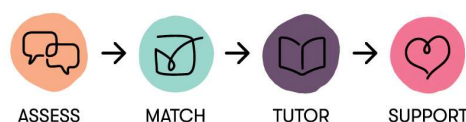


Student Page

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Reading Comprehension 9 Assessment

1. Have the student read the following story to you. Then take away the story so they can't refer to it later.

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Mark dashes in the appropriate boxes for all the times they miss, add or mispronounce a word while they are reading the story to you.

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Missed words

Added words

Mispronounced words

How was their reading pace? _____

What was their tone? _____

2. Ask the following comprehension questions.

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___ What was probably the most remarkable weapon invented by any of the native tribes of the world? (The boomerang)

___ What is the boomerang usually made of? (Hardwood, or wood)

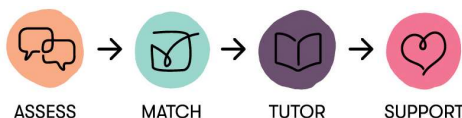
___ How long would you expect a boomerang to be? (From two to four feet in length)

___ What does the term convex mean in this reading passage? (Curved, or rounded)

___ Where do we believe the first boomerangs came from, or where were they first used? (In Australia)

___ How many types of boomerangs are commonly in use today? (Two, tell student if he or she does not know)

___ What are these two types of boomerangs called? (The return type and non-return type, must get both)



- ___ What is the return type of boomerang used for? (For sport, or amusement, student must get one)
- ___ What is the non-return type of boomerang used for? (Hunting)
- ___ Why do you think that more people in the United States learn to throw a return type rather than a non-return type of boomerang? (Because they are easier to learn to throw, or, because they are used for sport, or because they are not used for hunting)

