

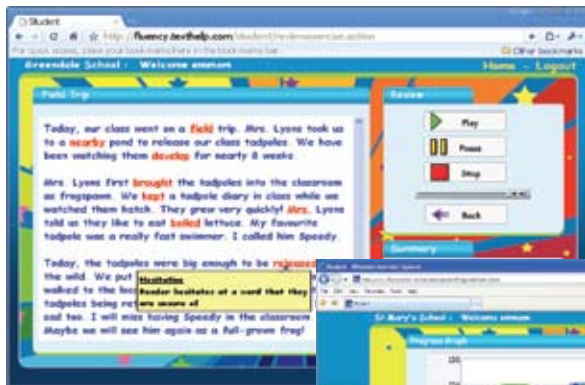
Develop and Assess Oral Reading Fluency

Online oral reading fluency solution, offering:

- A personalized school website with separate and distinct sections for Administrator, Teacher, and Student
- Student practice area for guided, supported, repeated reading
- Teacher section for assigning, listening to, and scoring student assessments
- Graphical reports to show student progress, fluency measurement, error analysis, Lexile performance, and problem words



Fluency is defined as **“the ability to read connected text rapidly, smoothly, effortlessly, and automatically with little conscious attention to the mechanics of reading, such as decoding”** (Meyers & Felton, 1999). One of the key indicators for a child's future success in learning is their mastery of reading, and their fluency while reading. What happens when a student isn't able to become a fluent reader early in their education? Research shows that “non-fluent” readers will be unable to relate sentences to the global context of the passage, thereby inhibiting their comprehension of what is being read (NCES & NAEP, 2002).



Students can review corrections and teacher comments, as well as track their progress.



Fluency Tutor from Texthelp Systems is an online software solution for developing and measuring oral reading fluency. Incorporating passages that align to MetaMetrics® Lexile Framework® for Reading, the product includes tools for **practicing, assessing, and measuring fluency**. Using the data from Fluency Tutor's powerful graphical reports, teachers can

personalize instruction to individual students' needs and students can see where they need to focus in order to improve their oral reading fluency skills. Fluency Tutor helps solve the dilemma of how to provide adequate time for reading fluency development instruction with ever-increasing class sizes and demands upon educators' time.

Fluency Tutor is not confined to use only in the classroom. Students can log in from school or from home to practice and record assessments and teachers can listen to students' recorded passages and assess them at their convenience, at school or at home, when time allows. Fluency Tutor allows teachers and students to focus their time during the school day on instruction rather than on repeated reading practice or 1:1 paper and pencil assessment.



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Fluency Tutor is designed to be an easy to use online solution for administrators, teachers, and students. This innovative subscription-based product provides schools with fluency development and assessment software suitable for the 21st Century classroom. The software is designed for use by all students developing oral reading fluency, generally children from 5 to 12 years of age.

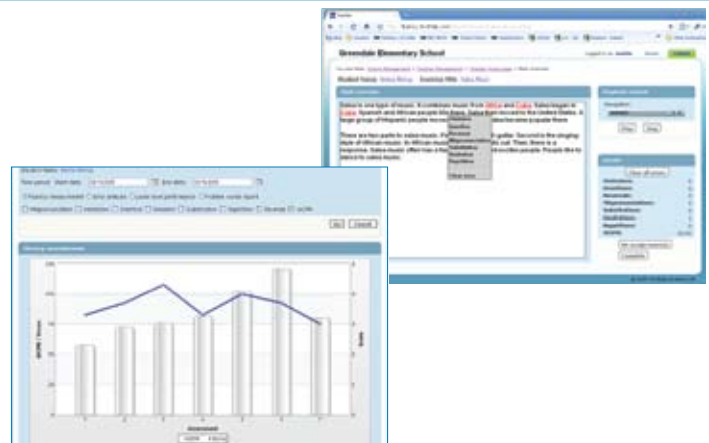


Fluency Tutor Administrators

- Manage teacher and student logins
- Import class lists
- Customize school Fluency Tutor website

Teachers

- Assign practices and assessments, aligned with Lexile-level measurements, to individual students or group
- Listen to and mark recorded assessments
- Access student reports and analysis
- Personalize instruction based on individual needs



Students

- Listen to passages being read aloud using high quality text-to-speech voices
- Access Dictionary and Translator tools
- Practice reading passages orally
- Record and complete assessments
- View scores and progress

About Texthelp Systems

Texthelp Systems specializes in providing literacy software solutions for individuals, K-12 schools, higher education institutions, and publishers. Texthelp products make learning accessible for all students. In addition to Fluency Tutor, Texthelp also offers **Read&Write GOLD**, literacy software that integrates seamlessly with familiar applications giving students access to reading, writing, studying, and research support tools from within mainstream software programs.

System Requirements

- **Operating Systems:** Apple Mac OS 10.x, Windows 2000, XP, Vista or Windows 7
- **Web Browser:** Internet Explorer 6 or later, Firefox 2 or later, Google Chrome 1 or later, and Safari 3 or later
- **Adobe Flash versions:** Flash 9 or later
- **Hardware:** Speakers or Headphones and a Microphone; Headset Microphone recommended for classroom use
- **Internet:** Broadband internet connection required