

## The Reading Warm-Up Answer Key

### Answer Key (Approximate Word Count & Reading Benchmarks)

- **Total Passage Word Count:** 222 words
- **Benchmark (5th Grade Average):**
  - Cold Read: 110–135 WPM
  - Warm Read: 130–155 WPM
- **Sample Improvement Expectation:** +15–25 WPM growth after two rereads
- **Example:**
  - Cold Read: 120 WPM → Warm Read: 142 WPM
  - Errors decreased from 5 to 2
  - Improved expression and confidence noted during oral reading

### Teacher Notes / Guide

**Objective:** Students will develop fluency through timed repeated readings, focusing on **accuracy, rate, and expression**. This activity emphasizes measurable growth between initial and practiced readings.

### Implementation Tips:

- Have students partner up to time and track each other's progress using the chart.
- Encourage **self-correction**: students may reread misread words before continuing.
- After the warm read, discuss how reading **familiar text** increases comfort and speed.
- Teachers may collect reflection responses to assess **metacognitive awareness** of fluency development.

### Extension Options:

- Chart weekly progress using different passages.
- Have students graph their WPM growth visually to motivate improvement.
- Incorporate a short comprehension question afterward to ensure **fluency supports understanding**.