



# Tales for Tails

FLUENCY TIPS, TRICKS, AND STRATEGIES FOR PARENTS

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## Fluency Tips, Tricks, and Strategies for Elementary Students

### What is Fluency?

Fluency is the ability to read a text accurately, quickly, and with expression. Fluency is important because it provides a bridge between word recognition and comprehension. When fluent readers read silently, they recognize words automatically. They group words quickly to help them gain meaning from what they read. Fluent readers read aloud effortlessly and with expression. Their reading sounds natural, as if they are speaking. Readers who have not yet developed fluency read slowly, word by word. Their oral reading is choppy.

(Reading Rockets)

Build fluency with the following:

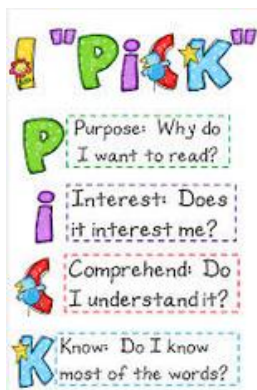
- 1) Familiar books

<http://www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/>



The screenshot shows the 'BOOKS & AUTHORS' section of the Scholastic Book Wizard website. The header includes the text 'Find and level books with Book Wizard. Plus, get booktalks, lesson plans, author studies, videos, and discussion guides.' Below this, there are three search options: 'Search for All Books', 'Search for Similar Books', and 'Search by Reading Level'. The 'Reading Level' section lists four measurement systems: Grade Level Equivalent (1.0 to 12.9), Guided Reading (A-Z), DRA (A,1-80), and Lexile® Measure (200L-1600L). A search bar prompts the user to 'Enter a title, author, or keyword' and a 'Find Books' button is visible. To the right, there is a promotional banner for 'Storia School Edition' offering 'UNLIMITED ACCESS to 2,100 eBooks for Grades PreK-6!' and mentioning 'Now with offerings for Middle School and Spanish-Speakers'. A 'Learn More' button is also present.

- 2) Books that are at your level



### 3) Poetry

<http://www.poetry4kids.com/>

<http://www.gigglepoetry.com/>

### 4) Word Lists

<http://www.kenton.kyschools.us/userfiles/12499/Fry%20Words/Fry%20100%20Instant%20Words%20links%20info%20and%20website.pdf>

#### Fry's First 100 Words

List 1A	List 1B	List 1C	List 1D	List 1F
the	at	there	some	my
of	be	use	her	than
and	this	an	would	first
a	have	each	make	water
to	from	which	like	been
in	or	she	him	called
is	one	do	into	who
you	had	how	time	am

### 5) Phrases

<http://www.fcrr.org/curriculum/PDF/G4-5/45FPartTwo.pdf>

## Fluency

Phrase Haste

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1	a number of people	body of water	remember to include
	just minutes away	enough money	along the river
	answer the question	cannot understand you	during certain times (9)

### 6.) Chunking Passages

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## Harry's Hiccups

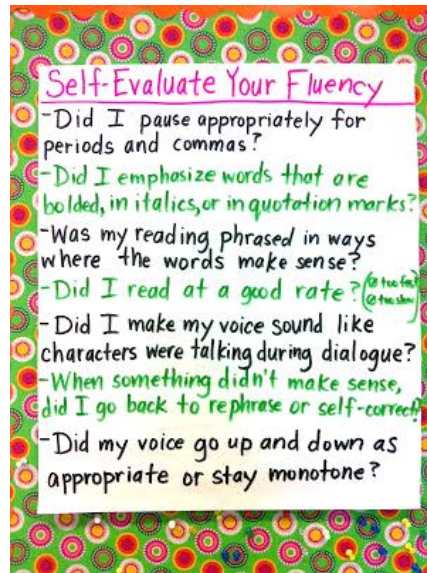
What started out / as a typical day / would soon turn into / one of the most unusual days / Harry ever had. // His mom came in / and woke him up at 7:00 / so he could get ready for school. // Breakfast was the same cereal / he ate every day / along with his banana / and glass of juice. // As he left, / he grabbed his homework and backpack. // He reminded his mom / that he had a baseball game that night. //

[http://www.fcrr.org/curriculum/PDF/G2-3/2-3Fluency\\_3.pdf](http://www.fcrr.org/curriculum/PDF/G2-3/2-3Fluency_3.pdf)

### Fluency Tips, Tricks, and Strategies for Middle School/High School

Improving a student's reading fluency can have a positive impact on his/her comprehension and success in other classes. Having better fluency and comprehension can reduce a student's frustration. One of the keys in improving fluency is to start at the student's level. If a student is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, but feels more comfortable reading a 5<sup>th</sup> grade level book, let him/her start there. Below are a few strategies to help students improve fluency:

- **Echo Reading** – You model by reading a passage out loud, and then the student reads the same passage to you.
- **Repeated Reading** – Have students read the same page more than once. Each time should get easier, which helps build fluency and confidence.
- **Write a Reflection** – Have the student write a reflection about a passage to help process the story elements in his/her mind.



### Re-enact Your Favorite Show!

Get the family or a group of friends involved! Simply Scripts is a great website to access scripts to many of your favorite shows! Pick a script to read and try to pause and emphasize your voice like they did in the show.

[http://www.simplyscripts.com/tv\\_all.html](http://www.simplyscripts.com/tv_all.html)

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