

HO-26 Reading Passage

Note: this fluency assessment is at a grade 3 level to prepare you for next year. However, you will be graded as a grade 2 learner.

Family trips can be fun, but some are not. Last month my family went to the beach, but I did not have a very good time. The drive took ten hours in the car. Those ten hours felt like ten days. It was plain torture. When we arrived, the house looked like it hadn't been lived in for several years. The paint on the house was peeling off in little yellow flakes. In fact, it looked like the house was painted in sticky notes. The stairs to the front door shook when you stepped on them, as if you were walking on a boat in a storm. I had to share a room with my little sister, which was awful.

The weather was the worst part of the trip. Every day during the entire week was overcast. The skies looked like the gray of our garage floor. It rained day and night, and so we had to stay inside. We did walk down to the beach a couple of times. One day it was so windy I felt like I was a kite being blown around the beach. The sand whipped through the air and stung our faces like tiny bees.

We had fun a few times. My dad and I went for a walk on the beach, and I found a hermit crab on the jetty. That was really cool. Next year when we go to the beach I will be hoping for better weather.