

# **Fluency Intervention**

# **OVERVIEW**

This intervention is designed to help students improve their reading fluency, which is the ability to read accurately, smoothly, and with expression.

## PURPOSE

The primary goal of this intervention is to:

- 1. Increase reading rate: Help students read faster and more efficiently.
- 2. **Improve reading accuracy:** Reduce the number of errors students make while reading.
- 3. Enhance reading comprehension: Strong fluency allows students to focus on understanding the text, rather than decoding individual words.
- 4. **Build confidence:** Fluent readers are more likely to enjoy reading and feel confident in their abilities.

## **EDUCATION STANDARDS**

1. The specific educational standards that this intervention addresses may vary depending on the state and grade level. However, it typically aligns with the following common core standards:

Foundational Skills

- a. Kindergarten:
  - i. Print Concepts
  - ii. Phonological Awareness
  - iii. Phonics and Word Recognition
  - iv. Fluency
- b. First Grade:

- i. Phonics and Word Recognition
- ii. Fluency
- 2. This intervention specifically targets the fluency standard, which involves:
  - a. Reading with accuracy and fluency
  - b. Using appropriate phrasing and expression
- 3. By addressing these standards, this intervention can significantly impact students' reading development.

## **OBJECTIVES**

1. Students will improve their reading fluency by reading accurately, smoothly, and with expression.

## **MATERIALS NEEDED**

- 1. Leveled reading books
- 2. <u>Stopwatch or timer</u>
- 3. Reading fluency checklist
- 4. Highlighters or markers

## PROCEDURE

- 1. Warm-up (5 minutes):
  - a. Oral Reading:
    - i. Have students read aloud a short, familiar text.
    - ii. Provide positive reinforcement and corrective feedback.
- 2. Phonics Skill Instruction (10 minutes):
  - a. Fluency Skill Instruction:
    - i. Introduce a Fluency Skill:
      - 1. Introduce a specific fluency skill, such as phrasing, punctuation, or expression.

- 2. Model the skill using an exaggerated reading of a text.
- 3. Explain the importance of the skill and how it can improve comprehension.

#### 3. Guided Practice (15 minutes):

- **a. Paired Reading:** Students take turns reading aloud to each other, with one student reading and the other listening and supporting.
  - i. Pair students of similar reading levels.
  - ii. Have students take turns reading aloud from a leveled text.
  - iii. Encourage students to provide feedback and support each other.
- **b.** Choral Reading: a reading technique where students read a text aloud in unison, usually with the guidance of a teacher.
  - i. Read a text aloud together as a class or in small groups.
  - ii. Focus on reading with expression and proper phrasing.

#### 4. Independent Practice (10 minutes):

#### a. Timed Reading:

- i. Have students read a leveled text silently for a set amount of time.
- ii. Encourage students to focus on accuracy and speed.
- iii. Use a reading fluency checklist to assess students' performance.

#### 5. Closure (5 minutes):

#### a. Reflection:

- i. Discuss the importance of fluency and how it impacts comprehension.
- ii. Ask students to share their goals for improving their fluency.
- iii. Encourage students to practice reading at home.

# DIFFERENTIATION

- 1. For advanced learners: Provide more challenging texts and encourage them to focus on reading with expression and intonation.
- 2. For struggling learners: Provide additional support and guidance, and break down tasks into smaller steps.

### Note:

- 1. Use a variety of texts to expose students to different genres and reading levels.
- 2. Provide opportunities for students to practice reading aloud regularly.
- 3. Celebrate students' progress and achievements.

By incorporating these strategies into your fluency instruction, you can help students become more confident and fluent readers.