

Reading Fluency Intervention Passages (Grade 3)

Student Forms

1) Ella

The kitchen at Ella's house had a big window. Ella liked watching the birds eat from the feeder outside. One day, there was a crash at the window. On the grass below the window was a red bird! It was not moving because one of its wings was broken. The little bird must have hit the window and gotten hurt.

Ella wanted to take care of the hurt bird. She knew that it would need a safe place to heal. She put an old towel in a small box. Then she set the bird on the towel. The box would keep the little bird safe. The towel was soft for it to lie on. Carefully, Ella carried the little bird inside the house.

The bird also needed something to eat and drink. So Ella went outside and got some seeds from the feeder. She also got a little cup of water. Ella put the food and water in the box. The bird would get hungry and thirsty. This way it would have what it needed.

A few days later, the bird's wing looked strong again. Ella carried the box to a place in the sun. For a while, Ella watched the little bird. Slowly, the bird began to move one wing. Then it moved its other wing. A minute later, the little bird flew away. Ella was glad that she helped the bird get better.

2) Jody

Jody wanted to feed ducks because they were her favorite animals. One time she saw children feeding bread to ducks at a pond. The ducks came close when the children threw bread to them. Maybe ducks would come close to her if she fed them. She went into the kitchen to find some bread. There was a whole loaf on the counter. She picked it up and went into her backyard.

Jody remembered that the children broke the bread into little pieces. She broke her bread and threw the pieces into the grass. Then she waited for the ducks to come. Jody waited for hours, but no ducks came into the yard. She was sad that her plan had not worked.

Her dad came home from work and walked into the yard. He was surprised to see all the bread in the grass. Jody told him that she hoped some ducks would come by. Her Dad told her that ducks lived near the water. She told her Dad how ducks came close to other children. That is why she wanted to feed them herself. Her Dad told her they would go find some ducks.

After dinner, Dad and Jody took some bread to a park. There was a pond where lots of ducks were swimming. The two ran down to edge of the water. They found a big tree and sat under it. They threw pieces of bread into the water nearby. Many ducks came over to eat, and Jody was happy.

3) Nash

Nash wanted to buy his mother a birthday gift. He knew she loved pretty rings and necklaces that sparkled. He decided to get her a new necklace for her birthday. But Nash did not have a lot of money. He knew that buying it would be expensive. He wondered how he would get enough money for the gift.

First, he looked in his piggy bank. He wanted to see how much money he had. Nash counted and saw that he had twenty dollars. That was a lot, but not enough for the necklace. He thought about how to get more money. But then he got a better idea. He was going to make a necklace for his mother instead.

Nash went to the store to buy what he needed. He used the money from his piggy bank. First, he bought different colored beads. Then, he bought string to hold the beads together. Last, he bought a wooden box for the necklace. Nash wanted to paint the necklace box. At home he had red and yellow paints to use.

He went home and made the necklace for his mother. First, he cut the string and put on the beads. After that, he painted yellow and red flowers on the box. Finally, Nash made a bow and tied it around the box. The next day, Nash gave his mother the necklace. His mother loved the necklace. She said that she would wear it every day.

4) Anna

There was a park across the street from Anna's house. In the park was a stream that flowed into a forest. Anna was curious about where the stream would lead. The only way to find out was to follow the stream. Anna would have to be an explorer. She asked her dad if she could go and follow it. He said they would explore the stream together the next day.

Anna and her father got ready early in the morning. First, they packed a picnic lunch. Her dad made sandwiches and she put them in her backpack. Then Anna and her dad put on their hiking boots. They sprayed each other with bug spray. Soon they were off to explore the stream.

Anna led the way across the street and into the park. She knew the way to the pond where the stream began. They walked around the pond until they came to it. The start of the stream was just a small trickle. The two explorers followed the flowing water. It ran past pine trees and oak trees. As they followed, they noticed the stream was getting wider.

At noon, the two explorers stopped to eat lunch. They saw a pair of ducks swimming in the water. Anna fed them some bread from her sandwich. After lunch the two continued to follow the widening stream. Finally they came to a big lake. Now Anna knew where the stream began and ended. She felt like a real explorer.

5) Rose

Rose loved to take care of her garden. One day she noticed a rabbit in her vegetables. It was brown and white and kept far away from her. Rose watched as the little animal hopped around her vegetables. When the rabbit began to eat them, she shouted. The rabbit did not notice her at all. Rose wondered how to keep the rabbit away from her vegetables.

She asked her mom how to keep the rabbit away. Her mom said they would catch the animal with a trap. Then they could put it in a new home far away. Rose was worried about moving the animal away from its family. Her mom said the rabbit would be okay. It would find lots of new friends.

They went to the store and bought a special trap. The store owner showed them how to use it. Putting food in the trap would make the rabbit go inside. The rabbit would go inside to eat the food. Then the door would close and the rabbit could not leave. Best of all, the rabbit would not be hurt.

Rose helped her mom set up the trap in the garden. They picked carrots and placed them in the trap. Rose watched the rabbit enter the trap to smell the carrots. Soon, the trap snapped shut and the rabbit could not escape. Rose and her mom took the trapped rabbit far away. Rose released it into its new home. Now the rabbit had a new home and the vegetables were safe.

6) Ed

Once there was a town called Flying. Everybody there was born with wings. People had all kinds of wings. Some had tiny wings, underwater wings, gold wings, rainbow wings. All except for a little boy named Ed. Ed did not have wings like the other kids. He was sad because he could not fly at recess.

Ed's dad took him to the wise man on the hill. They asked the wise man if someone could help Ed fly. He said that everyone in town must give a special belonging. Soon people made a big pile next to the town fountain. Ed was surprised to see everyone's favorite things in the pile. The wise man walked around the pile of favorite things. He suddenly turned the pile into a pair of wings.

Ed put on the huge glowing wings. They lifted him up high into the sky. He was flying just like the other kids! But he saw somebody's favorite ball in the wings. Ed decided to give it back. Then he saw somebody's kitten in the wings. Ed took the kitten and handed it back.

Soon, Ed had given too many things back. The wings quickly began to fall apart! Ed started to fall out of the sky. All of the kids flew over to save him. They caught him just in time. They decided to take turns carrying Ed during recess. So now, Ed could fly at recess too.

7) Pam

Friday was show-and-tell day at Pam's school. Her dad had just made her a doll out of cloth. She was going to bring her new doll to show-and-tell. She took out her blue sweater to wear that day. It was her favorite and she wanted everyone to see it. But her dad told her the sweater was dirty. Pam decided she was old enough to wash it herself.

She never used the washer before, but she wanted to try. Pam watched her dad wash clothes every week. She tried to do the same things that he did. First, she took the sweater downstairs to the washer. She opened the washer door and put it inside. She added soap and turned on the washer. Pam watched her blue sweater spinning around through the glass door.

When the washer was done, Pam opened the door. She took out the wet sweater. Then she put her wet sweater into the dryer. The dryer took a long time, but finally it was done. It always made a buzzing sound at the end. That buzzing sound told her the sweater was dry.

When Pam opened the dryer, she was surprised. Her favorite blue sweater was very small! It was much too small for her to wear now. She learned that sometimes clothes get smaller after you clean them. Suddenly, Pam had an idea. The next day, she brought her new doll to school. Everyone liked the doll's brand new, blue sweater.

8) Debby

Debby wanted to get a present for her Grandma's birthday. She did not know what to get her. So Debby decided to look for some clues at Grandma's house. The clues she found would give her ideas for presents. Then shopping with her parents would be easy. She asked to go to Grandma's after school the next day.

After school, she was ready to hunt for clues. Grandma was waiting on the front porch. The two of them went into the house to have a snack. Debby saw that the plates in her house were very old. She wondered if Grandma would like some new plates.

After they had their snack, Grandma helped with her homework. Debby worked very hard to finish all her math problems. It took a while for Debby and her grandma to finish. When they were done, Grandma asked if she wanted to play. Debby loved to play in Grandma's backyard. There were pretty flowers and a big tree with a swing. She liked to smell the flowers and swing under the tree.

When they went outside, Debby saw that the tree was gone. She asked Grandma what happened to the tree. Grandma told her that the tree had to be cut down. She could tell her Grandma was sad about the tree. Debby knew what to get her grandma for her birthday. Her family would get Grandma a young tree. She was sure Grandma would be happy with that present.

9) Lonnie

Lonnie was happy that it was finally fall. He liked wearing sweaters and having hot chocolate. He especially liked to see the colors of the trees changing. He would run and jump in piles of leaves. Running around outside was better now because the air stayed cool. He could run and play all day and not get hot.

One day, his dad said it was time to get pumpkins. They took a trip out to a farm in the country. The farm had a stream that ran through it. The farm also had many fields full of corn and hay. Next to these fields were large rows of pumpkins.

Lonnie was excited and wanted to get the biggest one. The farmer said they could pick any one they liked. Lonnie looked out at the rows of bright orange pumpkins. Picking one was not going to be easy. They started walking through the rows to locate their favorite. At the end of one row, he found a wonderful pumpkin.

The pumpkin Lonnie liked had a funny shape. It was not as round as the other pumpkins. It was more tall and skinny. He picked the pumpkin because it was different than the rest. Besides, it would be easy to carve a face in it. They paid for the pumpkin, and then took it home. Lonnie could not wait to put it on their front porch.

10) Josh

Josh loved going to the library to look at different books. One day he was looking for something good to read. As he looked, he found a map stuffed between two books. Josh quickly saw that it was a map of the library. The map showed him a trail he could follow. It seemed to end at a treasure chest in the library. Josh decided to follow the map and get the treasure.

The trail in the map started exactly where he was standing. He had to go past the checkout counter to the stairs. He followed the stairs up to the second floor. There were a lot of very tall shelves on this floor. He had never been to this part of the library. A lot of adults were looking for books. The map led him to a bookshelf he had never seen.

He walked up to the bookshelf and looked around. The map showed that the treasure was on the bookshelf. Josh followed the map's direction to a strange-looking book. He pulled the book off of the shelf. It was old and falling apart. The book was about a boy his age and pirates. The pirates and the boy were looking for buried gold.

Josh was glad he found the book. He always wanted to read a book about pirate adventures. Josh felt like he found a different kind of treasure. He found a good book to read.

11) Sam

Sam loved robots more than anything else. He liked how robots talked, and he liked their buttons and gears. He read books and watched movies about them. He even dreamed of building a robot someday when he grew up. One morning, Sam had a great idea. Halloween would be coming very soon. He would make a costume that shows his love of robots!

He asked his grandma for old boxes, scissors, paint, and tape. She helped him cut holes in the box for his arms. They made holes in a smaller box for his eyes. Sam and his grandma painted the boxes. Soon the whole costume was shiny with silver paint. When it dried, they added red, blue, and yellow buttons. When Sam wore the costume, he looked like a real robot!

He went trick-or-treating with his friends on Halloween. They wore costumes, but nobody else looked like a robot. People opened doors to give candy to Sam and his friends. They said they loved Sam's costume. His friends told him he looked like a real robot.

Sam got lots of candy that night. His sack was filled with chocolate, bubble gum, and other sweets. He came home tired and happy. He took off his costume and put it in his closet. He knew he would want to wear the costume again. The costume was almost as good as having a real robot.

12) Dad

My dad took our family camping last weekend. Before we went, I was so excited. Dad said it was going to be a lot of fun. We would start our own fire and cook our own food. We would even get to sleep in tents. I could not wait until we were on our way.

Finally, our family headed out for the woods. When we arrived, Dad gave me a job to do. I had to go look for sticks to make the fire. I walked into the surrounding woods to find some. There were all kinds on the ground, so I grabbed them. Once I had a lot I brought them back to camp.

Next, we worked to set up the tent. Sleeping in a tent keeps the bugs and rain away. I do not like bugs or getting wet when I sleep. There were a lot of directions for putting up the tent. It was big, so the whole family could fit in it. It took us a really long time. Dad and I worked together, though, so we figured it out.

Before long, the stars started to come out. We sat around the fire eating and telling stories. We even roasted marshmallows for dessert. Everyone thanked Dad and me for setting everything up so nicely. I was happy I got to help. I was even happier that everyone was having fun camping.

13) Sister

When I was eight-years old, my sister moved away. She went to study at a school in another state. That was the first time I lived apart from her. The house was quieter and her bedroom was empty. I began to miss my sister very much. My parents told me I could write her a letter. I thought that was a very good idea.

I never wrote a letter before so my mother helped me. My mother gave me a pad of paper and a pencil. She told me I could use all the paper I wanted. I asked my mother what I should write about. She said I could write about school, friends, and playing. I sat down to think about what to write. Then I picked up the pencil and started to write.

First I wrote about my school and my teacher. Then I wrote about a big game of basketball. I wrote about my friends and the games we play. I wrote that I hope to see my sister soon. When I finished, my mother helped me fold the paper. She helped me fit the paper in an envelope. I licked a small stamp and placed it on the envelope.

After that I put the letter in a blue mailbox. I waited for my sister to write me a letter back. One day, the mailman brought an envelope for me. I opened it and inside was a letter from my sister. In the letter, my sister thanked me for writing to her. She said she could not wait to see me. I will write her another letter very soon.

14) Jenna

On a cold fall day, Jenna was riding her bike. Suddenly, snow started to fall down in big flakes. She started home, but noticed a puppy sitting by the sidewalk. She got off her bike and walked over to the puppy. She stroked its fur and it licked her fingers. It started to shiver in the snow because it was cold. Jenna carried it home under her coat.

She asked her dad if they could keep the puppy. Her dad said it might belong to someone else. Jenna made signs to put up about the missing puppy. She took a picture of him with her dad's camera. Jenna and her dad hung the signs around the neighborhood. Soon, the puppy started barking because it was hungry. They fed it leftover ham sandwiches from lunch.

That night, the puppy curled up on Jenna's bed. It kept her cold feet warm. In the morning, she fed it and it chewed her sock. Later, there was a loud knock at their front door. It was a little boy and his dad.

The puppy jumped onto the little boy and started licking him. It was clear that the puppy belonged to the little boy. He was so excited to see his puppy. But Jenna was sad to see the puppy go. She really liked having a pet for a day. The little boy thanked her for taking care of his puppy. He said she could come visit them, so she did.

15) Sam and Rob

Sam was excited to go to a friend's birthday party. His friend was Rob and they were in the same class. They sat together in the back of the classroom. Both liked reading time and learning about sharks in science class. They even played together every day at recess. Sam knew the party would be great. He did not want to miss it.

Rob was having the party at his house. Then everyone was going to a swimming pool in the park. After that, they were going to have pizza. Then they would eat cake and ice cream. The cake was going to be like a big pirate ship. Everyone would get a pirate patch and other toys. Sam was even more excited for the big day.

His mom took him to the store to buy a gift. Sam knew that his friend liked dinosaurs and playing football. He decided to buy him an orange colored dinosaur. The dinosaur was funny because it made a loud roaring sound. He knew Rob would like it a lot. After it was wrapped, he put it into a bag. That is how he would carry it to the party.

Sam got to the party early because he was so excited. But he could not find the gift. The only thing in the bag was the birthday card. Sam was very upset and he told Rob what had happened. Rob told him he was just glad Sam was at the party. The present turned up later in Sam's swimming bag. He had it all along, so everyone was happy at last.

16) Emma

Emma was excited about the first day of summer. She was ready to play outside with her friends. She had studied hard all year long and needed to relax. She quickly ate breakfast and went outside. Her friends were waiting for her on the corner. As Emma went outside, it started to thunder and rain. She had to leave her friends and go home.

The next morning, Emma woke up and looked out the window. She was sad because it was still raining out. She needed to find a way to have fun indoors. She asked her mother if she could invite friends over. Her mother agreed, as long as Emma planned the activities herself.

She needed to buy games and food for her friends. She asked her mother to take her to the store. Emma bought some popcorn and a deck of cards. She also bought a new movie to watch. When she got home, she found many other games in the closet. She was glad she had activities for her friends to enjoy.

Emma invited her friends over to her house. They played cards and many different board games. Then they ate popcorn and watched movies all day. The rain did not stop the friends from having fun. Emma and her friends forgot all about the rain. They decided to meet at Emma's house every time it rained.

17) Mike

Mike wanted to have a special talent like his brother. His brother was good at everything and always won trophies. He won them for basketball, football, and playing his trumpet. Mike wondered what it would be like to win something. Mostly, Mike wanted to find something he loved to do.

Mike started trying all the things his brother did. First, he tried playing basketball after school. It was kind of fun, but not his favorite. Next, he thought he would try football. He did not like tackling, and the pads were heavy. Finally, he tried his brother's trumpet, but that was no good. All he could do was make a terrible noise!

One day, Mike's art teacher saw him drawing on his folder. It was a drawing of a pirate ship on the ocean. The art teacher told Mike that his drawing was really good. She said there would be an art contest soon. She told him to enter his best drawing into the contest. Mike started a new drawing and worked very hard on it.

On the day of the contest, Mike turned in his drawing. They put his picture on the wall with other pictures. All of the families and friends came to see the artwork. Finally, it was time to announce the winner. The judge said that Mike won first place! Even though there was no trophy, Mike was excited. He went home that afternoon and drew some more.

18) Janet

Janet wanted to make a sandwich. She thought of all the ingredients she needed. She looked around her refrigerator to see what was there. In the vegetable drawer, there was a tomato and some lettuce. She found the cheese and the mustard in another section. Janet found the sliced turkey at the top of the refrigerator. The only other thing she needed was bread.

Janet looked in the cabinet, but there was no bread. She did not know what to do. She searched through all of the cupboards. She opened all of the drawers. Janet finally checked if the bread was in the fridge. It was not there, so she checked the other rooms.

The loaf of bread was not in the living room. It was definitely not in the bathroom or in her bedroom. Janet was about to go to the store when her phone rang. It was her neighbor, Kelly, asking for some eggs. She was making a cake and ran out of them. Janet had plenty of eggs and asked Kelly for some bread.

The two agreed to trade two slices of bread for two eggs. Janet carefully carried the eggs next door to Kelly's house. The two exchanged the food and thanked each other. Kelly continued making her cake. Janet went back home and made her delicious sandwich. She had made it without even going to the store! It was lucky she had a good neighbor.

19) Mary

Mary was having a birthday soon. Her mom said she could do something to celebrate. She really wanted a sleepover party with her friends. Her mom said that sounded like a good idea. Mary sent invitations to all her friends. She asked them to bring sleeping bags and pajamas. Then she started to plan for the party.

She made a list of games and food that she wanted. The list included watching movies, playing board games and relay races. She selected foods like cake, ice cream, hamburgers and potato chips. She showed the list to her mom. Her mom said these looked like good choices. She told Mary they would have to go to the store.

The next day the two of them went shopping. All the food on her list went into their cart. They also found some balloons to decorate the house. Mary picked out a funny movie too. Her mom paid for everything and they hurried home. Mary blew up the balloons while her mom fixed the hamburgers. After cleaning her room she was ready for the party.

Soon, all of her friends came over. Each girl remembered to bring sleeping bags and pajamas. They also brought birthday gifts for Mary. Everyone had fun playing games and eating cake and ice cream. Mary and her friends watched the movie and stayed up late. The next day, she thanked everyone for a great birthday.

20) Ron

Ron's favorite holiday is Halloween because he gets lots of candy. This year he wants to dress up as a ghost. Then he will go out and get lots of chocolate. He could eat chocolate all day, but mom says no. She lets him eat a few pieces each day after Halloween. She says he will feel sick if he eats any more.

On Halloween night, Ron put on his ghost costume. He went trick or treating until his candy basket was full. He was happy about all of the chocolate he got. His mom saw it and reminded him about her rule. He could only eat a few pieces each day. Ron was mad, because he wanted to eat lots of chocolate. He did not think candy could make him sick.

After his mom went to sleep, he snuck into the kitchen. He pulled out the candy basket and ate ten pieces. The next day, Ron had a bad tummy ache. He stayed in bed until his mom came into his room.

She knew he had eaten too much chocolate. She saw the candy wrappers by his bed. She was not too mad because she knew his stomach hurt. Ron said that he was sorry for eating the chocolate. He discovered that his mom was right. Eating too much chocolate made him feel sick. He decided to never eat too much again.

21) Bobby

One day Bobby's parents took him to a music concert. At the concert several people played different instruments. Bobby liked the violins the best. A violin is small and has strings. People use a big stick called a bow to play it. When the bow moves over the strings, you hear music. He wanted to learn how to play music on the violin.

First Bobby had to get a violin. He did not know where to buy one. His parents told him that there was a special music store. He wanted to go right away, but the store was closed. His mom said they would go after school the next day. He was disappointed, but knew tomorrow would come soon. He fell asleep thinking about the beautiful music he would play.

Bobby had a hard time at school the next day. He kept thinking about the violin. He could not pay attention in class. He thought about going to the music store all day. Finally, Bobby and his mom went to the store to buy the things he needed.

Of course, Bobby picked out a violin first. There were many other things to buy, however. Bobby would need a book on playing violin. He would also need a case to keep his violin safe. At last, Bobby had everything he needed. It was time to start practicing. He was ready to become a musician.

22) Jan

It was summer and Jan wanted a new pair of rollerblades. She asked her mom for money, but she said no. Her mom said she should open a lemonade stand. Then Jan could sell drinks and make money to buy rollerblades. She thought it was a good idea and decided to try. She really wanted those new rollerblades.

Jan started preparing for her lemonade stand. She asked her mom for a small table and a chair. Her mom gave her lemons, sugar and cups for the drink. Then Jan made a sign with the price of her lemonade. Finally, she made the lemonade by mixing the lemons and sugar. Then she added just the right amount of water and ice. She tasted it and then the drink was ready.

The lemonade stand was almost ready to go. Jan put up her table and chair and hung the sign. She set up the cups and the pitcher of lemonade. Then, she waited for her first customers to arrive. A thirsty man walked by and bought two cups of lemonade. More thirsty people came by and they all bought lemonade. She was making a lot of money and having fun, too.

At the end of the day she closed the lemonade stand. She counted all the money she had made. Jan had a lot of money, but not enough for rollerblades. She needed to keep making her own money to buy them. She decided to sell something extra the next day. She wondered if more people would come if she sold cookies. Tomorrow she would sell cookies with her lemonade.