

FLUENCY RATES FOR READING

Recommended Fluency Rates* (in words read correctly per minute)	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
ORAL	N/A	50-80 words correct per minute	80-100 words correct per minute	90-120 word correct per minute	115-140 words correct per minute	125-150 words correct per minute	135-160 words correct per minute	140-175 words correct per minute	150-180 words correct per minute
SILENT	N/A	N/A	N/A	115-140	130-175	160-200	190-220	215-245	235-

The following sources were referenced to determine fluency rates:

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- Fountas and Pinnell, *Guiding Readers and Writers Grades 2-6*, Heinemann, 2001
- *Put Reading First*, National Institute for Literacy, 2001
- Lipson and Wixson, *Assessment and Instruction of Reading and Writing Difficulty*, Pearson Education, 2003
- NAEP's Scale for Assessing Oral Reading Fluency, 2001

*Fluency Chart for Reading came from the *New England Common Assessment Program, Reading Grade-Level Expectations* (www.ed.state.nh.us)