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A Focus on Reading Fluency

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Welcome Spring!

No matter where you live in our beautiful state, spring is definitely starting to tease us with longer days, a little more warmth in the rays of sun and glimpses of the awakening taking place in nature all around. Spring is also the time our school schedules feel a bit interrupted as state and national assessment windows are in effect. These assessments are a touchstone of the school year but can also bring about anxiety and distress for students who struggle with reading, their families, and teachers. Oftentimes, students who struggle with any component of reading fluency also find these tests stressful.

For the April issue of our literacy newsletter, we [focus on reading fluency, often referred to as a “temperature check” for overall reading competency](#). Many of the resources shared in this edition highlight the work of two renowned experts in fluency instruction and assessment, Dr. Tim Rasinski, professor of literacy education at Kent State University, and Dr. Jan Hasbrouck, a respected educational consultant, researcher, and author. We hope you find in this collection something to revive your practice this spring.

Enjoy!

LISTEN

The seven podcast episodes below will give you more than enough food for thought about fluency instruction, assessment, and research. Ranging from under 30 minutes to over an hour in length, this selection offers plenty of opportunities to listen and learn while on your way to work, walking the dog, or running errands.

MELISSA AND LORI LOVE LITERACY PODCAST

[Episode 62: Effective Fluency Instruction with Tim Rasinski](#) 1 hr., 11 MIN.

[Episode 153: Fluency Instruction and Assessment with Jan Hasbrouck](#) S3-E3: 50 MIN

THE SCIENCE OF READING THE PODCAST – AMPLIFY

[Episode 4: The Importance of Fluency Instruction with Tim Rasinski](#) S3-E5: 55 MIN

TRIPLE R TEACHING PODCAST WITH ANNA GEIGER

[Fluency Isn't Just About Speed: A conversation with Jan Hasbrouck](#) E 97: 24 MIN

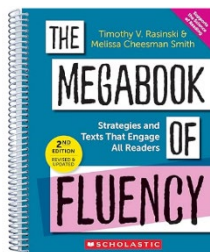
[What To Do After Administering the ORF: A Conversation with Jan Hasbrouck](#) E 98: 27 MIN

[What Does Research Tell Us About Reading Fluency? A Conversation with Tim Rasinski](#) E99: 35 MIN

[How to Implement Reader's Theater: With Dr. Chase Young](#) E 101: 33 MIN

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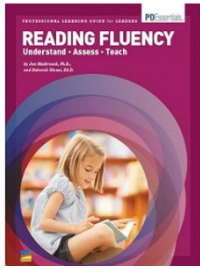
THE MEGABOOK OF FLUENCY, 2ND EDITION: STRATEGIES AND TEXTS TO ENGAGE ALL READERS



Timothy V. Rasinski and Melissa Cheesman Smith

ISBN-13: 978-1546163831

This updated edition of a well-loved resource for fluency includes a fresh discussion on the Science of Reading and fluency's place in the mix. Full of strategies and resources that can be implemented right away, including updated passages for students, this book is a must-have resource for the classroom teacher. The book is also revamped with QR codes for video lessons and student pages that can be quickly and easily downloaded.



READING FLUENCY: UNDERSTAND – ASSESS – TEACH

Jan Hasbrouck Ph.D., and Deborah Glaser, Ed.D.

ISBN-13: 978-1987334067

Jan Hasbrouck and Deb Glaser are leaders in the reading world, and they share their knowledge and expertise about fluency in this Learning Guide for Leaders. This book delves into all things fluency from a professional level, because knowledge leads to better teaching! This text addresses not only the nuts and bolts of understanding fluency, but also critical knowledge of how to assess and instruct effectively to develop students' reading fluency skills.

WATCH - WEBINARS

[ACHIEVING ADOLESCENT LITERACY PROFICIENCY: THE IMPORTANCE OF FLUENCY | 2024 LITERACY SYMPOSIUM](#)

PaTTAN Presenter: Janee Butler, The Center for Literacy and Learning

Another great webinar from the PaTTAN literacy series brings us a focus on the importance of fluency for adolescent readers. Join Janee Butler as she delves into this sometimes neglected but critically critical area of reading instruction.

[READING FLUENCY: ESSENTIAL FOR READING COMPREHENSION .](#)

International Dyslexia Association Georgia – Presenter: Jan Hasbrouck Ph.D.

With listening and reading opportunities already provided featuring the great Jan Hasbrouck...why not something to watch, too? Grab your popcorn and sit back to view this engaging webinar from one of the leaders in the field as she explains the importance of reading fluency and its critical connection to reading comprehension.

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[READING ROCKETS FLUENCY LIBRARY](#)

Reading Rockets comes back up frequently in our newsletter, and for good reason! It is a hub of valuable reading resources trusted to be high-quality, research-supported, and highly effective. The Fluency library contains a variety of articles, videos, strategies, and helpful tools to ensure that your fluency instruction meets the needs of your students.

[PROJECT READ AI - FLUENCY PASSAGE GENERATOR, DECODABLE TEXT GENERATOR AND MORE](#)

Technology has its pros and cons in the classroom, but this tool is one that you will want to check out! The Project Read AI tools are FREE to use and provide time-saving options for planning for your students. Take some time to set up your classroom and explore the decodable text generator to create custom text options for your students to practice with phonics skills they have learned. The tool also allows for grade-appropriate fluency passage generation and timed fluency practice, as well as other efficiencies such as a decodable game generator.

[READING COACH FLUENCY TOOL | MICROSOFT](#)

Another free tool for you to explore and decide how it might benefit your classroom with a focus on fluency. While this tool is not perfect (we wish it was more fine-tuned for text generation and error correction), it does provide a way to allow students to practice reading, get feedback on words they miss, and scaffold their reading with scaffolding tools like single line display and syllabication of long words to support decoding. It is worth checking out!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Do you have a colleague with whom you would like to share these resources? Feel free to forward the newsletter, or have them [sign up to receive the newsletter here!](#)

If you have general questions or need assistance, find our contact information here:

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