

# FLUENCY

## Definition

Fluency is the ability to read with sufficient speed and accuracy to support understanding.

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This website gives information about what fluency is, what a child who struggles with fluency feels like, and what can be done to help. There is access to numerous articles from research that has been conducted.

## Ideas for Home

- Repeated reading. Choose a passage that will not be very difficult for your child. Read the passage aloud to your child, and then read it together, helping your child figure out any tricky words. Next, have your child read the passage to you with a focus on accuracy. Finally, have your child read the passage to you again, paying attention to fluency and expression. The goal is to sound smooth and natural.
- Use different voices. When reading a familiar story or passage, try having your child use different voices. Read the story in a mouse voice, cowboy voice, or a princess voice. This is another way to do repeated reading, and it adds some fun to reading practice.
- Read to different audiences. Reading aloud is a way to communicate to an audience. When a reader keeps the audience in mind, he/she knows that his reading must be fluent and expressive. Provide a variety of opportunities for your child to read to an audience. Your child can read to stuffed animals, pets, siblings, neighbors, grandparents—anyone who is willing to listen. This is a good way to show of what was practiced with repeated reading.
- Record the reading. After your child has practiced a passage, have him/her record it with a device. Once recorded, your child can listen to his reading and follow along in the book.

Often, he/she will want to record it again and make it even better!

- Point out punctuation marks that aid in expression such as question marks, exclamation points and quotation marks. Demonstrate how your voice changes as you read for each. Only focus on one during a book. Remember it is important to enjoy it first and foremost.