

The Mighty Miss Malone

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33
Novel
Fluency Passages

(Word counts range from 237 – 336.)

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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 19/The Malones Meet Marvelous Marvin)

Three days before Mr. Rhymes was supposed to give us a ride to Detroit	14
and it started like so many other days lately: gang aft a-gley.	27
It was far too early in the morning for him to be awake, but Jimmie	42
hollered up the stairs, “Ma! Ma! It’s the landlord!”	51
Mother jerked up in our bed and yelled, “Tell him I’ll be down in a	66
minute, Jimmie.”	68
I did my morning wash-up as fast as I could. I heard Mother’s raised voice	84
as soon as I got to the stairs.	92
“You simply cannot do that! We’re paid until the end of the month, that’s	106
three more days!”	109
“Mrs. Malone, what can I say? You’ve been good tenants, this is just as	123
hard on me as it is on you. But I got kids that like eating too, and I got three	143
families who’re gonna pay me four times as much to live here as you do. Two	159
of ‘em were ready to move in yesterday, I can’t afford to lose ‘em to someone	175
else. My hands are tied. It’s nothing personal. You gotta go. Now.”	187
“No!” Mother said. “We have rights.”	193
The landlord said, “Fine. Go hire a lawyer or call the police, but until I	208
hear something from a shyster or a cop, you’re out of here. Fellas, start moving	222
their junk out. The furniture stays.”	229
Jimmie yelled, “If you touch one thing I’ll gut you like a chicken!”	242
“Jimmie!” Mother screamed.	245
I got to the porch just as Mother pulled a straight razor from Jimmie’s	259
hand. “Where did you get this?” She looked so shocked, I think she’d forgotten	273
all about the landlord and his workers.	280
Jimmie said, “A man’s gotta look after things, Ma.”	289
Mother said, “Since when does carrying a razor make anyone a man? You	302
get inside and get dressed.”	307

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday