

The Secret of the Sycamore Record of Reading Behaviors



Introduction: According to the legend, the spirit of a dead man entered the sycamore tree and turned it white. But two cousins discover that the sycamore tree contains something even more surprising.

Read the title to the student.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Page	Text	Count		Analysis of errors and self-corrections	
		E	SC	Information used	
				Error MSV	SC MSV
2	<p>Last spring break, I went to visit my grandparents on the old farm where my dad grew up.</p> <p>My cousin Ned lives just down the road from our grandparents. His dad is my Uncle Jack. My dad died in a car accident when I was in first grade. Memories of Dad and the stories he told me were all I had left.</p> <p>One evening, Ned and I explored the stream and woods behind our grandparents' house.</p> <p>Just as we reached the stream, rain started plopping on our raincoats. We sheltered under a gigantic sycamore tree, and that's when I <u>told</u> Ned one of the stories Dad had told me.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">100 words</p>				
Total					

The teacher reads the rest of the book to the student.



Record of reading behavior analysis sheet

The Secret of the Sycamore

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Information sources used

Errors – What did the student use?

- Meaning
- Structure
- Visual cues

Self-corrections –

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Accuracy chart

Errors	%	Level of difficulty
1	99	<i>Easy</i>
2	98	
3	97	
4	96	
5	95	<i>Instructional</i>
6	94	
7	93	
8	92	
9	91	
10	90	
11 +	89 or less	<i>Hard</i>

Self-correction ratio

$$\frac{E + SC}{SC} = 1 : \square$$

Fluency

- Reads smoothly at an appropriate rate
- Uses appropriate phrasing
- Reads expressively
- Attends to punctuation

Comprehension

After the student has finished reading, have them talk about the book. If appropriate, prompt them by using the questions below.

- What did the storyteller say was all they had left after their dad died?

Answer: Memories and the stories Dad told.

- What did the two children find in the hollow space in the sycamore tree?

Answer: They found a map.

- After spring break, what did the storyteller have that belonged to their dad?

Answer: Accept any of the following: a time capsule; things in the time capsule that had belonged to Dad; a little wooden bird he'd carved; his baseball cap.

- Why might the children have been in such a hurry to get back to the house?

Answer: Answers will vary.

- How might the storyteller feel about owning some things that had belonged to their dead father?

Answer: Answers will vary.

