



What is Fluency?

The term 'fluency' is used to describe a reader's ability to read accurately, at an appropriate pace and with expression. **Reading fluently** helps children understand what they are reading. These tips can help you model fluent reading and help your child practice reading fluently.

Read Accurately

- The words on the page should match the words you read.
- If you make an error, go back and correct it.



Read at an Appropriate Pace

- Don't read too fast or too slow! You don't want to sound like a robot or speed reader. Read in a smooth, talking voice.
- Come to a full stop at the end of every sentence.
- Pause when you come to a comma before the end of a sentence.



Read with Expression

- Change your voice when characters are talking.
- Match your expression to the character's personality.
- Use a deep voice for a scary character or a high pitched voice for a silly character.
- When a sentence ends in a question mark, change your voice to sound like you're asking a question.
- When a sentence ends in an exclamation mark, match your expression to what is happening.
- Change your expression to match the mood of the story.

