

The Sweet Surprise of Spring

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Accuracy Rate %	:	SC Rate 1:	
Check One	Independent (98-100%)	Instructional (95-97%)	Hard (90-94%)

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PAGE		E	SC
14	Long ago, as the first melting sun of the season soaked		
	the trees in a forest near a vast lake, a young Iroquois		
	boy by the name of Nanani (<i>nah-NAH-nee</i>) slept late		
	into the morning.		
	THUMP.		
	Nanani pried his eyes open and listened carefully.		
	THUMP.		
	There it was again!		
	He looked around. His normally snug longhouse felt		
	like a chilly tunnel with light tumbling in from both		
	ends. Instead of people gathered around the fire rings		
	talking noisily, everything was perfectly still.		



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15	His mother glanced up from her cooking		
	and murmured, "The sun has risen, sleepyhead."		
	THUMP. Nanani sat straight up.		
	"Oh, Nanani!" his mother said, laughing.		
	"That sound is just snow sliding off our roof.		
	Good Brother is finally waking up."		
	Spring has come! thought Nanani as he		
	scrambled out from under his deerskin robe		
	and pulled on his leggings and moccasins.		
	"Where is everyone?" he asked.		
	"The men are hunting," answered		
	his mother, "and everybody else		
	is outside welcoming this day."		
	"Why didn't they take me hunting?"		
	"The men started early, and you were not yet awake,"		
	his mother said, handing him a mug of tea and a small		
	portion of warm corn bread.		



1. ACCURACY RATE

Directions:

Count the number of errors that are not self-corrected. Circle the percentage of accuracy based on the number of errors. If the student's score falls in the shaded area (Hard), STOP! Reassess with a lower-level text.

	INDEPEND	ENT		INSTRUCTIO	NAL		HARD
Number of Errors	0	1–2	3–4	5–6	7–8	9–10	11 or more
Percentage of Accuracy	100%	99%	98%	97%	96%	95%	94% or less

2. RATE FLUENCY

Directions:

While the overall sound of the student's reading is fresh in your mind, use the Fluency Rubric to determine the student's reading fluency rating.

3. ASSESS COMPREHENSION

Directions:

Since students have read the entire text during their small-group lesson, you will be assessing their understanding of the whole text here. Start a conversation about the text by saying, *Talk about what happened in this story*. Circle key understandings. Use prompts as needed to encourage students to talk about the text. It is not necessary to use every prompt. Score for evidence of all understandings that are expressed with or without the prompt. Using the comprehension rubric, circle the number in the score column that reflects the level of understanding demonstrated.

FLUENCY RUBRIC

Word-by-word reading No expression	1
Slow reading with a mix of word-by-word and phrased reading Some expression	2
Mostly phrased reading with a moderate pace Mostly appropriate expression	3
Smooth and fast-paced reading Consistent, appropriate expression	4

KEY UNDERSTANDINGS	PROMPTS	SCORE
ATTEND AND REMEMBER		
Nanani lived in a longhouse. He heard the thump of snow sliding off the roof. Nanani wanted to go hunting with the men so he could help feed his family, but he overslept. When he was out getting water for the broth, he ran into a friend, and they decided to play a bit. He was so busy playing, he forgot to get water for the broth. When he picked up the bucket, it was filled to the brim. He took it home to his mother and went to bed. To his surprise, the bucket was filled by sweet tree water from melting snow on the maple trees. When it was boiled down, it made the best maple syrup. Every year after that, they celebrated the gift of maple syrup. (Key Details)	Where did Nanani live? Why didn't he go hunting with the men? What happened when he went to get water for the broth? What do they celebrate every year?	0123
CONNECT AND INFER		
A vast lake is a large lake. (Vocabulary)	The text includes the phrase a forest near a vast lake. What does vast mean?	0123
He hears snow sliding off the roof, which means it is melting. (Infer)	Why does Nanani think spring has come?	
ANALYZE AND EVALUATE		
Water and sap dripped into the bucket from the tree. (Analyze)	How did Nanani discover maple syrup?	
At the beginning of the story, he is disappointed that he missed the opportunity to go hunting with the men. At the end, he felt proud that he had made a discovery that would be celebrated year after year. (Evaluate)	How did Nanani's feelings change in the story?	0123
(Note any additional understandings.)		



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	COMPREHENSION FICTION RUBRIC – FLUENT	
		Score
	Does not communicate any important events in the story.	0
ATTEND AND REMEMBER	Communicates only a few (1–2) important events in the story.	1
	Communicates some important events in the story.	2
	Communicates most of the important events in the story.	3
	Shows no understanding of the message or deeper meaning of the text.	0
CONNECT AND	Shows limited understanding of the message or deeper meaning of the text.	1
INFER	Shows some understanding of the message or deeper meaning of the text.	2
	Shows complete understanding of the message and meaning of the text.	3
	Shows no analysis or evaluation of the text.	0
ANALYZE AND EVALUATE	Shows limited analysis or evaluation of the text.	1
	Shows some analysis or evaluation of the text.	2
	Demonstrates the ability to analyze and evaluate the text.	3
	Total Comprehension Score:	

COMPREHENSION SCORING

8–9	9	Proficient
6–7	7	Approaching Proficiency
4–5	5	Limited Proficiency
3		Not Proficient



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