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:

It was the 2011 World Series. Things were looking bad for the Cards. They lost Game 2 when their star, Albert Pujols, bobbled the ball and the other team scored.

In Game 3, things would be different. Bam! Pujols hit a home run. Bam! He hit a second home run. Bam! He hit a third home run. Pujols proved he was still a superstar.

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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:		

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Follow along as each reader reads this text out loud:

Growing up in the Dominican Republic, Pujols dreamed of becoming a baseball star. The Pujols family was poor. Young Albert once made his own baseball glove. He played hard with older, bigger boys. He became a mighty hitter.

In 1989, Pujols entered the major league draft. Major league teams grabbed top players in the first round. Pujols waited. No team picked him until the thirteenth round.

✓ Now check whether each reader says the words accurately.

	Reads words accurately	Does not read words accurately
Reader 1:		
Reader 2:		
Reader 3:		

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What is fluent reading?, continued

Who reads with expression and meaning?				
Follow along as the readers read this text out loud:				
He decided to just work harder. "I was a little disappointed," he told <i>Sports</i> **Illustrated in 2009. "It doesn't matter. It made me hungry."				
✓ 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:				
Reader 3:				

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