

**A Visit
from
St. Nicholas
('Twas the Night Before Christmas)**
(All spelling and punctuation are as in the original poem.)

(Clement Clark Moore)

**2 Poem
Fluency Passages**
(Word counts range from 259 – 285.)

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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 (Page 2)

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof	10
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.	18
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,	28
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.	37
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,	49
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;	59
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,	69
And he looked like a pedler just opening his pack.	79
His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!	88
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!	98
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,	108
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow;	120
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,	131
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath;	141
He had a broad face and a little round belly	151
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.	162
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,	172
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;	183
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head	194
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;	204
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,	215
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,	225
And laying his finger aside of his nose,	233
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;	242
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,	253
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.	264
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight—	275
<i>“Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!”</i>	285

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday