

# Fluency

## What is fluency?

- Fluency is a reader's ability to read with speed, accuracy, and great expression. A fluent reader also understands what he/she is reading quickly and with a small amount of effort.

## How can I help my child develop fluency?

- model fluent reading by reading aloud to your child
- have your child reread his/her favorite books to build confidence, speed, and expression
- encourage your child to read aloud to his/her stuffed animals (even if they are not reading with 100% accuracy)
- use sight word flashcards to build your child's word automaticity
- use the Book Wizard on [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com) to find books at your child's independent reading level
- have your child listen to audio books or e-books

## Children's literature that supports fluency:

- Martin Jr., B. (1983). *Brown bear, brown bear, what do you see?* New York: Holt.
- Martin Jr., B. & Archambault, J. (1989). *Chicka chicka boom boom*. New York: Aladdin Paperbacks.
- Numeroff, L. (1985). *If you give a mouse a cookie*. New York: Harper.
- Taback, S. (1997). *There was an old lady who swallowed a fly*. New York: Viking Juvenile.
- Wood, A. (1984). *The napping house*. New York: Harcourt Brace.

