Simulation: Reader

Directions for the reader who is taking the test:
1. Read the following passage EXACTLY as it is written.
2. Answer the questions posed by your partner, without looking at what you read.

Mrs. Mooney was a bachelor’s daughter. She was a woman who was quite able to keep things to herself: a determined woman. She had married her father’s fireman and opened a bachelor’s shop near Spring Gardens. But as soon as his father-in-law was dead, Mr. Mooney began to go to the deeper. He drank, plundered the till, ran headlong into bed. It was no use making him take the plan: he was sure to break out again a few days after. By fighting his wife in the pressure of customers and by buying bad meat he royed his business.

One night he went with his wife with the clever and she had to sleep in a neighbor’s house. After that they lived apart. She went to the pest and got a separation for him with care of the children. She would give him neither money nor food nor house-room; and so he was obliged to enlist himself as a shirt man. He was a shabby stooped little drunkard with a white face and a white moustache and white eyebrows, pencilled above his little eyes, which were pink-veened and raw; and all day long he sat in the balleaf room, waiting to be put on a job.

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Oral Reading Accuracy = __________%
Comprehension Accuracy=_________%
Directions for the test administrator:
1. Have your partner read the whole passage as written on page 1.
2. Circle all errors as your partner reads but do not correct.
3. When your partner is done, take their copy away and ask the questions.
4. Calculate your partner’s accuracy on the first paragraph only (100 words) even though they read the entire passage.
5. Calculate your partner’s accuracy on the questions.

Mrs. Mooney was a butcher’s daughter. She was a woman who was quite able to keep things to herself: a determined woman. She had married her father’s foreman and opened a butcher’s shop near Spring Gardens. But as soon as his father-in-law was dead, Mr. Mooney began to go to the devil. He drank, plundered the till, ran headlong into debt. It was no use making him take the pledge: he was sure to break out again a few days after. By fighting his wife in the presence of customers and by buying bad meat he ruined his business. * (100 words)

One night he went for his wife with the cleaver and she had to sleep in a neighbor’s house. After that they lived apart. She went to the priest and got a separation from him with care of the children. She would give him neither money nor food nor house-room; and so he was obliged to enlist himself as a sheriff’s man. He was a shabby stooped little drunkard with a white face and a white moustache and white eyebrows, pencilled above his little eyes, which were pink-veined and raw; and all day long he sat in the bailiff’s room, waiting to be put on a job. *The Boarding House* by James Joyce

1. What kind of business did the Mooney’s have? *(butcher shop)*
2. Why did they not have much money? *(Mr. Mooney took money from the business.)*
3. What did Mrs. Mooney do to try to stop his devilish ways? *(She would talk to him and try to get him to promise not to do it anymore.)*
4. What incident caused Mrs. Mooney to decide to leave her husband? *(He tried to kill her with a cleaver.)*
5. What did Mr. Mooney then decide to do for work? *(Work as a sheriff’s man.)*