# Tutorial for the *Xreading Speed Reading* component

While doing extensive reading is a great way for students to improve their reading fluency, research shows that combining extensive reading with a dedicated speed reading program, one in which students spend several weeks reading short easy passages as quickly as possible is even more effective.

Therefore, we have partnered with the publisher Abax and are using their three new *Reading Fluency – Timed Reading* books for our new speed reading component. Each book has 22 short easy passages and each time a student reads a passage, their time is automatically recorded, and their progress is tracked.
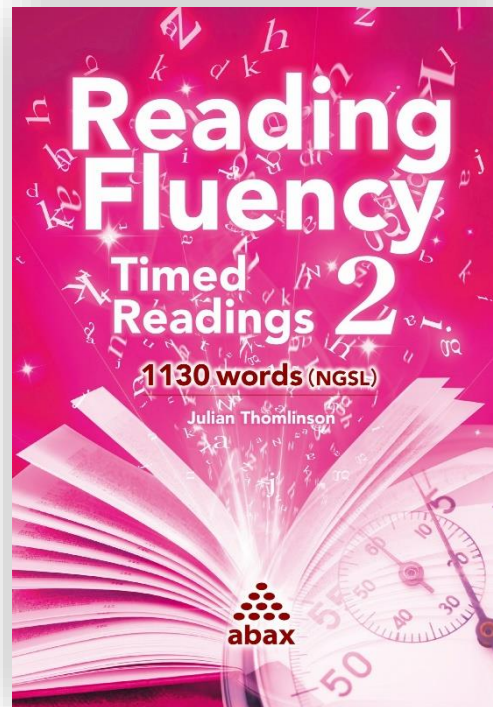
If you have your students to read a few passages per week, they should soon see their speed improve.

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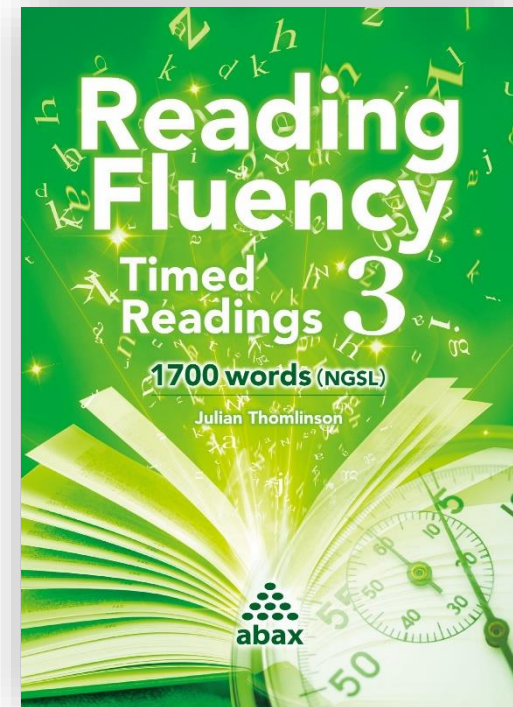Information about the *Reading Fluency* books.

Currently, only *Book 1* is available on Xreading. *Book 2* and *Book 3* books will be available early next year.
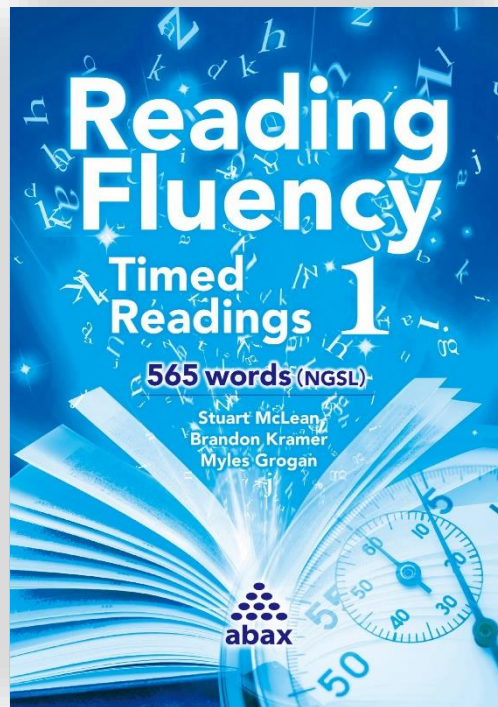
Reading Fluency 1
Limited to first 565 words of the NGSL

Reading Fluency 2
Limited to first 1130 words of the NGSL

Reading Fluency 3
Limited to first 1700 words of the NGSL

Creating a speed reading assignment is very similar creating a regular assignment in Xreading. Most of the settings are the same as a regular assignment. The main difference is you can allow students to read the same passages multiple times.

Start by going to the *Speed Reading* page, and press *Add Speed Reading* button.

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Speed Reading Assignments

Program/Department
English Dept ⇕

Semester/Session
All ⇕

Classes
All ⇕

Book
No Option ⇕

Books | Settings | About Speed Reading

Add Speed Reading

	Speed Reading Book	Open date	Close date	Message	Student Status	Passage Status	Attempt Status	Average Speed (w/m)
				Nothing to display				

Instructions for Speed Reading

1. Select the Class(es)n you want to create a speed reading assignment for.

2. Select the Speed Reading Book (currently only one book, *Reading Fluency - Book 1*, but more levels coming soon)

3. Select the *Open* and *Close* dates.

4. You can change the default settings if you want. By default, students can read a passage once, but you can allow them to reread a passage if they failed the quiz, or whenever they want.

5. Write a message if you want.

6. By default, all 22 passages of the book are selected, but you can restrict to any that you want.

7. Press the *Add Assignment* button

Add Speed Reading Assignment

Add Speed Reading Assignment

1. Select the class or classes you want to add speed-reading assignments to
2. Input the assignment information
3. Modify the Assignment Settings and Library Restrictions(optional)
4. Press the Submit button at the bottom of the page

Select Class(es)

☑	Assignment / Class / Instructor
☑	**FOP Class / Paul Goldberg** Class Dates: Aug 9, 2014 12:00 AM To Dec 31, 2021 11:59 PM

Speed Reading Assignment Information

Assignment name ✱   Reading for Fluency - Book 1

Open date ❓   ☑ Enable Calendar for Open Date
Date: 2021 / December / 16   Time: 00 / 00

By default, the assignment open date is set for today. If you disable the calendar by unchecking the box above, the default date will be for the open date of the class(es) you are creating assignments for.

Close date ❓   ☐ Enable Calendar for Close Date
Date: 2021 / December / 16   Time: 23 / 59

By default the close date of the assignment will be set to the close date(s) of the class(es). If you wish to change this check the box for enable.

Speed Reading Assignment Settings

Read same passage	❓	Never
Quiz		On
Minimum score for passing a quiz		60

Message: Read one passage every day.

Restrict by Specific Passages

☑	Check All		Read
☑	Why studying English is a good idea (475 Words)	Why studying English is a good idea (475 Words)	Read
☑	The Ancient Olympics (455 Words)	The Ancient Olympics (455 Words)	Read
☑	Thinking about Your Future (468 Words)	Thinking about Your Future (468 Words)	Read
☑	The Dangers of Social Media (494 Words)	The Dangers of Social Media (494 Words)	Read
☑	Tokyo (466 Words)	Tokyo (466 Words)	Read
☑	Walking! (475 Words)	Walking! (475 Words)	Read
☑	YouTube (475 Words)	YouTube (475 Words)	Read
☑	Lacrosse (473 Words)	Lacrosse (473 Words)	Read
☑	Coffee (453 Words)	Coffee (453 Words)	Read
☑	Changing What You Do (474 Words)	Changing What You Do (474 Words)	Read
☑	How to Learn New English Words (454 Words)		
☑	What Makes Sports Fun? (466 Words)		
☑	How to Take Notes (463 Words)		
☑	Dolphins (455 Words)		
☑	The Road to Santiago (461 Words)		
☑	Washington D.C. (468 Words)		
☑	Are We Sitting Too Much? (465 Words)		
☑	How to Learn to Speak in English (489 Words)		
☑	Saving Money (478 Words)		
☑	How to Improve Your Listening (464 Words)		
☑	Living in the Countryside or the City (475 Words)		
☑	Cheap Days Out (474 Words)		

Add Assignment   **Cancel**

Any active assignments you created will display on the *Speed Reading Assignments* page.
After students have started reading, you can see a summary for the class in the status columns and get detailed information by pressing the name of the assignment.
If you want to change an assignment's setting, you can press the edit icon (gear).

Speed Reading Assignments

Program/Department	Semester/Session	Classes	Book
English Dept ⇕	All ⇕	All ⇕	All Books ⇕

Books | Settings | About Speed Reading

Add Speed Reading

Display 20 ⇕ Showing results 1 - 1 of 1

Speed Reading Book	Open date	Close date	Message	Student Status	Passage Status	Attempt Status	Average Speed (w/m)
Reading for Fluency - Book 1 ⚙ 🗑 **FOP Class** Active Passages: **22/22** Quiz: **60%** Allow reread: **Never**	Dec 19, 2021 12:00 AM	Dec 31, 2021 11:59 PM	Read one passage every day!	No Passage: 35 Added Passages: 0	Added Passages: 0 Passed Passages: 0	Attempts Total: 0 Attempts Passed: 0	

Display 20 ⇕ Showing results 1 - 1 of 1

On the *Speed Reading - Class Summary* page, you can see a summary for each student in that class. Like with the regular *Class Summary* page, you can filter by dates. You can also filter by specific passages and attempts (i.e. *First, Fastest,* and *Most Recent*).

Speed Reading - Class Summary

Program/Department	Semester/Session	Show students in	Book	Passages	Attempts	From(dd-mm-yyyy)	To(dd-mm-yyyy)		
English Dept ⬍	All ⬍	FOP Class ⬍	Reading for Fluency ⬍	All ⬍	All Attempts ⬍			Go	Reset

Summary   Attempts

Display 40 ⬍   Showing results 1 - 35 of 35

Student ↑	Student ID	Passages	Attempts	Quiz Avg	Total Words	Total Time	Average Speed (w/m)	Best Speed (w/m)	Most Recent (w/m)	First Speed (w/m)
Student 1	2011118	6	7	66%	3308	00:19:48	146.3	190 16 Dec, 2021 3:05 PM	190 16 Dec, 2021 3:05 PM	0 8 Dec, 2021 1:21 PM
Student 2	2111001	3	4	70%	1873	00:12:44	292.0	663 6 Dec, 2021 4:48 PM	663 8 Dec, 2021 1:36 PM	93 8 Dec, 2021 1:21 PM
Student 3	2111017	6	12	69%	5199	00:38:44	129.7	155 8 Dec, 2021 2:30 PM	155 16 Dec, 2021 4:02 PM	109 8 Dec, 2021 1:31 PM
Student 4	2111028	6	11	72%	5128	00:21:04	242.5	420 16 Dec, 2021 4:02 PM	420 16 Dec, 2021 4:02 PM	264 8 Dec, 2021 1:12 PM
Student 5	2111043	6	19	48%	8748	00:20:34	401.5	941 8 Dec, 2021 2:48 PM	221 16 Dec, 2021 2:43 PM	228 8 Dec, 2021 1:12 PM
Student 5	2111045	6	13	63%	6142	00:22:23	301.5	585 8 Dec, 2021 11:15 PM	259 16 Dec, 2021 4:01 PM	279 8 Dec, 2021 1:12 PM
Student 6	2111065	6	6	77%	2833	00:18:42	156.4	186 8 Dec, 2021 2:38 PM	242 16 Dec, 2021 3:25 PM	264 8 Dec, 2021 1:12 PM
Student 7	2111091	6	6	80%	2833	00:18:24	153.2	183 16 Dec, 2021 3:25 PM	242 16 Dec, 2021 3:25 PM	105 8 Dec, 2021 1:21 PM

On the *Speed Reading Data* page, you can see all of the passages and attempts that student has read. Again, you can filter by specific passages and attempts.

Student Speed Reading Data

	Students	Classes	Book	Passages	Attempts
Student 1 Student1@xr.com	Student 1	FOP Class	All Books	All	All Attempts

Attempts

Passage ↑	Attempt	Words	Time	Speed	Quiz Score	Date	Class	Assignment
The Ancient Olympics	1	455	00:05:12	88	100	8 Dec, 2021 1:21 PM	2021 Global Tourism	Reading for Fluency - Book 1
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Display 20   Showing results 1 - 7 of 7

Coming soon… a graphical display of a student's speed reading data.

Student Speed Reading Data

Student 1
Student1@xr.com

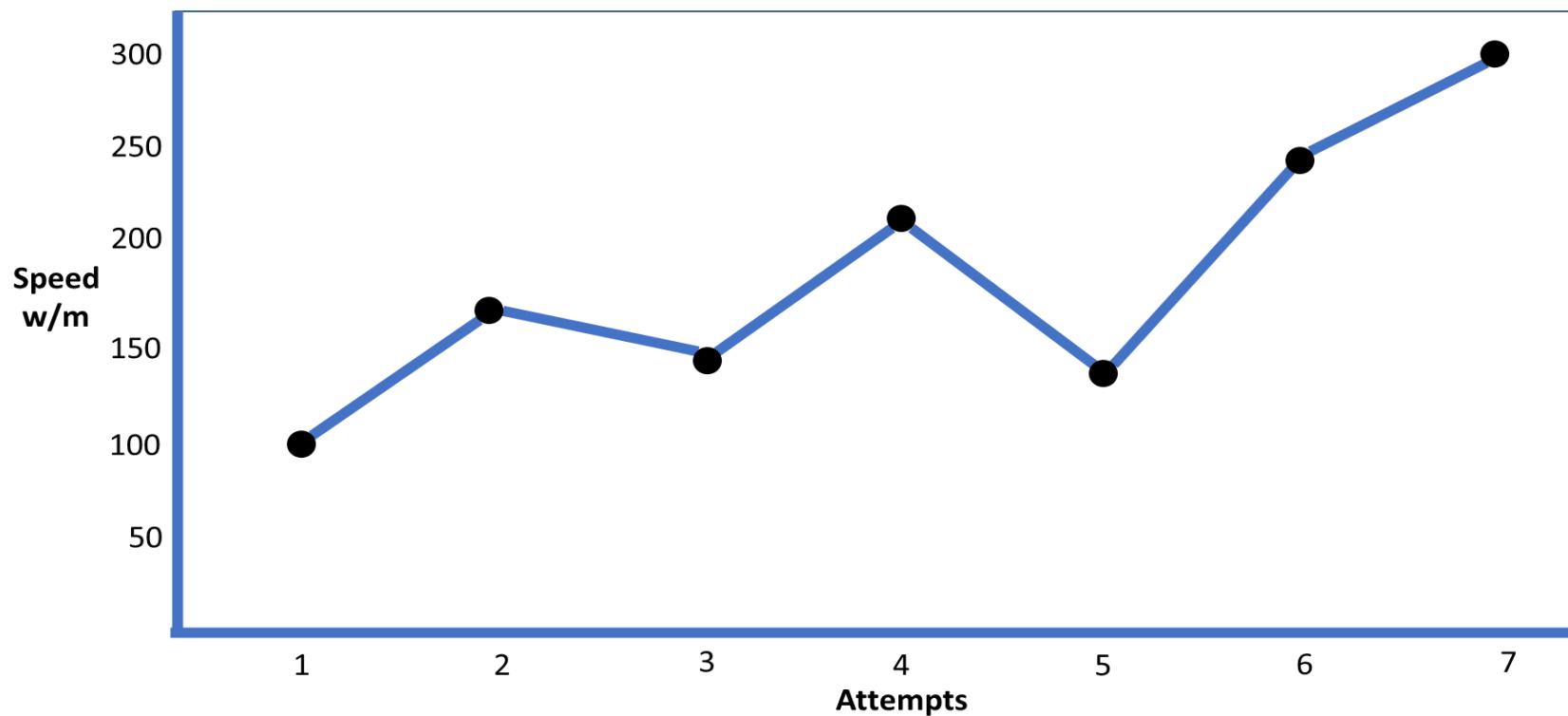| Students	Classes	Book	Passages	Attempts
Student 1	FOP Class	All Books	All	All Attempts

Attempts

Speed Reading for Students

Introduction from the publisher

Reading Fluency has 22 timed readings. Weekly practice with these readings will help you to read more easily and smoothly. Each reading is designed to help you to quickly build the skills you need:

- They are short – about 400 words long.
- The words are easy. Most of them come from the first 565 most common words of English according to the New General Service List (NGSL)
- We have chosen the grammar items carefully, so the articles are easy to read quickly.
- Each reading has five True/False questions to help you check your understanding.

Focus on reading quickly more than understanding every word. When you answer the questions after the articles, try to get at least four answers correct. If you get less than four, you may need to slow down a little bit.

Tips to Read Quickly

1. DO NOT use pens, fingers, or rulers to follow the words. Follow the words on the page with your eyes only. Using a pen, a finger or ruler may slow you down. It can also mean that you cannot read without using a pen or a ruler.
2. DO NOT circle or underline things when reading. Go to the end as quickly as possible, without stopping.
3. DO guess the meaning of unknown words.
4. DO miss words you do not understand. You can learn these after you have finished the reading.
5. DO practice often. Try to do at least one reading every week and re-read each article many times.

Regular practice will help to build your skill. Practicing often and recording your progress will show you that you are getting better. We hope that this will help to feel good about your ability, and that this book can help you quickly become fluent and successful readers!

Many things can change your reading speed, such as your mood, where you are, and whether the topic is interesting to you, so don't feel bad if you have some slow days. The important thing is to see improvement overall.

Students can see their *Active Speed Reading* assignment in the middle of their homepage. To start reading, they should press the *Read Passage* button

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Home

Recent Books | See All My Books

Nothing to display

My Status

Added Books	Passed Books	Words Read	Read Time	Quiz Average	Reading Level	Level Progress/(read/needed)	Goal
1	1	10,000	00:00:00	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A

Active Assignments | See All Assignments

Assignment	Message	Added Books	Passed Books	Quiz Average	Goal
Action & Spy (5) 2020 First Class 31 Dec, 2021 Add Book		0		0.0	

Active Speed Reading | See All Assignments

Speed Reading Book	Message	Total Passages	Passages Read	Passages Passed	Attempts	Recent Speed (w/m)	Best Speed (w/m)	First Speed (w/m)
Reading for Fluency - Book 1 2020 First Class 31 Dec, 2021 11:59 PM Read Book		22						

Active Classes | Seel All Classes

Classes	Open date	Close date	Added Books	Passed Books	Words Read	Read Time	Goal
2020 First Class	18 Apr, 2020	31 Dec, 2021	1	1	10,000	00:00:00	10% 10,000 / 100,000 Words Read

Students can select the passage they want to read. Remember, if you want students reading only certain passages, you can restrict on the *Speed Reading Settings* page.

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Speed Reading

Reading for Fluency - Book 1

Why studying English is a good idea
Read

The Ancient Olympics
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Thinking about Your Future
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The Dangers of Social Media
Read

Tokyo
Read

Walking!
Read

YouTube
Read

Lacrosse
Read

Coffee

Students will see a reminder of the tips before they start reading.

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Speed Reading

Reading for Fluency - Book 1, Story 1

Why studying English is a good idea

You are about to read a story about the benefits of studying English.

Remember:
- Don't use your finger as a guide.
- Read the text once only.
- Speed is important! Jump or skip unknown words.
- When you reach the end, press finish, and then answer the five questions.

Start

of you will use English sometimes at work. Some of you will use it a lot, and some of you might want to use it every day. In many countries, people who use English at work get paid 50% more than people who do not use English at work. Some big companies in Japan are even using English in their offices. If you cannot speak English, you will not be able to work at these companies.

Many of you will travel to other countries, and when you do, being able to speak English will help you. Many people around the world speak English, and the number of people who speak English around the world is getting bigger and bigger. I am from London. In London if tourists cannot speak English, then speaking to people, buying train tickets and going to restaurants is difficult.

Learning English will help you most because it will make your world bigger. With English you can speak with people from many other countries, and then you can understand how people from other countries feel.

Finish

After finishing a passage, students have to take the quiz, otherwise, they will not get credit for the passage. Unlike a regular assignment, the quiz cannot be taken later.

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Speed Reading

Your reading time was **00:01:29**

Please take the quiz to complete the speed Reading Activity.

Notice: If you don't take the quiz, you will get a zero and you will not get credit for this reading passage.

Take Quiz

Speed Reading Quiz

Reading for Fluency - Book 1

Why studying English is a good idea

Question **1**

The writer says that she is a student.

Select one:
- ○ FALSE
- ○ TRUE

Next Question

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Speed Reading

Congratulations, you have passed the quiz!

Take Quiz

Similar to the instructor's view, students can see their speed reading history. However, they can only see if the passed or failed a quiz, they cannot see their score.

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You are logged in as Test Student 5 ▼

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Speed Reading Data

Classes
2020 First Class ⇅

Book
Reading for Fluency ⇅

Read Book

Status

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Notes the regarding *Speed Reading* component

The *Speed Reading* component is still in *beta* meaning not all features we have planned are completed, and some do not work perfectly, so your feedback will be appreciated.

We plan to add the following features early next year:

- Two more books, Reading Fluency Books 1 and 2
- A graphical display showing a student's progress
- More settings, such as a quiz time limit, and maximum reading speed (to prevent students from just pressing the Finish button right away)
- Ability for students to change size of text and background color while reading
- Ability for instructors to edit and/or delete a student's attempt
- Fix issues with columns not sorting properly