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## The Reading Warm-Up

**Directions:** Read the passage below **once** as your **Cold Read**. Time yourself for one minute and mark where you stop. Record how many **words per minute (WPM)** you read accurately. Then reread the passage **two more times** to improve fluency, accuracy, and pacing. On your **Warm Read**, time yourself again for one minute. Record your new WPM.

### “The Great River Race”

The fifth-grade students of Maple Grove School were buzzing with excitement. Every spring, their town hosted the Great River Race, a friendly boat-building competition that tested creativity and teamwork. Each group had to design a small boat that could float, carry a marble, and travel five feet across the school’s long fountain.

Elena’s team called their boat *The Ripple Rider*. They crafted it from cardboard, wax paper, and tape. The first test was a disaster—water soaked through the base, and the boat sank instantly. Instead of giving up, the team studied what went wrong. “We need more balance,” said Max. “And something waterproof!”

After school, they coated the boat in plastic wrap and added straws to hold the base steady. The next morning, they tried again. The Ripple Rider glided across the water perfectly, the marble gleaming like a tiny passenger. When race day came, the crowd cheered as Elena’s team finished second place—proof that mistakes can steer you toward success if you keep trying.

Reading Type	Words Read Correctly	Errors	WPM (Words Per Minute)
Cold Read			
Warm Read			

**Reflection:** What changed between your first and final reading?