



## Reading Fluency – Year 9

**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’

**P**ay attention to **PUNCTUATION**

**A**ccuracy counts – read each word correctly

**R**ead at the right rate – not too slow or fast

**E**xpression – 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