

Before You Read

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?

Fluent readers:	Disfluent readers:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read quickly• Read accurately• Read effortlessly• Read with strong phrasing• Read with strong intonation• Read with strong expression• Sound like they are talking• Concentrate on the author's message instead of the individual words• Anticipate what is coming next in the reading• Make connections among ideas and their background knowledge• Create a bridge between simply reading words and understanding the author's message	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read too fast• Read too slowly, word by word• Read in monotone, expressionless tones• Read too quietly• May sound choppy because they hesitate or repeat words• Get confused and stuck on words• Focus too much attention on recognizing individual words and trying to understand their meanings• Miss out on comprehending what they read and understanding the author's message