



## **Is fluency important?**

**Fluency provides a link between word recognition and Comprehension is difficult without fluency. If readers stop to decode or figure out unknown words it is likely that meaning will be disrupted, and the process of reading will be long and laborious.**



## **What do fluent readers do?**

**Fluent readers are able to focus on comprehension, and are able to analyze, interpret, draw conclusions and infer meaning from texts. Fluent readers recognize words automatically when they read silently. They group words quickly in ways that help them gain meaning from what they read. They read aloud effortlessly and with expression. Their reading sounds natural as if they are speaking.**



## What is Fluency?

**Fluency is reading text with speed, accuracy and proper expression. Fluent reading requires automatic recognition of words, as well as effortless and expressive reading.**



## What are the components of fluency?

The three components of fluency are: accuracy, rate and prosody. **Accuracy** is the ability to read words in text automatically. **Rate** is the speed of reading. **Prosody** refers to stress, intonation and pauses. It is what is sometimes called reading with feelings.



# **What should we know about fluency instruction?**

**Good fluency instruction must include the following:**

- 1. Model fluent reading**
- 2. Use guided oral reading instruction**
- 3. Give students ways to practice and perform**
- 4. implement word study activities to build accuracy**