

READ Team Assessment based on DART  
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Grade
6

Oral Reading

**The Story of Blue Jeans**

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Blue Jeans and Frontiers

Like many people who lived on the frontier, Nevada tailor Jacob Davis was a resourceful problem solver. One day in 1871, a customer complained that the pockets in her husband's pants were always tearing, perhaps because of the gold nuggets he carried. Davis looked around his shop for something stronger than thread to hold the pockets in place. Some copper rivets – fasteners for horse blankets – were lying on the table. "The thought struck me to fasten the pockets with rivets," Davis later said. "I had never thought of it before." Davis soon began making workpants that were reinforced with rivets.

Halting

Careful

Confident

Fluent

Expressive