Objective
The student will gain speed and accuracy in reading phrases.

Materials
- Phrase practice sheets (Activity Master F.010.AM1a - F.010.AM1b)
  *These sheets consist of phrases using high frequency words. Select target practice sheet. Make two copies of each sheet and laminate.*
- Phrases correct per minute record (Activity Master F.009.AM2)
- Timer (e.g., digital)
- Vis-à-Vis® markers
- Pencils

Activity
Students quickly read phrases in a timed activity.
1. Place timer on a flat surface. Provide each student with a copy of the phrase practice sheet, Vis-à-Vis® marker, and a phrases correct per minute record.
2. Taking turns, students read the phrases aloud to each other.
3. Student one sets the timer for one minute and tells student two to “begin.”
4. Student two reads across the page while student one follows on her copy and uses a Vis-à-Vis® marker to mark any words in the phrases that are read incorrectly. If all the phrases on the sheet are read, goes back to the top and rereads phrases.
5. Continues until the timer rings. Student one marks the last word read. Student two counts the number of total phrases read correctly. Note: To count the phrase as correct, all the words in the phrase must be read correctly.
6. Student two records the number of phrases read correctly on her phrases correct per minute record.
7. Repeat the activity at least two more times attempting to increase speed and accuracy.
8. Reverse roles.
9. Peer evaluation

Extensions and Adaptations
- Use other phrases.
- Graph individual words read correctly (Activity Masters F.007.SS1, F.007.SS2, F.007.SS3, F.007.SS4, and F.007.SS5).
- Read idioms in a timed activity (Activity Master F.010.AM2). Discuss meanings of the idioms.
1. a number of people  body of water  remember to include

  just minutes away  enough money  along the river

  answer the question  cannot understand you  during certain times
  (9)

  an important idea  able to explain  never say never

  your mother and father  usually order  before and after

  give me an example  today began slowly  among the family
  (18)

  measure in inches  again and again  it happened quickly

  before you begin  several years ago  thousands of questions

  really easy  between the lines  answer must contain
  (27)

common phrases
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**common phrases**
bark up the wrong tree  get cold feet  measure up to the task

bird’s eye view  glued to his seat  off the top of my head

burn the midnight oil  had her hands full  raining cats and dogs  (9)

crack a smile  had us in stitches  root for the underdog

doesn’t hold water  has a green thumb  skating on thin ice

drop me a line  let the cat out of the bag  speak my mind  (18)

felt like a million dollars  know the ropes  spilled the beans

fish out of water  get the ball rolling  state-of-the-art

forever and a day  like a broken record  wrong side of the bed  (27)

idioms