



## Fluency Definitions Compared

National Reading Panel's Definition (2000)	Tim Rasinski's Definition (2014)	Sue Rose's Definition (2007)	Susan Easterbrooks' and Sandra Huston's Definition (2015)
<p>The National Reading Panel (NRP) defines fluency as the ability "to <b>read orally</b> with <b>speed</b>, <b>accuracy</b>, and <b>proper expression</b>."</p>	<p><b>Automaticity</b> in word recognition is essential to fluency, which is the bridge between vocabulary and comprehension.</p> <p><b>Reading speed</b> is an <u>indicator of</u> word recognition automaticity, but reading speed is <b>not</b> word recognition automaticity. We <b>don't</b> teach automaticity through instruction on reading speed.</p> <p><b>Prosody</b> is expressiveness in reading.</p>	<p>There are two types of fluency to measure: <b>silent reading fluency</b> and <b>oral/signed reading fluency</b>. Each requires different tools to measure.</p> <p>Rose suggests that we should look <b>beyond</b> just the oral/signed reading fluency to see how kids are processing what they read silently.</p>	<p><b>Fluency</b> requires the child to go beyond the simple reading of words at an appropriate rate, but in addition requires him or her to form a mental visualization of the printed English text and then render it expressively, whether through spoken English, English-like signing, ASL, or a combination thereof.</p> <p><b>Reading fluency</b> in signing deaf children contains accuracy, fluency envelope, and visual grammar</p> <p><b>Accuracy:</b> The ability of the signer to render the concepts in English print text into a signed format that has equivalent conceptual meaning.</p> <p><b>Fluency envelope:</b> The overall visual appearance of an individual who is signing while reading, with or without voice, which gives the visual impression that he or she is a good reader or not a good reader</p> <p><b>Visual grammar:</b> Those key elements of signing, whether in an English-like mode or ASL, which demonstrate to the observer that the reader is visualizing the meaning of the text</p>