



Reading Fluency – Year 8

Fluency is the ability to read texts accurately, quickly and with expression. Fluency develops over time and with practice. When you're fluently reading you can understand texts quicker and better. There are a number of ways to improve the fluency of your reading. In turn these will help you in all exams.



The Fluency Four – Think ‘PARE’

Pay attention to **PUNCTUATION**

Accuracy counts – read each word correctly

Read at the right rate – not too slow or fast

Expression – vary your voice, use expression



PUNCTUATION

- Look for commas, speech, emotion!
- Look for **bold** words or *italics*.
- Think about what needs emphasis!
- Look for question marks – how will they affect your reading and what might they be designed to do when you're reading silently?



ACCURACY

- Don't leave out words
- Don't change words or word endings
- Don't add words that aren't there already



READ AT THE RIGHT RATE

- Remember, you're not in a hurry – it's not a race.
- Read at a pace that's not too fast, not too slow – quick enough to get through in good time, but slow enough to understand
- When reading out loud make sure you're at a pace that sounds like your normal pace



EXPRESSION

- Try to not sound like a robot
- Read how you talk every day
- Don't be too dramatic – keep it natural
- When reading silently try to have a reading 'voice' – this might be your voice or someone else's (it might sound like how you imagine the writer or character to sound)

TASK

- Choose a book from your classroom library
- Read the text silently and try to hear one of the following reading voices – this should help with expression
 1. A cowboy
 2. An alien
 3. A robot
 4. A sports commentator