Rapid Word Chart

Lesson 3.1

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Time in seconds:

Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday_______ Thursday _____
Max lives next door. He’s only little, and sometimes I help his mom look after him.

Last year, when it was Max’s third birthday, I made him a cool present. I got the idea for his present from a store.

I saw a chart there. “I have a question, Mom,” I said. “What is that chart for?”

“It’s a chart to show how tall children are,” answered Mom. “Stand against it, Carla, and I’ll tell you how tall you are.”

I decided to make Max a chart for his birthday. That night, I painted zoo animals on the chart. I had to draw them first, and then I painted the colors.

I remember Mom saying, “I sure hope Max won’t worry about the lion. It looks so fierce!”

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**FLUENCY SCORE**

Total Words Read per Minute

Number of Errors

Words Correct per Minute (WCPM)
The Brain

Review Key Words

- **body**: the entire physical being of a person or animal
- **controls**: rules; directs
- **smarter**: knowing more
- **larger**: bigger

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Read the Story

The brain is the **boss of the body**. Your eyes, ears, nose, and skin tell your brain what is going on around you. Other parts of your body tell your brain what is going on inside of you. Your brain takes in the signals. It tells your body what to do about them. When you touch a fire, your skin tells your brain that your finger is too hot. Your brain tells you to move your finger. All this happens very fast. Your brain also controls your breathing, blinking, and heartbeat. It controls your feelings and thoughts too.

Humans have the most developed brain of all animals. Yet it is not the largest brain. The human brain weighs three pounds. The brain of an elephant weighs 11 pounds. So the largest brain is not always the best brain. In people, a larger brain does not mean a smarter person.
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