Objective

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

Materials

- Tape player
- Headphones
- Cassette tape

Choose or make tapes 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 tape-recorded book.

1. Place the tape player, headphones, and cassette tape at the listening center. Provide each student with a copy of the text.
2. The student listens to the tape and follows along in the text.
3. Rewinds and reads with the tape, emphasizing rate, accuracy, and expression.
4. Practices reading the text without the tape 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-taped text (e.g., basal stories, favorite class books).