What is Fluency?

Fluency is the ability to read smoothly and automatically, with expression and attention to punctuation.

**Pace** = the speed in which you read
- The goal is to read at a "just right" pace
- Reading not too fast and not too slow

**Phrasing** = Chunking the words together into meaningful phrases
- Reading in phrases and not reading words one word at a time.

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Samantha drove to the store
and bought some bread.
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**Intonation (Expression)** = Reading with feeling in your voice
- Changing your voice to match a character
- Reading like you would speak (and not like a robot!)
- Moving your voice up and down

**Punctuation** = Reading with attention to punctuation
- Stopping at *full stops* .
- Taking breaths at *commas* , ,
- Making your voice go up for *question marks* ? ? ?
- Showing excitement for *exclamation points* ! ! !
- Using "*quotation marks*" to change voice for characters

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