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

Materials
- YES and NO header cards (Activity Master F.001.AM1)
  Copy on colored construction paper and laminate.
- Syllable cards (Activity Master F.001.AM2a - Activity Master F.001.AM2j)
  These are 100 syllables chosen from the list of 337 syllables found in the 5000 most frequent words. Some syllables have more than one pronunciation (e.g., “char” as in charter and character; “mal” as in formal and malnourished; “cy” as in fancy and cycle). It is suggested that when timing, students say only one sound per syllable. Note: All open syllables are pronounced with a long vowel sound.
- Syllables correct per minute record (Activity Master F.001.AM3)
- Timer (e.g., digital)
- Pencils

Activity
Students quickly read syllables in a timed activity.
1. Place header cards face up and timer on a flat surface. Place the syllable cards face down in a stack. Provide each student with a syllables correct per minute record.
2. Taking turns, student one sets the timer for one minute, selects the top card, holds it up for partner to see, and prompts partner to read the syllable.
3. If the syllable is read correctly, student one places the card in a pile on the “YES” card. If the syllable is read incorrectly, places it in a pile on the “NO” card.
4. Continue until the timer rings. Count the syllable cards in the “YES” pile and record the number on the syllables correct per minute record. Read syllables in “NO” pile together.
5. Repeat the activity at least two more times attempting to increase speed and accuracy.
6. Reverse roles.
7. Peer evaluation

Extensions and Adaptations
- Read common non-word syllables in a timed activity. There are approximately 20 different syllables presented on each sheet (Activity Master F.001.AM4a - F.001.AM4e).
- Use other syllable cards provided at the end of the Fluency Word Parts subcomponent in the 2-3 Student Center Activities Project found at www.fcrr.org.
Speedy Syllables

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