



# WHAT IS FLUENCY?

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Fluency is a combination of accuracy and speed.

## The Importance of Reading Fluency

- To enjoy reading
- Enhances and builds comprehension skills
- To complete homework fluently at school and home
- Improves vocabulary skills
- Releases energy to be used in the meaning of context, not in the decoding of words
- Builds confidence and interest in advance knowledge
- Ensures retention, endurance and application
- Prepares each child for a lifetime of learning success

## Program Components That Lead to Fluent Reading

- Phonological Coding (Syllable and Word Awareness/Phonemic Awareness)
- Rapid Naming (Objects, Letters, and Digits)
- Fluency Phonic Skills (Consonant and Vowel Sounds to Multi-Syllable Words)
- Word Patterns (Tiles and Word Lists)
- Repeated Reading of a Passage

## Desired Oral Reading Rates

Continuous data collected from Houghton Learning Center and Sage Learning Center has shown the following:

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Words Per Minute</u>
1st grade	60-100/minute
2nd grade	100-120/minute
3rd grade	100-120/minute
4th grade	120-150/minute
5th grade	120-150/minute
6th grade	150-180/minute
7th grade	150-180/minute
8th grade	150-180/minute
9th grade	180-200/minute

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