Stone Fox

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10 Novel Fluency Passages

(Word counts range from 245 - 327.)

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Thank you for purchasing these fluency passages! I hope that your students enjoy them as much as mine!

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My suggestions for use:

- Students can work in pairs or with the teacher.
- Have students trade fluency sheets, and take turns reading with a one-minute timer. The listening student should note the final word read by the reading student, and mark the final number of words read in the appropriate box at the bottom of the page.
- Do this three to five times weekly so students can track their own improvement.
- This makes a wonderful ice-breaker activity to start each day's class!

(The numbers at the end of each line represent the number of words from the beginning of the passage to that point.)

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Fluency Practice (Chapter 9)

Searchlight sprang forward with such force that little Willy couldn't hang **11**
on. If it weren't for a lucky grab, he would have fallen off the sled for sure. **28**
In what seemed only seconds, little Willy and Searchlight had traveled **39**
down Main Street, turned onto North Road, and were gone. Far, far ahead of **53**
the others. They were winning. At least for the moment. **63**
Stone Fox started off dead last. He went so slowly down Main Street that **77**
everyone was sure something must be wrong. **84**
Swish! Little Willy's sled flew by the schoolhouse on the outskirts of town, **97**
and then by the old deserted barn. **104**
Swish! Swish! Swish! Other racers followed in hot pursuit. **113**
"Go, Searchlight! Go!" little Willy sang out. The cold wind pressed against **125**
his face, causing his good eye to shut almost completely. The snow was well **139**
packed. It was going to be a fast race today. The fastest they had ever run. **155**
The road was full of dangerous twists and turns, but little Willy did not **169**
have to slow down as the other racers did. With only one dog and a small sled, **186**
he was able to take the sharp turns at full speed without risk of sliding off the **203**
road or losing control. **207**
Therefore, with each turn, little Willy pulled farther and farther ahead. **218**
Swish! The sled rounded a corner, sending snow flying. Little Willy was **230**
smiling. This was fun! **234**
About three miles out of town the road made a half circle around a frozen **249**
lake. Instead of following the turn, little Willy took a shortcut right across the **263**
lake. This was tricky going, but Searchlight had done it many times before. **276**
Little Willy had asked Mayor Smiley if he was permitted to go across the **290**
lake, not wanting to be disqualified. "As long as you leave town heading north **304**
and come back on South Road," the may had said, "anything else goes!" **317**
None of the other racers attempted to cross the lake. **327**

Write the number of words you read in the box below for the appropriate day.

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