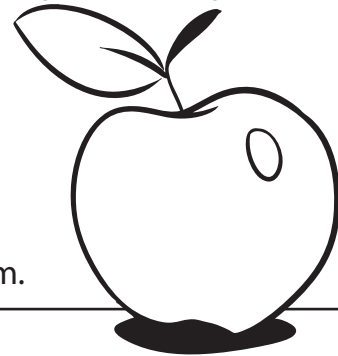


# Reading Fluency: Apple Picking

**Fluency** means being able to read a text quickly, accurately, and with expression. A fluent reader is better able to understand the text. Rereading and reading aloud is a good strategy for becoming a more fluent reader.

To practice reading fluently:

- Set a timer for one minute.
- Read the passage as quickly and accurately as possible.
- Mark the last word read when the timer goes off.
- Record the words *per minute* read in the chart at the bottom.



Word Count: 100

This weekend, I went apple picking with my family. My favorite fall activity is apple picking. It is the perfect time to get apples. The apple trees blossom in the spring. It is time to pick the apples off the trees in the fall.

We got to the orchard, and the farmer gave me a basket. My family and I walked through the rows of apple trees.

I learned that apple trees came from Asia. There are many different types of apples. You can eat the fresh fruit. You can also use the fruit for cooking, baking, or making juice.

To determine *Words Per Minute*, count the amount of correct words the student read in one minute. Record that number in the box.

	1st Read	2nd Read	3rd Read
Words Per Minute			