



Reading Fluency

Parent Information

What is fluency?

The ability to apply and identify the correct pronunciation of written words immediately and without ease.

It involves smoothly and effortlessly decoding words.

Fluent readers recognise words more readily, which then allows them to develop a deeper understanding of the content.

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Supporting pupils to develop fluent reading capabilities



What is reading fluency?

Reading fluency can be defined as reading with accuracy, automaticity and prosody. When pupils read fluently, their cognitive resources can be redirected from focusing on decoding and onto comprehending a text. For this reason, fluency is sometimes described as a bridge from word recognition to comprehension.



What is fluency?

The skill to read with speed, accuracy and with proper expression.

Reading is smooth and has expression.

Children can group words quickly to help them gain meaning from what they read.

In contrast, readers who lack fluency:

- Spend much of their time sounding out individual words, making their reading sound more disjointed.

The different elements of fluent reading include:

Speed

Accuracy

Able to identify words on the first attempt.

Expression

Uses phrasing, tone and pitch.

Comprehension

Able to understand what is being read.

One of the best ways to improve fluency is to read a text more than once as repeated reading improves word recognition, speed and accuracy.

What parents can do to help at home?

- Support and encourage your child and listen to them read regularly.
- If your child can decode words well, help them to build their speed and accuracy by reading aloud and having your child match their voice to yours, getting your child to practice the same list of words, phrases or short passages several times and reminding them to pause between sentences and phrases.