Connected Text

Read Along

Objective
The student will gain speed and accuracy and read with proper phrasing, intonation, and expression.

Materials
- Media player with recordings of a book, passage, or other text at students’ instructional reading level
- Headphones

Choose or make recordings of a book, passage, or other text on students’ instructional reading level.
- Book or paper copy of reading passage

Activity
Students practice reading fluently by reading along with a recorded book.
1. Place the media player and headphones at the listening center. Provide each student with a copy of the text.
2. The student listens to the recording and follows along in the text.
3. Rewinds and reads with the recording, emphasizing rate, accuracy, and expression.
4. Practices reading the text without the recording attempting to improve reading fluency.
5. Self-check

Extensions and Adaptations
- Read the text or passage to or with another student.
- Read along with teacher-recorded text (e.g., basal stories, favorite class books).