

CBM #6/Grade 4

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Instructions

You are going to read this story titled Introductions out loud. This story is about when Ben Warren meets a scientist (place the reading passage in front of the child, 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.

Introductions

The man studied Ben carefully, eyeing his wavy brown hair (like his mother's), thin arms 14
and legs, and soft brown eyes. Recently, Ben wished he had straight black hair like his dad, and 31
those same sharp blue eyes with the thousand dark wrinkles around them from squinting in the 47
sun. But the man at the table, looking at Ben, seemed to like what he saw. 62

Ben studied the man in turn. He was young and good-looking, sort of like Indiana Jones. 76
He had on neat workman's pants and a blue denim shirt. Ben also noticed that his hands were 93
not sliced up like a waterman's, or calloused from handling ropes. 104

"What's your name?" they both asked at the same moment, and laughed. 116

"Ben Warren." 116

"David Watchman. How do you do?" 120

"Well, what are you going to do today?" 128

"Collect plankton." 130

Ben was silent. Having spent his entire life on the Chesapeake, he thought he had learned 144
about all the birds, all the fish, all the animals, even all the biting insects. But he had never heard 164
of plankton. 166

"What?" 167

The man looked at him seriously. "You know my name? David Watchman. That's what 179
I do, I watch the water. Not in the regular way. I take samples in different places. Then I take 199
these to a lab and count the number of microscopic plants and animals in a droplet. This tells me 218
a lot about the health of the water in a particular spot. Around the bay here, there's a team of 238
people like me. We put all our information together, and then-" 249

"You mean you're a scientist?" 154

"Yes." 155

"My grandpa was named Marsh. Grandpa Marsh. And he lived on the marsh, all his life 269
until he died. 272

"And Sally Ride was an astronaut." 276