

Activity 2 Developing Fluency

What is fluency?

Fluency in reading is the stage at which a text can be read at a conversational pace and the content is understood.

Why is fluency important?

While children are decoding words (using phonic knowledge to sound out words) it can be difficult to fully comprehend the text.

Using visual clues within the text can help develop comprehension.

How can I support with developing fluency?

Regularly reading aloud to the child will support the development of fluency.

Recounting trips and events that they have been part of, learning poems and rhymes will all help the child to become a fluent reader.

Try repeated re-reading using the extract below to support fluency:

Repeated rereading

Rereading the same book or passage can support the child in becoming a fluent reader.

The child develops a good understanding of the text and can comprehend the text at a deeper level.

Reread the words and ask your child to read the sentences aloud several times; pausing, emphasising words and changing the volume and speed.

How does it sound if we read too fast?

How does it sound if we read too slowly?

Are there any words that we need to emphasise?

What about the word 'TWO' – why is it written in capital letters? How could we say that?

How could you read the words aloud to show that the shoemaker was excited and surprised?

Ask the child which reading they prefer and why?

Everyone admired the shoes in the window. They were sleek and shiny and perfectly stitched. The shoemaker sold them the moment he opened his shop.

The next morning came with an even bigger surprise. TWO pairs of boots stood on the shoemaker's bench! What incredible boots they were, with twirly patterns and golden toes.

