

Ways You Can Help Your Child Improve Reading Fluency

Model Reading: By reading aloud to students, you are providing your child with a model of how quickly or slowly one should read the text and how to add expression. Also, it is helpful to read the passage aloud to your child before he/she tries reading the passage independently. Then, when he reads it on his own, he/she will already be familiar with the words in the passage and won't need to sound out as many words.

Repeated Reading of Familiar Text: Having your child reread passages several times is proven to improve his/her rate of reading.

Wide Independent Reading: Provide your child many opportunities to read books out of school. Book Clubs, local libraries, and borrowed books can provide materials for your child to read at his/her level. Research suggests that the amount of independent, silent reading that children do (both in and outside of school) is significantly related to gains in reading achievement.

Word Reading Practice: Practicing lists of sight words (words frequently encountered in text) improves reading fluency by providing familiarity with words that will be seen repeatedly in text.