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Oral Reading
Fluency

Farmer was getting Goat ready for the country	8
show. Farmer brought him a thick blanket. He	16
brushed Goat's coat until it was shiny. He fed	25
him spinach.	27
"I would like some spinach," moaned Cow.	34
"I would like my coat brushed," groaned Horse.	42
"I would like a thick blanket," grumbled Chicken.	50
"I've had enough of your complaining!" said Cat,	58
early one morning. "It's impossible to get any sleep	67
around here."	69
—The animals looked at Cat in surprise.	76
"Instead of moaning," said Cat, "why don't you	84
do something about it?"	88
"What can we do?" asked the animals.	95
Cat sighed.	97
"Talk to Farmer," he continued, "and make	104
him understand why you are unhappy."	110

FLUENCY SCORE

Total Words Read per Minute _____

Number of Errors _____

Words Correct per Minute (WCPM) _____

Teamwork Is Key

Alaska has a famous dogsled race every year.

8 Sled drivers, called mushers, race from Anchorage
 15 to Nome, a distance of about 1,049 miles. It is not easy to
 28 find the right dogs for a dogsled team. Not only must the
 40 dogs be strong and healthy, they must also obey orders.
 50 Each dog must be willing to share the work. They must get
 61 along and work together as a team.

69 The lead dog or dogs must be smart because leaders
 79 often have to make decisions on their own. Being in front,
 90 lead dogs usually see problems before anyone else.

98 The dogs behind the leaders are called swing dogs.
 107 Swing dogs are very strong. Their job is to help move the
 119 whole team around turns or curves.

125 The dogs right in front of the sled are called wheel dogs.
 137 These dogs must pull the sled out and around corners or
 148 trees. All of the other dogs in the team are called team
 160 dogs. In dogsled racing, teamwork is key. 167

1. What is the article mostly about?
2. Why should the lead dog be the smartest dog of all?