

# FLUENCY TRACKER

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE FLUENT? WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE FLUENT IN READING?

**Fluency** is the ability to read a text accurately, quickly, and with expression. Fluent reading builds stamina for reading lengthy or complex texts. Reading fluency serves as a bridge between word recognition and comprehension.

When fluent readers read silently, they recognize words automatically. They group words quickly to help them gain meaning from what they read. Fluent readers read aloud effortlessly and with expression. Their reading sounds natural, as if they are speaking.

Readers who have not yet developed fluency read slowly, word by word. Their oral reading is choppy.

**Because fluent readers do not have to concentrate on decoding the words, they can focus their attention on what the text means. They can make connections among the ideas in the text and their background knowledge.** In other words, fluent readers recognize words and comprehend at the same time.

--Reading Rockets

## HOW TO USE THE FLUENCY TRACKER?

It is important to read with your child every night to practice their fluency. They will receive a reading passage each week to read for one minute. I highly encourage printing out this fluency tracker to use to monitor their growth or areas of concern (this is a resource I use as well in the classroom)! They may read other passages or books to use with this fluency tracker! Our end of the year goal is 141 word count per minute (WCPM). To use the tracker, set a timer for 1 minute and listen to your child read. Keep note of how many words they pronounce wrong or can't pronounce at all. At the end, subtract the incorrect number of words from the total number read to get their "score".

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**-MRS. MOONEY**

