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READING FLUENCY

Read the passages below and count how long you take to read them!

Snakes of Many Colors

You might think snakes do not need protection,
8 but they do. Many animals find that snakes make a
18 good meal.
20 Snakes often use colors to protect themselves
27 from these hungry animals. Some snakes, like the
35 mangrove snake, have bright colors, to show that
43 they are poisonous.
46 Other snakes only pretend to be poisonous. The
54 Pueblan milk snake has bands of bright red, black, and
64 white. Animals think the snake is poisonous, but it is not.
75 Snakes use their colors to hide from animals, too.
84 For example, the bright green cat snake lives high in
94 a tree in the rainforest. It hunts at night. The snake
105 stays twined around a branch during the day. It looks
115 just like a vine, fooling animals that might want to
125 make it their dinner.
129 These snakes need their colorful scales to stay safe.
138 After all, it is a dangerous world, even for a snake.

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