

Split-Group Rhythm Answer Key

Group Reflection:

- Answers will vary. Many students may feel the “Feet are marching down the lane” line was strongest, since it has natural rhythm.

Expression Practice:

- Answers vary, but a steady, medium pace fits best, as marching is neither too slow nor too fast.

Comprehension Questions:

- A. The birds are singing as they fly.
- B. The groups are marching and their voices join in song.
- C. Morning light guides them.

Fluency Challenge:

- Students should successfully switch parts, showing flexibility in fluency practice.

Teacher Notes / Guide

- **Purpose:** Split-group reading builds fluency by alternating voices, helping students focus on phrasing, timing, and listening to peers.
- **Implementation Tip:** Practice cueing each group with a hand signal so transitions stay smooth. Encourage each group to read with equal energy.
- **Observation Focus:** Notice if one group consistently reads more loudly or quickly than the other. Balance both sides for rhythm.
- **Extension Idea:** Create a performance where groups stand facing each other, reading lines back and forth, then joining together for the finale.