

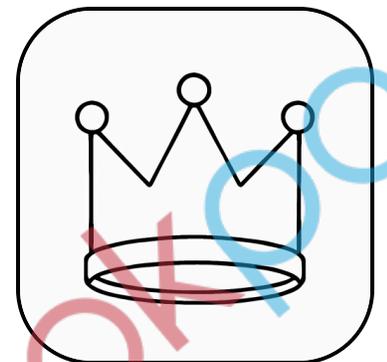
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(115)

(120)

**Comprehension Questions:**

**Literal Question:**

What is a Duchess?

**Answer:**

A noble with a special title.

**Student Answer:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Correct** \_\_\_\_\_ **Incorrect**

**Inferential Question:**

Why might people want to attend a royal ball?

**Answer:**

To meet others and show their status.

**Student Answer:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Correct** \_\_\_\_\_ **Incorrect**

**Vocabulary Question:**

What does 'nobility' mean in this passage?

**Answer:**

People with special titles and roles.

**Student Answer:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Correct** \_\_\_\_\_ **Incorrect**

**Notes:**

**Scoring Guide**

**Text Level:** F&P GRL S    **Grade Level:** 4    **Word Count:** 120

**Total Words Read:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Errors:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WCPM:** (total words read — errors = WCPM) \_\_\_\_\_

**WCPM:** Below grade level    At grade level    Above grade level

**Prosody:** 1    2    3    4

**Comprehension:** \_\_\_\_\_ / 3 correct

# How to Administer the Fluency Passage Assessment

## Assess Oral Reading Fluency

- Give the student a copy of the passage. **Set a timer or stopwatch for 1 minute.**
- Ask the student to begin reading. As the student reads aloud, assess prosody and mark errors and self-corrections on the evaluation copy using the following guides.
- **Stop the student when one minute has passed.** Take note of the last word the student read.
- Score the passage on the evaluation copy according to the **Scoring Guide**. Use the following chart to compare grade level norms for words correctly read per minute.

Marking Conventions	
Attempted Word = Substitution Error	✓ = Accurate Word Reading
^ = Insertion Error	Attempted Word S/C = Self Correction
— = Omission Error	R = Repetition
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T = Intervention Error (telling student the word)	

Prosody Rubric	1	2	3	4
<b>Expression and Volume</b>	monotone or quiet	some expression	appropriate expression	varied, natural expression
<b>Phrasing</b>	word-by-word reading	some phrase groupings	generally smooth phrasing	natural, meaningful phrasing
<b>Smoothness</b>	frequent pauses, starts and stops	occasional breaks	mostly smooth reading	fluent and confident
<b>Pace</b>	too slow or too fast	uneven pace	generally appropriate pace	consistent, conversational pace

Grade Level Norms (WCPM) *							
Grade	Fall	Winter	Spring	Grade	Fall	Winter	Spring
<b>First</b>	0 - 10	10 - 50	30 - 90	<b>Fourth</b>	70 - 120	80 - 130	90 - 140
<b>Second</b>	30 - 80	50 - 100	70 - 130	<b>Fifth</b>	80 - 130	90 - 140	100 - 150
<b>Third</b>	50 - 110	70 - 120	80 - 140	<b>Sixth</b>	90 - 140	100 - 150	110 - 160

\* Rasinski Words Correct Per Minute Target Rates

## Fluency Builder: What Is Nobility?

### Passage Details

Grade Level: 4

Reading Level: F&P GRL S

Word Count: 120

### High-Frequency Words

area, best, easy, money, notice

### Suggestions for Use

Increase Exposure to High-Frequency Words

- Before reading, introduce the list of high-frequency words in the passage.
- Find the words in the passage. Highlight or underline the words.

Illustrate and Label Extension Activity

- Have students draw and label items mentioned in the passage.

Link to Writing or Discussion

- Encourage knowledge transfer and personal connection by asking:  
"Describe a special event you would like to attend."  
"Why do people wear their best clothes to important events?"

Use for Repeated Readings

Day 1: Teacher reads aloud, then echo read

Day 2: Partner reading

Day 3: One-minute fluency timing and WCPM tracking

Day 4: Performance reading (with expression!)