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 Timed Reading" can be used to practice and monitor fluency when reading text. This tool can also be used to help students monitor their fluency independently or with a reading partner.

Leveled passages and fluency chart 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 passages.

The teacher should choose a passage that is most appropriate for the student to read. Each passage is leveled by word count, as well as word and sentence complexity.

To practice fluency, the teacher or reading partner should set a timer for one minute. Once the timer is set the reader should read the passage at an appropriate rate and as accurately as possible. When the timer goes off, mark the last word read in the passage. Record the number of correct words per minute in the "First read" column. The student will read the passage again, then record the results in the "Second Read" column. The student will read the passage a third time then record results in the chart.

With each repeated reading, the student should increase words per minute. Have the student continue to practice reading and recording results.

To determine the words per minute count the correct number of words the student read in one minute. record the number in the box.

Fluency Record

First Read	Second Read	Third Read
Words per minute	Words per minute	Words per minute

Clouds



Big clouds 2

Small clouds 4

White clouds 6

Gray clouds 8

Rain clouds 10

Sun clouds 12

I like clouds. 15

Clouds



Some clouds are big. 4

Some clouds are small. 8

Some clouds are white. 12

Some clouds are gray. 16

Some clouds are for rain. 21

Some clouds are for sun. 26

I like to learn about clouds. 32

Clouds



Some clouds can be huge. 5

Some clouds can be very tiny. 11

Some clouds are different colors like white or gray. 20

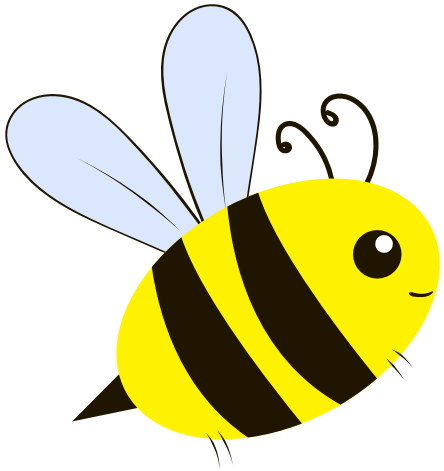
Some clouds carry rain. 24

Some clouds have the sun peeking through. 31

There are so many kinds of clouds. 38

Learning about clouds can be fun and interesting. 46

Bees



I see the bee. 4

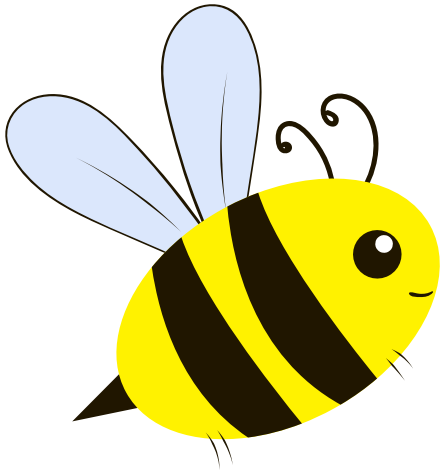
The bee can fly. 8

The bee is black. 12

The bee is yellow . 16

I see the bee. 20

Bees



I can see the big bee. 6

The bee can fly fast. 11

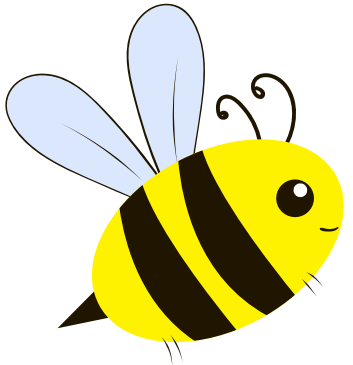
The bee is yellow and black. 17

The bee can go up and down. 24

I can hear the bee buzz. 30

Do you like bees? 34

Bees



There are many types of bees. 6

Bees are small insects but they work very hard. 15

Bees can carry pollen on their legs and body. 24

They go from flower to flower to help plants live. 34

Bees can see all colors except for the color red. 44

They use their strong sense of smell to help them find their 56

around. 57

Jam

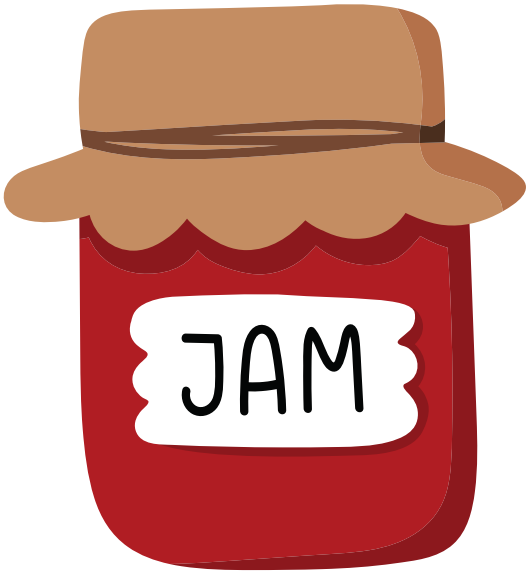
I like jam. 3

I can eat jam. 7

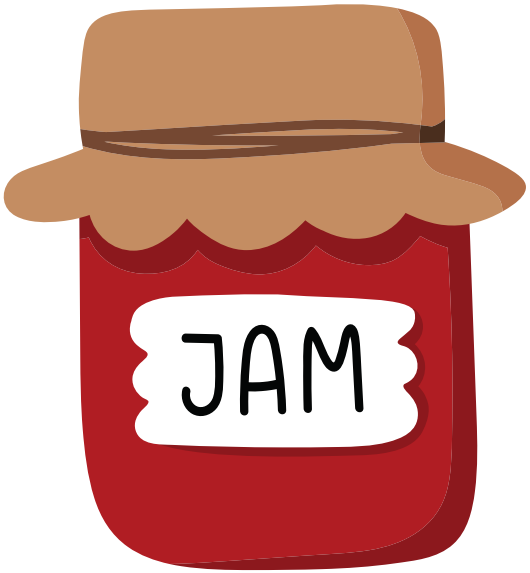
Jam is sweet. 10

Yum, Yum jam. 13

Jam is a treat. 17

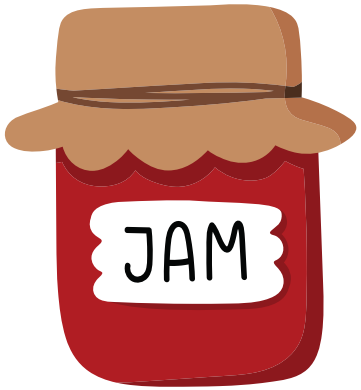


Jam



Jam is a good treat to eat.	7
I like strawberry or grape jam.	13
I can eat jam on bread.	19
I can eat jam on meat.	25
Eating jam is a delicious treat.	31

Jam



Jam is a wonderful treat to eat. 7

Jam is enjoyed by people all over the world. 16

People enjoy jam in different ways. 22

Some people have jam with their favorite snack. 30

Some people have jam for breakfast or even dinner. 39

There are so many kinds of jam to enjoy. 48

What kind of jam would you like to try? 57

Ocean



I can see the ocean. 5

The ocean is big. 9

The ocean is blue. 13

I can go to the ocean. 19

Ocean



I can see the large ocean. 6

I like to swim in the ocean. 13

I can see the waves go up and down. 22

I can find some fish in the ocean. 30

I can hear the waves crash over the ocean 39

I really love to be near the ocean. 47

Ocean



The ocean stretches for miles.	5
I can hear the waves crashing over the ocean.	14
I can smell the salt from the ocean.	22
The creatures in the ocean hide from me when I dive in.	34
The ocean is a great place to relax and have fun.	45
I really love to be near the ocean	53
I can stay here for hours.	59

Music



I like music. 3

I can dance. 6

I can sing. 9

I can jump. 12

I like music. 15

Music



I like music. 3

I like to dance and sing to music. 11

Music can be soft or loud. 17

Music can be fast or slow. 23

Music can make you twirl or stomp your feet. 32

It can make you spin or jiggle. 39

I really enjoy music. 43

Music



I like to listen to music. 6

Music can make you dance and sing. 13

Sometimes I like to listen to fast or slow music. 23

Music can have a swift tempo or a powerful beat. 33

Sometimes music can remind you of something happy. 41

It can also remind you of something sad. 49

I really like to listen to all kinds of music. 59

What kind of music do you like? 66

Spring



I like Spring. 3

Spring is here. 6

Spring is fun. 9

Spring is bright. 12

I like Spring. 15

Spring



Spring is a season. 4

Spring comes after winter. 8

The spring brings warmer temperatures. 13

When spring comes the plants and flowers grow. 21

The sun shines bright, and the birds chirp in springtime. 31

Spring is a good season. 36

I really enjoy spring! 40

Spring



Spring is a season. 4

Spring comes after winter and right before summer. 12

The springtime brings warmer climate. 17

During the spring, flowers and other kinds of plants grow. 27

When it is spring the sun stays up longer. 36

I can hear the birds chirp in the spring and color fills the earth. 50

The springtime is my favorite season! 56

What is your favorite season? 61

Winter



I like winter. 3

It is cold. 6

I see the ice. 9

Brrrr it is cold! 13

I like the winter 17

Winter



Winter can be very cold. 5

I put on my scarf and gloves. 12

I wear my hat and coat to keep warm 21

I see the snow and ice on the ground. 30

Wow it is too cold outside! 36

I want to rush inside. 41

Winter can be very cold. 46

Winter



Winter is a colder season. 5

Winter comes after autumn and before spring. 12

I dress warm for the winter. 18

Bundle up! I wear my hat, scarf, coat and gloves. 28

When I step outside the cold air hits my face. 38

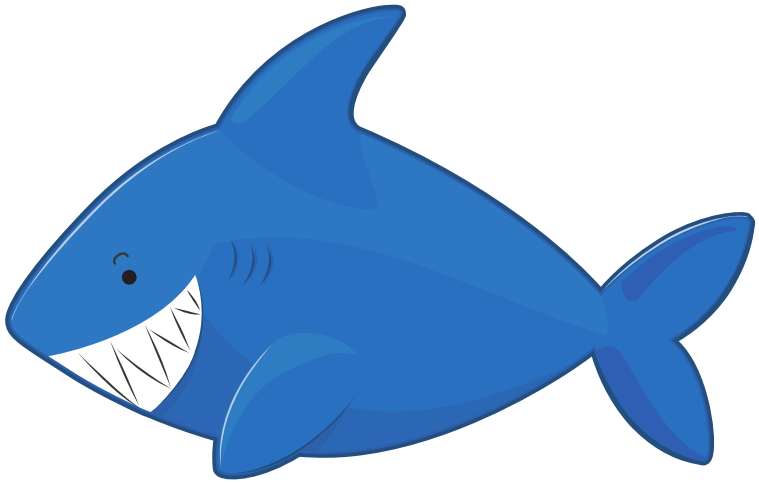
I see the snow and ice all around me. 47

Oh no! It is too cold outside. 54

I want to go back inside to stay warm. 63

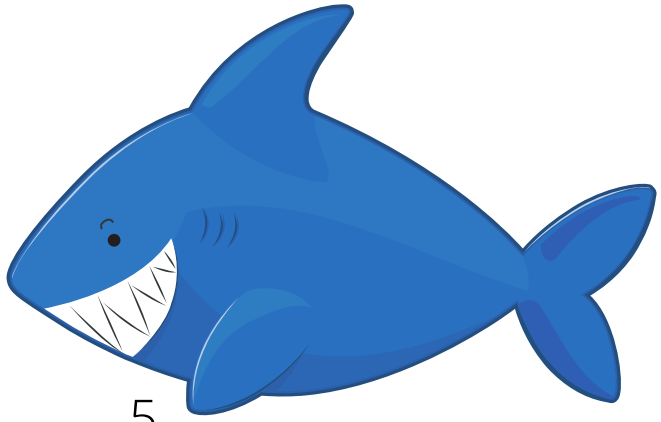
Winter is a very cold season. 69

Shark



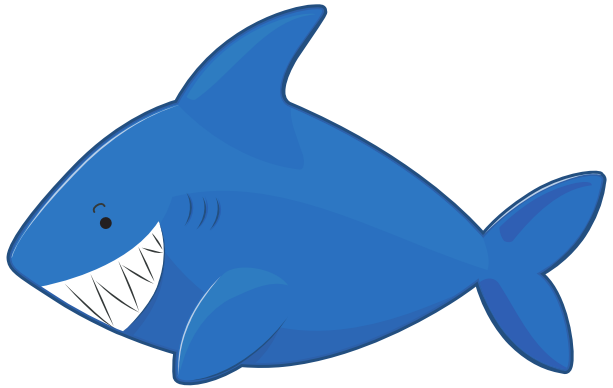
I see a shark.	3
The shark is blue.	6
The shark can see.	9
The shark can see me.	13
Go away shark!	17

Shark



I see a huge shark.	5
The shark is blue with big sharp teeth.	13
The shark can swim very fast.	19
The shark goes forward and backward.	25
The shark is coming closer.	30
Snap! The shark opened its mouth to eat fish.	39
I will not go near the shark.	46

Shark



I see a gigantic shark. 5

The shark is terrifying. 9

The shark's teeth are enormous and sharp. 16

The shark goes back and forth hunting for prey. 25

Will the shark find something to eat? 32

The shark opens its jaws wide and bites down. 41

Crunch! The shark eats all the fish in its way. 51

The shark is swimming away looking for more to eat. 61

My Shoes



My shoes. 2

My shoes are nice. 6

My shoes help me run. 11

Do you like my shoes? 16

My Shoes



These are my nice shoes. 5

My shoes help me run very fast. 12

I really love my shoes. 17

My shoes make me feel special 23

My shoes make me feel great! 29

I wear my shoes everyday. 34

What do you think about my shoes? 41

My Shoes



These are my cool shoes. 5

My shoes help me run at lighting speed. 13

I really enjoy wearing these perfect shoes. 20

My shoes make me feel extra special. 27

My shoes make me feel like I can do anything! 37

I like wearing my shoes everyday. 43

No one else has these shoes. I am the only one. 53

These are the best shoes that I've ever had! 62

Ice Cream

I like ice cream. 4

One scoop. 6

Two scoops. 8

Three scoops 10

I like it all! 14



Ice Cream



I really like ice cream. 5

Ice cream is delicious! 9

I can eat all kinds. 14

Put three gigantic scoops on my cone. 21

Chocolate, strawberry and vanilla are my favorite. 28

I can eat it all up very fast. 36

What is your favorite ice cream? 42

Ice Cream



I really enjoy ice cream.	5
Ice cream is so tasty and so very delicious!	14
What a treat. I can eat all kinds.	22
Put three gigantic scoops on my cone.	29
Chocolate, strawberry and vanilla are some of my favorites.	38
Watch out! I will eat it in one minute before it melts.	50
Do I have to share?	55
I want to eat it all up!	62