## Progress Chart for the McCall-Harby Test Lessons in Primary Reading

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Prepared by Donald L. Potter on May 1, 2014. Mr. Potter created the titles for the *Test Lessons*. The stories are valuable because of their natural language and the way they enable students to develop the ability to read for meaning in order to answer comprehension questions. The children enjoy reading the stories and answering the questions.

## Note from Internet Publisher: Donald L. Potter

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Test Lessons in Primary Reading, Second Enlarged & Revised Edition, 1980 by William A. McCall and Mary Lourita Harby is one of the very best tools for teaching children to read for meaning. The stores are written for primary grade students. I have found that good kindergarten and first-grade phonics trained students are able to read them with no problem. The humorous twist at the end of each story makes them very interesting and through provoking for little children.

Each story is followed by 10 yes-no questions that help the children to pay attention to the story and develop comprehension and test taking skills. This is invaluable practice. The students thoroughly enjoy reading and answering the questions.

Romalda Spalding highly recommended them in Writing Road To Reading unified phonics reading program. They can be used as early reading with any phonics' reading program. I used them with Hazel Loring's 1980 Reading Made Easy with Blend Phonics for First Grade and my Natural Phonics Primer, which is based on the phonics exercises in Rudolf Flesch's 1955 Why Johnny Can't Read and what you can do about it.

I always recommend the use of the *Phonovisual Charts* for teaching reading. *The Test Lessons in Primary* Reading form something of a basal reading material to go with the Phonovisual Charts. When the students do not recognize a word in the stories, I simply point to the sound spelling on the chart and let the children decode the words for themselves. Students should NOT start the stories until they have a very good start in phonics.

Students who master these stories can move on to the McCall-Crabbs Test Lessons in Reading.

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www.blendphonics.org

"Reading Practices that Educate" by Linda Schrock Taylor, December 13, 2004.

https://www.readwritespellbetter.com/articles/Reading%20Practice%20That%20Educates.html

## Donald Potter's Answer Key

## for the McCall-Harby Test Lessons in Primary Reading

Test	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Pet problems	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES
2. The Uninvited Cat	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	5
3. Who's Chasing Who	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
4. First Snow	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
5. Lost Fish and Pole	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
6. Booz's Crash										
7. Wrong Foot!										
8. The Phone Call										
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10. Who's Oldest?										
11. Eva's Comb										
12. One Cookie Short										
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45. Slow Poke and the Mule										
46. Town-of-Leaves										
47. Laura goes Skiing										

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49. The Rescue										
50. Squirrel Left Alone										
51. Buck's Bench										
52. The Ghost										
53. Meeting Buffalo Bill										
54. Helping the Birds										
55. Brownie's Puppy										
56. Pal Stays Home										
57. Reason to Run										
58. Trick a Racoon										
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