

Student:	Grade:	Rate correct: (words correct in 1 minute)	Rate incorrect: (words incorrect in 1 minute)
Examiner:	Date:	Accuracy (words correct in the first 100 words = ▲)	

Teacher Passage & Directions: 6-A

- 1) Place the copy of the student passage in front of the student.
- 2) Place the teacher/examiner copy on clipboard so the student cannot see it.
- 3) Say: *When I say begin start reading aloud at the top of the page. Read across the page* (point to the first line of the passage). *Begin.* (Trigger stopwatch or timer for 1 minute.)
- 4) Follow along on the teacher/examiner copy as the student reads and put a slash (/) through any incorrect words.
- 5) At the end of one minute, say: *Thank You.* Mark the last word read with a bracket (I).

NOTE: If a student hesitates to correctly pronounce a word within **three seconds**, the student is told the word and an error is scored.

Most farmers dislike groundhogs because the groundhogs	7	37 degrees. His heartbeat slows from a normal rate of about 80 beats	174
have only one purpose in life: to dig. The groundhog digs	18	per minute to about four beats per minute.	182
everywhere – under trees, barns, and even houses. Everywhere he	27	The reason for his winter hibernation is a simple one.	192
digs, he leaves holes that tell of his passing. There are many	39	If the groundhog was awake during the winter, he would	202
“tall tales” about farm buildings, equipment, and even families	48	certainly starve to death. The groundhog eats well before he	212
disappearing into huge holes dug by groundhogs.	55	hibernates and then his stored body fat is used very slowly	223
Of course, those are just stories and the facts about the	66	while he sleeps.	226
groundhog are different. Groundhogs are active during the daytime.	75	Groundhog Day, February 2, is thought of as the day	236
They eat mostly grains and grasses, and are strict vegetarians.	85	the groundhog wakes. A fable states that if he sees his shadow,	248
They can be found in many parts of the United States and	97	winter will last another six weeks and he will go back into his	261
throughout Canada. You ▲ can sometimes see one sitting	105	hole to hibernate. If he does not see his shadow, spring is on	274
erect on a mound of earth outside the entrance to its burrow.	117	its way.	276
The groundhog is one of the few mammals who is a true	129		
hibernator. This means that the groundhog is in a kind of deep	141		
sleep all through the winter months. During this sleep, his body	152		
temperature drops from about 97 degrees Fahrenheit to about	161		