

Bud, Not Buddy

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Novel

Fluency Passages

(Word counts range from 249 - 368.)

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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 17)

I held the mop so that it was floating on the top of the water in the bucket. I was pretending it was that underwater boat in the book Momma read to me, <i>Twenty Thousand Leaks Under the Sea</i> .	17 30 39
“Captain Nemo,” I whispered, pretending I was a sailor.	48
“Aye, matey?”	50
“The squabs were only able to plug ten thousand of the leaks we have that means we have ten thousand left, and dag-gum-it, I think we’re going down with all hands on board!”	64 79 85
I looked up to make sure no one was watching me too close. The Dusky Devastators of the Depression were still putting their instruments on the stage, for Miss Thomas and Mr. Jimmy and Herman E. Calloway.	100 111 122
I whispered, “Heavenly Father, all is lost!” Then I made the mop sink into the water, drowning Captain Nemo, matey, and all the poor squabs. They went down with a bunch of bubbles and soap suds and dirt.	136 149 160
I know Herman E. Calloway was trying to work me like a dog, but he was doing a real bad job at it. I’d already wiped all the tables and chairs down in the Log Cabin and now I was going back to clear-mop the floor for the second time. It was a piece of cake! The bucket even had a thing on top of it that you could use to wring the mop out, and Herman E. Calloway didn’t even know how much fun I was having. Making somebody work hard isn’t as easy as it looks, some folks are good at it and some folks aren’t.	176 193 210 229 243 258 269
Some folks can look at you and tell if you’re even thinking about slacking off, they’ll add some work to you faster than you can say Jack Robinson. Some folks will find a excuse to strap you even if you’re working as hard as you ever did in your life.	283 298 315 319
I stuck the mop head into the wringer. I pretended it was somebody at a washing machine not paying attention to what he was doing...	334 344

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

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