

ORAL READING: A TOOL FOR TRACKING LEARNERS' READING PROGRESS

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For students of all ages, oral reading—or reading aloud—offers a wealth of advantages. The integration of oral reading exercises into the curriculum has the potential to greatly improve students' literacy abilities, fluency, comprehension, and overall academic performance, ranging from early childhood education to adult literacy programs. What are the various advantages of having students perform oral reading?

To begin with, oral reading is an effective way to increase reading fluency. Students' reading speed, accuracy, and fluency improve when they read aloud texts several times. Speaking aloud from literature makes it easier for students to understand words, spot patterns, and flow naturally through phrases. Secondly, reading aloud to students motivates them to interact with the content. Students develop critical comprehension skills like asking, summarizing, making connections, and anticipating through oral reading. Students gain a deeper comprehension of the subject matter and strengthen their critical thinking abilities by speaking up about their ideas and opinions. Additionally, it introduces pupils to a wide range of vocabulary terms and expressions. When students come across new words in context, they might deduce meaning by looking for cues from the surrounding

Furthermore, oral reading has the potential to boost pupils' confidence in a lot of ways. As students improve their fluency and competency, they could become more confident in their reading skills. Additionally, constructive criticism from teachers and peers during oral reading exercises creates a supportive learning atmosphere that encourages kids to take chances and overcome obstacles. Another advantage of oral

reading is that it develops public speaking skills in addition to literacy. Through honing their articulation, intonation, and expression, students gain the ability to speak comfortably and successfully in front of others. These crucial communication abilities can be applied in a variety of real-world settings, such as debates, presentations, and job interviews. And last, developing a lifetime love of reading is greatly aided by oral reading. Students gain a greater understanding of literature and education when they discover the delight of reading aloud stories, poetry, and instructional texts. Oral reading develops a good relationship between reading and literacy, which benefits the community's literacy outside of the classroom.

Oral reading generally benefits students more when it is incorporated into the regular classroom routine.

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