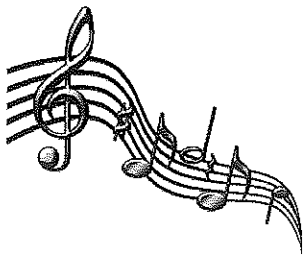


# What is Fluency?

**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



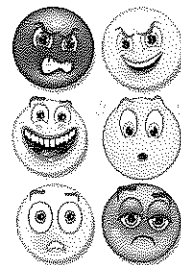
**Phrasing** = Chunking the words together into meaningful phrases

- 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

