

# Three Kittens Learn a Lesson

Mother cat needed to get some food. She told her three 11  
 kittens not to leave the house while she was gone. The kittens 23  
 said they would stay inside. The kittens played some games. Then 34  
 Nan got out her ball. She threw it to her brothers, Spot and 47  
 Jack. They threw the ball all around the house. One time Spot 59  
 threw the ball too hard. It went out the window. The kittens went 72  
 after it. Soon they were playing in the yard. Jack threw the ball 85  
 to Spot. Spot missed it. The ball rolled away and stopped by a 98  
 tree. Nan went after it. When she got to the tree, she saw a 112  
 big dog. The big dog growled. Nan and her brothers ran away 124  
 quickly. The big dog chased them! Just then, Mother cat came 135  
 home. She hissed at the big dog. He ran away. The kittens were 148  
 glad their mother saved them, but they wished they had listened 159  
 and stayed in the house. 164

	<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Thurs.</b>
words read in 1 minute				
– number of mistakes				
= total words read correctly				
adult initials				

## Parent Tips

This is a long story, but don't worry, your student isn't expected to read the whole thing in sixty seconds. At the beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, he should be reading about 50 words correct per minute (wcpm) on grade-level texts. In the winter, he should reach about 75 wcpm. By the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, the goal is for him to read 90 wcpm.



1. Where does this story take place?
  - At the kittens' house
  - At the grocery store
  - In the green forest
2. What happened first in the story?
  - The kittens played with a ball.
  - The big dog chased the kittens.
  - Mother cat went to get food.
3. A story that teaches a lesson is called a *fable*. In this fable, what lesson did the three kittens learn?
  - To play together without fighting
  - To do what their mother says
  - To play with toys outside the house
4. What do you think happened after the dog ran away?