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Words

Word Speed Practice



Objective

The student will gain speed and accuracy in reading words.



Materials

- ▶ Word practice sheets
*These words are taken from the high frequency word list.
Each sheet consists of 20 different words that repeat.
Make two copies of each sheet and laminate.*
- ▶ Words correct per minute record
- ▶ Timer (e.g., digital)
- ▶ Pencils
- ▶ Vis-à-Vis® markers



Activity

Students quickly read words on a practice sheet in a timed activity.

1. Place the word practice sheets and timer at the center. Provide each student with a words correct per minute record.
2. Taking turns, student one sets the timer for one minute and tells student two to “begin.”
3. Student two reads across the page while student one follows on his sheet and uses a Vis-à-Vis® marker to mark any words that are read incorrectly. If all words are read, go back to the top and continue until timer goes off.
4. Student one counts number of words pronounced correctly and student two records the number of words on his words correct per minute record.
5. Repeat the activity at least two more times attempting to increase speed and accuracy.
6. Reverse roles.
7. Peer evaluation

The illustration shows a word speed practice sheet on the left with a grid of words. Some words are crossed out with red lines: ~~follow~~, ~~family~~, ~~people~~, and ~~please~~. A pencil is shown pointing to the word 'point'. In the center is a large stopwatch. On the right is a 'Words Per Minute' record sheet with a table for recording results.

Name _____	
Words Per Minute	
1 st try	_____ words
2 nd try	_____ words
3 rd try	_____ words
4 th try	_____ words
5 th try	_____ words



Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Use other target words.
- ▶ Read the same words and graph.
- ▶ Time how long it takes to read all the words.

Fluency

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1. between often every few might
carry only example follow many
change other often many follow
children people only might few
enough picture other there family
every please between point example
example point people please every
family there picture only enough
few carry please people children
follow change point other change
many children there only carry
might enough family often between

high frequency words

2. around house watch from group
 away idea around goes have
 because leave away idea here
 before thought because leave house
 being through before away thought
 found under being have through
 from very great because under
 goes watch group found very
 great thought have from watch
 group through here goes around
 have under house idea away
 here very found leave because

high frequency words

3. which different answer laugh does
where could were learn down
when another what when important
what animal which where know
were always come along large
learn along could always laugh
laugh come different animal learn
large answer does another were
know along down answer what
important always important come when
down animal know could where
does another large different which

high frequency words

4. your myself yellow really near
 yellow move your round never
 would mountain almost sentence really
 why almost move should round
 who again myself about sentence
 while after near above should
 should above never after while
 sentence about move again who
 round while above almost why
 really who after mountain would
 never why again move yellow
 near would mountain myself your

high frequency words

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Words Correct Per Minute

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3 rd try	_____ words
4 th try	_____ words
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