

Name _____

Quick Retell Blanks Answer Key

Passage 1

- backpack
- desk
- bus

Passage 2

- orchard

- ladder
- apples

Passage 3

- science
- solar-powered
- ribbon

Teacher's Guide & Notes

- **Purpose:** This activity develops **fluency** through 1-minute timed readings and strengthens **comprehension recall** by requiring students to retell key story details in a concise way.
- **Implementation:**
 - Students read each passage aloud within 1 minute.
 - Immediately after, they complete the Fill-in-the-Blank Retell in under 45 seconds.
 - This encourages **retention of main ideas** and prevents over-reliance on re-reading.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Struggling readers: allow re-reading the passage once before attempting the retell.
 - Advanced readers: add a challenge by asking them to expand the retell into a **full paragraph summary**.
- **Extension Idea:** Have students create their own **Fill-in-the-Blank Retells** for classmates after reading a new passage. This promotes peer-to-peer fluency and comprehension practice.
- **Teacher Tip:** Track student progress over time. Record how many words per minute they read correctly (WCPM) alongside their accuracy in completing the retell. This provides both fluency and comprehension data.