a doctor. She joined the Peace Corps as a medical officer and served around the world. Despite all her travels, she still dreamed of going to space. When she returned home, Mae began to study engineering and applied to NASA. NASA postponed applications the year she applied, so she applied again the following year and was chosen to become a NASA astronaut. Her dreams were starting to come true.

She worked really hard in the NASA program and learned a lot. Finally, her hard work paid off and she was chosen to go on a space mission. She would be the first Black woman to go to space. In 1992, Mae flew into space and orbited the earth 127 times in 8 days. While on her mission, she worked on a few experiments. One of the experiments included frog eggs and seeing how tadpoles would develop in space.

When Mae returned to earth, she resigned from working at NASA and began a foundation in honor of her mother. One of the foundation's project was a science camp for students. She also was a professor at Dartmouth College. No matter what obstacles were in her way, Mae persevered and achieved all her goals.

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## Growing a Garden

**Did you know that gardens can be different shapes and sizes? They also can be in different places like the city or the country. No matter where you live, you can plant a garden.** 12 26 34

**If you want to grow a garden, you need to plan where you want to grow your garden. Do you want to grow your plants inside or outside? Does your spot have a lot of sun and access to water? Do you have the right type of soil for your plants? All these components are important to make sure your plants are healthy.** 48 61 76 89 97

**Next, you need to decide what you want to grow. Do you want to grow flowers or vegetables in your garden? Do you want to start from a seedling or a young plant? Starting with the seedling is often less expensive, but it takes a longer time for the plant to grow big enough to produce or bloom. If you start with a young plant, you have a better chance of your plant producing or blooming sooner.** 110 123 136 150 164 174

**Whatever you decide to grow, make sure to do some research. There's a certain season to plant certain vegetables and flowers. For example, the best time to plant tomatoes is in the spring. The tomatoes will ripen and be ready for the summer. When your flowers bloom and your vegetables ripen, make sure you share them with friends and family!** 185 196 209 222 233 234

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## The Majestic Eagle

**Did you know our national bird is the bald eagle? Bald eagles are majestic birds that live throughout the United States and Canada. The bald eagle can be seen on American money and seal. They are mostly seen near large bodies of water and tall trees.**

**Bald eagles aren't actually bald. A long time ago, the word bald also meant "white headed" and bald eagles have white heads. Bald eagles have a yellow hooked beak and yellow eyes. They have long talons or claws. Their wingspan can reach up to seven feet.**

**Bald eagles are mostly seen near large bodies of water. This is because they mainly eat fish. They also like living among tall, strong trees. In these trees, they build their nest high in the air to keep their young ones away from predators. Bald eagles tend to lay two eggs at a time.**

**The bald eagle can soar in the sky at about 40 miles per hour. It can dive up to 99 miles per hour. The bald eagle looks so majestic when they fly high in the sky. They are such wonderful creatures!**

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