**Instructions**

You are going to read this story titled *Guessing the Present* out loud. This story is about when Nate the Great was trying to guess what Rosamond had got him for his birthday (place the reading passage in front of the student, face down). Try to read each word. You can use your finger to keep your place. If you come to a word you don’t know, I’ll tell it to you. You will read for one minute. Be sure to do your best reading. Do you have any questions? (Turn the passage right side up). Put your finger on the first word. Begin.

**Guessing the Present**

“I saw an ugly birthday card at a store this morning,”

Claude said. “Rosamond was buying it.”

“Aha!” I said. “What else did Rosamond buy?”

“She bought six cartons of milk,” Claude said.

I, Nate the Great, was sorry to hear that. “Six cartons of milk?” I said. I, Nate the Great, did not want a birthday present that was cold and white and wet. I was already colder and whiter and wetter than I had ever been. I said good-bye to Claude. “Enjoy your castle,” I said. “Don’t lose it.”

“How can I lose a castle?” Claude asked.

“Only you know how,” I said.

Sludge and I went to Rosamond’s house. I said, “I do not know where my birthday present is, but I know what it is. Please open your refrigerator.” Rosamond opened her refrigerator. I saw tuna fish, cat food, and a melting snow cat inside.

“Aha!” I said. “No milk! You bought six cartons of milk this morning, but now you have none.”