

Description of Activity:

This activity asks students to read a short passage and time themselves. Then, using that measurement, students answer questions, make comparisons, etc.

Supplies Needed:

- Book
- Clock or watch

Steps:

1. Pick a book.
2. Open to a page at random.
3. Time how long it takes you to read that page.
4. Count the number of words on that page.
5. Calculate how many words you can read per minute.
6. Ask a grown up to do the same thing with the same book.
7. Answer these questions:
 - a. At this rate how long will it take you to finish the book?
 - b. How long will it take the grown up to finish the book?
 - c. At this rate, how long would it take you to read a book that is 1,000 pages long?
 - d. How long will it take the grown up to read a book that is 1,000 pages long?