

# FLUENCY & VOCABULARY

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Phonemic  
Awareness

Vocabulary

Comprehension

Phonics &  
Word Study

Fluency

# WHAT IS FLUENCY?

**Ability to read a text accurately,  
quickly, AND with expression**

Bridges the gap between decoding & comprehending

Allows the shift from decoding words to understanding  
what the text means

# WHAT IS FLUENCY **NOT**?

**Reading as fast as you can**

**Reading through punctuation**

**Reading "like a robot"**

# WHAT FLUENCY LOOKS LIKE AT A...

KINDER  
LEVEL

FIRST  
GRADE  
LEVEL



SECOND  
GRADE  
LEVEL

THIRD  
GRADE  
LEVEL

# HOW DO WE PRACTICE?



**GLIDE  
THROUGH  
SOUNDS**



**RE-READ  
SENTENCES  
AFTER WORD  
SOLVING**



**BREATHE  
WITH  
PUNCTUATION**



**SCOOP  
SENTENCES  
INTO  
PHRASES**



**REPEATED  
READING OF  
PASSAGES**



**MODEL,  
THEN  
RE-READ**

# FLUENCY RESOURCES

Reading  
Rockets

Fluency  
Poems

# WHAT IS VOCABULARY?

Words we must understand to  
**communicate effectively**

Readers cannot understand what they are reading  
without knowing what **most** of the words mean

Readers must learn the meaning of new words that  
are not part of their **oral** vocabulary



# TYPES OF VOCABULARY

## LISTENING

words we need to know to understand what we hear

## ORAL

words we use when we speak



## READING

words we need to know to understand what we read



Kids who hear more words spoken at home learn more words and enter school with better vocabularies.

# HOW DO WE GROW?

**DIRECT  
LEARNING**



**PRE-TEACHING  
VOCABULARY  
BEFORE  
READING**



**TEACHING  
ROOT WORDS,  
PREFIXES,  
SUFFIXES**

# HOW DO WE GROW?

**INDIRECT  
LEARNING**

**CONTEXT  
CLUES**

**USE RICH,  
DESCRIPTIVE  
VOCABULARY**

**ENCOURAGE  
CURIOSITY  
ABOUT WORDS**

**ENCOURAGE  
ADDING  
DETAILS**

**VERBAL  
GAMES**

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# Q & A





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