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## Penicillin

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One of these advances was a drug called penicillin that was then available only from the government. Most of the Cocoanut Grove victims were taken to two large hospitals in Boston. Many were already dead or died soon after arrival. At the time, serious burns were very difficult to treat and most badly burned patients died from infection. The doctors caring for the more than 200 Cocoanut Grove victims who survived the first 24 hours saved far more lives than they expected. Their success was mostly due to several recent medical breakthroughs. One of these was penicillin, a new germ killer, or antibiotic, that could fight bacteria. Because it was still difficult to make, only tiny amounts of penicillin were available. At the time of the Cocoanut Grove fire, penicillin was still a kind of "secret weapon," reserved for the use of soldiers. But the government released it to help treat the fire's victims in what would become one of the drug's most important clinical trials. The success of the skin grafts that saved the severely burned patients was largely due to the use of penicillin. The fire helped push the U.S. into figuring out ways to produce penicillin in large amounts. Penicillin was called a "miracle drug" because it could control infections that had almost always killed the patient before the drug's discovery.

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# Oral Reading Accuracy

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# DAR Levels 0-9/10

# Strategies: Teacher AND Student Identification of Difficult Words

Student:	Grade:	Date:
1st Passage Title:	1st Passa	ge Level:
2nd Passage Title:	2nd Pass	age Level:

Did previewing the words on the list improve the student's accuracy in oral reading? Y or N Explain:

Was the student able to predict which words would be difficult? Y or N Explain:

Did one of these strategies result in more difficult words being read correctly by the student? Y or N If Y, which strategy? **Teacher Identification** or **Student Identification** Explain:

Dur	ing this activity, the student seemed:	Additional Comments:
	Actively engaged	
	Somewhat engaged	
	Passively cooperative	
	Not interested	
	Other:	

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