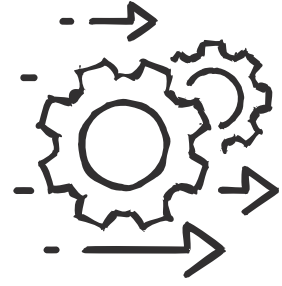


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Getting fluent

More practice helps!



Suppose your reading rate is not that fast.

You may miss some words as you read.

When you read out loud, it may not sound smooth.

How can your reading improve? Practicing with a partner helps!

The first time you read a passage out loud is a “cold read.”

In a cold read, the words and ideas are still new to you.

You may stumble or slow down.

What happens after the cold read?

You practice the passage different ways.

Then you do a “warm read.”

The warm read should be smoother and faster.

Reading in phrases

When you read fluently, you read in phrases.

Phrases are groups of words that make sense together.

Here is a sentence from the passage, “Jennifer Lawrence: Rise to Fame.”

At age 14, Jennifer begged her parents to let her become a real actor.

If you read this sentence without good phrasing, it might sound like this:

At . . . age . . . 14 . . . Jennifer . . . begged . . . her . . . parents . . . to . . . let . . .
her . . . become . . . a . . . real . . . actor.

With good phrasing, you pause between groups of words. It sounds like this:

At age 14 . . . Jennifer begged her parents . . . to let her become a real actor.

When you read in phrases, it sounds like talking.

Day One

Jennifer Lawrence: Rise to Fame

Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

Jennifer Lawrence became a famous movie star / by the time she was 20. // People love the way / she turns into each character she plays. // They also love her drive / and spunk. //

Lawrence grew up in a happy family. // Her two brothers loved to play pranks. // Once, / they smeared peanut butter on her face / and let their dogs lick it off! // The boys loved sports, / but Jennifer loved being on stage. //

At age 14, / Jennifer begged her parents / to let her become a real actor. // They said no. // She had to finish school. // Not a problem! // Jennifer quickly got her GED. // She began to get work on TV shows. // She knew this was right for her. // In 2009, / she spoke to the *Louisville Courier-Journal* / about her budding career. // She said, / “Once I got the tiniest taste for this, / I could never look back.” //

In 2010, / Jennifer starred in the movie *Winter’s Bone*. // She played a teen / from a rough mountain town. // For her role, / Jennifer had to learn how to skin a squirrel. // She stopped using lip gloss / and let her skin crack. // Movie critics loved the gritty film. // Suddenly, / Jennifer was a star. //

Hunger Games was Jennifer’s next big part. // In 2012, / she won acting’s biggest prize: / the Academy Award. // As she stepped up to receive her award, / she slipped and fell. // Other actors ran to help, / but Jennifer laughed as she stood up. // She walked onstage with grace. // The audience rose to their feet / and clapped hard for the young star. //

I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.