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READING PASSAGE: THE LIGHT ON THE POINT

126 words · grades 2–4

The old lighthouse stood at the edge of the rocky point. Every night its	13
lamp swept a slow circle across the dark water. Sailors far out at sea	27
watched for that light. It told them where the rocks were hiding.	39
Maya lived in the small white house beside the lighthouse. Her grandfather	51
kept the lamp burning, and Maya helped him climb the winding stairs each	64
evening. She counted the steps out loud. There were eighty-two.	74
One stormy night the wind howled and the rain slapped the windows. The	87
lamp flickered once and went dark. Maya grabbed the spare wick while her	100
grandfather steadied the glass. Together they lit the lamp again. Out on	112
the water, a fishing boat turned toward the light and found its way home.	126

THREE TIMED READS

Read for one minute. Mark errors with a slash.

Read	Words read	Errors	WCPM (words – errors)	How it felt
1st				
2nd				
3rd				

Goal: grade 2 ≈ 80 WCPM · grade 3 ≈ 100 WCPM · grade 4 ≈ 120 WCPM by spring.

EXPRESSION CHECK

Tick after the third read

- ☐ I paused at every period.
- ☐ My voice rose at question marks.
- ☐ I read in phrases, not word by word.
- ☐ I read smoothly, without long stops.
- ☐ I sounded like I was telling a story.

PROGRESS LOG

Date	Best WCPM	Passage or book