

Parent to Parent of Georgia Literacy Training Series



Building Reading Fluency and
Automaticity for Comprehension

Difference Between Reading Fluency and Automaticity

Fluency

- Ability to read a text with accuracy, automaticity, expression and pauses to support comprehension.
- Provides a bridge between word recognition and comprehension.

Automaticity

- Fast, effortless word recognition that comes with a great deal of reading practice.
- Essential for fluent reading and comprehension.

Both Are Important!



- Improved Comprehension
- More confidence
- Faster reading

Building Accuracy and Automaticity

- Practice sight word vocabulary.
 - Regularly and irregularly spelled high-frequency words
 - High frequency words are words that occur frequently enough in print that it benefits students to learn them early in the reading process (e.g., the, is, my).
- The more automatic sight recognition becomes, the more fluent the reader.

Building Reading Fluency

- Choose a book at your child's reading level. The text should not be too challenging as to cause frustration.
- Read a sentence aloud using appropriate expression and pauses.
- Ask your child to mimic you, reading the same sentence and using the same expression and pauses.
- Consistently utilize this practice to build and maintain good fluency.

Building Fluency with Timed Repeated Readings

- Select short passages (50-200 words) that your child has read before and are at an independent reading level (i.e., books your child can read with 95% accuracy or above).
- Re-read the same passage 3-4 times.



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Make Timed Repeated Readings a Game

Set a timer for 1 minute and have your child read aloud from a passage.

When the timer goes off, give encouraging feedback—praise their effort and gently correct any tricky words.

Challenge them to beat their score! Encourage your child to read further in the next minute and celebrate their progress.

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Strategy: Build Fluency and Automaticity



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