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## Race To Recall

**Directions:** You will have **one minute** to **skim** the passage below. Do *not* read every word! Focus on **key nouns, dates, names, and repeated ideas** to get the main picture. After one minute, **close the passage** (turn your paper over or cover it). Then, without looking back, answer the **quick recall questions** from memory. When finished, reopen the passage to check your accuracy and reread it smoothly for fluency practice.

### "The Race to the South Pole"

In the early **1900s**, explorers from around the world were determined to reach the **South Pole**, the most remote point on Earth. Two rival teams, one led by **Roald Amundsen of Norway**, and another by **Robert Falcon Scott of Britain**, set out on dangerous expeditions.

Amundsen's team used **dog sleds** and carefully planned their route through icy winds and blizzards. Scott's team, however, relied on **ponies** and motor sledges that broke down in the freezing cold. After weeks of struggle, Amundsen reached the South Pole first, on **December 14, 1911**, proudly raising the Norwegian flag.

When Scott's team arrived **five weeks later**, they discovered the flag already there. Tragically, on their return journey, **Scott and his men** perished in a storm. Amundsen became a hero of exploration, remembered for his precise planning and survival skills.

### Quick Recall Questions (Answer from Memory)

1. Who were the two explorers leading rival teams?
2. What animal did Amundsen's team use for travel?
3. On what date did Amundsen reach the South Pole?
4. How many weeks later did Scott's team arrive?
5. What happened to Scott and his men?
6. Which explorer was remembered as a hero?