What is Fluency?

Fluency is the ability to read smoothly and automatically, with expression and attention to punctuation.

Pace = the speed in which you read

- The goal is to read at a "just right" pace
- Reading not too fast and not too slow

Phrasing = Chunking the words together into meaningful phrases

- Reading in phrases and not reading words one.word.at.a.time.

Samantha drove **to the store**

and bought some bread.

Intonation (Expression) = Reading with feeling in your voice

- Changing your voice to match a character
- Reading like you would speak (and not like a robot!)
- Moving your voice up and down

Punctuation = Reading with attention to punctuation

- Stopping at *periods* . . .
- Taking breaths at *commas* , , ,
- Making your voice go up for *question marks* ? ? ?
- Showing excitement for *exclamation points* ! ! !
- Using "*quotation marks*" to change voice for characters

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