

Fluency



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What is Fluency?

- Fluency is how fast a person reads using good expression while paying attention to punctuation.
- Reading should be done **effortlessly**.
- Fluency is the bridge between word recognition and comprehension.
- **Comprehension** is the main goal of reading.



How is fluency measured?

- Teachers listen to a student read and time the reading.
- Fluency is how many words per minute a student has read in a reading selection.
- Ex. DIBELS test



OR...

- Teachers listen to a student read. They listen for good expression, use of punctuation, and speed.
- A rubric of 1-4 is used. Scores of 3 and 4 are passing.
- Ex. Running record which is more informal.



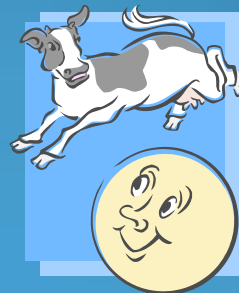
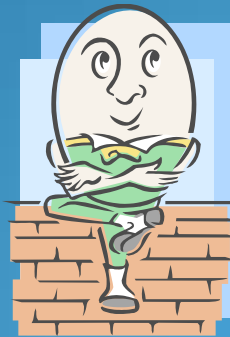
How do you know if your child has good reading fluency?

- Listen to them read .
- It should sound like normal talking.



How do I help with fluency?

- Read nursery rhymes and poems.
- Lots of **rereading** of books they already know.
- Echo reading using expression.
- You read a page...your child reads a page.



And in the end...

- If your child struggles in reading, don't forget to read to them for fun.

