



WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY

SPOT: Lady Volume! *Developing Reading Fluency* (*volume*)



Fluent Reading Sounds Like Talking

Fluent reading is much like public speaking. Fluent public speakers use the same elements that are associated with reading fluency. Speaking in appropriate phrases, emphasizing certain words, raising and lowering volume, and varying intonation help the listener understand what the speaker is trying to communicate.

Digital Voice / Tape Recorded Reading

Often times, readers do not realize how they sound to others. Recording their voice and having them listen to themselves it is a helpful self-assessment technique. Select a passage that can be read with at least 90% accuracy. The reader practices the passage. Then the passage is read orally and recorded on a digital voice / tape recorder. The reader listens to the recording, following along in text, noting strengths and specific areas to be improved. Again, the reader practices the passage and rerecords it until he/she is satisfied with it. The reader and adult or older, more competent reader listens to the final recording and compares it to the original, noting improvement.

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