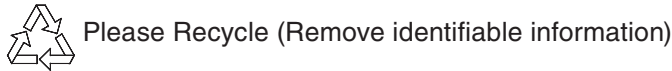


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GRADE  
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# Benchmark Assessment

## Fourth Grade Scoring Booklet



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ School Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_

		1 Beginning			2 Middle			3 End		
Date										
DORF (Circle the median score)	Passage	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
	Words Correct									
	Errors									
	Accuracy									
	Retell									
	Retell Quality									
Daze		Correct			Correct			Correct		
		Incorrect			Incorrect			Incorrect		
		Adjusted Score			Adjusted Score			Adjusted Score		

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DIBELS® Oral Reading Fluency

Directions

Make sure you have reviewed the directions in the *DIBELS Assessment Manual* and have them available.  
Say these specific directions to the student:

- *I would like you to read a story to me. Please do your best reading. If you do not know a word, I will read the word for you. Keep reading until I say “stop.” Be ready to tell me all about the story when you finish.* (Place the passage in front of the student.)
- Begin testing. *Put your finger under the first word* (point to the first word of the passage). *Ready, begin.*

Timing	1 minute. Start your stopwatch after the student says the first word of the passage. Place a bracket ( ] ) and say <b>Stop</b> after 1 minute.
Wait	If no response in 3 seconds, say the word and mark it as incorrect.
Discontinue	If no words are read correctly in the first line, say <b>Stop</b> , record a score of 0, and do not administer Retell. If fewer than 10 words are read correctly on passage #1, do not administer Retell or passages #2 and #3. If fewer than 40 words are read correctly on any passage, use professional judgment whether to administer Retell for that passage.
Reminders	If the student stops (not a hesitation on a specific item), say <b>Keep going</b> . (Repeat as often as needed.) If the student loses his/her place, point. (Repeat as often as needed.)

Notes:

3 DIBELS® Oral Reading Fluency  
Grade 4/Benchmark 3

General ORF Response Patterns for all three passages:

- ☐ Reads with appropriate phrasing, intonation/expression, and observed punctuation
- ☐ Self-corrects/monitors meaning
- ☐ Shows automaticity on re-read words
- ☐ Uses effective decoding strategies
- ☐ Errors preserve passage meaning
- ☐ Errors violate passage meaning
- ☐ Frequently omits words or letters
- ☐ Frequently adds words or letters
- ☐ Frequent errors on sight words (e.g., I, was, and, the, said, etc.)
- ☐ Frequent errors on phonetically regular words (e.g., cat, milk, etc.)
- ☐ Frequent errors on phonetically irregular words
- ☐ Skips lines
- ☐ Other

General Retell Response Patterns for all three passages:

- ☐ Summarizes
- ☐ Repeats the same detail
- ☐ Retells the passage verbatim
- ☐ “Speed reads” the passage (i.e., reads quickly with no phrasing or intonation) and has limited retell relative to number of words read
- ☐ Talks about own life related to passage
- ☐ Other

1 DIBELS® Oral Reading Fluency  
Grade 4/Benchmark 1.1

Total words: \_\_\_\_\_  
Errors (include skipped words): – \_\_\_\_\_  
Words correct: = \_\_\_\_\_

How to Make Dill Pickles

0	Would you like to make a tasty treat that’s fun to eat anytime? Try	14
14	making your own dill pickles!	19
19	Start by gathering the ingredients and kitchen equipment. For storing	29
29	the pickles, you will need a quart jar with a tightly fitting lid. For making	44
44	the pickle juice, you will need a deep saucepan and a measuring cup that	58
58	shows cups and ounces.	62
62	The main ingredients for this recipe are cucumbers and dill weed.	73
73	Both of these are easy to grow if you are lucky enough to have a	88
88	vegetable garden. If you don’t have a garden, you can find them in the	102
102	produce department at the grocery store. Two other produce items you	113
113	will need are fresh garlic and a small onion about the size of a golf ball.	129
129	You will also need salt and sugar to add flavor to the pickles. The liquids	144
144	you will use to fill the jar are water and white vinegar. The purpose of	159
159	the vinegar is to keep the cucumbers from spoiling. It will also add that	173
173	delicious sour taste that makes pickles fun to eat.	182
182	To make your pickles, slice five cucumbers lengthwise and stand the	193
193	slices in the quart jar. Next, create the juice that will flavor the pickles.	207
207	Pour nine ounces of water and five ounces of vinegar into the saucepan.	220
220	Peel the onion and one clove of garlic, and add them to the liquid. Then	235
235	put in two heads of dill weed. Add one fourth teaspoon of sugar and one	250
250	tablespoon of salt.	253
253	For the next step, ask an adult to help you. Heat the pickle juice over	268

1 DIBELS® Oral Reading Fluency  
Grade 4/Benchmark 1.1

How to Make Dill Pickles (continued)

268	medium high heat until it reaches a boil. Then pour it over the cucumbers	282
282	and put the lid on the jar. Let the pickles cool overnight before storing	296
296	them in the refrigerator. Your pickles will be ready to eat in about ten	310
310	days. Use them on burgers or sandwiches, or enjoy a pickle all by itself	324
324	for a cold, crunchy treat!	329

Notes:

3 DIBELS® Oral Reading Fluency  
Grade 4/Benchmark 3.3

Retell: A New Kind of Family

► Now tell me as much as you can about the story you just read. Ready, begin.

Timing	1-minute maximum. Start your stopwatch after telling the student to begin. Say <b>Stop</b> after 1 minute.
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Retell Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Quality of Response: (Note: If the student provides only a main idea, it is considered one detail.)

1 Provides 2 or fewer details

2 Provides 3 or more details

3 Provides 3 or more details in a meaningful sequence

4 Provides 3 or more details in a meaningful sequence that captures a main idea

3 DIBELS® Oral Reading Fluency  
Grade 4/Benchmark 3.3

A New Kind of Family (continued)

256	At the park, baby orphans are free to wander with the herd. But	269
269	they still have plenty of contact with their human family. As the young	282
282	elephants become more confident, they go into the wild more and more	294
294	often. Most eventually find a place with a wild herd.	304
304	Orphans who live in the wild often come back to visit. Many years	317
317	later, they still recognize and love the humans who raised them. The	329
329	keepers know that the old saying is true—an elephant truly never forgets!	342

Notes:

1 DIBELS® Oral Reading Fluency  
Grade 4/Benchmark 1.1

Retell: How to Make Dill Pickles

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Retell Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Quality of Response: (Note: If the student provides only a main idea, it is considered one detail.)

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Provides 2 or fewer details
- 2

Provides 3 or more details
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Provides 3 or more details in a meaningful sequence
- 4

Provides 3 or more details in a meaningful sequence that captures a main idea

1 DIBELS® Oral Reading Fluency  
Grade 4/Benchmark 1.2

► **Now read this story to me.**  
**Please do your best reading.**  
**Ready, begin.**

Total words: \_\_\_\_\_

Errors (include skipped words): – \_\_\_\_\_

Words correct: = \_\_\_\_\_

Water Skiing

0 This morning I attended my first day of water skiing lessons. We 12

12 began by putting on our skis on dry land. Kimberly, our instructor, 24

24 demonstrated how to adjust the ski bindings, the attachments that hold 35

35 the skis to your feet. She said that the bindings should be tight enough 49

49 to hold the feet securely but loose enough to come off instantly in a fall. 64

64 While still on dry land, I stood and gripped a rope while Kimberly gently 78

78 tugged on it. This was to give me an idea of what it would feel like to 95

95 be pulled by the boat. Kimberly also taught us to use hand signals. She 109

109 explained that a thumbs up meant “faster” and thumbs down meant 120

120 “slower.” We also learned to shout “Hit it” when we were ready to ski. 134

134 After reviewing the basics, Kimberly thought that we were ready for 145

145 our first attempt. We moved into the water and Kimberly instructed us to 158

158 get into position by putting our knees to our chests. She described how 171

171 the tips of the skis should be parallel to each other and should stick out 186

186 of the water. When it was my turn, Kimberly reminded me to lean back 200

200 and relax. I did my best, but I tumbled over and swallowed some water. I 215

215 laughed as I got myself back into position. Kimberly said I had done fine 229

229 for a first try. She suggested that I simply allow the boat to pull me out of 246

246 the water. This advice helped a lot. On my next attempt I stood up on my 262

262 skis. On my third attempt, I skied about twenty yards before I fell. 275

275 By the end of the afternoon, I could ski about a hundred yards 288

3 DIBELS® Oral Reading Fluency  
Grade 4/Benchmark 3.3

► **Now read this story to me.**  
**Please do your best reading.**  
**Ready, begin.**

Total words: \_\_\_\_\_

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A New Kind of Family

0 Baby elephants need help to survive. Like all babies, they need 11

11 protection. They also need a sense of love and belonging. A woman in 24

24 Kenya is trying to provide that kind of love and care for baby elephants 38

38 who have lost their families. She is giving orphaned elephants a new 50

50 kind of family. 53

53 The woman, Daphne Sheldrick, has created an elephant nursery. It 63

63 is a place to give a baby what it needs so it can return to the wild. The 81

81 keepers who work there become the elephant’s new family. They stay 92

92 with the baby at all times just as its elephant family would have. The 106

106 keepers make milk available to the orphan twenty-four hours a day. They 119

119 show it love and affection and never let it feel alone. Baby elephants are 133

133 so sensitive that missing someone can make them very ill. To prevent 145

145 that, the keepers make sure the baby doesn’t become attached to just one 158

158 person. Each night, a different worker sleeps with it. That way, the baby 171

171 feels secure no matter which workers are on duty. 180

180 Elephant orphans must learn to communicate by being with other 190

190 elephants. When the babies are a year old, they move to a nearby park. It 205

205 is a protected place where herds of older orphans live. They are slowly 218

218 getting ready to live in the wild. There, the baby orphans learn elephant 231

231 language and how to get along with a herd. It is easy for them to fit in 248

248 because older elephants naturally love all baby elephants. 256

3 DIBELS® Oral Reading Fluency  
Grade 4/Benchmark 3.2

Retell: Rainbows

► Now tell me as much as you can about the story you just read. Ready, begin.

Timing	1-minute maximum. Start your stopwatch after telling the student to begin. Say <b>Stop</b> after 1 minute.
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Retell Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Quality of Response: (Note: If the student provides only a main idea, it is considered one detail.)

1 Provides 2 or fewer details	3 Provides 3 or more details in a meaningful sequence
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1 DIBELS® Oral Reading Fluency  
Grade 4/Benchmark 1.2

Water Skiing (continued)

288	without falling. Even though I stayed directly behind the boat where the	300
300	water is the smoothest, I was thrilled by the excitement of learning to	313
313	water ski. I’m eager for tomorrow’s lesson, because I want to learn to	326
326	jump over waves. With Kimberly’s help, I’m sure I’ll be able to do it.	340

Notes:

1 DIBELS® Oral Reading Fluency  
Grade 4/Benchmark 1.2

Retell: Water Skiing

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Grade 4/Benchmark 3.2

Rainbows (continued)

265	by light that bounces twice inside the raindrops. Much more rare is the	278
278	fire rainbow. A fire rainbow is caused by a rainbow’s interaction with	290
290	cirrus clouds that creates a rainbow in the shape of fire. As you now	304
304	know, rainbows are much more complex than what we see!	314

Notes:



3 DIBELS® Oral Reading Fluency  
Grade 4/Benchmark 3.2

► *Now read this story to me.  
Please do your best reading.  
Ready, begin.*

Total words: \_\_\_\_\_

Errors (include skipped words): – \_\_\_\_\_

Words correct: = \_\_\_\_\_

Rainbows

0 Since long ago, people around the world have been amazed by the 12  
12 rainbow. This natural light show has inspired everything from movies to 23  
23 songs. A close look at the science behind the rainbow shows that there is 37  
37 more to the rainbow than what meets the eye. 46  
46 The first thing most people notice about a rainbow is the bright 58  
58 colors. These colors are created by the sun’s light passing through 69  
69 raindrops. Different colors reflect back at slightly different angles, 78  
78 splitting the light into the rainbow. What may surprise you is that the 91  
91 colors you see are not the only colors in a rainbow. Rainbows are 104  
104 actually made up of every color in the light spectrum, from red to violet. 118  
118 However, the human eye can only see a small number of these colors. 131  
131 Another interesting part of a rainbow is its arch. A rainbow is really 144  
144 a circle. Since the ground gets in the way, it looks like an arch. Actually, 159  
159 the arch that you see is formed by raindrops that are in just the right 174  
174 place to reflect the colors back to your eyes. A person standing next to 188  
188 you will see a rainbow formed by slightly different drops. We can only 201  
201 see a rainbow when the sun is low enough in the sky. This is why we do 218  
218 not see a rainbow every time it is sunny and raining. 229  
229 Rainbows can also be seen in other combinations of light and water. 241  
241 This includes waterfalls, dew-covered spider webs, and even light from 252  
252 the moon. There are also double rainbows, when a second arch is formed 265

1 DIBELS® Oral Reading Fluency  
Grade 4/Benchmark 1.3

► *Now read this story to me.  
Please do your best reading.  
Ready, begin.*

Total words: \_\_\_\_\_

Errors (include skipped words): – \_\_\_\_\_

Words correct: = \_\_\_\_\_

The Power of Magnets

0 Long ago, a shepherd stepped onto a large black rock and found he 13  
13 couldn’t move his feet or his walking staff. An invisible power held the 26  
26 nails in his shoes and the metal tip of his staff to the rock! He pulled his 43  
43 feet free and stepped away. Then he dug up the strange rock and showed 57  
57 it to his neighbors. The rock he had found was lodestone, a natural 70  
70 magnet. 71  
71 The Greeks started telling this story four thousand years ago. That 82  
82 was when people first learned that lodestone attracted anything that had 93  
93 iron in it. Soon stories about the power of the rock spread. Some said that 108  
108 a thin piece of the stone floating on water would always point north. That 122  
122 story was true, but others were not. Some people claimed that the rock 135  
135 could heal the sick. Many said that ships lost at sea were wrecked by 149  
149 islands made of lodestone. They said that by pulling on nails and other 162  
162 metal parts, the islands led ships off course and made them crash on the 176  
176 rocks. 177  
177 Many years later, people began to learn the facts about magnets. 188  
188 They found they could use electricity to create a magnetic effect. One 200  
200 early scientist even figured out that a compass points north because the 212  
212 Earth itself is a giant magnet. 218  
218 Today we know much more about magnets, and we use them in 230  
230 many ways. In medical machines, magnets let doctors look at bones 241

1 DIBELS® Oral Reading Fluency  
Grade 4/Benchmark 1.3

The Power of Magnets (continued)

241	and organs inside the human body. They help make doorbells ring, and	253
253	they help computers store information. They even help us learn about	264
264	space. The Rover, a small vehicle that rolled over the surface of Mars,	277
277	used magnets to collect dust for scientists to study. Now some inventors	289
289	are working on ways to use magnets to make robots move. Others think	302
302	magnetic fields can protect a spacecraft from the sun’s rays. Thousands	313
313	of years after the first magnet was found, we are still learning about the	327
327	power of magnets.	330

Notes:

3 DIBELS® Oral Reading Fluency  
Grade 4/Benchmark 3.1

Retell: A Wild Ride for Bella

► Now tell me as much as you can about the story you just read. Ready, begin.

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Retell:

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3 DIBELS® Oral Reading Fluency  
Grade 4/Benchmark 3.1

A Wild Ride for Bella (continued)

249	again.	250
250	Bella’s eyes were bright and she was breathing heavily after the	261
261	wild ride. “Martin, I think you were right. That was definitely the most	274
274	exciting ride I have ever had.” She grinned and said, “Now I want to go	289
289	back and ride those rapids again!”	295
295	Everyone laughed. They had all been thinking the exact same thing.	306

Notes:

1 DIBELS® Oral Reading Fluency  
Grade 4/Benchmark 1.3

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1 DIBELS® Oral Reading Fluency  
Grade 4/Benchmark 1

General ORF Response Patterns for all three passages:

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- ☐ Talks about own life related to passage
- ☐ Other

3 DIBELS® Oral Reading Fluency  
Grade 4/Benchmark 3.1

Total words: \_\_\_\_\_  
Errors (include skipped words): – \_\_\_\_\_  
Words correct: = \_\_\_\_\_

A Wild Ride for Bella

0	Bella fastened her life jacket and stepped into her aunt and uncle’s	12
12	big yellow raft. Her older brother, Martin, had claimed that river rafting	24
24	would be the most exciting thing Bella would ever do, but she was	37
37	skeptical.	38
38	“How could floating on the water be that exciting?” Bella thought	49
49	to herself. She thought maybe her brother was just trying to show off	62
62	because he’d been rafting so many times. This trip would be her first	75
75	time down the river.	79
79	Bella’s aunt and uncle sat in the back of the raft where they could	93
93	steer the boat best. Bella and Martin sat in the front and used their	107
107	paddles to help the raft move downstream. As they drifted down the calm	120
120	river, Bella said, “This is fun, but it seems pretty simple to me. It doesn’t	135
135	seem like the most exciting thing I’ve ever done.”	144
144	Just then, they heard a roaring sound up ahead and Bella felt her	157
157	heart pounding loudly. As they came around the bend, Bella saw white	169
169	water rushing and whirling between huge rocks.	176
176	“Draw left!” called her aunt. Bella and Martin immediately paddled	186
186	to the left as hard as they could. They managed to avoid colliding with	200
200	a big rock hidden under the churning water. They spun around in a	213
213	whirlpool and then slipped into a fast current. They raced along, dipping	225
225	and bouncing over the water. Sprays of water soaked their clothes.	236
236	Suddenly they reached the end of the rapids and floated into calm water	249

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- Begin testing. Put your finger under the first word (point to the first word of the passage). Ready, begin.

Timing	1 minute. Start your stopwatch after the student says the first word of the passage. Place a bracket ( ] ) and say Stop after 1 minute.
Wait	If no response in 3 seconds, say the word and mark it as incorrect.
Discontinue	If no words are read correctly in the first line, say Stop, record a score of 0, and do not administer Retell. If fewer than 10 words are read correctly on passage #1, do not administer Retell or passages #2 and #3. If fewer than 40 words are read correctly on any passage, use professional judgment whether to administer Retell for that passage.
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Errors (include skipped words): – \_\_\_\_\_  
Words correct: = \_\_\_\_\_

Your Nervous System

0 Every day you use your brain to think and to solve problems, but did 14  
14 you know that your brain is constantly doing jobs you never even think 27  
27 about? Your brain makes sense of everything your body experiences. It 38  
38 also directs everything your body does. The brain is part of your nervous 51  
51 system, which also contains your spinal cord and your nerves. This 62  
62 system allows messages to be sent back and forth between the brain and 75  
75 other parts of your body. 80  
80 Your brain is at the top of your nervous system. It is very soft, and 95  
95 is protected by the hard bones of your head. Connected to your brain is 109  
109 your spinal cord, a long bundle of nerve tissue. It threads through your 122  
122 spine and then branches out to connect to other nerves in your body. 135  
135 The nerve cells are shaped like long, thin threads. They line up end 148  
148 to end and extend from the spinal cord in your back to every part of your 164  
164 body. The nerve endings in your skin and organs are activated by touch 177  
177 and other sensations. The nerve endings pass the message to the next 189  
189 nerve in line. In a flash, the message is relayed from nerve to nerve until 204  
204 it reaches your brain. The message gives your brain information about 215  
215 what you are touching or sensing. The brain sends back a command 227  
227 telling your body what action to take. If the feeling is harmful, the brain 241  
241 may direct your hand to pull back. If dust blows into your eye, your brain 256  
256 gets the message and instantly directs your eye to blink. 266  
266 Different parts of the brain handle messages of different kinds. Some 277

General ORF Response Patterns for all three passages:

- ☐ Reads with appropriate phrasing, intonation/expression, and observed punctuation  
☐ Self-corrects/monitors meaning  
☐ Shows automaticity on re-read words  
☐ Uses effective decoding strategies  
☐ Errors preserve passage meaning  
☐ Errors violate passage meaning  
☐ Frequently omits words or letters  
☐ Frequently adds words or letters  
☐ Frequent errors on sight words (e.g., I, was, and, the, said, etc.)  
☐ Frequent errors on phonetically regular words (e.g., cat, milk, etc.)  
☐ Frequent errors on phonetically irregular words  
☐ Skips lines  
☐ Other

General Retell Response Patterns for all three passages:

- ☐ Summarizes  
☐ Repeats the same detail  
☐ Retells the passage verbatim  
☐ "Speed reads" the passage (i.e., reads quickly with no phrasing or intonation) and has limited retell relative to number of words read  
☐ Talks about own life related to passage  
☐ Other

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Retell: A Grand Old Clock

► Now tell me as much as you can about the story you just read. Ready, begin.

Table with 2 columns: Instruction/Label and Description. Rows include Timing (1-minute maximum), Wait/Reminder (instructions for student response), and Discontinue (instructions for off-track student).

Table with 26 columns and 4 rows of numbers, used for recording retell details.

Retell Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Quality of Response: (Note: If the student provides only a main idea, it is considered one detail.)

- 1 Provides 2 or fewer details
- 2 Provides 3 or more details
- 3 Provides 3 or more details in a meaningful sequence
- 4 Provides 3 or more details in a meaningful sequence that captures a main idea

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Grade 4/Benchmark 2.1

Your Nervous System (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Line Number, Text, and Line Number. Contains text from a story about the nervous system.

Notes:

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Grade 4/Benchmark 2.1

Retell: Your Nervous System

► Now tell me as much as you can about the story you just read. Ready, begin.

Table with 2 columns and 3 rows: Timing, Wait/Reminder, Discontinue.

Table with 4 rows and 25 columns: Numbered grid from 0 to 94.

Retell Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Quality of Response: (Note: If the student provides only a main idea, it is considered one detail.)

- 1 Provides 2 or fewer details
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Grade 4/Benchmark 2.3

A Grand Old Clock (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Text, Line number.

Notes:



2 DIBELS® Oral Reading Fluency  
Grade 4/Benchmark 2.3

► *Now read this story to me.  
Please do your best reading.  
Ready, begin.*

Total words: \_\_\_\_\_

Errors (include skipped words): – \_\_\_\_\_

Words correct: = \_\_\_\_\_

A Grand Old Clock

0 One summer morning, a team of rope climbers put on their gear and 13  
13 tackled an unusual assignment. They weren’t climbing a rocky cliff in 24  
24 the wilderness. They were in downtown London about to climb down the 36  
36 face of the giant clock known as Big Ben. 45  
45 Big Ben is one of the most famous landmarks in England. It is a 59  
59 clock tower on the building where English lawmakers meet. The clock 70  
70 has four faces, so the time can be seen from any direction, and each glass 85  
85 face is more than twenty feet across. The numbers on the clock are two 99  
99 feet tall, and the minute hand is as long as a car. The clock’s great bell is 116  
116 suspended high in the tower above the clock face. It weighs thirteen tons. 129  
129 The bell bongs every hour, and smaller bells chime every quarter hour. 141  
141 So who were the climbers on Big Ben’s face? They were members 153  
153 of a team that cleaned and repaired the clock inside and out. Engineers 166  
166 inspected all of the machinery that makes the hands of the clock move, 179  
179 as well as the parts that control the bell and chimes. Workers cleaned the 193  
193 works and replaced worn parts. They wanted the clock to be at its best 207  
207 for its birthday. Big Ben was about to turn one hundred and fifty years 221  
221 old. 222  
222 During the seven weeks it took to complete the project, the famous 234  
234 clock was stopped and did not chime. This was a rare event. Big Ben has 249  
249 chimed almost every hour since it was first built. It has only been stopped 263

2 DIBELS® Oral Reading Fluency  
Grade 4/Benchmark 2.2

► *Now read this story to me.  
Please do your best reading.  
Ready, begin.*

Total words: \_\_\_\_\_

Errors (include skipped words): – \_\_\_\_\_

Words correct: = \_\_\_\_\_

The Story Tree

0 When you have a lot of relatives you’ve never met, it’s hard to keep 14  
14 them all straight. At least, that’s how it seemed to Joseph as he listened 28  
28 to his grandfather’s stories. The stories were about Joseph’s ancestors 38  
38 from long ago. Many had come to America from Eastern Europe. Some 50  
50 had sailed on the Mayflower! Others faced dangers as they went west in 63  
63 covered wagons. Even though their names were unfamiliar, Joseph loved 73  
73 hearing about their adventures. 77  
77 One day, Joseph decided to record the names of the people in the 90  
90 stories. Each time Grandpa mentioned a relative, he wrote the name on 102  
102 an index card. If Grandpa knew when the person was born or died, he 116  
116 recorded that, too. On the back, he added interesting details from the 128  
128 person’s life. 130  
130 “You know, we could lay out those cards so you could see how all 144  
144 these people are connected,” suggested Grandpa. He helped Joseph 153  
153 match cards that named husbands and wives or brothers and sisters. 164  
164 Soon, there were clusters of cards scattered everywhere. It seemed very 175  
175 complicated, and it was clear that Joseph felt more confused than ever! 187  
187 Grandpa laughed. “Maybe you should make a card for yourself and 198  
198 arrange the rest to show how everyone is related to you,” he said. 211  
211 “That’s a great idea!” said Joseph. “I’ll lay out the cards to show our 225  
225 family tree.” 227

2 DIBELS® Oral Reading Fluency
Grade 4/Benchmark 2.2

The Story Tree (continued)

227 First Joseph made a card with his own personal information. Then 238
238 he rolled out a long piece of brown wrapping paper and drew a tree trunk 253
253 and branches. He placed his card on the trunk and tried to connect his 267
267 card to the rest. Right away, he saw that he needed to make cards for his 283
283 mom and dad to put on the lowest limbs of the tree. Each row of cards 299
299 above those would represent an earlier generation. With Grandpa’s help, 309
309 Joseph soon found the right location for each of his cards. 320
320 “It’s like looking at a giant story,” said Joseph as he stood back 333
333 admiring his tree. 336
336 “That’s exactly what it is,” said Grandpa. “This tree is the story of 349
349 you!” 350

Notes:

2 DIBELS® Oral Reading Fluency
Grade 4/Benchmark 2.2

Retell: The Story Tree

► Now tell me as much as you can about the story you just read. Ready, begin.

Table with 2 columns and 3 rows: Timing, Wait/Reminder, Discontinue.

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