

# What is Fluency?

**Fluency** is the ability to read smoothly and automatically, with expression and attention to punctuation.

**Pace** = the speed in which you read

- The goal is to read at a “just right” pace
- Reading not too fast and not too slow



**Phrasing** = Chunking the words together into meaningful phrases

- Reading in phrases and not reading words one.word.at.a.time.

**Samantha** **drove** to the store  
and **bought** some **bread**.

**Intonation (Expression)** = Reading with feeling in your voice

- Changing your voice to match a character
- Reading like you would speak (and not like a robot!)
- Moving your voice up and down



**Punctuation** = Reading with attention to punctuation

- stopping at **periods** . . . .
- taking breaths at **commas** , , ,
- making your voice go up for **question marks** ? ? ?
- showing excitement for **exclamation points** ! ! !
- using “**quotation marks**” to change voice for characters

