

Sentence Sweep

A word hidden in a story

NAME

DATE

PARENT / TEACHER

VISUAL TRACKING

RETURN SWEEP

READING FLUENCY

THE STRATEGY ON THIS SHEET

Keep your eyes moving at a reading pace, not a searching pace. If you have to go back and read a sentence again, the sweep was too quick.

- 1 Read the passage. Circle the word **ferry** every time it appears.

- 1 The ferry to Penang leaves at six in the
2 morning. Arun stands at the rail and
3 watches the island grow larger. Gulls
4 follow the ferry all the way across,
5 hoping for scraps. When the ferry docks,
6 the ramp clatters down and the
7 motorbikes go first. Arun waits. He
8 likes to be the last one off the ferry,
9 because then the whole deck belongs to
10 him for a minute.

FOUND

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LINES READ

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Trains: visual tracking, return sweep

Laminate and use a dry-erase marker · Learners are Leaders

Answer Key

LOS-3.5 · Sentence Sweep · for the adult marking

Target

TASK 1 — FERRY

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Lines carrying it	1 · 0 · 0 · 1 · 1 · 0 · 0 · 1 · 0 · 0	4
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A line skipped entirely is a return-sweep failure — the eye landed on the wrong line coming back. A target missed inside a line that was read is a scanning failure. They are different problems.