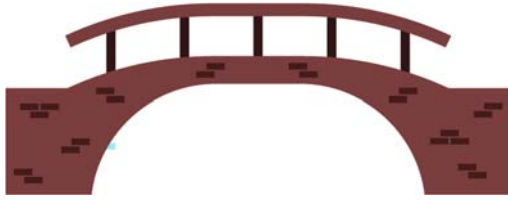


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Seconds To Summarize

Directions: You will have **60 seconds** to read the passage below as fluently and accurately as you can. When the timer stops, **mark the last word** you read and record your **Words Per Minute (WPM)**. Then, in **under 30 seconds**, give a quick **oral or written summary** of what you understood from the passage. Reread the passage once more, then write an improved summary.

“The Secret of the Stone Bridge”

Rain poured steadily as Leo raced down the muddy trail toward the old stone bridge. His grandmother’s letter had told him to look there, beneath the third stone from the center, for something important. The bridge, built before the town itself, was said to hide secrets from generations past. Leo’s shoes slipped on the wet stones as he crouched down and began to search.

Lightning flashed, illuminating a small tin box wedged between two slabs. Inside it, he found an old photograph of a young woman standing beside the same bridge. On the back were words written in careful script: *“To my future family—never forget where our story began.”* Leo smiled, realizing the message was from his great-great-grandmother. The secret wasn’t treasure at all—it was a reminder of the family’s roots, hidden in plain sight all along.

First Read WPM: _____

Second Read WPM: _____

30-Second Summary (Round 1):

30-Second Summary (Round 2):

Reflection: Did your second summary include more accurate or detailed information? What helped your comprehension improve?
