

**Teacher Copy**  
**Universal Screening – Fluency: 30 Week, Gr. 3**

**Directions to the teacher:** Have the student read this passage as you time him or her for **one minute**. As the student reads, mark any errors. After one minute, calculate the “words per minute” fluency rate by recording the number of words the student read correctly.

**Getting Email**

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| At our house, the mail carrier isn't the only one who brings us          | 13  |
| messages. Our computer also brings us mail. Our family has an email      | 25  |
| address. All we have to do is turn on the computer and get on the        | 40  |
| Internet. Our computer tells us if we have new mail.                     | 50  |
| Email is much faster than regular letters. If I send a regular letter to | 64  |
| my cousin who lives in Japan, it can take weeks to get an answer. If I   | 80  |
| email my cousin, she usually emails back the same day. She lives 4,000   | 93  |
| miles away and across the Pacific Ocean, but our email messages come     | 105 |
| and go very quickly.                                                     | 109 |
| My cousin is nine years old, just like me. We send email to each         | 123 |
| other almost every day. We tell each other about our schools, our        | 135 |
| friends, and our soccer teams. Sometimes we send jokes back and          | 146 |
| forth. Sometimes we ask questions about what we hear in the news         | 158 |
| about our countries. Sometimes we play chess with each other using       | 169 |
| the computer. We think of our moves on separate chess sets and then      | 182 |
| use email to send our moves back and forth.                              | 191 |
| My dad and mom send email messages back and forth to Japan as            | 204 |
| well as to Hawaii, where we have many relatives. Because our relatives   | 216 |

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wouldn't be able to stay in touch as easily. With email, we can 247  
communicate without having to wait for a letter or buy expensive stamps. 259

**Cut-off:** 100/259

**Score:** \_\_\_\_\_ /259 words

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