Instructions
You are going to read this story titled A Special Garden out loud. This story is about all the plants in a special garden (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.

A Special Garden

She looked surprised. “Your garden must be big.” 8

“It is,” he said. 12

And he had plans to make it bigger. He took the ladder 24

out of the garage. He set it up in the garden room. When he 38

was on the ladder, he could reach the top of the walls. Now he 52

could have trees in his garden. He made a pear tree and a 65

walnut tree. He made vines to hang from the branches. He 76

made birds’ nests in the trees. It rained one night, and he lay 89

awake. My garden will be gone, he thought. 97

But it was not gone. Only a few vegetables were washed away. 108

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