

Kid Accuracy Practice Activities

Amelia Earhart

My name is Amelia Earhart. I was ten years old when I saw my first airplane at the state fair. Honestly, I didn't think much of it.

But at 23, I took my first ride in an airplane! I felt the climb, felt the lift, and watched the world below me. I knew right then it wasn't enough for me to simply ride in an airplane. I had to learn to fly it!

In 1928, I was invited to become the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. I was a passenger, with a pilot and co-pilot flying the plane. We made the trip in 22 hours. Four years later, I set off on the same trip, but this time, by myself. No passengers, no copilot, just me flying the plane. I left from Harbor Grace, Newfoundland. Crossing the mighty Atlantic, I arrived in Paris, France 15 hours later. With that flight, I became known as an international trailblazer!

But I couldn't stop there. I had to keep proving that a woman could pilot a plane as well as a man. My solo flights continued, each one more challenging than the last. Still, I had my heart set on the flying adventure of a lifetime.

Today is June 1, 1937. With my navigator Fred Noonan, I will pilot a plane on a trip around the world!

Before You Read:

Think about what you may already know about Amelia Earhart. Think about the idea from the video: reading with accuracy.

While You Read:

1. Look carefully at the words. Ask yourself:
 - Is what I am reading matching the text?
 - Does what I am reading look right?
 - Does what I am reading sound right?
 - Does what I am reading make sense?
2. Reread sentences, words, and parts of words, as needed.
3. Ask for help
4. Finally, practice rereading this accurately. Note how your accuracy improves with practice!

After You Read:

Now it's time to try Thinking Aloud. Reread the story one more time with a friend or family member. After you finish reading, ask your partner if:

- You mispronounced any words?
- You skipped any words?
- You added any words?
- You ever lost your place?
- You read at a comfortable pace?
- You need to consider any other key fluency elements as you read?

Ask yourself if:

- There were any words you didn't know how to say?
- There were any words that you didn't know the definition of?
- You believe you read with at least a 95% accuracy rate?
- Concentrating on reading accurately helped you read more fluently?

Fluency means the ability to read, speak and write smoothly and easily.

To improve your **Fluency Skills** practice reading by concentrating on the following areas:

- Accuracy
- Rate
- Expression
- Phrasing
- Volume

Fluency is an important part of being a good reader, because fluent readers are better able to comprehend what they're reading. Are you Fluent?