An exerpt from

5 Minutes
to Better Reading Skills

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DIRECTIONS

Preparation:

Print out one copy of the reading drill for the student and one for the instructor. The intructor's version is labelled with 'INSTRUCTOR' and has number counts on the right hand side to make it easy for keeping track of the number of words read.

Step 1: Student Practice Read (2-3 min)

Have the student read the drill aloud from left to right. Instructors follow along with their copy (with number counts), orally correcting any mistakes along the way.

Step 2: Timed Read (1 min)

Next, have the student do a one-minute timed reading of the page, keeping track of their mistakes privately and making note of any errors. An error is a misread, skipped, or repeated word. Do not orally correct mistakes during the timed reading. You can review any mistakes after the timed reading is completed.

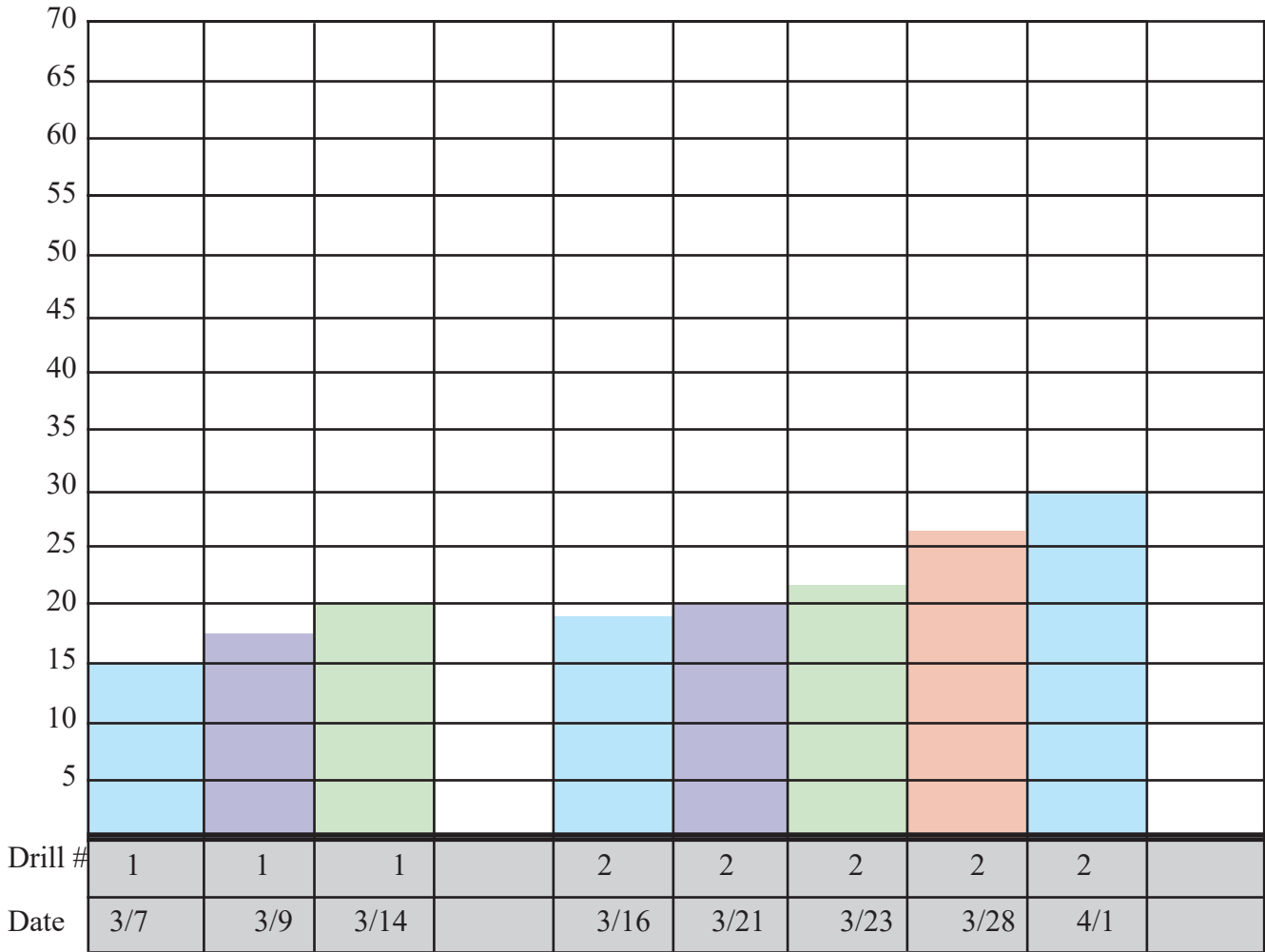**Step 3:** Chart Progress (1 min)

Have the student use the Daily Chart to log their total words read per minute (including mistakes) on the top grid. Also chart total mistakes per minute in the bottom grid. This is a great way for them to be able to see their improvement of words read per minute increasing and mistakes per minute decreasing.

TIP:
Set a goal of no more than 4 mistakes and a 5 to 25 words per minute improvement from their first time doing the drill. When the goal is reached, move on to the next drill. For example, if a student read 10 words per minute the first time, set a goal of 15 words per minute before moving on to the next drill. If a student read 45 words per minute the first time, you may set the goal to 55 or 60 words per minute before moving on to the next drill.

Daily Chart

Name: Ron Reader

Words Per Minute

70									

Drill #	1	1	1		2	2	2	2	2	
Date	3/7	3/9	3/14		3/16	3/21	3/23	3/28	4/1	

Words Per Minute

Errors Per Minute

Drill #	1	1	1		2	2	2	2	2	
Date	3/7	3/9	3/14		3/16	3/21	3/23	3/28	4/1	

Errors Per Minute

Daily Chart

Name: _____

70									
65									
60									
55									
50									
45									
40									
35									
30									
25									
20									
15									
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5									
Drill #									
Date									

Words Per Minute

16									
14									
12									
10									
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4									
2									
Drill #									
Date									

Errors Per Minute

Daily Chart

Name: _____

100									
95									
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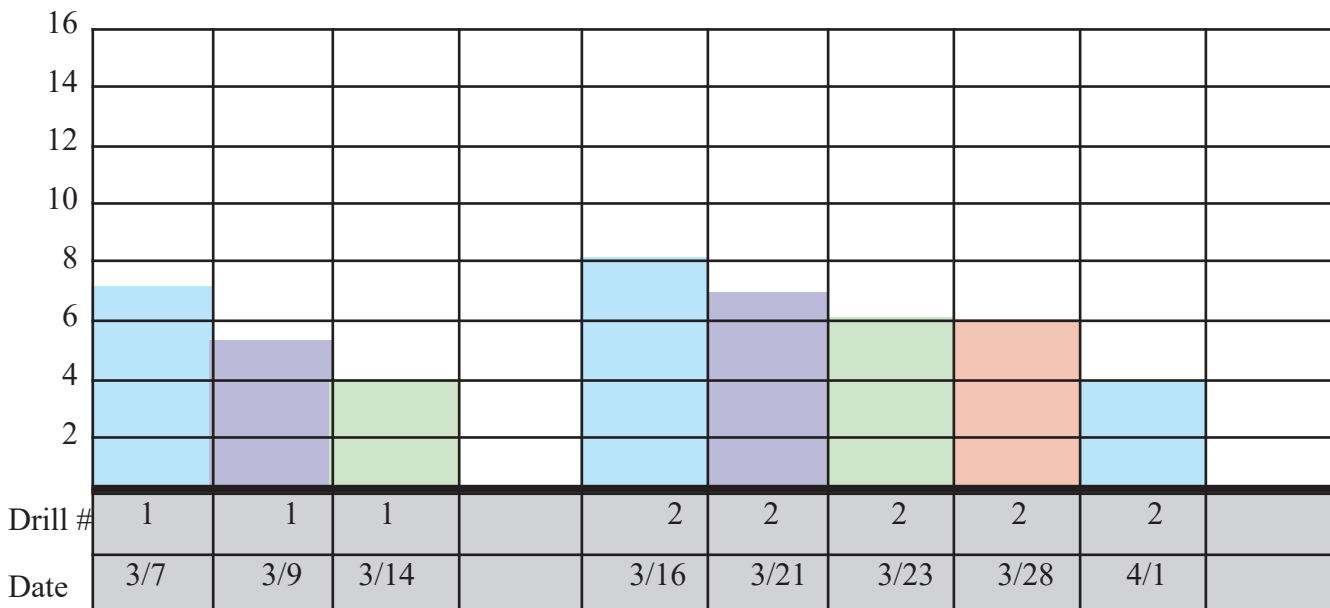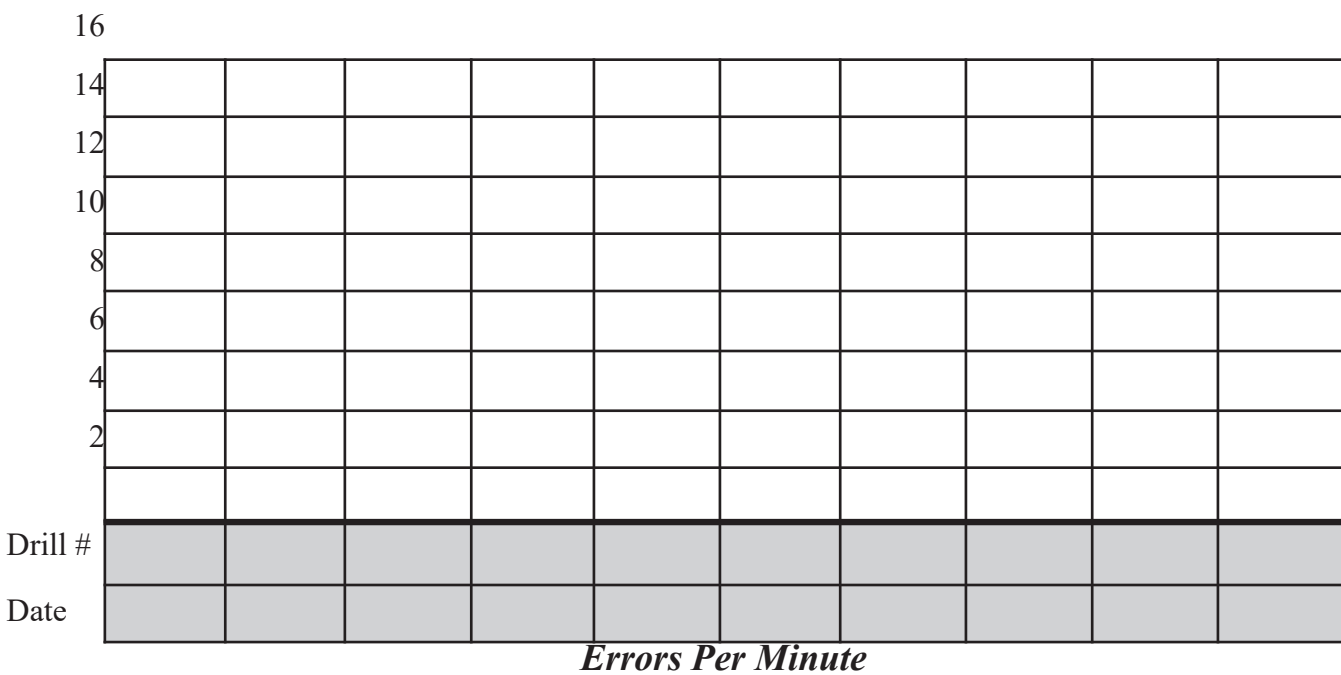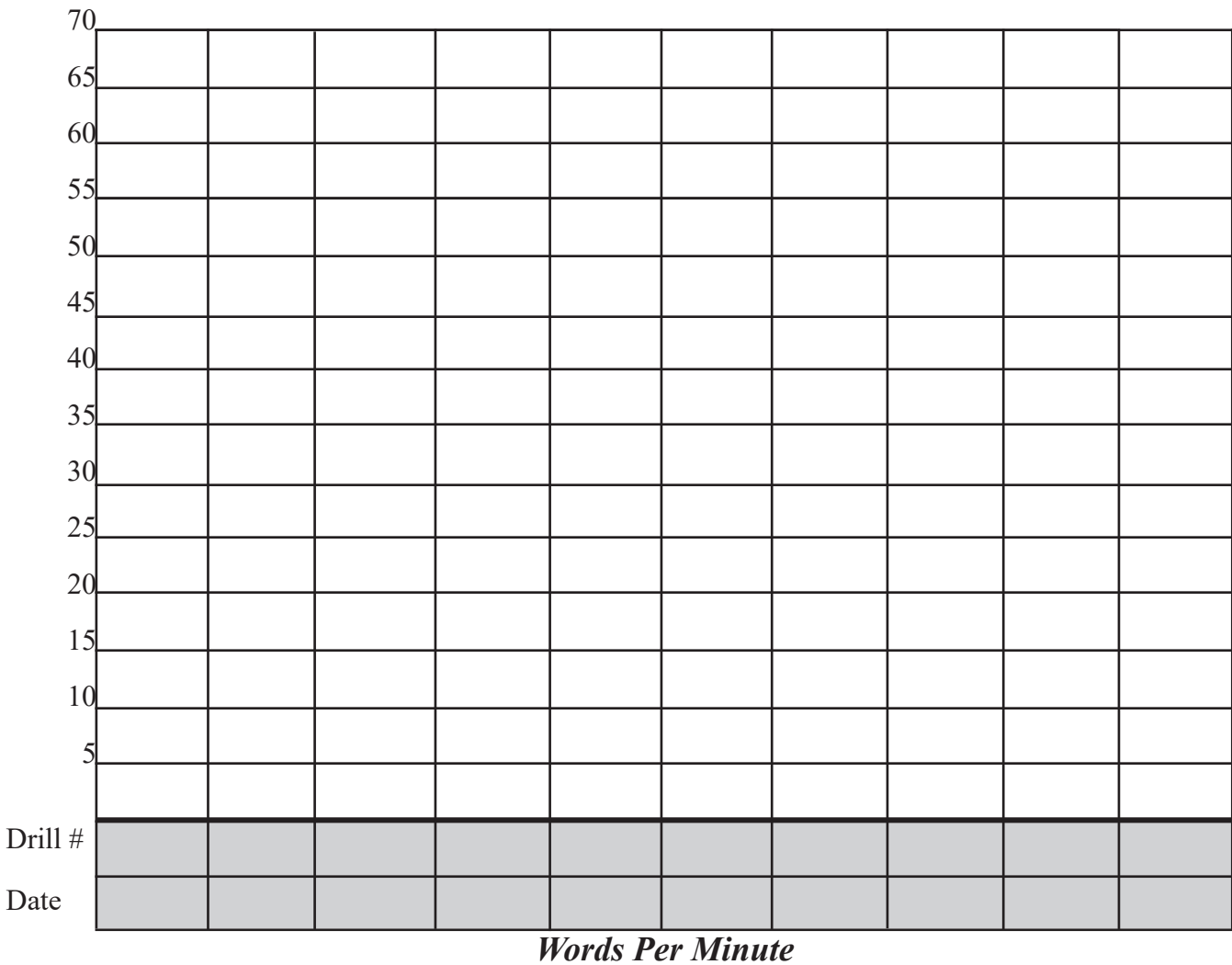
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Drill 1

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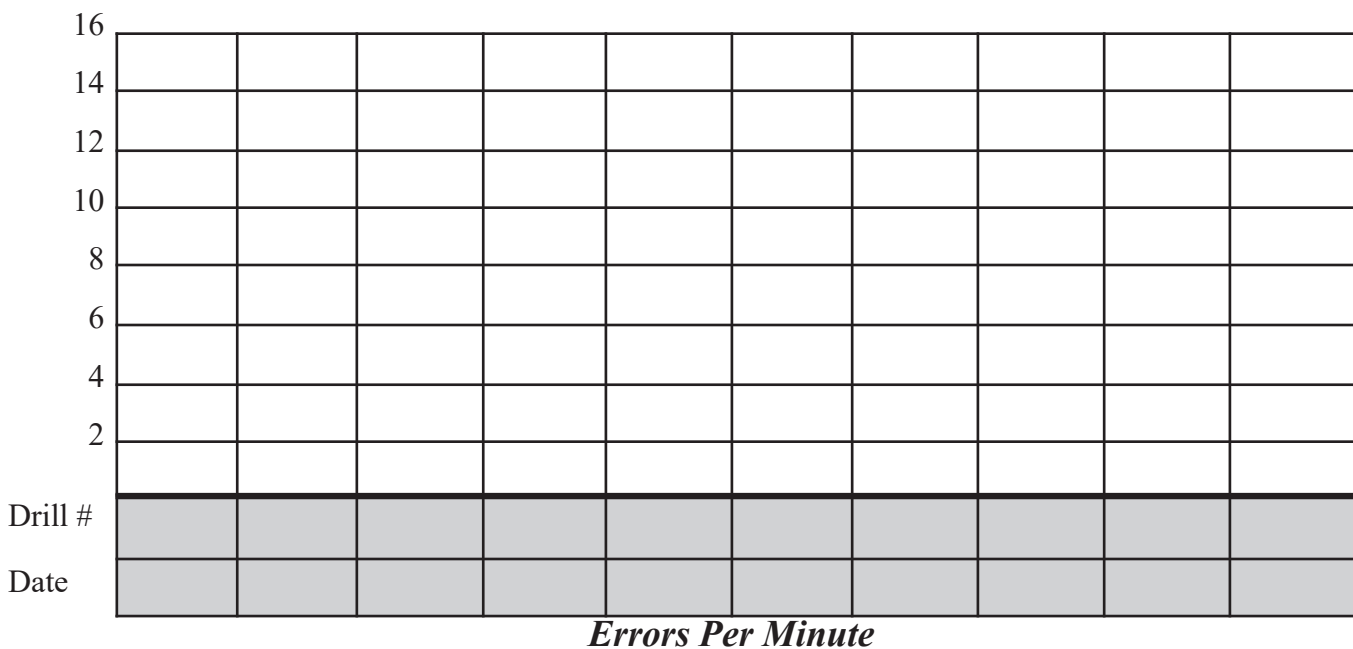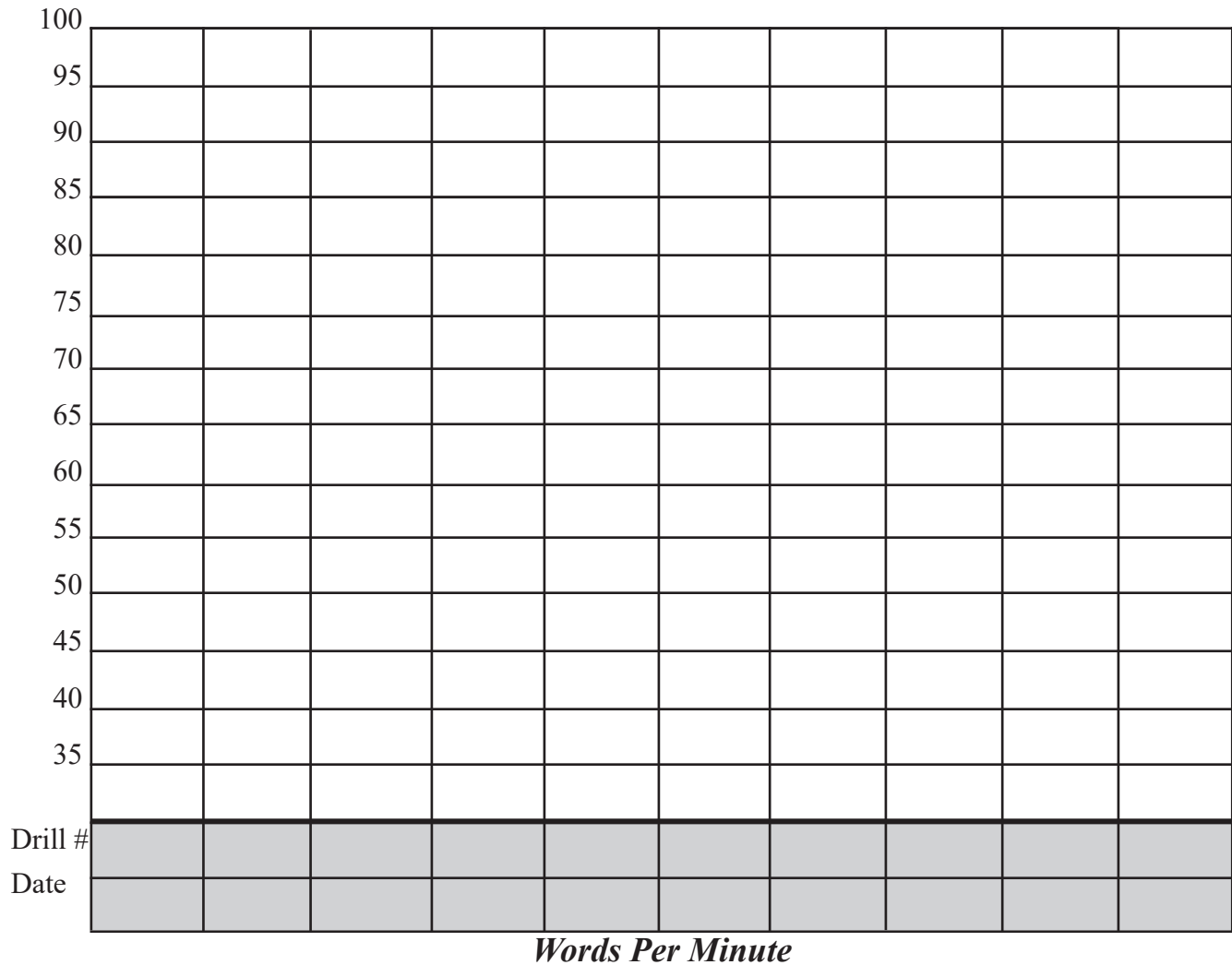
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cap	sap	map	tap	lap	rap
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rag	bag	tag	wag	hag	lag
can	man	ran	tan	fan	pan
sad	mad	had	lad	pad	dad

sat	sap	Sam	sad	cab	cat
lad	lap	fan	fat	bat	ban
mat	mad	man	map	hat	ham
tan	tap	tag	tax	cap	can
rag	ran	rat	rap	bad	bag

ban	pat	tan	fat	man	sat
map	can	mad	cat	man	cab
rag	cat	lap	ham	bat	tap
jam	fan	dam	had	tag	rap

sat cap rag can sad mat sap
ram bag man mad rat map Sam
tag ran had bat tap ham wag
tan ran cat lap dam hag fan
pad fat rap jam lag pan dad

Drill 1

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sat	mat	rat	bat	cat	fat	
cap	sap	map	tap	lap	rap	
am	ram	Sam	ham	dam	jam	18
rag	bag	tag	wag	hag	lag	
can	man	ran	tan	fan	pan	
sad	mad	had	lad	pad	dad	36

sat	sap	Sam	sad	cab	cat	
lad	lap	fan	fat	bat	ban	
mat	mad	man	map	hat	ham	54
tan	tap	tag	tax	cap	can	
rag	ran	rat	rap	bad	bag	66

ban	pat	tan	fat	man	sat	
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