Name:

What is fluent reading?

Reading fluently includes reading out loud

- At a good speed
- Getting all the words right
- With phrasing that shows the meaning
- With expression and emphasis

Listen to the readings and then rate the readers.

Who reads at a good speed?

Follow along as three readers read this text out loud:

> Cedric is sixteen years old. He just finished a ten-month sentence at a juvenile detention center – prison for kids. That sentence was his punishment for bringing a gun to school. Now, Cedric is about to start at a new school. But before he can do that, he has to participate in a restorative justice circle.

✔ Now check whether each reader reads at a **good speed**.

	Reads at a good speed	Does not read at a good speed
Reader 1:	☐	☐
Reader 2:	☐	☐
Reader 3:	☐	☐

What is fluent reading?, continued

Who reads the words accurately?

↓ Follow along as each reader reads this text out loud:

Our justice system focuses on three questions: What law was broken? Who broke it? What punishment is right? But restorative justice turns these questions on their heads. This system asks: Who was hurt? What are their needs? Whose job is it to meet those needs? Instead of focusing on punishment, restorative justice focuses on healing.

✔ Now check whether each reader says the words **accurately**.

	Reads words accurately	Does not read words accurately
Reader 1:	☐	☐
Reader 2:	☐	☐

What is fluent reading?, continued

Who reads with expression and meaning?

↓ Follow along as the readers read this text out loud:

Cedric and his parents and teachers sat in the restorative justice circle. Everyone had to speak, and everyone had to listen. Cedric said that at first the circle "made me feel like walking out the room." But he admitted that he committed crimes to provide money for his mother. His mother cried as she talked about her struggles to find a job and to pay her bills.

✔ Check whether each reader speaks with **expression and meaning**.

	Reads with expression and meaning	Does not read with expression and meaning
Reader 1:	☐	☐
Reader 2:	☐	☐