

Sentence Level Fluency: Tally Reading

Deb Glaser, Top Ten Tools, 2016

Purpose: To improve accuracy and rate

Materials: copy of sentences for students
Pencil for tallying

Procedure for Tally Reading:

- Provide about 8-10 phrases (depending on the student's level) or short sentences on a page.
- Have student tally each time they read a sentence 100% accurately.
- For younger children, 3 might be enough; for older students, have them read approximately 5 readings.
- Students may time each other with a sand timer and keep tally for a partner

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1. James waited for the bus at noon. |||
2. We drove home after the play was over. ||
3. Sometimes owls make their nests in trees. ||
4. Mother brushed the crumbs from the table. ||
5. The first moon landing was in 1969. ||
6. Does the train stop in Jackson? ||
7. A lion's roar can be heard five miles away! ||
8. Reading is good for your brain. ||