



Improving Reading and Comprehension

Fluency Tutor is an online software solution from Texthelp Systems, designed to assess and improve pupils' reading and comprehension levels. The solution is easy-to-use and can be accessed both at School and at home.

Fluency Tutor will encourage pupils as young as five years old to master reading and develop their fluency and comprehension levels while reading.

Fluency Tutor provides:

- Help with reading and comprehension
- Easy-to-use, motivational reading support
- Access in School and at home
- Accurate assessment
- Progress reports



"Fluency Tutor is a great way to support oral reading fluency and has helped to develop our pupils' confidence. They can listen to stories being read aloud to them before they record themselves reading and submit the results to us for marking. It also gives them immediate feedback through a series of easy to understand and colourful graphical displays."

Jackie Funnell, Headteacher at Cardenden Primary School, Fife

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Pupils

Improving Reading Skills

Fluency Tutor

provides pupils with an online resource to improve their reading and comprehension. The software can be used in School or at home to practise and record reading exercises. There are 4 main areas in the Pupil section of the software:



1

Practise my Reading

Fluency Tutor has a practise area where pupils practise their reading. By listening to exercises being read aloud and then recording themselves reading, pupils reinforce their learning. The comprehension quiz questions test whether pupils have understood what they are reading.



2

Measure my Reading

Pupils record themselves reading exercises that have been assigned by their teacher. They complete the quiz, testing their comprehension levels and submit both to their teacher for marking. Through this process, pupils take ownership of their reading improvement.



3

How did I do?

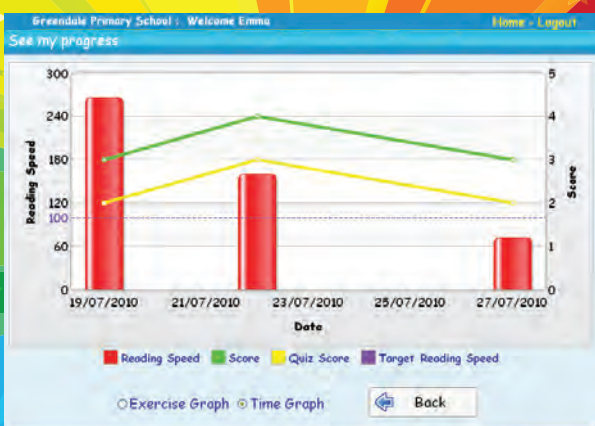
Pupils view their teacher-marked assessments in this section. Errors are recorded in red and the teacher will have provided a prosody (expression) score, quiz score, WCPM (words correct per minute) score and any other notes. Pupils listen again to their recording and access the coaching window that provides details of any errors made.



4

See my Progress

Pupils view a graphical representation of their reading progress over time. The graphs display their reading speed, prosody and quiz scores. The pupil's target reading speed will also be displayed for measurability. This section is very rewarding for the pupil as it tracks the progress they have made.



Benefits to Pupils:

- ✓ Improved reading speed, accuracy and comprehension
- ✓ Greater motivation and self-confidence
- ✓ Development of independent learning
- ✓ Greater interest and enjoyment in reading

Teachers

Developing Fluent Readers

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provides teachers with an unrivalled method of measuring and assessing the reading skills and comprehension levels of their class. The online nature of the solution frees up teachers' time, allowing them to be more productive and efficient. Fluency tutor can be used in the following ways:



1

Assign appropriate Reading tests

Teachers assign reading practises or assessments to an individual pupil or group of pupils. They also set a target WCPM (words correct per minute) score. Text difficulty is measured by MetaMetrics Lexile levels® and teachers ensure that the exercises match the pupil's reading ability.

2

Mark completed assessments

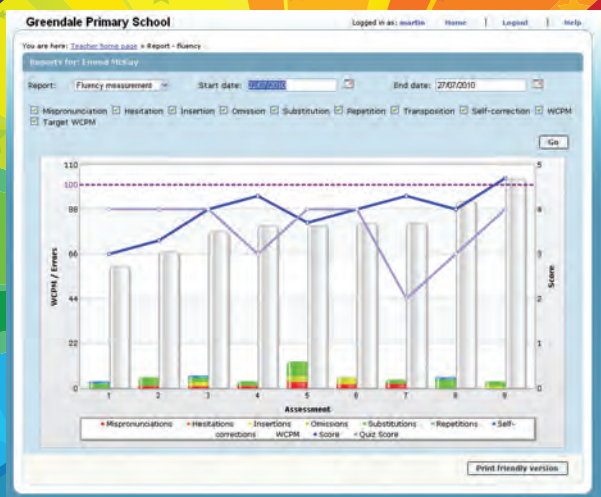
Teachers mark pupils' assessments for the following errors: mispronunciation, hesitation, omission, substitution, repetition, transposition and self-correction. The details panel will display the error types and frequency as well as the WCPM (words correct per minute) score. Teachers also rate the prosody (expression) of the pupil's recording and include any comments.



3

View a pupil's progress

Teachers access a number of reports/graphs within Fluency Tutor to view pupils' progress over time. This analysis allows them to target individualised instruction, identify the level of text difficulty for a pupil and view or print a list of problem words the pupil has encountered.



Benefits to Teachers:

- ✓ Set appropriate reading tasks for their pupils
- ✓ Effortlessly manage pupils' reading assessment
- ✓ Monitor class performance and improvement over time
- ✓ Target individual instruction

CUSTOMER TESTIMONIAL

"Fluency Tutor reinforces the reading skills we teach our ESL (English as a Second Language) learners. It allows teachers to monitor progress without intruding on learners' private reading time whilst encouraging them to independently practise oral reading at their own pace. Teachers can play back a learner's oral reading, measure the difficulty level of a passage and spot trends. It has helped many of our learners to leap from basic to advanced level reading. One of our most significantly improved students whose speech was previously very unclear now speaks much more fluently having practised reading aloud more slowly, pacing herself between words. This in turn has boosted her self-esteem."

Puvaneswari Kurusamy, Head Coach at Cognitive Development Learning Centre, Singapore



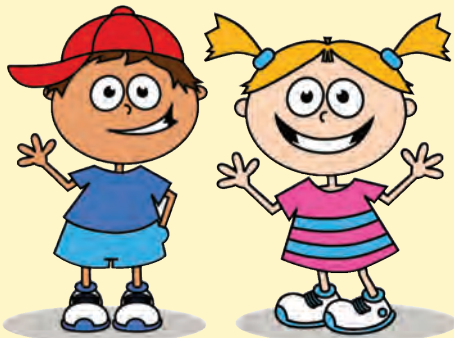
Fluency Tutor Webinars

This interactive webinar will provide you with a visual presentation and answers to your questions.

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Training Video Tours

Provide step-by-step guides on how to use each section of the software.
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FREE TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Texthelp Systems offers support, advice and assistance with **Fluency Tutor** implementations. **FREE** Technical support is available for all Schools utilising our software.

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System Requirements

Computer:

- Either Windows PC or Apple Mac
- Internet access, broadband speed recommended

Web browser:

- Internet Explorer 7 or newer
- Firefox 3 or newer
- Google Chrome 5 or newer
- Safari 4 or newer

Flash:

- Adobe Flash Player installed (version 9 or newer)

Other hardware:

- Headphones or speakers
- Microphone (for pupils)

FREE TRIAL

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