

## RAZ (Reading A to Z) Reading Fluency

You can use these sets of stories to help improve reading fluency. Your child should be able to decode most of the text independently. After reading the text a few times, there should be an increase in the reading rate.

You can download the file of stories that matches your child's F&P level.

You can check with your child's teacher if you are not sure of his/her level. Keep in mind that these levels are not set in stone. The subject matter of the text and your child's background knowledge may impact reading ability.

Please note- at levels above J, the RAZ level does not match the F&P level that we use at school.

The file name has the F&P level which is what we will follow instead of the RAZ level listed on the pages.

Here is a suggestion for how to use these stories to practice fluency.

1. Time the child reading the text. This is the "cold" read.

If he/she gets stuck on a word give a few seconds and then tell him/her the word.

If he/she misreads a word just correct it.

2. Calculate the words per minute. (words read correctly x 60 ÷ the number of seconds it took to read)

3. Have the child re-read the passage (untimed) several times over the course of a few days.

4. Repeat the timed reading. This is the "hot" read.

Calculate the words per minute. The number should go up with practice.

You can use the graph to track the scores if you want to.

You can use two columns or use a different color to put the hot read over the cold read in one column.

