

# 4 1min. Timings

## Gorilla

Story 1

(words per minute)

### Review Key Words

#1 wpm	#2 wpm	#3 wpm	#4 wpm
monsters	large, dangerous animals or things		
shy	feeling afraid around others;		
	bashful		
mean	not nice; cruel		
pound	to hit hard		



### Write a Prediction

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### Read the Story

5 Gorilla! The very word terrifies  
 10 people. They think gorillas are  
 17 monsters who would like to tear them  
 24 limb from limb. And, to be sure,  
 29 gorillas look frightening. Their faces  
 36 look mean, and they are big and  
 43 strong. But the truth is, gorillas are  
 50 very shy. They don't want to eat  
 56 people. They eat only grass and  
 61 leaves. When they pound their  
 68 chests, it is only to frighten an  
 74 enemy. If that doesn't work, the  
 79 gorilla will just run away.  
 84 The most famous gorilla was  
 Gargantua the Great. He was in the

91 circus. Circus posters called him  
 96 "The World's Most Terrifying Living  
 101 Creature." They showed pictures of  
 106 him looking terrible. Before he was  
 112 in the circus, Gargantua belonged to  
 118 a woman in New York. She raised  
 125 him from a baby. And she thought  
 132 he was very sweet. One night it was  
 140 stormy out. Gargantua was afraid.  
 145 So he broke out of his cage and  
 153 crawled like a frightened child into  
 159 bed with the woman! That was when  
 166 she decided to give him to the circus.  
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Cold Timing Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Final Timing Score: \_\_\_\_\_