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*Step 1. Read as much of the following story as you can in **one minute** aloud to your partner. Then, record how many words you read. Repeat two more times. Your teacher will time each reading.*

### **Aesop's Fables**

#### **The Gnat and the Bull**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15  
A GNAT flew over the meadow with much buzzing for so small a creature and

16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34  
settled on the tip of one of the horns of a Bull. After he had rested a short time,

35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50  
he made ready to fly away. But before he left he begged the Bull's pardon for

51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58  
having used his horn for a resting place.

59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70  
"You must be very glad to have me go now," he said.

71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87  
"It's all the same to me," replied the Bull. "I did not even know you were there."

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Reading Two \_\_\_\_\_ / 87

Reading Three \_\_\_\_\_ / 87

*Step 2. Write the moral of the story.*

Are the words spelled correctly?

Yes Mostly

Somewhat

Is the grammar correct?

Yes Mostly

Somewhat

Is the original meaning of the text captured?

Yes Mostly

Somewhat