

READ ALOUD RESOURCE OUTLINE:

- Passage with the word count for teachers to track students' oral reading practice.
- Additional information about the passage and other resources.
- Passage for students to practice reading aloud.

The Best Seat in Second Grade

Sam had the best seat in second grade. He sat at the back of	14
Room 75. He did not sit near the globe, or the dinosaur models,	27
or the paper pioneer fort. Sam sat beside George Washington.	37
George Washington was small and round and the color of honey,	48
and he sneezed. George Washington was a hamster. Sam loved	58
George Washington more than anything else at school. George	67
Washington was Sam's favorite subject. Sam's teacher, Mr.	75
Hopper, asked, "Who knows something about lava?"	82
"It pops out of volcanoes," said Sam, "the way George	92
Washington pops out of his nest." Someone in the front row	103
giggled.	104
"Good answer!" said Mr. Hopper.	109
Every Monday Mr. Hopper picked a new Hamster Helper. The	119
Hamster Helper got to feed George Washington. The Hamster	128
Helper got to make toys out of boxes and tubes. The Hamster	140

Helper got to play with George Washington. "Please, please, oh,	150
please," Sam groaned. "Pick me!" He crossed his fingers and held	161
his breath. Mr. Hopper reached into the bowl of names.	171
"Miguel!" he said. "You are our new Hamster Helper.	180
"Oh, boy!" said Miguel.	184
"Oh, no" said Sam. "It is never my turn." Sam was tired of waiting	198
to be Hamster Helper. He was sure George Washington was tired	209
of his cage.	212

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- Lexile® oral readability measure of the oral reading excerpt (212 words): 520L
- [Link to video read aloud of *The Best Seat in Second Grade*](#)

Words to Practice:

- globe
- dinosaur
- pioneer
- hamster
- subject
- volcanoes

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Sam's teacher, Mr. Hopper, asked, "Who knows something about lava?"

"It pops out of volcanoes," said Sam, "the way George Washington pops out of his nest." Someone in the front row giggled.

"Good answer!" said Mr. Hopper.

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"Oh, boy!" said Miguel.

"Oh, no" said Sam. "It is never my turn." Sam was tired of waiting to be Hamster Helper. He was sure George Washington was tired of his cage.