

What is Oral Reading Fluency?

Research recognizes fluency as a strong indicator of efficient and proficient reading. A fluent reader reads orally with accuracy and expression, at a speech like pace.

Fluency is an assessment of the accuracy and rate of reading. It expresses the number of words read CORRECTLY per minute or WCPM.

Practicing and becoming fluent allows a child to devote more attention to comprehension rather than just pronunciation.

How to Administer

I will provide two identical reading passages for recording quantitative data. One is for the child to read from and the other is for you to make recording marks with a PENCIL.

You need to provide a clock, watch, or some type of timer that can be set for one minute.

Circle any words pronounced incorrectly, substituted with another word, or skipped.

Mark (/) a slash line after the last word the student reads.

Self-correcting a word or repetitions do NOT need to be documented.

How to Score the Fluency Rate

Count the words read (I provide a sentence by sentence count) and subtract the errors.

Record the WCPM.

Repeat Monday through Thursday.

Keep in the reading log folder for me to check on Friday. This is a completion grade.

So Now What?

I can use the data to determine word recognition instruction needed and to decide which other reading strategies I can work on with your child.