

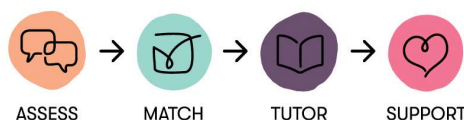
Student Page



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Reading Comprehension 4 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 is important to the people in North America? (Birds, or the bird)

___ What does the word valuable mean in this passage? (Worth a lot, or similar synonym)

___ Why are birds valuable to the farmer and gardener? (Because they eat insects and weed seeds)

___ Why are birds valuable to the hunter? (Because they provide meat, or because they provide meat for the table)

___ What happened to some species of birds when settlers started to hunt them for sport? (They were nearly all killed)

___ What kind of bird do we still have but in much smaller numbers than we did in the past? (Wild turkeys)

___ What birds were extinct by 1914? (The passenger pigeon)

___ What might have happened in England to a man who took wild birds' eggs from another man's land? (He might have been put in prison)

___ Why do you think the Indians did not kill off most of the wild game in North America? (Because they only killed game to eat)

