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Aurora Fluency Trail

Directions: Before you begin reading, set a **Words-Per-Minute (WPM) goal** that you want to achieve after rereading. Read the travel blog article below for **exactly one minute** while timing yourself. Mark the **last word** you read. Record your first WPM result. Then reread the same passage smoothly, focusing on **expression, phrasing, and confidence**. After the second read, time yourself again and record your new WPM.

“Wonders of the Northern Lights” (Excerpt from a Travel Blog)

Last winter, I took a journey north to the icy landscapes of Norway, hoping to see the Northern Lights. I had read stories and seen photos, but nothing compared to witnessing them in person. The air was crisp and cold, and the sky stretched endlessly above me. At first, it was completely dark—just stars and silence. Then, like paint swirling across a black canvas, ribbons of green light began to twist and shimmer across the horizon.

Locals told me that the lights are caused by solar particles colliding with gases high in Earth’s atmosphere. Science explains them perfectly, but standing there, it felt like magic. Some people around me gasped, while others stood in awe, too amazed to speak. In that moment, I realized travel isn’t only about the places you go—it’s about the feelings that stay with you long after you return home. Seeing the Northern Lights was more than a sight; it was an experience that changed how I see the world.

Goal WPM: _____

First Read WPM: _____

Second Read WPM: _____

Reflection: Did you reach your WPM goal? How did your fluency or confidence improve after rereading?
