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Fluency Sprint

Directions: Practice reading each section **aloud** as quickly and accurately as you can. Begin with the **word list**, then move to the **phrases**, and finally read the **short passage**. Use a timer if possible and record how long it takes to finish each section. Repeat two more times, aiming to improve speed while keeping accuracy. After practicing, answer the comprehension questions about the short passage.

Section 1: Word List

sun, jump, river, bright, laugh, storm,
tower, careful, music, explore

Section 2: Phrases

- under the tall tree
- racing through the wind
- a sudden loud crash
- shining in the sky
- laughter filled the room

Section 3: Passage

The train whistled loudly / as it pulled into the busy station. People hurried across the platform, / carrying bags and calling out to friends. A young boy clutched a balloon tightly, / afraid it might slip away into the air. The smell of roasted peanuts drifted through the crowd, / mixing with the sound of footsteps and voices. At the far end, / a girl leaned against a suitcase, / reading a book quietly while the noise swirled around her. Everyone seemed to have their own story, / yet they were all gathered in the same place / for a single moment in time.

Questions

1. What detail in the passage shows the setting is crowded and busy?
2. Why might the boy be holding the balloon so tightly?
3. What sensory details (sight, sound, smell) help make the scene realistic?
4. How does the author show that each traveler has a unique story?