



Sentence Fluency

Listening to the Sound

My paper is EASY to read out loud.
Some sentences are LONG and STRETCHY—some are SHORT and SNAPPY.
I like the sound of this paper—it has rhythm!

1
Just beginning

2
Help! Some of these sentences don't make sense.
My paper is HARD to read out loud—even for me!
I can't tell where a new sentence begins.
Every word is strung together in one endless sentence.

3
Halfway home!

4
There a lots of choppy little sentences, one after another.
My sentences are all about the same length.
It's PRETTY easy to read out loud if you take your time.

5
Ready to share!

My sentences begin in several different ways.

Encourage Vocabulary Development Using 5 Senses

Young writers can record LOTS of juicy words under the five columns. There's also room at the bottom to compose a delicious sentence packed with descriptive words. This activity strengthens descriptive writing and expands vocabulary.

Juicy Words for _____

LOOKS

FEELS

TASTES

SMELLS

SOUNDS

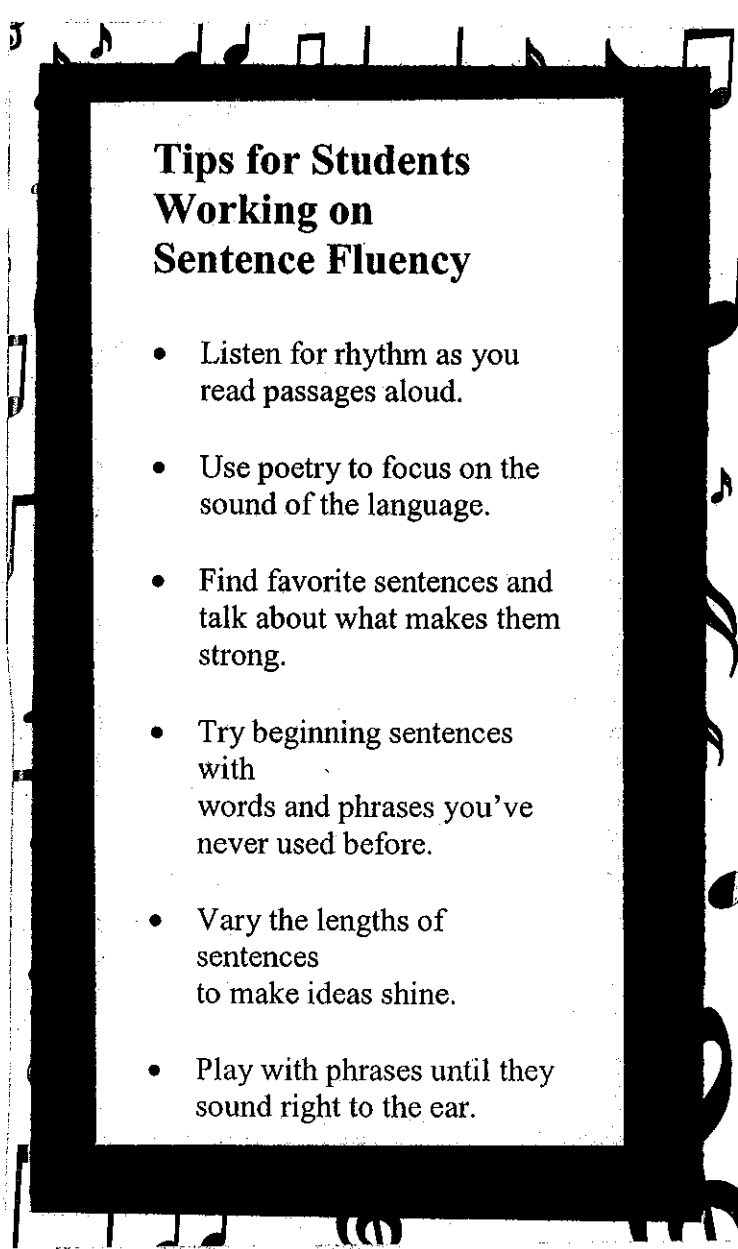
A delicious sentence using juicy words:

Tips For Students Working On Sentence Fluency
“6 + 1 Traits of Writing”
A Complete Guide for the Primary Grades
By Ruth Culham(2005)

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- Use poetry to focus on the sound of language.
- Find favorite sentences and talk about what makes them strong.
- Try beginning sentences with words and phrases you’ve never used before.
- Vary the lengths of sentences to make ideas shine.
- Play with phrases until they sound right to the ear.

The Sentence Fluency Song
(sung to the tune of “Frere Jacques”)

**Sentence fluency,
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The writing flows.
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Sentences are longer.
Sentences are tighter.
It sounds smooth; it sounds right.**



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