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 Punctuation" can be used to practice and monitor fluency at the word or sentence level. This tool can also be used to explicitly teach prosody, as it applies to reading punctuation.

Fluency posters and fluency task cards 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 punctuation posters and task cards.

The teacher can use the punctuation posters to explicitly teach each punctuation mark. Place posters in a visible area for students to reference.

After punctuation has been taught explicitly, have students practice reading the punctuation by reading task cards orally. Monitor the student's fluency and also have students monitor their own reading. If the student is able to read to the punctuation correctly, the student can move on to another task card. If the student is not able to read to the punctuation correctly, take a moment to give corrective feedback on the student's fluency.

For example, Teacher: "I noticed you did not take a pause at the comma."
"I noticed your voice did not change at the question mark."

Because this process assists with making meaning of text, remind students to correctly read punctuation when reading in context.

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Comma

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Punctuation Task Cards

Read each task card using the punctuation.

Punctuation Task Cards

A dog ate my homework!

Punctuation Task Cards

A dog ate my homework.

Punctuation Task Cards

A dog ate my homework?

Punctuation Task Cards

A dog,
ate my homework.

Punctuation Task Cards

My car is yellow.

Punctuation Task Cards

My car is yellow!

Punctuation Task Cards

My car is yellow?

Punctuation Task Cards

"My car is yellow," said Ben

Punctuation Task Cards

The rat is fast.

The rat is fast?

The rat is fast, it got away.

The rat is fast!

"The rat is fast," said Nick

Punctuation Task Cards

The dress looks beautiful.

Does the dress look beautiful?

The dress looks beautiful!

The blue dress, looks beautiful.

"The dress looks beautiful," said Jen,"

Punctuation Task Cards

Where is my gift!

Where is my gift?

Punctuation Task Cards

Shut the door.

Shut the door!

Punctuation Task Cards

Open.

Shut?

Open, then shut.

Open then shut!

"Open, then shut," he said

Punctuation Task Cards

Across from her.

Across from her!

Across from her?

"Across from her," Jen said

Punctuation Task Cards

While I eat?

While I eat!

While I eat.

Punctuation Task Cards

Knock!

Knock.

Knock?

Punctuation Task Cards

I will have pizza for lunch.

Will I have pizza for lunch?

I will have pizza for lunch!

"I will have pizza for lunch,"

said Rick.

Punctuation Task Cards

The shoe belongs to me.

The shoe belongs to me!

Does the shoe belong to me?

Punctuation Task Cards

Not today!

Not today.

Not today?

Punctuation Task Cards

He will be left alone?

He will be left alone!

He will be left alone.

He will be left alone, until tonight.

Punctuation Task Cards

I will try again tomorrow.

I will try again tomorrow?

I will try again tomorrow!

"I will try again tomorrow,"

said Rick.

Punctuation Task Cards

Come to the park with me.

Come to the park with me!

Will you come to the park with me?

Punctuation Task Cards

Wait for me!

Wait for me.

Wait for me?

Punctuation Task Cards

I can do this.

I can do this?

I can do this!

Punctuation Task Cards

The fish is in the water?

The fish is in the water!

The fish is is the water, and it will stay there.

Punctuation Task Cards

Backward.

Forward?

Upward!

Punctuation Task Cards

She will make a trail for the dog.

She will make a trail for the dog?

Punctuation Task Cards

She will be left alone?

She will be left alone!

She will be left alone.

She will be left alone, until tonight.

Punctuation Task Cards

The pet will fetch!

The pet will fetch.

The pet will fetch, and bring it back.

Punctuation Task Cards

Over.

Under?

Around!

Punctuation Task Cards

The friends will make a trail for the cat!

The friends will make a trail for the cat.

Punctuation Task Cards

Why?

Why!

"Why not," said Derick

Punctuation Task Cards

They will not go!

Punctuation Task Cards

They will not go?

Punctuation Task Cards

They will not go.

Punctuation Task Cards

"They will not go," said Frank

Punctuation Task Cards

This job will be easy!

Punctuation Task Cards

This job will be easy?

Punctuation Task Cards

This job will be easy.

Punctuation Task Cards

"This job will be easy,"

said Mark