# **6th Grade Passages**

#### Beginning of Year (BOY) Examiner Packet

Passage 1 Titanic

Passage 2 A Friend on the Trail

Passage 3 Jane Goodall: A Friend to Chimpanzees

#### Directions

#### Passage 1

"I want you to read this passage out loud and do your best reading. If you get stuck or come to a word you cannot read, I will tell you the word so you can keep reading. When I say 'Stop,' I will ask you to tell me about what you read. Do you understand? ... Okay, you will begin as soon as I turn the page."

- Read the title of the passage.
- Start timing when the student says the first word.
- As he or she is reading, mark any words incorrect that are misread (i.e., substitutions, omissions, reversals, skips, or numerals read incorrectly).
- If the student hesitates for more than 3 seconds on a word, mark it as an error. Provide the word and then say, "Go on."
- If the student skips a line, stop and redirect the student to the beginning of the line. Count the first word of the line as an error. Do not stop the timer.
- After 60 seconds, say, "Stop." Circle the last word read.
- If the student finishes all the words before the time is up, note the time required to read all the words.
- COMPREHENSION RETELL: Give the initial retell prompt: "Can you tell me everything you remember reading in the passage?" Each time the student pauses, use the follow-up prompt ("Do you remember anything else?") until the student can recall no other information.

#### Passages 2 & 3

"Now try this passage: (Title). Ready? ... Begin." Follow guidelines listed above.

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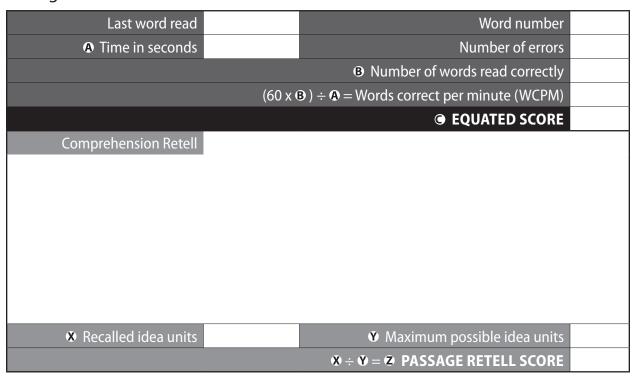
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### **Record Sheet: Passage Reading Fluency**

Student Name	Date	Gender	
Examiner (and Title)	School	Grade	

#### Passage 1 Titanic



Passage 2 A Friend on the Trail

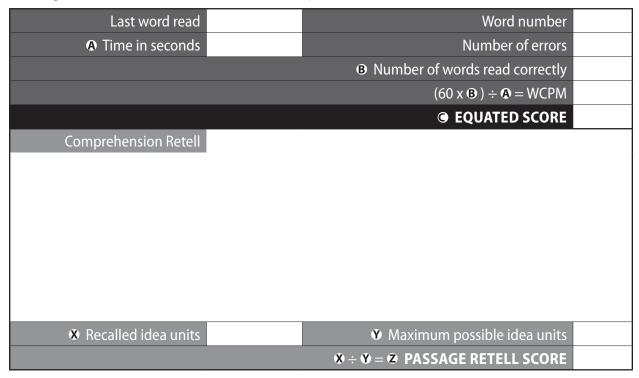
Last word read	Word number	
A Time in seconds	Number of errors	
	<ul><li>Number of words read correctly</li></ul>	
	$(60 \times \mathbf{G}) \div \mathbf{A} = WCPM$	
	● EQUATED SCORE	
Comprehension Retell		
Recalled idea units	Maximum possible idea units	
	$\mathbf{X} \div \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{Z}$ PASSAGE RETELL SCORE	

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#### Record Sheet: Passage Reading Fluency (cont.)

Student Name

#### Passage 3 Jane Goodall: A Friend to Chimpanzees



Total equated scores (add all @'s)	
Divide by 3 for <b>AVERAGE EQUATED SCORE</b>	

Total passage retell scores (add all <b>2</b> 's)	
Divide by 3 for <b>AVERAGE RETELL SCORE</b>	

# Titanic Lexile: 550 – 6th Grade BOY #1 Source: TPRI

21	April 10th, 1912, was the most exciting day of my life. Little did I know that it was a prelude to the most terrifying time of my life as well.
30 48 66 86	My father had moved to America several months prior to then. He found a good job. He had finally saved enough money to bring my mother and me to join him. He surprised us with second class tickets on a ship called the RMS Titanic. My mother told me it was the biggest ship in the world.
87 105 127 145 161	I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw it. It was enormous! My mom let me wander around alone and explore the ship. I was 8 and grown up enough to know not to get into trouble or to be a nuisance. I quickly made a friend on board. Her name was Marjorie. She was going to visit America with her parents. We spent nearly the entire trip playing together and watching the other passengers. We had hours of fun!
167 184 201 221 236	Everything was normal when I went to bed on April 14th. Around midnight I was startled awake by the voices of men yelling and women screaming. My mother ran into the hall. She heard someone say we had hit an iceberg. The ship was filling with water. We had no time to gather our belongings or get dressed. We followed the panicking crowd toward the main deck. My mother clutched my hand tightly.
240 258 277 295 314 333 353 375 394	Someone was yelling that the boat was sinking. How could this be? I looked at my mom. I could tell it was true. People were frantic to get to the lifeboats. There were so many people. I wondered how they could all fit into so few boats. People were pushing each other. I was knocked to the ground. I heard my mother scream. A kind man picked me up before I was trampled. He led my mom and me to a lifeboat and made sure we were safely aboard. As other people boarded with us, I saw Marjorie and her family waiting in line. I yelled for them, but they didn't hear me. I was scared for them. I wanted them to come on my boat. I wanted them to be safe, too. I told the crewman that I would make room for them, but he gave the order to release our boat without hearing what I had said. We had to leave without them.
405 424 441	I don't know how long we floated in the sea. We were freezing, wet, and scared, but we were the lucky ones. We were alive. So many people were left behind that night. I wondered what happened to Marjorie. I never saw her again.

When we got to America, my father was waiting for us. His eyes were filled with tears, and he sobbed as he held us tightly. Years later I realized that those tears weren't only for us, but for all the people who never made it to America. Ever since then, even though my name is Jessica, he has called me Joy. He gave me that new nickname to reflect how he felt when he was told that we survived.

#### A Friend on the Trail **TCLD Title: A Friend on the Trail**

Lexile: 650 – 6th Grade BOY #2 Source: TAAS 2002

16 33 50 69	Doodle the rooster usually crowed at sunrise, but this morning Elizabeth awoke to the sounds of other birds. She poked her head through the curtain of her family's covered wagon and gazed at the unfamiliar surroundings. Late in the spring of 1856, her family had joined a train of covered wagons. They had begun their long journey to make a new home in the West. That was more than four months ago. Soon they would reach their destination.
78 95 113	After breakfast Elizabeth checked the cage tied to the back of the wagon. This was where Doodle and their three hens rode. Each night Doodle and the hens were allowed to roam freely. They had always returned by morning. Today, however, Doodle was not in the cage.
125	"Doodle, where are you?" Elizabeth muttered. She looked in all directions.
136 154	"Why don't you walk down to the stream," her mother suggested. "You need to get water for the day's journey. Perhaps you'll find Doodle there."
161 176 193 212	Grabbing the bucket, Elizabeth headed for the stream. She crossed through a field of lovely wildflowers. Along the stream's bank she saw a Native American girl. The girl wore a round hat made of woven grass. She dipped her hat into the water and took a drink. Looking up, the girl smiled.
213 231	"My name is Sisika," she said. "I'm Elizabeth. I've come to get water and to find my rooster," Elizabeth explained.
233 250	Together they began searching. They did not have to look long before they found Doodle. He was feasting on large crickets in the tall grass.
258	"Doodle, you've found a good breakfast," Elizabeth remarked.
266 281	"These are tasty crickets," Sisika replied. "My mother dries them, and we make delicious cricket soup."
282 297 314 331	"I like to help my mother cook, too," Elizabeth said. With these words Elizabeth realized something. It occurred to her that she and Sisika might have many things in common. She wished that she could stay and visit longer. Elizabeth carefully picked up Doodle in her arms. Then she remembered her empty bucket.

335	"I can help," Sisika offered. "I'll fill your bucket and carry it for you."
349         364         380         400         417	Together Elizabeth and Sisika walked back to the wagon. Elizabeth returned Doodle to the cage. The restless oxen tugged on the wagon, signaling that they were ready to depart. Elizabeth reached into the wagon for her favorite doll. With a sad smile of good-bye, she gave it to Sisika. Then Sisika placed her necklace around Elizabeth's neck. Just then a man rode up on a beautiful spotted horse.
418 435 451	"This is my father," Sisika explained to Elizabeth. The man helped Sisika climb up onto the horse. Then he noticed the doll that she was holding. He also recognized the necklace Elizabeth was wearing.
452 471 489	"The river up ahead can be treacherous. There are places where it is deep and the waters are fast," he said to Elizabeth. "Tell your father that Sisika and I will lead your wagons safely across the river."
508 523	Sisika and Elizabeth waved to each other. Then Sisika and her father rode to the front of the wagon train. Moments later the wagons jerked forward. The wagon train began to roll westward again.
524 541	Crossing the river, Elizabeth studied her new necklace happily. She had made a friend on the trail.

# Jane Goodall: A Friend to Chimpanzees TCLD Title: Jane Goodall: A Friend to Chimpanzees Lexile: 740 – 6th Grade BOY #3 Source: TAAS 2002

	When Jane Goodall was a child, her family heard that a baby chimpanzee had been born at a zoo
19	in London. To celebrate this exciting news, Goodall's parents bought her a stuffed toy chimpanzee.
34	She named it Jubilee after the real baby chimp at the zoo. From that day on, Goodall kept the
53	stuffed animal by her side.
58	Jane Goodall was born on April 3, 1934, in London, England. As a child she was fascinated with
76	animals. At the age of four, she sat for hours in a henhouse, watching closely. She wanted to find
95	out how chickens lay eggs.
	7 66
100	While walking to school, she often stopped to watch a bird or squirrel. By looking and listening,
117	Goodall learned about animals.
121	From an early age Goodall loved to read. One of her favorite books was The Story of Dr. Dolittle,
140	a tale about a man who could talk to animals. Goodall also enjoyed reading about wild animals.
157	She began to dream about going to Africa to study them.
168	About three years after she finished high school, Goodall unexpectedly received a letter. It was
183	from an old classmate whom Goodall had not heard from in a long time. The friend wrote that
201	her family had moved to a farm in Africa. She invited Goodall for a visit, and Goodall accepted.
219	For several months Goodall worked hard and saved money for the trip. She also read more about
236	Africa. In 1957 Goodall sailed to Africa. After visiting her friend, Goodall began a job in Kenya.
253	There she met a scientist who told her about a group of chimpanzees in nearby Tanzania. He
270	helped arrange for her to study the chimps in the wild.
281	At first Goodall did not see many chimps. They would run away when she approached, but
297	eventually they began to accept her. Within a few months they did not flee when she was near.
315	Goodall watched how the animals lived and behaved. She carefully wrote down her observations.
329	While doing so, she made many important discoveries about chimpanzees. She learned that chimps
343	do not eat only plants, as scientists had thought. Chimps also eat insects and sometimes meat.
359	Another of Goodall's discoveries was even more amazing. One day she was watching a chimp that
375	she called David Greybeard. David Greybeard poked a blade of grass into an insect mound. When
391	he pulled out the blade of grass, it was covered with insects. Then he ate the insects off the blade of
412	grass. Later Goodall saw the same chimp using a stick to collect insects. This showed Goodall that
429	chimpanzees use tools to get food.

Goodall has spent many years studying chimpanzees and has become an expert on their behavior.

Now she travels around the world, giving speeches about chimps. She wants people to be concerned about animals, both in zoos and in the wild. Wherever Goodall goes, her stuffed chimpanzee Jubilee is by her side.

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**Grade 6 Passage Reading Fluency Equating Table BOY** – *Titanic* 

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4.0	21	92	78	144	135	196	192
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41	23		80	146	137	198	194
42	24	94	81	147	138	199	195
43	25	95	82		139	200	196
44	26	96	83	148	140	201	197
45	27	97	84	149	141	202	198
46	28	98	85	150	142	202	199
47	29	99	86	151	143	203	200
48	30	100	87	152	144	204	201
49	31	101	88	153	145	205	202
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51	34	104	91	156	148	208	205
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53	36	105	93	150	150	210	207
54	37	106	94	158	151	211	208
55 56	38 39	107 108	95 96	159 160	152 153	212	209 210
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57	40	109		161	154	213	211
58	41 42	110 111	98 99	162 163	155 156	214 215	212 213
59 60	43	111	100		157		
00	43			164 165	157	216	214 215
61	45	113 114	101 102	166	158	217 218	216
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81	66	133	123	185	180		
82	67	134	124	186	181		
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83	69	136	126	188	183		
84	70		127	189	184		
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86	72	138	129	170	186		
87	73	139	130	191	187		
88	74	140	131	192	188		
89	75	141	132	193	189		
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# **Retell Scoring Guide**

Each row of the table represents an idea unit and is worth 1 point.

# of Words Read	<b>ூ</b> Recalled Idea Unit						
30	lt April 1	an exciting day  Oth was the start the beginning of something scary	1				
46	His/he	had er father found a job in America got	2				
75	The fath	surprised the family the mother/mom and him/her saved money to bring the mother/mom and him/her to America surprised the family the mother/mom and him/her to America to America	3				
87	The sh The Tit	· ' M/3¢ '	4				
110	go around He could explore the ship alone She wander was old enough not to get into trouble on the ship						
136	He She	made a friend met a girl met Marjorie	6				
157	They played the entire trip the whole trip						
193	screaming woke up to screams He yells She						
	heard someone screaming around midnight in the night						
208	The ship The Titanic hit some ice						
234	They He/she	hurried to the main deck main area on the ship	10				

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# of Words Read	<b>②</b> Recalled	l Idea Unit							Maximum Possible Idea Units
263	The ship The Titan	was sir ic was sta	nking arting to	o sink					11
271	People	were push were pani were frant	cked	to ge	t on t	he   boat			12
313	A man	saved him picked hin			_	d before sh	e was	trampled run over stepped on	13
329	The man		family		n and	him/her	on a lif	<sup>f</sup> eboat	14
358	He She	01						15	
405	The boat	had to left	leave	with	out	his/her fi Marjorie Marjorie			16
430	to be alive  He/she to be on a lifeboat  The family was (were) lucky  They because others got left behind						17		
449	He She	: never saw : : again					18		
469	they the family he/she and his/her mother he saw he held he/she and his/her mother he saw he held he/she and his/her mother						19		
528	Her father started calling her Joy because he was happy she survived even though her name was Jessica						20		

**Grade 6 Passage Reading Fluency Equating Table BOY** – *A Friend on the Trail* 

Equated Score

**WCPM** 212

215-216

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WCPM	Score	WCPM	Score	WCPM	Score
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31	46	92	103	152	160
32	47	93	104	153-154	161
33	48	94	105	155	162
34	49	95	106	156	163
35	50	96	107	157	164
36	51	97	108	158	165
37	52	98	109	159	166
38	53	99	110	160	167
39	54	100	111	161	168
40	55	101	112	162	169
41	56	102	113	163	170
42	57	103	114	164	171
43-44	58	104	115	165	172
45	59	105	116	166	173
46	60	106-107	117	167	174
47	61	108	118	168-169	175
48	62	109	119	170	176
49	63	110	120	171	177
50 51	64 65	111 112	121 122	172 173	178 179
52	66	113	123	174	180
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55	69	116	125	176 177	183
56 56	70	117	126	178	183
57	70	118	128	178	185
58-59	72	119	129	180	186
60	73	120	130	181	187
61	74	121-122	131	182	188
62	75	123	132	183	189
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72	85	133	142	194	199
73	86	134	143	195	200
74-75	87	135	144	196	201
76	88	136	145	197	202
77	89	137-138	146	198	203
78	90	139	147	199	204
79	91	140	148	200-201	205
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81 82		142	150	203	207
82	94 95	143 144	151 152	204 205	208
83	95	144	152	205	210
85	96	145	153	206	210
86	98	146	155	207	211
87	98	147	156	208	212
88	100	149	157	210	213
89	100	150	158	210	214
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## **Retell Scoring Guide**

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# of Words Read	<b>♥</b> Recalled Idea Unit									<b>♥</b> Maximum Possible Idea Units
18	She A girl Elizabeth	didn't hear didnt wake		the rooste Doodle	the rooster Doodle				1	
51	She The girl Elizabeth Her (Elizabe	The girl			wagon covered wagon traveling in a train of wagons * wagon train *					2
62	She Elizabeth Her (Elizabe	was had	s moving s making a new home out West d been traveling west for months d been traveling for more than four months					3		
95	She The girl Elizabeth	looked fo checked f	ooked for the roost hecked for Doodle			in the		cage wagon		4
111	The rooster Doodle The hens	could would	1			around at night			5	
125	The rooster Doodle She Elizabeth	dle didn't return from roaming						6		
160	Her (Elizabeth's) mom told her to look for Doodle by stream river water Doodle while she was getting water						7			
187	The girl Elizabeth	saw, i	lative India	American n	gir	l by the	e	strea river creek wate	3	8

<sup>\*</sup> To earn credit for this idea unit, the student may not use "train" as a synonym for "wagon."

# of Words Read	<b>⊗</b> Recalled Idea Unit		Maximum Possible Idea Units				
193	The Native American girl wore a The Indian girl drank water from her	hat	9				
217	She The Native American girl The Indian girl Sisika introduced herself wanted to meet Elizabe met Elizabeth	rth	10				
237	They The two girls Sisika and Elizabeth  They  Iooked for Searched for Doodle						
	The rooster Doodle was eating crickets						
254	They the rooster	the tall grass	12				
282	Sisika † mentioned eating talked about making cricket soup		13				
290	Elizabeth thought she was similar to had things in common w	I	14				
	Elizabeth helped her mom cook just like Sisika did						
349	Sisika helped Elizabeth get carry the water	the water					
250	They went back to the wag	lked ! back to the wagon					
358	Elizabeth put Doodle in the cage the rooster in the back of th	1					
399	Elizabeth gave Sisika her favorite doll						
406	Sisika gave Elizabeth her necklace						
422	Her (Sisika's <sup>†</sup> ) dad came to get her Her (Sisika's <sup>†</sup> ) father rode up on a horse						

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> Using "she/her" for "Sisika/Sisika's" is acceptable only if the response clearly distinguishes the Native American girl from Elizabeth. The student may use any pronunciation of "Sisika."

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# of Words Read	<b>⊗</b> Recalled Idea Unit		<b>♥</b> Maximum Possible Idea Units				
452	He noticed that the girls had exchanged gifts traded their favorite things						
490	He Sisika's <sup>†</sup> father offered to help Elizabeth's family cross the stream						
510	started moving again  The wagons The wagon train *  The wagon train *  The wagon train *  The lndians						
538	Elizabeth made a friend made friends with Sisika						

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Grade 6 Passage Reading Fluency Equating Table BOY – Jane Goodall: A Friend to Chimpanzees

	Equated		Equated		Equated	
WCPM	Score	WCPM	Score	WCPM	Score	WCPM
<13	22	70	79	127	136	183
14	23	71	80	128	137	184
15	24	72	81	129	138	185
16	25	73	82	130	139	186
17	26	74	83	131	140	187
18 19	27 28	75	84 85	132	141 142	188 189
20	28	76 77	85	133	142	189
21	30	78	87	134	143	190
22	31	79	88	135	145	192
23	32	80	89	136	146	193
24	33	81	90	137	147	194
25	34	82	91	138	148	195
26	35	83	92	139	149	196
27	36	84	93	140	150	197
28	37	85	94	141	151	198
29	38	86	95	142	152	199
30	39	87	96	143	153	200
31	40	88	97	144	154	201
32	41	89	98	145	155	202
33	42	90	99	146	156	>203
34	43	91	100	147	157	
35 36	44 45	92 93	101 102	148 149	158 159	
37	45	94	102	150	160	
38	47	95	103	151	161	
39	48	96	105	152	162	
40	49	97	106	153	163	
41	50	98	107	154	164	
42	51	99	108	155	165	
43	52	100	109	156	166	
44	53	101	110	157	167	
45	54	102	111	158	168	
46	55	103	112	159	169	
47	56	104	113	160	170	
48	57	105	114	161	171	
49	58	106	115	162	172	
50	59	107	116	163	173	
51	60	108	117	164	174	
52 53	61 62	109 110	118 119	165 166	175 176	
54	63	111	120	167	177	
55	64	112	120	168	178	
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62	71	119	128	175	185	
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64	73	121	130	177	187	
65	74	122	131	178	188	
66	75	123	132	179	189	
67	76	124	133	180	190	
68	77	125	134	181	191	
69	78	126	135	182	192	

# **Retell Scoring Guide**

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# of Words Read	<b>⊗</b> Recalled	Idea Ui	nit						Maximum Possible Idea Units
19	A chimpanzee was born in London								
34	She Jane Goodall	,	a toy chimpanzee got a stuffed animal (chimpanzee)  Jubilee  a toy chimpanzee  a toy chimpanzee  a toy chimpanzee  with her by her side						
77	She Jane Goodall	always liked was fascinated by							3
100	She Jane Goodall	watc	watched chickens to see how they laid eggs						4
111	She Jane Goodall	watched studied birds when she was little listened to						5	
140	She Jane Goodall Her favori	ane loved to read about animals							6
168	She Jane dreamed of studying animals in Africa Goodall							7	
187	After high school After she graduated  She Jane Goodall  Jane Goodall  a friend an old classmate someone she hadn't heard from in a long time							8	
216	The friend invited her (Goodall) to  Africa								9

# of Words Read	<b>⊘</b> Recalled	ldea Unit					Maximum Possible Idea Units		
231	She Jane	got ready saved money to go to Africa for her trip to Africa to visit her friend							
	Goodall	went sailed	to Afric	ca in 1957	o,				
253	She Jane Goodall	started working in Kenya							
281		Someone in Kenya A scientist  helped her study  chimpanzees chimps  in the wild in nature in Tanzania							
293	The chimps would run away hide from her (Goodall)								
303	They The chimր	started to trust ps began to accept her (Goodall)					14		
348	She Jane Goodall	learned discovered that chimps also eat insects meat				just plants or sects	15		
413	She Jane Goodall	learned discovere	d th	tools that chimps use blades of grass to get insects					
447	She Jane	became is	chimps chimpanzees						
	Goodall	gives spee	eches o	es on chimps around the world					
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