



# FLUENCY

The ability to easily read words quickly and accurately without effort.

Once a child has learned their letters and letter sounds, they start blending those sounds to create words and then start reading. The next step is to work on fluency, which is reading quickly and easily without having to stop and figure out each word. Here are some things you can do to help your child improve their reading fluency.

## Read! Read! Read!

One of the best and easiest ways to help your child develop their fluency is to find time to read together every day.

## Buddy Reading

Another easy way to build fluency is to take turns reading aloud together. You read first to show your child what good fluent reading sounds like. Then, ask your child to re-read the page you just read. You'll notice your child's reading will start to sound like yours and they will begin to read with expression.

## Re-read Favorite Books

Another way parents can help develop fluency is to find books your child can read quickly and easily, and then encourage your child to reread their favorites over and over again. With each reading, your child will find it a little easier to read and they will start reading a little faster and with more confidence.

## Record It

A fun way to practice reading and build fluency is to have your child create their own audio book. It's easy to do on a smartphone with apps like Audioboo. Tell your child to practice what they want to read, and then record it. Sharing that audio recording with family and friends is a great way to celebrate their accomplishments.

## Pick The Right Books

Ask your child's teacher for tips on picking books at your child's reading level. The goal is to give your child lots of successful reading experiences, which will make them feel good about reading.

