

Reading Fluency: Rate and Expression

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Quick Review

When you read aloud, try to read at a smooth pace (not too fast, not too slow) and use **EXPRESSION** — your voice goes up at a question, gets excited at an exclamation, and pauses at commas and periods.

PRACTICE

Read each sentence aloud (or in your head) and choose the **BEST** answer.

1. How should your voice sound at the end of this sentence?
What time is the show?
 - A. go up at the end like a question
 - B. go down at the end like a statement
 - C. stay flat with no change
 - D. get louder and louder
2. How should you read this sentence aloud?
Watch out for the puddle!
 - A. calm and slow
 - B. loud, fast, and full of warning
 - C. in a whisper
 - D. as a slow question
3. Read: *"I am so tired," said Mara.* How might you read Mara's words?
 - A. loud and quick
 - B. soft and slow, like someone who is tired
 - C. happy and giggly
 - D. as if she is yelling
4. What should a reader do when they see a comma in a sentence?
 - A. pause briefly
 - B. stop and start over
 - C. say the word 'comma' out loud
 - D. skip the next word



5. If you read too FAST aloud —
 - A. listeners may miss what you are saying.
 - B. you sound smarter to listeners.
 - C. you always sound like a question.
 - D. you become a better reader instantly.
6. If you read too SLOWLY aloud —
 - A. it can be hard for listeners to follow the meaning.
 - B. you will always finish first.
 - C. the words become a different language.
 - D. it shows you are reading carefully and well.
7. Which mark tells a reader to use an EXCITED voice?
 - A. a comma
 - B. a period
 - C. an exclamation mark
 - D. a quotation mark
8. What is a GOOD reading rate?
 - A. as fast as you can possibly read
 - B. smooth and natural, like speaking
 - C. slow enough to read every letter aloud
 - D. exactly the same speed as your friend
9. When a character is whispering in a story, you should read their lines —
 - A. very loudly
 - B. softly and a little slower
 - C. in a question voice
 - D. very fast and jumpy
10. Pick ONE sentence from any story or book and tell HOW you would read it. Use one of these words: *excited, soft, calm, scared, surprised*.



Answer Keys

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Explanations	
1. A	Questions end with a rising voice. B is for statements; C and D are not expression patterns.
2. B	Exclamation marks call for an excited, urgent tone. A is for relaxed reading; C and D mismatch the punctuation.
3. B	The character is tired, so the tone is soft and slow. The others don't match the feeling.
4. A	Commas signal a short pause. The others are not how readers handle commas.
5. A	Too fast = unclear. The others are not true.
6. A	Too slow can lose the meaning across a sentence. The others miss the point.
7. C	“!” signals strong feeling. Commas pause, periods stop, quotation marks show speech.
8. B	Smooth, conversational pace. The others are too fast, too slow, or not about you.
9. B	Match the character's tone. The others don't fit “whispering.”
10.	Answer: Example: I would read “Look out!” in an EXCITED voice because of the exclamation mark. Any sentence + clear matching tone.



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