

Appendix B: Reading Fluency Rates

Recommended Fluency Rates* (in words read correctly per minute)	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Oral:	90-120	115-140	125-150	135-160	140-175	150-180
Silent:	115-140	130-175	160-200	190-220	215-245	235-270

***The following sources were referenced to determine fluency rates:**

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