

Fluency: A Definition/Essential Components



Accuracy and Automaticity of Decoding Processes

- ❑ Readers decode words accurately
- ❑ Readers decode words effortlessly

Reading Speed or Rate

- ❑ Readers read with an age or grade level appropriate rate
- ❑ Reading speed is adjusted for purpose and text difficulty

Expression and Prosody

- ❑ Readers read with smoothness, phrasing, and inflection.

Comprehension

- ❑ Readers comprehend important ideas in

Fluency: Explicit Instruction

Define explicitly the “characteristics” of fluent reading for students.

Fluent Readers:

- ❑ **read what is on the page most of the time.**
- ❑ **vary the speed of their reading by the difficulty of the text and why they are reading.**
- ❑ **make oral reading interesting by reading with appropriate volume, expression, phrasing, and smoothness.**
- ❑ **can retell what they’ve read remembering important ideas.**

