



Objective

The student will gain speed and accuracy in reading words.

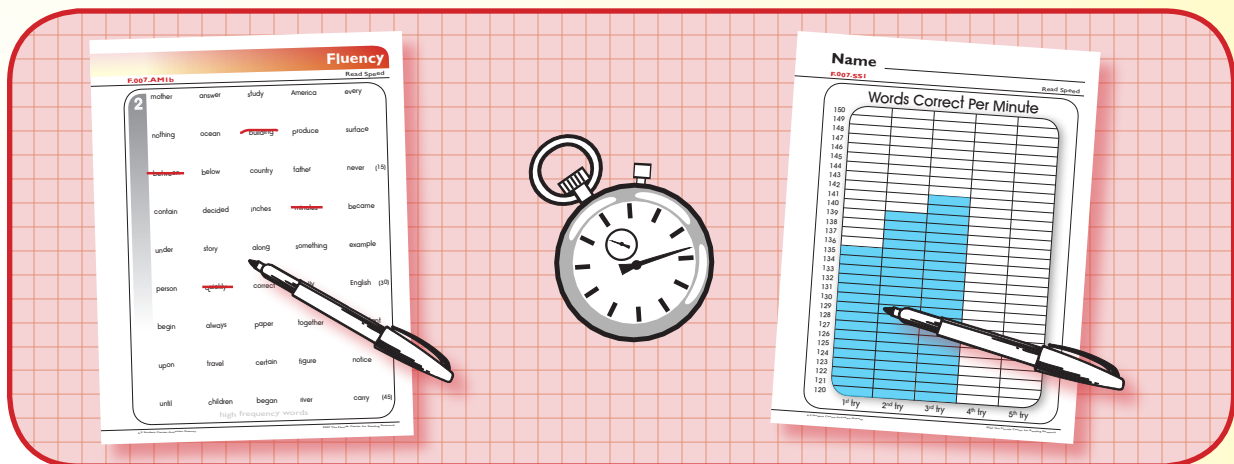
Materials

- ▶ Word practice sheets (Activity Master F.007.AM1a - F.007.AM1c)
These are 135 multisyllabic words found in the first 500 high frequency words. Each sheet consists of 45 different words. Make two copies of each sheet and laminate.
- ▶ Words correct per minute graph (Activity Master F.007.SS1)
- ▶ Timer (e.g., digital)
- ▶ Colored markers
- ▶ Vis-à-Vis® markers

Activity

Students quickly read words on a practice sheet in a timed activity.

1. Place timer on a flat surface. Provide each student with a word practice sheet, Vis-à-Vis® marker, and a words correct per minute graph.
2. Taking turns, students practice reading the words 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 his sheet and uses a Vis-à-Vis® marker to mark any words that are read incorrectly. If all words are read, goes back to the top and continues until timer rings.
5. Student one counts number of words read correctly. Student two records the number of words read correctly on his words correct per minute graph using a colored marker.
6. Repeat the activity at least two more times attempting to increase speed and accuracy.
7. Reverse roles.
8. Peer evaluation



Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Use graph with less fluent readers (Activity Master F.007.SS2) and use other graphs with more fluent readers (Activity Masters F.007.SS3 and F.007.SS4).
- ▶ Use graphs to record weekly progress (Activity Masters F.016.SS2 and F.016.SS3).
- ▶ Use blank graph. Indicate words per minute target numbers (Activity Master F.007.SS5).

Fluency

Read Speed

F.007.AM1a

1

many	circle	include	carefully	scientists
heavy	special	material	busy	number
people	water	government	able	cannot (15)
power	among	object	only	very
after	sentence	before	over	equation
thousands	language	explain	follow	around (30)
another	because	different	common	understand
behind	system	order	picture	again
away	animal	letter	machine	inside (45)

high frequency words

2

mother	answer	study	America	every	
nothing	ocean	building	produce	surface	
between	below	country	father	never	(15)
contain	decided	inches	minutes	became	
under	story	along	something	example	
person	quickly	correct	finally	English	(30)
begin	always	paper	together	important	
upon	travel	certain	figure	notice	
until	children	began	river	carry	(45)

high frequency words

Fluency

Read Speed

F.007.AM1c

3

money slowly table numeral without

second later idea enough pattern

against hundred vowel morning Indian (15)

really almost above sometimes toward

himself several covered listen mountain

being family body music early (30)

remember measure happened products color

question area problem complete however

better during today across usually (45)

high frequency words

