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Dad will like that."

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Paco went in the yard.

He looked at all the things there.

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Source: "A Gift from Paco," by Gary Bargar, in Leo Fay and others, *Dive In* (Chicago: The Riverside Publishing Company, 1989), pp. 61-63.

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

### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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| ___ main idea                      | 1. What is this story about? (Paco is looking for a nice gift for Dad.)   |
| ___ cause and effect/<br>inference | 2. Why didn't Paco smile?<br>(He was unhappy that he did not have a nice gift for his dad.)   |
| ___ vocabulary                     | 3. What is a gift? (a present; something that you give to someone)  |
| ___ detail                         | 4. What kind of gift did Paco's mom tell him was nice? (a small gift)   |
| ___ sequence                       | 5. What did Paco ask after his mother suggested that he make a small gift?<br>(What can I make?)  |
| ___ inference                      | 6. Did Paco want to make his gift? (no)<br>What happened in the story that made you believe that?<br>(He kept looking for things to give that he did not have to make.) |
| ___ detail                         | 7. Where did Paco go to look for a gift? (in the yard)  |
| ___ detail                         | 8. What were the two things that Paco did not think his dad would like?<br>(rocks and play people)  |

### SCORING AID

#### Word Recognition

##### %-Miscues

99-2

95-7

90-13

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#### Comprehension

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100-0

87.5-1

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**132 Words**  
(for Word Recognition)

**137 Words**  
(for Rate)

**WPM**

**8220**

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I was with Pam. We were playing.

I made a mistake. I'm sorry. But it's too late.

Now I can't play with Pam. She can't come over.

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| ___ main idea                      | 1. What is this story about? (A girl makes a mistake; a girl disobeys her mother.)  |
| ___ sequence                       | 2. What was the first thing that happened in the story? (The girl's mother told her not to leave the yard.)                 |
| ___ cause and effect/<br>inference | 3. Why did the girl leave the yard? (She wanted to play with Pam; Pam asked the girl to come with her.)                     |
| ___ sequence                       | 4. What happened when the girl's mother called her? (She didn't hear.)  |
| ___ detail                         | 5. How did the girl feel about what she had done? (She was sorry.)  |
| ___ vocabulary                     | 6. What is a mistake? (an error; something that a person does that is wrong)  |
| ___ inference                      | 7. What was the girl's punishment? (She can't play with Pam, and Pam can't come over.)                                      |
| ___ cause and effect/<br>inference | 8. What caused the girl to decide to follow rules? (She wanted her mother to change her mind; she wanted to see Pam again.) |

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#### 94 Words

(for Rate)

#### WPM

5640