

Reading with Fluency

Our reading brain is learning what to do.

Did you know words can
light up your brain?

**The more you see a word,
the quicker your brain
grabs it. This skill helps
you become a stronger
reader.**



What is fluency?

Fluency is reading that sounds smooth because the brain knows what to do.

1 Accurate words

2 Smooth phrases

3 Natural pace

4 Expression

5 Understanding

Accuracy first. Fluency second.

1

First read

Get the words right.
Slow is allowed.

2

Next read

Help the words flow.
Meaning begins to grow.

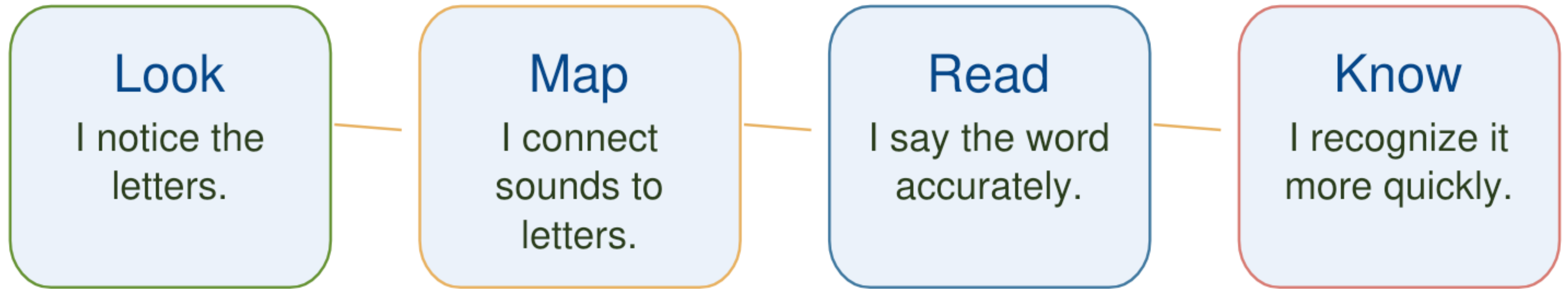
When it feels hard, your brain is working.

**Try
saying.**

**Ok, brain. I am ready to
learn.**

From sounding out to knowing

With practice, some words start to feel familiar.



Then your brain has more room to think about the story.

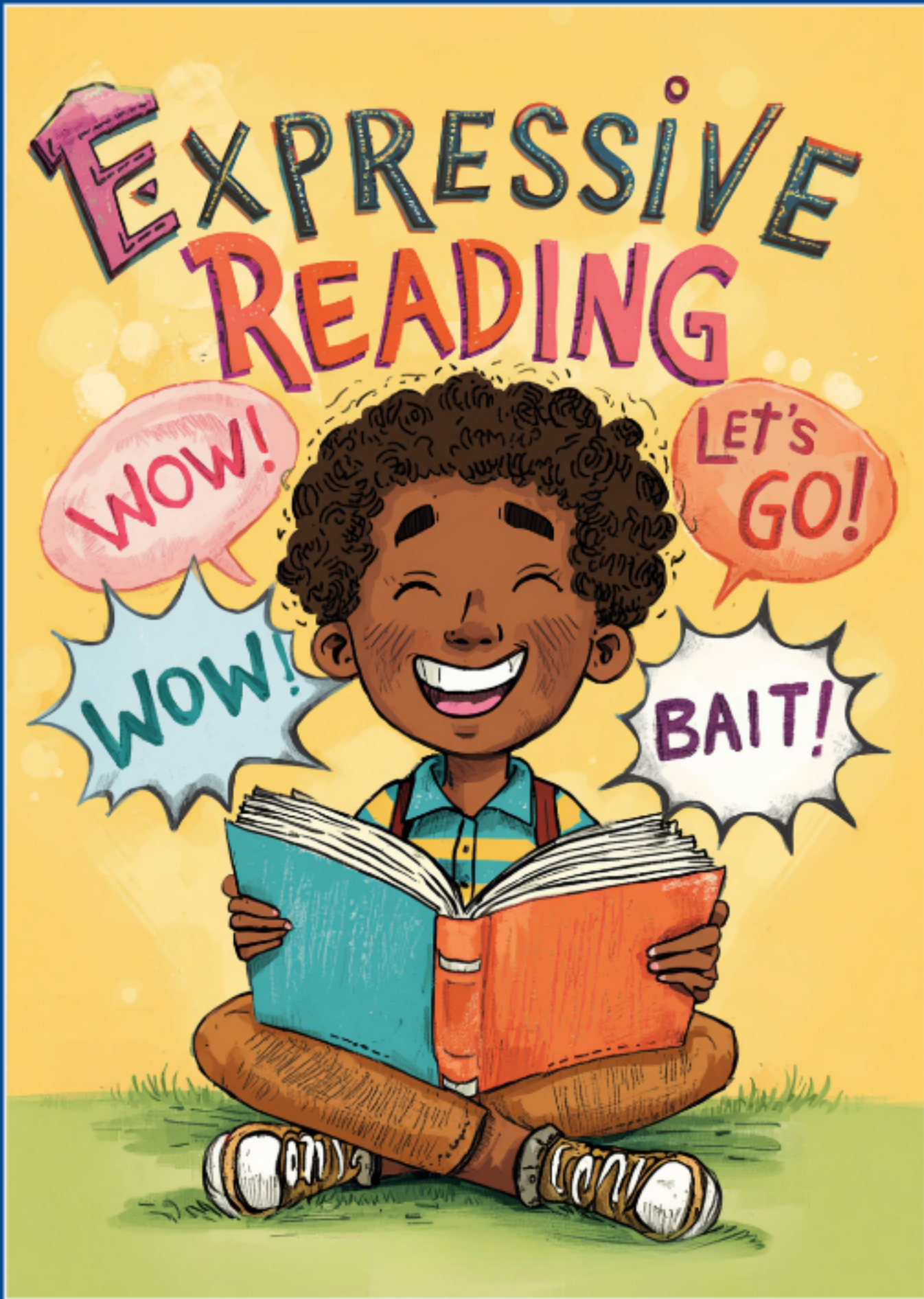
From D ecoding to Reading

Fluency is the bridge.

Think about this:

What is the
difference
between
decoding a word
and reading a
word?

Read. Play. Atelier.



Reading Sounds Like Talking

Robot Reading vs. Real Reading: Discover Your Voice!

Phrasing is essential for finding your voice while reading. Embrace the magic of storytelling and express yourself through words as you read aloud!



At First, You Will Not Be Fluent

That Is Normal

Every reader starts slowly, sounding out words and reading choppily. This is the beginning of learning, and your brain is actively developing before it looks easy.

Growing Your Muscles

Build Stamina for Reading Success

Five Minutes

Five minutes of reading is real work. Every minute counts as your muscles start to grow stronger.

Go Longer

As reading time increases.....You can handle longer sessions, building your stamina bit by bit and becoming a fluent reader!



How to Practice

To build reading fluency, read the same passage multiple times, read aloud daily—even just for five minutes—and tackle the challenging sections, as they are vital for growth.

Try three reads.

Use a short passage. Read it more than once for a different purpose each time.

First read

Words

Get the words
right.

Second read

Flow

Make the
phrases
smoother.

Third read

Meaning

Let your voice
match the story.

Read It Again!

The Power of Re-reading

First Read

When you read a book for the first time, you are working hard to understand the story and characters. Each page is a new adventure waiting to unfold.

Second Read

On your second read, you'll find that the words flow more easily. It feels easier because you already know the story, allowing you to enjoy the details.

Third Read

By your third read, you truly own the story. You understand the characters and themes better, discovering new layers and insights each time you dive in.



The Stronger You Get

Each time you read, you become smoother and more confident. **Words become faster**, sentences flow, and pages get easier. This improvement is the result of consistent practice for every reader.

Fluency Takes Time

Fluency doesn't happen overnight—it builds over weeks and months of reading practice. Be patient, stay consistent, and celebrate every step forward. Every page read is progress made.



When you have to sound out every single word,
your brain is working really hard.

That is okay.

That is **part of learning**.

But the more we practice,

the more some words start to feel familiar.

Your brain starts to say, “**I know that word.**”

Then you do not have to stop so much.

You can spend more brain power thinking about
the story.

That is the reading goal.

Let punctuation help your voice.

Punctuation is a tiny road sign for the reader.

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Stop.

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Pause.

?
Ask
.

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Show feeling.

Read the sentence. Let the mark tell your voice what to do.

Robot voice.

Story voice.

Both reads use the same words. Only one carries the meaning.

Robot voice

The bird sat on the branch and sang.

Story voice

The bird sat on the branch and sang.

Five minute fluency garden

Here is what to do right now.

1

Choose a short text.

A page, paragraph, poem, or decodable passage.

2

Hear it once.

Listen to a fluent model.

3

Read it together.

Let the words feel supported.

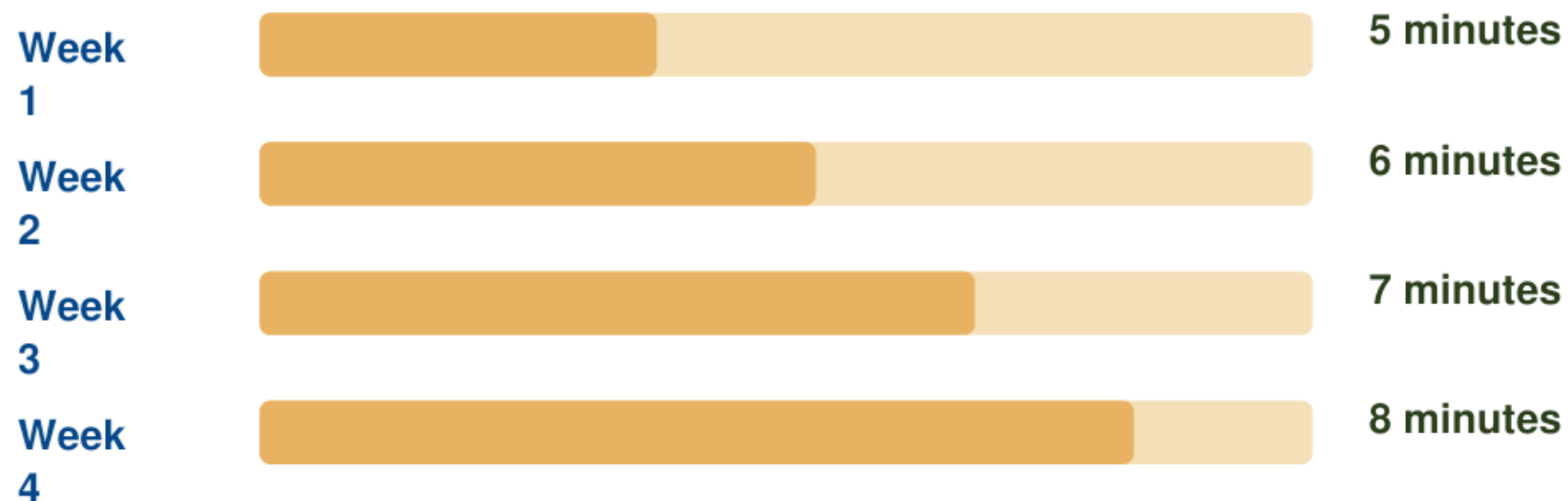
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Reread it alone.

Notice one small win.

Build stamina slowly.

You cannot rush a garden.



Small practice grows real reading strength.

What to listen for

Do not ask, “Was it fast?” Ask better questions.

1 Words

Did the words match the page?

2 Punctuation

Did the voice follow the marks?

3 Phrases

Did words travel in small groups?

4 Meaning

Did the reading make sense?

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