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Universal Screening – Fluency: 30 Week, Gr. 4

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.

The Tenth Birthday Party

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On the morning of his birthday, Carlos ran outside to check the weather and was relieved to see a bright blue sky. His mother said, “Well, it looks like a perfect day for a swimming party. Now let’s have breakfast, and then we’ll get everything ready to take to the pool.”

As Carlos and his mother drove to the pool, Carlos noticed some dark clouds forming in the sky. “Oh, I hope it isn’t going to storm,” he said, remembering that lifeguards always closed the pool when there was lightning in the area.

Huge drops of rain splattered against the car’s windshield as Carlos and his mom pulled into the parking lot. As he stepped out of the car, Carlos heard a clap of thunder and then the lifeguard’s whistle.

“Everybody out of the pool!” the lifeguard yelled.

Carlo’s mother gave him a hug and said, “I am sorry that the weather hasn’t cooperated with us. I know how much you were looking forward to swimming.”

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surprised to find a table covered with good things to eat and some	249
brightly wrapped presents.	252
“Why don’t you open this one right away,” said Carlos’s friend Molly.	264
Carlos opened the brightly wrapped present and found the board	274
game he had been wanting.	279
“This is great,” Carlos exclaimed, “because even though we can’t	289
swim, we can have fun playing this game.”	297
The friends hardly noticed the rain as they enjoyed Carlos’s new	308
game. Later, they ate a delicious lunch of sandwiches, followed by	319
Carlos’s favorite carrot cake.	323
Carlos watched the raindrops splash against the pool’s surface and	333
the clouds move across the sky. This had not been the party he	346
planned, but it turned out to be a terrific party after all.	358

Cut-off: 110/358

Score: _____ /358 words

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