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Making Sense of Literacy



VIDEO SCRIPT

SPOT: Captain Fluency

*Developing Reading Fluency
(are you fluent?)*



Scene	Full Transcript
1	<p>Captain Fluency: Captain Fluency here to tell you to listen carefully to notice the reading that's happening all around you. On the radio, in class, on television, at the library, and even at the bus stop people are reading, but be aware. Not all reading is fluent!</p> <p>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?</p>
2	<p>Ward: I don't know. How can I tell?</p>
3	<p>Captain Fluency: That's a good question! Fluent readers have developed automaticity. Automaticity is a big word that simply means the ability to read text quickly, accurately, and effortlessly. Readers who have developed automaticity feel confident because they don't have to worry about figuring out new words. They already know almost all of them on the page! Reading seems easy to them because being fluent helps them to understand what they are reading.</p>
4	<p>Captain Fluency: But, there's more to fluency than just automatic word recognition. Fluency also includes reading with phrasing, intonation, and expression. Fluent readers sound just like they are talking! They are able to concentrate on the author's message because they don't have to think about individual words. Fluent readers anticipate what's coming next while they read. They make connections among the ideas in the text and between these ideas and their background knowledge. All of this results in better comprehension. Fluency becomes the bridge between simply reading words and understanding the author's message.</p>
5	<p>Captain Fluency: Unfortunately, some readers are not fluent, so understanding what they are reading is more difficult. Disfluent readers may read too fast and rush words together or they may read too slowly, word by word. Some slip into expressionless tones. Others read far too quietly. Disfluent readers may sound choppy because they frequently hesitate or repeat words. They may get confused or stuck on words and feel that reading takes a lot of energy. Because they focus so much attention on recognizing and understanding the meanings of individual words, they have little attention left to comprehend what they are reading.</p>
6	<p>Ward: Fluency seems difficult.</p>
7	<p>Captain Fluency: Fear not reader, the Fluency Friends stand united to assist you and all readers! Fluency Friends help to strengthen readers on all the specific elements of fluency. They battle Chopper, Lotso Mistakes, and the rest of the Literacy Fiends.</p>
8	<p>Ward: Can I be a Fluency Friend?</p>
9	<p>Captain Fluency: Anyone can. Simply watch all our fluency videos and apply what you learn. Keep reading and practicing. You can be fluent, too.</p>