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**Instructions**

You are going to read this story titled A Lightning Storm out loud. This story is about when Thomas and his Grandfather talk about thunderstorms (turn the reading passage over, 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. Are there any questions? (turn the passage right-side up). Put your finger on the first word. Begin.

### A Lightning Storm

<u>Thomas</u> thought Grandfather answered, but he couldn't hear, as just then	10
a bolt of lightning cracked into the big beech tree. It ripped off a mighty bough,	26
which crashed to the ground. This was too much for <u>Ringo</u> . He leaped onto	39
<u>Thomas's</u> lap and shivered there.	43
"Poor boy," said <u>Thomas</u> . "He's frightened."	48
"I had a dog when I was a boy," said Grandfather. "He was so scared of	64
storms that I had to hide under the bed with him when one came. He was afraid	81
even to be frightened alone."	86
"I'm not afraid of anything," <u>Thomas</u> said, holding his cat close.	96
"Not many people can say that," said Grandfather. Then he added, "Well,	108
I suppose anybody could say it."	114
"I'm not afraid of thunderstorms, like <u>Ringo</u> and your dog. What was his	126
name?"	127
" <u>Melvin</u> ."	127
"That's not a good name for a dog," <u>Thomas</u> said.	136
"I thought it was," Grandfather said calmly. "He was my dog."	147
"I like cats," said <u>Thomas</u> . "I want to own a tiger!"	157
"Not while you're living with me," said Grandfather.	165