

Reading Fluency Intervention Passages (Grade 2)

Student Forms

1) Tom

Tom liked going to the playground with his friends. There were slides, swings and sand to do some digging. He liked swinging the best of all. But he did not like the big slide. It was scary to think of climbing up that high. Then the only way down was the slippery slide. He thought he would fall or get hurt.

All his friends told him that the slide was safe. They said it was so much fun too. They said he should stop being scared and try it. Tom asked if they ever fell off or got scared. They said no and that it was fun to zoom down. His friends seemed to be okay with it. He decided maybe it was time to try.

The next day at the playground, Tom told all his friends. He was finally going to try the big slide. He started to climb up to the top of it. When he got there he was very scared. He closed his eyes, held his breath and slid down. He made it all the way down and was safe. His friends cheered for him and he ran to go again.

Now he knew that there was nothing to be afraid of. He wished he had not spent so much time being scared. Tom thought that the slide was a lot of fun. Now he could go down the slide anytime.

2) Jess and Chuck

Jess was scared to dive into the water. Her swimming teacher said diving was fun. It was like jumping into the water, but a little different. To dive you needed to jump where the water was deep. You needed to bend your legs and tuck your head down. Jess wanted to learn how to dive without being scared.

She watched the other kids take their turns. One boy named Chuck was very good at it. He did not look scared at all. He bent his knees and put his head down. When he dove, there was not a big splash. There were only a few little circles on the water's surface.

When Chuck got out of the pool Jess said hello. She told him she liked the way he could dive. Jess also told him that she was scared to try it. He asked what she was afraid of. She said she did not want water in her nose. He said he had been afraid of that too. He said if she relaxed, she would be fine.

The swimming teacher and Chuck helped Jess. The teacher showed her how to bend her knees. Chuck taught her how to hold her hands together. When the two of them helped her, Jess was not scared. She knew she would do her best. She finally dove into the pool and it was easy. When she got out Chuck and her teacher clapped.

3) Cam

Cam wanted to get a new bike. He always rode his bike to and from school. After school he loved to ride around his neighborhood with friends. But lately, he was having less fun on his old bike. It was too small and had a crooked tire. It also had a broken handle bar. Cam had to decide what kind of bike he needed.

The next day he stopped at a bike store. In the window was a shiny blue bike. Cam knew that it was the perfect bike for him. He raced home to tell his Dad about it. At home his Dad said it sounded like a good choice. They decided to go back to the store that night.

Later, at the bike store, they talked to the salesman. Cam's dad asked to see the blue bike. Cam was very excited and hoped his dad liked it too. Then he saw how much the bike cost. Cam did not have enough money to buy it. He asked his dad to get it, but he said no. He said they would plan how to buy the new bike.

Cam was disappointed that he could not get it that day. His dad told him not to worry. They would figure how to split the cost of the bike. When they saved enough money, they would go back. Cam realized he was going to get a new bike soon. He hoped it would not take too long.

4) Bill

Bill and his friends liked to play baseball in his backyard. They played every day after school. One day Bill hit the ball really hard. It flew over the fence and landed in the neighbor's yard. Without their ball, the friends could not play the game anymore. They decided they had to get the ball back.

This neighbor had a big, scary, mean dog. Everyone knew it was scary because of its loud bark. All the kids at school were afraid of it. Bill knew that the dog would be in the yard. That meant he could not climb over the fence. He had to think of another plan to get the ball.

Bill went to the neighbor's front door and rang the doorbell. He was a little scared about what would happen. He was afraid that the dog might be inside. Maybe the owner would be big and mean like the dog. Soon, a lady with red hair opened the front door. She asked what he wanted and Bill told her about the ball. The lady told Bill that he could get the ball.

She watched as Bill opened the gate to the backyard. He saw the dog and was sure it would bite him. Instead, it wagged its tail and licked Bill's face! The dog was not mean at all. Bill happily picked up his baseball ran back to his yard. He could not wait to tell his friends about his adventure.

5) Jax

It was fall and Jax loved picking apples. One tree in the woods grew lots of them. He passed the tree on his way home from school. Now that it was colder outside, the apples were ripe. Big red apples were on the ground by the tree. When Jax returned from school, he brought some in his backpack.

His family loved the apples, but Jax brought home too many. The kitchen was filled with apples. The crates on the porch were full of them. There were even apples in Jax's bedroom! But he kept bringing them home. He did not want them to go to waste.

One day his mom said that there were too many apples. She did not know what to do with all of them. Jax did not know what to do with them either. He could eat one apple a day but not twenty! Then his mom had an idea for using the apples. She said they could bake them into pies. There were so many apples, baking would take a whole day!

Jax helped his mom make the pies. He washed the apples and helped her make the pie crust. By the time they were finished, there were twenty pies! His mom said they could keep one pie for themselves. They would give the rest away to all their neighbors. Jax and his mom took the pies to their happy friends. Everyone was excited to share the apples he had gathered.

6) Greg

Greg had a special green ball that could bounce very high. He liked bouncing it outside because he would not break anything. One day he bounced it as high as he could. It went so high that it never came back down. He thought it got stuck somewhere in the clouds. Greg was very sad he had lost it.

He decided to go up into the clouds to find it. But he needed a ladder to get up to the clouds. Greg decided to get his dad's biggest ladder. He went to the garage and found the tallest one. But it was too big for him to move. He decided to ask his dad for help. His dad said he would climb into the clouds for Greg.

They headed to the garage and dad easily lifted the ladder. Then he asked Greg to show him where the ball went. Greg pointed to the spot in the clouds. Then his dad climbed very high onto the ladder. But he did not reach for the clouds. Instead, he reached out for the roof. Soon, the green ball bounced down from above.

It had been on top of the roof all along. It was not in the clouds at all. His dad climbed down and put the ladder away. He told Greg that balls usually cannot go into clouds. Greg was happy to know this. Now his green ball would never be too far away.

7) Matt

It was the day before Matt's birthday and he was excited. Number one on his birthday list was a puppy. He went with his dad to get groceries that afternoon. When they walked by the pet store, a puppy barked. Matt asked his dad if he could go in. Matt asked if he could have it for his birthday. His dad said he had to wait and see.

The next morning, Matt turned seven years old. Downstairs, there was a box in the middle of the floor. Matt ran over, lifted the box, and saw a fish bowl. Matt was disappointed that it was not a puppy. A fish could not bark at him. He could not take a fish for a walk.

Matt decided to take the fish upstairs to his room. He wondered if it could do any tricks. He tried to pet it, but the fish swam away. The fish squeaked for Matt to be careful. She said she was a fish, not a dog! To Matt's surprise, it was a talking fish! Matt said he was sorry and gave her some fish food.

Everyday, Matt came home and told the fish about his day. Then he took her outside in her bowl for a walk. As a joke, sometimes she barked at him. Very soon Matt and the fish were good friends. Matt was happy he had gotten a fish for his birthday.

8) Rich and Hank

When my dad was a kid, he used to race turtles. I told my friends about it. My friends and I decided to have our own turtle race. John was in charge of building a racetrack out of sticks. Kate said she would borrow a stopwatch from her sister. I was in charge of training my pet turtle, Rich.

Rich would race against a turtle named Hank. Hank looked very tough, with a scar over his eye. Rich was only a year old. Most of the time, he liked to nap in the sun. He was a good turtle, but sometimes he was lazy. He would have to train for many hours to beat Hank.

On the first day of training, I got all my supplies. My dad said turtles need lots of food to be strong. So I got a piece of lettuce for Rich. Next, I found a whistle in my room. Every great coach had a whistle. Finally, I went and got Rich from his tank. I blew my whistle and told him he was a winner.

Rich and I trained for three days. On the fourth day, we had the race in my backyard. John had built a good track and Kate brought a trophy. At the starting line, we let the turtles go. We wondered who would be the winner. Hank and Rich were more interested in eating grass, though. Maybe we should have had a food-eating contest.

9) Jake

One day Jake was playing when he saw a big bug. It was crawling slowly up the wall. He was very scared and he moved far away from it. He thought that the bug might hurt him. He was so scared that he did not want to move.

Jake wanted to make the bug go away. He realized he would not be okay until it was gone. He thought he might be able to push the bug away. But Jake did not want to touch it. Then he thought about smashing it with a toy. But he did not want to break any of his toys.

Finally he decided to ask his friends for help. They came and looked at the bug. They agreed it was a scary bug. They thought about what to do. One friend wanted to use his shoe to smash it.

Another friend wanted to take the bug and put it outside. They decided that taking it outside was the best idea.

After trying a few times, they finally caught the bug. They put it in a cup and took it outside. Once they were outside, they let the bug go. The bug crawled away slowly in the grass. When the bug got to a tree it started to climb. Jake was glad the bug was gone. The friends decided to look for more bugs outside.

10) Harry

Harry the bear was famous in the forest where he lived. Every day after breakfast, he posed for pictures and signed autographs. He wrote letters to his fans. But Harry was ready for a vacation. His hand hurt from signing his name. His eyes hurt from all the camera flashes. He was ready to leave the forest.

He wondered where he should go. Harry asked the forest animals for their help. First, he asked the wise owl. The owl told him he should fly to the ocean. Harry said there were two problems with that idea. One, he did not have wings to fly. Two, he did not want to get sunburned on the beach.

Next, he went to the lake and found a frog. He asked the frog where he should go. The frog hopped up and down. He told Harry to come swim in the lake. Harry stuck his big toe into the water. The lake was so cold, and he shook his head no. Besides, he did not know how to swim.

Harry felt sad he had not found a good vacation place. He walked and walked until he stopped by a big tree. At the bottom of the tree was a blue door. Inside, a pie and Harry's favorite book were on the table. He realized this was his house. Yes, there was his nice soft bed and blanket. Everything was just right, so Harry took his vacation at home.

11) Lisa

It was the perfect day for a trip to the beach. It was a very hot day in the middle of summer. At home, Lisa and her family put on their bathing suits. They packed a picnic basket full of sandwiches and soda. They packed a soccer ball, beach towels, and playing cards. When everyone was ready they loaded up the car. Then they started to drive to the beach.

Her father used a map to find his way. It was his first time driving to the beach. Lisa was very eager to get to the ocean. She thought about all the things she would do. She wanted to swim and play soccer. She wanted to build a sand castle. She hoped they would get to the beach quickly.

Then something went wrong with the trip. Lisa's father said they must have missed a turn. He did not know where they were. He stopped the car in a gas station parking lot. He got out of the car. A man was telling him how to get to the beach. Lisa hoped they would find their way soon.

Finally, her father came back to the car. Now he knew the right way to drive to the beach. He told Lisa they were very close. Soon, Lisa and her family were at the beach. They stayed until the sun began to go down. Lisa got to do all the fun things she had planned.

12) Joe

Joe wanted to get a cat. He told his parents, but they did not like the idea. They told him that cats take a lot of work. He needed to show that he could take care of one. He thought for awhile and finally came up with an idea. He would show that he could take care of a cat.

He had a stuffed animal cat named Mittens. He planned to act like Mittens was real. He put food and water bowls on the kitchen floor. Then he pretended that Mittens ate and drank from the bowls. He checked the food and water every day. He even pretended to add more. Joe spent time playing with Mittens and brushing her fur.

His parents saw that Joe was ready for a real cat. So one day they drove to the animal shelter. They let him pick out a cat to take home. Joe saw all kinds of cats at the shelter. There were big orange cats, and small black ones. There were cats with brown and white spots. Some cats were meowing and others were playing with toys.

Joe saw a tiny white cat sitting in a corner. He picked up the little cat and petted her fur. The little cat started purring, which showed that she was happy. He knew that this was the cat he wanted. He named the little white cat Snowflake. Joe knew that he and Snowflake would be best friends.

13) Jenny and Grace

Jenny's family had a cabin near a lake. She liked to go fishing when they stayed at the cabin. Her friend Grace had never gone fishing before. But she wanted to try to catch a fish. Jenny invited Grace to come to the lake. The next day, Jenny's parents drove them to the cabin. Grace was excited about catching her first fish.

Before fishing, the girls had to get ready for the event. They each got a fishing pole and a bucket of worms. The worms squirmed as they walked down to the lake. When they arrived, Jenny showed Grace how to use the pole. They put hooks on the lines and Jenny added the worms. The worm was for the fish to bite. When the girls were ready, they went to the water.

Grace thought that a fish would bite right away. However, a long time passed without any fish biting the worms. Jenny told her that sometimes it takes all day. The two girls waited, and sometimes they checked their hooks. They did not want the worms to fall off. Then Grace felt something pull on her line. She thought it might be a fish.

Jenny showed Grace how to pull on the fishing line. Grace kept pulling and pulling on the line. Then she saw her hook, but there was no fish! It was a stick that had gotten stuck on the hook. Grace was sad that she had not caught a fish. But she knew she would keep trying.

14) Max

One day Max spilled glue on the floor in his room. It made a really big mess. He did not think he could clean it up by himself. He was scared that his mom and dad would see it. If they saw it, they might be upset with him. He already spilled paint in the garage last week. He did not want to get in trouble again.

Max decided to hide from his parents. He went into a little closet and shut the door. He thought they would never be able to find him there. The closet was dark and he did not like being there. But he did not want to be in trouble either. He decided to wait and see what happened.

Soon his parents came looking for him. From inside the closet Max could hear them talking. They were saying how much they missed him. They were saying that it was okay to spill things sometimes. After hearing his parents kind voices he decided to stop hiding. He opened the door and went to find them.

His mom and dad were happy to see him. They smiled and laughed and gave him hugs. Max told them about the big mess he had made. He told them about how he got scared. He said he could not clean up the mess all alone. His parents said that they would help him clean the mess. Soon the mess was gone and Max was on another adventure.

15) Walking

My friend told me she knew about a special place. Her mom told her about it. She said this place was full of beautiful things to see. I asked her to tell me more about the special place. She said you never get bored there. And you never stop having fun. She said this special place was not far away at all.

We decided to find it and began walking around the neighborhood. We walked past a pond and a bunch of pretty trees. We could see colorful birds in the trees. And the pond looked good for swimming. I thought this might be the special place. But my friend did not think so.

We kept walking and soon came to a park. The park was full of people playing and having fun. We went to join them for a while. I thought for sure this must be the special place. My friend said that this was not the special place either. So we kept walking and trying to find it.

Soon we got tired of walking. We did not find the special place, but we had fun. We saw many beautiful things and were never bored. We decided to turn around and walk home. When we got home we played together and had more fun. Then we remembered that the special place was not far away. We realized that the special place was with a friend.

16) Mom

Every morning there are so many things for me to do. It often takes me a long time to finish it all. Mom gets mad because she does not like to be late. But I cannot help it. It is hard to remember everything I have to do.

Then one day I had a great idea. I would make a list to hang on my wall. That list would help me be faster in the morning. It would tell me everything I had to get done. When I finished something I could check it off my list. The next day I could erase the checks and start over. I told my mom and she liked my idea.

So that afternoon, I worked on my morning task list. I wrote down everything I had to do in the mornings. First, I had to wake up and get dressed. Then I had to brush my teeth and comb my hair. Last, I had to eat breakfast and pack my school bag. When I finished, I decorated the list so it looked nice.

The next morning everything went great. With my list on the wall, I did not forget anything. I finished everything so quickly, too. I was even ready to leave for school before my mom. She was so proud of me. She promised to take me for ice cream after school. I think this list is the best idea I ever had.

17) Kara

Kara loved to chew bubble gum. One time, she even won a bubble gum chewing contest. Another time, she chewed a piece of gum for seven hours. It was a new school record. Every night, Kara took the gum out of her mouth. She did not want to swallow it when she was sleeping.

One night, Kara fell asleep quickly and forgot about the gum. When she woke up, she found it in her hair. She showed her mother and they tried to pull it out. It was too sticky, so they rubbed ice on the gum. The ice hardened the gum, but it stayed in her hair. Then, Kara washed her hair, but the gum was still there.

She did not know what else to do. Her mother told her that she had to cut Kara's hair. That was the only way to get it out. Kara was sad because she loved her long hair. Now her hair would have to be short. She took a deep breath and closed her eyes. Her mother began to cut her hair.

Kara was nervous about her new haircut. She looked in the mirror when her mother was finished. She was surprised because she looked very different. She loved the new haircut, and she thought she looked pretty. When Kara went to school, her friends liked her hair, too. She decided that she would keep her hair short. She also decided not to chew gum in bed again.

18) Ann

Ann liked to explore the forest next to her house. She climbed trees and built forts out of fallen branches. Sometimes Ann went into the forest and explored until dinner time. Her favorite thing in the forest was a giant oak tree. The tree was very tall and full of branches. She liked to climb as high as she could go.

One day, Ann had an idea. She wanted to build a tree house in the oak tree. Ann took her father and showed him the tree. She asked if he could build a tree house in it. Ann's father said yes if she would help him. This made Ann very happy and she gave him a hug.

Her father took his tool box to the big tree. He used new wooden boards to build a floor. He also made four walls and a roof for the top. Ann helped her father measure and cut the wood. Then her father nailed the floor to branches of the tree. He even made a new ladder for Ann to climb up. Ann and her father were very careful as they worked.

Ann and her father worked very hard for many days. It was a lot of work to build a tree house. When it was finished Ann painted a sign for the door. The sign said "Welcome to Ann's tree house." Ann climbed up the ladder and explored the new tree house. Now, Ann can do lots of things in the tree house. She likes to read books and draw pictures.

19) Lola

Lola had two favorite hobbies when she had free time after school. One of them was arts and crafts. The other was playing with dolls. There was a new doll coming out in the toy store. It was just what Lola wanted. The doll looked like her and it had black hair. It also came with some doll clothes.

One day, her mother took her to the toy store. Lola saw the doll and asked her mother to buy it. Her mother looked at the price of the doll. She told Lola that the doll was too expensive to buy. Lola was very sad because she wanted the doll. She had never wanted anything more than this doll.

The two of them left the toy store. Her mother saw Lola was sad and had an idea. She took her to the arts and crafts store. She told Lola that she could make her own doll. Lola could use the fabric and buttons at the store. She could make a better doll than the one for sale. This doll would be special because Lola made it herself.

Lola picked out the materials for the doll. She started making it the next day. She made the body out of a colorful fabric. Her mother helped her sew it together. They stuffed it with beans to make it soft. Lola made three dresses from the fabric she picked. Now she had her very own doll.

20) Tim

Tim enjoyed going to school very much. He loved to learn new things. There was just one little problem. Tim could not see what his teacher wrote on the board. He tried sitting closer to the front of the room. But that still did not help. No matter what he did, he could not read the board.

One day, his teacher saw he was having trouble. She asked if he had been to the eye doctor. Tim said no, his parents had never taken him. His teacher said she would talk to them that night. Tim was glad because the doctor might help him see better. However, he was also a little bit worried. What if he needed glasses and they made him look different?

The next day, his mom took him to an eye doctor. The doctor asked Tim to look at all kinds of charts. Tim told him about the pictures and letters he saw there. Some of the things were easy to see. Other things were very difficult to see. Later, the doctor said it was time to choose some glasses.

He was still worried about how he would look with glasses. But then he saw how many different kinds there were. This made him feel so much better. Tim found a pair that he really liked. The next day, he wore his new glasses to school. To his surprise, all of his classmates loved his new glasses. Plus, he could see everything the teacher wrote on the board.

21) Holly

It was close to Halloween time at school. Holly's class was going to have a big party that day. There was one important rule for the party. Each student had to make his or her own costume. Holly wanted to dress up as a black cat. So, she started looking around her house for ideas.

The fur part of the cat was easy to make. Holly had a black outfit with sweater, pants, socks and gloves. Holly even found a way to make a black fuzzy tail. She used an old pair of black tights. She stuffed one leg of the tights full of black socks. That was the tail part of the costume. Then she tied the other, empty leg around her waist.

Next, Holly found some black paper. She cut out two small pieces of paper to be ears. Holly stuck them onto a black headband with some tape. Now she could wear the ears on her head. Holly also cut paper claws for her hands and feet. She pinned some to the finger parts of her gloves. The rest went on the toes of her socks.

The last things that Holly needed were a nose and whiskers. With black face paint, Holly painted her nose black. She drew thin lines on her cheeks for the whiskers. It was hard for Holly to draw on her own face. When she made a mistake, she just washed it off. When her whiskers were finished, Holly was ready for the party.

22) Pat

Pat loved riding his blue and gold bicycle. He would ride it everywhere. He also enjoyed flying his kite at the park. He loved watching the kite bob up and down. It was a windy day, which was good for flying kites. Pat rode his bike to a park. He left it against a tree and went to the field.

After an hour he was tired and ready to go home. He walked back to the tree, but his bike was gone! Pat looked around it to make sure it was really gone. The bike was not there, and he was upset. He wondered if someone stole his bike. He looked around for other people who might have seen something. There was no one around to ask.

Pat decided to call the police after he walked home. He described his bike to the police officer. They said they would call him if it was found. Pat waited by his phone for news. He hoped that he would be lucky and get it back. A week passed by, but nothing happened. Another week passed, and he realized the bike was gone.

Weeks later, Pat decided to get a new bike. He was about to go shopping when the phone rang. The police had found the person who stole his bike. The police also had his bike at the station. Pat was so happy he ran to the station right away.

23) Kitten

Late one night, I heard a scratching at my window. I was in my bed under my covers. I was scared because it was dark in my bedroom. I tried to fall back asleep but I heard it again. I called for my mom but she did not hear me. I decided to find out what it was. I went to the window but did not see anything.

I decided to open it up. But when I opened the window, there was nothing there. I thought it must have been a tree branch. There was a big tree next to my house. But then I heard a loud meow. A tiny orange kitten walked by my window. It licked my hand then it jumped into my room.

The kitten was really hungry and would not stop crying. It needed someone to take care of it. So I snuck downstairs and got it some tuna. The kitten was so happy it started purring. I hid it in my room and kept feeding it tuna. The next morning, my mom said my room smelled fishy.

That afternoon, my mom was sitting on my bed. She was petting the orange kitten. She had heard it scratching and came into my room. She asked why I did not tell her about it. I said because I was worried she would give it away. Mom said I should always tell her what is going on. I promised I would and she let me keep it.