

Reader's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
**Excerpt from *Meet the Molesons***  
**by Burny Bos, pp. 18-20**  
**Level L 195 words**

**Independent Level: Yes No**  
  
**Accuracy Rate: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Book Introduction:** *(Say this to the reader before he or she begins the student copy of the text)*  
 Dug and his sister, Dusty, are playing with their mother's make-up. Please read aloud the first section. When you get to the line, you may read the rest silently. When you're finished reading, I'll ask you to retell what you read."

- During & after the running record, you may make these observations & notes to inform instruction**
- Responds to punctuation by changing his/her voice
  - Self corrects before asking for help
  - Pauses while reading to think
  - Flexible word-solver
  - Reads in phrases rather than word by word
  - Miscues make sense
  - Miscues fit the syntax or structure of the sentence
  - Miscues look similar to words in the text

**Running Record:** *For the first 100 words, record the reader's miscues (or errors) above the word as he or she reads. Later, you may or may not code them, using miscue analysis (MSV). Stop when the child has made five miscues and go back to the previous level.*

One morning Dusty and I were getting ready for school. I found Mother's red lipstick in the bathroom. I opened it up. It made red dots on my face. I put some more on. Great! Dusty noticed. "You look like you have chicken pox." "Ooooh," I said. "I don't feel well. I think I have to stay home from school." "Give me that!" Dusty took the lipstick. Soon we both had "chicken pox." We went back to bed. "Time for school!" Father called. "Oooh!" we moaned.

Teacher Copy: Assessment for Independent Reading Levels  
Levels L-Z (Fiction/Narrative)

*More observations & notes to inform instruction:*

Father ran in. "What's wrong?" he cried.  
 "We are sick," I said in a **(100 words)** weak voice.  
 \*\*\*\*\* (Reader may read silently from this point on) \*\*\*\*\*  
 "We can't go to school," Dusty said.  
 Father nodded. "You are right," he said.  
 "It looks like a bad case of chicken pox.  
 You will have to stay in bed."  
 Father looked worried. "I am afraid it  
 will be boring for you," he said.  
 Father brought us  
 cakes, mint tea,  
 and books.  
 We were very happy.  
 I purred like a cat.  
 "This is heaven," Dusty said. "I never felt so  
 Good being sick!"

But when Mother came home after work,  
 She called for us. This is it, we thought.  
 Now we're in trouble! **(195 words)**

Total miscues including self corrected: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Self-Corrections \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miscues reader did not self-correct: \_\_\_\_\_

**Accuracy Rate:** Circle the number of miscues the reader did not self correct.

100%	99%	98%	97%	96%
0 miscues	1 miscue	2 miscues	3 miscues	4 miscues

96%-100% accuracy is necessary to determine the reader's independent reading level.  
 Try another text if the reader made 5 or more miscues.

*\* If the child makes the same miscue repeatedly, count it as one miscue.*

