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Source: "City Magic," by Laura Schenone and Pat Garbarini, in Elizabeth Sulzby and others, *Just the Thing* (New York: McGraw-Hill School Division, 1989), pp. 178-179.

[Note: Do not count as a miscue mispronunciation of the word Grandma. You may pronounce this word for the student if needed.]

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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| ___ main idea | 1. What is this story about?
(A girl wants a pet, but her grandmother suggests growing flowers.) |
| ___ inference | 2. How does the girl who is telling the story feel about pets?
(She wants one very much; she would like one.) |
| ___ detail | 3. What kind of pet does her dad say she can buy? (fish) |
| ___ cause and effect/
inference | 4. What probably caused him to suggest fish for her pets?
(They are small and would fit well in her small room; they are small.) |
| ___ detail | 5. What does her brother have for his pets? (four fish; fish) |
| ___ detail | 6. Why doesn't the girl want fish?
(She wants something different; she wants something of her own.)
[Accept either statement as correct.] |
| ___ vocabulary | 7. What does the word "different" mean?
(not the same; not like something else) |
| ___ sequence | 8. What did the girl's grandmother tell her after she showed her the
flowers?
(She would help her grow flowers of her own; flowers are not the same
as a pet, but they can bring magic to a city home.)
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SCORING AID

Word Recognition

%-Miscues

99-1

95-5

90-11

85-16

Comprehension

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100-0

87.5-1

75-2

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106 Words

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108 Words

(for Rate)

WPM

6480

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Beatrice liked to skate.

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The children laughed.

Beatrice thought about the time she had skated in her house.

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[Note: Do not count as miscues mispronunciation of the names Beatrice, Alfred Mouse, and Henry. You may pronounce these names for the student if needed.]

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| ___ main idea | 1. What is this story about? (Beatrice gets interested in reading; Beatrice wants to read; Beatrice wants to read [or reads] about Alfred Mouse.) |
| ___ inference | 2. Was Beatrice interested in the story about Alfred Mouse when the woman first started to read it? (no)
What did the story say that made you believe that?
(She was looking out the window.) |
| ___ vocabulary | 3. What are skates?
(shoes that have wheels on them, or wheels that you put on your shoes) |
| ___ inference | 4. What part of the story made Beatrice want to listen to the woman read?
(the part about skating) |
| ___ sequence | 5. What did the children do just after the woman read that Alfred's mother didn't like it when he skated in the house? (They laughed.) |
| ___ cause and effect/
inference | 6. What finally caused Beatrice to laugh?
(She thought about the time she had skated in her house.) |
| ___ sequence | 7. What did Beatrice do first after the story that the woman read was over?
(She asked the woman if she could see the book.) |
| ___ detail | 8. What did Henry say to Beatrice when he came to get her?
(“Time to go.”) |