
Benchmark Passage
Nonfiction

Word Count: 28

At the Pond

I see a frog.

I see a fish.

I see a duck.

I see a bird.

I see a bug.

I see a deer.

I see a turtle.

Little Puppies

We like to play.

We like to walk.

We like to run.

We like to sit.

We like to drink.

We like to eat.

We like to sleep.

We **love** to hug!

Benchmark Passage
Fiction

Word Count: 59

My Big Sister

My big sister likes to sit with me.

My big sister likes to eat with me.

My big sister likes to play with me.

My big sister likes to sleep with me.

My big sister likes to slide with me.

She likes to spin with me.

My big sister likes to jump with me.

My big sister likes me.

Benchmark Passage
Nonfiction

Word Count: 56

Sleeping

I like to sleep with a bear.

I like to sleep with a cat.

I like to sleep with the lion.

I like to sleep with my lamb.

I like to sleep with a dog.

I like to sleep with the bunny.

I like to sleep with a doll.

I like to sleep with my mom.

Grace

Grace was sleeping on the rug.
"Go to bed, Grace!" Dad said.

Grace was sleeping on the chair.
Dad said, "Go to bed, Grace!"

Grace was sleeping on the table.
She was sleeping by the TV.
"Go to bed, Grace!" Dad said.

She was sleeping on the couch.
Dad said, "Get up, Grace!"

She was sleeping on the dog.
"Stop that, Grace!" Dad said.

**Grace was sleeping in her bed.
"Goodnight!" said Dad.**

Benchmark Passage
Nonfiction

Word Count: 122

Swimming

Mom and I love swimming.

Mom said, "Get your swimsuit."

I got my swimsuit and I put it in the bag.

"Get your towel," said Mom.

I got my towel and I put it in the bag.

"Get your swim cap," said Mom.

I got my swim cap and
I put it in the bag.

"Get your goggles," said Mom.

I got my goggles and I put them in the bag.

“Get your flip flops,” Mom said.
I got my flip flops and I put them in the bag.

“Get a water bottle,” said Mom.
I got a water bottle and I put it in the bag.

“Get some apples,” I said.
Mom got some apples and put them in the bag.

Benchmark Passage
Nonfiction

Word Count: 115

My Best Friend Leo

My name is Sam.

I live in the city.

I am six.

My best friend's name is Leo.

He's six, too.

Leo rides his bike with me.

We like to ride bikes.

Leo plays games with me.

We like to play games with cards.

We like games that we can both win.

Leo helps me to make planes.

We like to make planes that fly.

We like to go to the park.

We like to swing high at the park.
Leo gives me a push.

Leo likes to play ball with me.
I like to play ball with him.
We like to play games.
We like to play ball.
I like my best friend, Leo!

Benchmark Passage
Fiction

Word Count: 142

The Big Rain Cloud

The mouse looks up at the sky.

“That’s a big rain cloud!” says the mouse.

The pig looks up at the sky.

“That’s a big rain cloud!” says the pig.

The duck looks up at the sky.

“That’s a big rain cloud!” says the duck.

The horse looks up at the sky.

“That’s a big rain cloud!” says the horse.

The chicken looks up at the sky.

“That’s a big rain cloud!” says the chicken.

The cow looks up at the sky.

Then . . .

The mouse runs into the big red barn.

The pig runs into the big red barn.

The duck runs into the big red barn.

The horse runs into the big red barn.

The chicken runs into the big red barn.

The cow runs into the big red barn.

“What a **wet** rain cloud!” says the farmer.

Benchmark Passage
Nonfiction

Word Count: 117

In the Woods

In the woods you can see birds.
Baby birds stay in the nest to be fed.

In the woods you can see deer.
The baby deer have white spots when they
are born.

In the woods you can see black bears.
Black bears have a very good sense of
smell.
They use it to find food.

In the woods you can see raccoons.
Raccoons climb trees and hunt for food at
night.

In the woods you can see rabbits.

All rabbits have very long ears.
They eat grass and plants.

In the woods you can see foxes.
Foxes are part of the dog family.
They can run very fast!

You can see many animals in the woods.

Benchmark Passage
Fiction

Word Count: 175

The Orange Shoes

Sid had some orange shoes.
His shoes were **very** orange.
Sid looked for his shoes.
But he did not find them.

"Where are my orange shoes," asked Sid.
I can't find them.
"It's time to eat your breakfast," said
Mom.

"I want to wear my orange shoes today,"
said Sid.

Sid looked by the door. But he did not
find them.

Sid looked under the couch.

He wanted his orange shoes.

He wanted to find his orange shoes **now**.

Sid looked and looked.
He looked for his orange shoes.
But he did not find them.

Sid sat down at the table.
He played with his food.
“Don’t play with your food,” said Mom.
“You need to eat your breakfast.”
Sid ate his breakfast.

“Did you look in your room,” asked Mom?
“Your shoes might be under your bed,”
she said.

Sid ran to his room.
He looked under his bed.
There were his orange shoes.

“Look, Mom!”
“**Now** I can wear my orange shoes,” he
said.

Sid sat down and happily put his shoes on.

Benchmark Passage
Fiction

Word Count: 212

Adam's New Backpack

"I am ready for school", said Adam.
He had a new blue jacket and new boots.

"We have to shop for one more thing,"
said his mom.

"You need a new backpack."

I **don't** need a backpack!" said Adam.
You may need one to hold your lunch,"
said his mom.

"Do you want to eat at school?"

"I want to eat," said Adam.

"I love to eat!

"But I don't want a backpack."

Adam went to the store.

"You **do** need a backpack", said his mom.

Adam looked at the backpacks.

"I don't like these backpacks," he said.

"Look at the yellow backpack," said Mom.

Adam put on the yellow backpack.

He put on the blue backpack.

"I like the blue and I like this backpack," he said.

"It has a great picture of a horse," said Mom.

It was the first day of school.

Adam put his hat and his pen in his new blue backpack.

"Don't forget your lunch," said Mom.

"I put it in my backpack," said Adam.

Adam and his mom walked to school.

Adam looked at his friend Jim.

He took his lunch out of his backpack.

Jim said, "You are ready for lunch."

I have the same backpack!"

Adam smiled.

“Yes this is a **great** backpack!”

Benchmark Passage
Nonfiction

Word Count: 173

From Cub to Bear

This is Mama Bear.

What does Mama Bear do?

Mama Bear finds a cave.

She makes a den in the cave.

Why does Mama Bear need a den?

Mama Bear needs a den to sleep in.

She sleeps all winter.

In spring, her two baby cubs are born!

What does Mama Bear do now?

Mama Bear stays in the den with her cubs.

Why does Mama Bear stay in the den?

The baby cubs are born helpless.

They can't see or hear.

They have no teeth.

Soon the baby cubs are out!

What does Mama Bear do now?

Mama Bear walks with her baby cubs.

She walks in the grass and in the water.

Why is Mama Bear walking with her cubs?

The baby cubs want to eat and eat.

She shows them plants and fish they can eat.

The baby cubs run and play.

They climb trees.

Why do the baby cubs climb trees?

Soon they will have to find food on their own.

Soon they will be big like Mama Bear!