Fluency

Teacher Use:

Reading fluency is the ability to read text with sufficient accuracy, expression, and automaticity to comprehend what has been read. Reading fluency is a combination of three different skills: rate (how quickly one reads), accuracy (miscues made while reading), and prosody (reading with expression and pausing for punctuation).

"Fluency Phrase & Short Sentence Practice" can be used to practice and monitor fluency. This tool should be used as repeated practice to strengthen fluency skills. Some of the phrases and sentences are taken from the *Fluent Reader* by Timothy Rasinski.

Fluency Phrases and Short Sentences, are included in this resource.

This resource can be used in literacy stations, small group instruction, or for reading intervention.

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Directions:

To preserve the use of the activity, laminate the fluency phrase or sentence strip. Cut the strips.

The fluency phrases and sentence strips are separated by level. The first set in this resource contains Fry's first 100 words, the second list contains the second 100 words, and the third list contains the third 100 words.

The teacher can start at the level most appropriate for the student. The teacher will show the student a phrase or sentence and the student can read it orally. Once the student is able to read the phrase or sentence quickly and accurately, progress to another phrase or sentence.
The teacher should have the student use the phrases and sentences as repeated reading to practice accuracy and rate.

Extended use of activity:
-Have students partner read the fluency phrases and sentences.
-Have students put three sentences and phrases together then read quickly and accurately.
-Have students quickly and accurately read as many phrases and sentences in one minute.

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Level Three

Third 100 Words

These phrase contain the third 100 words from the Fry Instant Word List (1980), which represent 50 percent of all the words children encounter in elementary school reading. (Rasinski, 1990;1994)

These phrases and sentences should be used as repeated reading practice to strengthen fluency.

The light in your eyes

Level 3

In my head

Level 3

Under the earth

Level 3

We saw the food.

Level 3

Close the door.

Level 3

The big city

Level 3

We started the fire.

Level 3

It never happened.

Level 3

A good thought

Level 3

Stay a while

Level 3

Don't open the door.

Level 3

That is scary.

Level 3

You might be right.

Level 3

It seemed too good.

Level 3

Along the way

Level 3

Next time

Level 3

It's hard to open.

Level 3

Something good

Level 3

For example

Level 3

In the beginning

Level 3

Those other people

Level 3

A group of friends

Level 3

We got together.

Level 3

We left it here.

Level 3

Both children

Level 3

It's my life

Level 3

Always be kind.

Level 3

Read the paper.

Level 3

Run for miles.

Level 3

Once upon a time

Level 3

Go over it

Level 3

We walked four miles.

Level 3

Until the end

Level 3

A second later

Level 3

Stop the music.

Level 3

Read the book.

Level 3

Sing your song.

Level 3

State your case

Level 3

I miss you

Level 3

A very important person

Level 3

On my side

Level 3

I took the car.

Level 3

So far so good.

Level 3

The young girl

Level 3

My feet hurt.

Level 3

The dark night

Level 3

A good idea

Level 3

It began to grow.

Level 3

Watch the river.

Level 3

Dark clouds

Level 3

Too soon

Level 3

Leave it to me.

Level 3

Leave it with me.

Level 3

I hear the waves.

Level 3

Almost enough

Level 3

Is it really true?

Level 3

It's time to eat.

Level 3

Let me carry it.

Level 3

Near the sea

Level 3

Talk to my mom.

Level 3

The young face

Level 3

The long list

Level 3

My family

Level 3

I hurt myself

Level 3

Above the clouds

Level 3

In space

Level 3

Watch the game.

Level 3

In the big city.

Level 3

The peaceful night

Level 3

Without care

Level 3

I like being on the team.

Level 3

The tall mountains

Level 3

The large trees

Level 3

Next to me

Level 3

A few children

Level 3

Next to him

Level 3

Next to her

Level 3

A long life

Level 3

He started to cry.

Level 3

I hear the sea.

Level 3

An important idea

Level 3

The first day of school

Level 3

Almost five miles

Level 3

It's never too early

Level 3