1. Place the Student Copy in front of the student. Point to the names on the Student Copy as you read them:

“This is a story about Victor, Joe, Jim and Tom. I want you to read this story to me. You’ll have 1 minute to read as much as you can. When I say “begin,” start reading aloud at the top of the page. Do your best reading. If you have trouble with a word, I’ll tell it to you. Do you have any questions? Begin.”

2. Start the timer.

3. While the student is reading, mark errors with a slash (/).

4. At 1 minute, mark the last word read with a bracket (]).

5. When the student gets to a logical stopping place, say “Stop.”

Victor was nine years old when he visited his very first amusement park. He went with his friends Joe, Jim, and Tom. Joe’s parents drove them to the park early in the day. The boys were excited and wanted to make the most of the experience. They wanted to have plenty of time to ride each ride. They had a great idea of how they could do this. They had decided to start at one end of the park and ride each ride, one after the other, until they had worked their way across the entire amusement park. This way they would not miss anything!

The boys rode every one of the roller coasters. They held their hands up high in the air as the roller coaster climbed up the tracks. Then they screamed, keeping their hands raised, as the roller coaster sped down the hill and whipped around the steep curves. The boys enjoyed each ride! They also rode the bumper cars and loved crashing into one another while rapidly racing around the track. It was exciting, jolting and loud - all at the same time. The haunted house was Tom’s favorite ride! Every few seconds, something would jump out of the darkness and scare the boys. They screamed until their throats were sore. Before realizing it, two hours had passed and the boys had to rush to meet Joe’s parents. They did not want to be late. They were already planning to ask if they could return next weekend.

Total Words Read: 250 - # of Errors: 0 = CWPM: 125