Key Reading Behaviors for Fluent Levels

Levels N and Up

	COMPREHENSION	VOCABULARY	PHONICS	FLUENCY
FICTION AND NONFICTION	 Self-monitor and reread to fix comprehension Ask and answer questions Compare and contrast Infer Explain the author's purpose and message Summarize Notice and use aspects of writer's craft 	 Pay attention to new vocabulary when reading and stop to figure out word meaning while self-monitoring Use new vocabulary while discussing, summarizing, and writing Pay attention to multiple meaning words and homophones Know and use Greek and Latin roots 	 Use syllables to decode multisyllable words Use syllable types (when decoding words with more than one syllable) 1. Closed syllable 2. Open syllable 3. VCe syllable 4. Vowel team syllable 5. Vowel + r syllable 6. Stable final syllable Know and apply multiple sound-spelling patterns (e.g., eigh, ough) Decode compound words, contractions, and abbreviations Use prefixes (un, re, pre, mis, dis, im, in, under, over, non, bi, tri, quad, semi, multi, tele, mid, sub) Use suffixes (ing, ed, es, er, est, ful, less, y, ly, tion, sion) 	 Read silently Read in a fluent, phrased way Read orally with intonation, using a wide range of punctuation Read dialogue with expression Read most words by sight Read faster silently than orally

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FICTION NARRATIVE TEXT	 Use genre characteristics to comprehend a wide variety of text (realistic fiction, historical fiction, mysteries, fantasy, folktales, fables, legends, myths, graphic novels, short stories, dramatic plays, poetry) Understand more complex plots with numerous episodes and changes in setting Analyze plot elements (including rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution) Explain the influence of setting on the plot Understand shifts in time (flashback, foreshadowing) Recognize themes across texts using text evidence and make connections Identify and understand perspectives of multiple characters (point of view) Discuss what was read (character traits, changes, relationships, and interactions; theme) 	Pay attention to and understand figurative language and imagery (e.g., simile, metaphor, personification, alliteration)	Use syllables to decode multisyllable words Use syllable types (when decoding words with more than one syllable) 1. Closed syllable 2. Open syllable 3. VCe syllable 4. Vowel team syllable 5. Vowel + r syllable 6. Stable final syllable Mow and apply multiple sound-spelling patterns (e.g., eigh, ough) Decode compound words, contractions, and abbreviations Use prefixes (un, re, pre, mis, dis, im, in, under, over, non, bi, tri, quad, semi, multi, tele, mid, sub) Use suffixes (ing, ed, es, er, est, ful, less, y, ly, tion, sion)	 Read silently Read in a fluent, phrased way Read orally with intonation, using a wide range of punctuation Read dialogue with expression Read most words by sight Read faster silently than orally

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NONFICTION Informational and Argumentative Text	 Use genre characteristics to comprehend a wide variety of nonfiction (informational text, argumentative text, procedural text, narrative nonfiction, biographies) Use a table of contents and index to build background knowledge and locate information Use text features and graphics (e.g., diagrams, maps, insets, timelines) to build background knowledge and comprehend Identify and use informational text structures (chronological order, description, compare and contrast, cause and effect) Determine importance of information and extract central ideas with supporting evidence Identify the claim and how the author has used facts to support an argument 	 Notice specialized technical vocabulary and its meaning Use a glossary to determine meaning of unknown words 	Use syllables to decode multisyllable words Use syllable types (when decoding words with more than one syllable) 1. Closed syllable 2. Open syllable 3. VCe syllable 4. Vowel team syllable 5. Vowel + r syllable 6. Stable final syllable Moven and apply multiple sound-spelling patterns (e.g., eigh, ough) Decode compound words, contractions, and abbreviations Use prefixes (un, re, pre, mis, dis, im, in, under, over, non, bi, tri, quad, semi, multi, tele, mid, sub) Use suffixes (ing, ed, es, er, est, ful, less, y, ly, tion, sion)	 Read silently Read in a fluent, phrased way Read orally with intonation, using a wide range of punctuation Read dialogue with expression Read most words by sight Read faster silently than orally