

Grade 3 Word List and Phrase Fluency

Repeated reading with this grade's spelling and syllable type target words: word lists and short phrase lists for all six syllable types, with a three-read tracking chart.

Word list and phrase fluency practice for TEKS 3.1(A) fluency, 3.2(B) syllable types. Read each list three times, track every read, and watch accuracy and speed grow before moving into connected text.

The Repeated Reading Routine

Each list below uses this grade's own spelling and syllable type target words, taken from the Grade 3 Syllable Types Scope and Connected Text Practice and the Grade 3 spelling decks. The phrases come from the connected text passages for the same syllable type, so students read the words in isolation, then in phrases, then in the passage.

1. **Model.** Read the word list aloud while students point to each word. Then read the phrases in smooth, meaningful chunks.
2. **Read 1.** The student reads the word list for one minute. The partner or teacher counts words read correctly and marks errors. Record it on the chart.
3. **Practice.** Reread any missed word together. Tap the syllables, name the syllable type, and read the word again.
4. **Read 2.** Read the same list again for one minute. Record it.
5. **Read 3.** Read it a third time, then read the phrase list in smooth chunks. Record the third read and circle your best read.
6. **Connect.** Finish by reading the connected text passage for this syllable type in the Syllable Types document.

Goal. Each read is smoother and more accurate than the last. Accuracy comes first: a student who reads every word correctly at a steady pace is ready for the phrases. Use the Fluency Feedback Guide for feedback on rate, accuracy, and prosody.

List 1: Closed Syllables

One vowel closed in by a consonant says its short sound.

Word list

last	map	past	long
hop	sun	felt	glad
stop	clapped	spun	cup

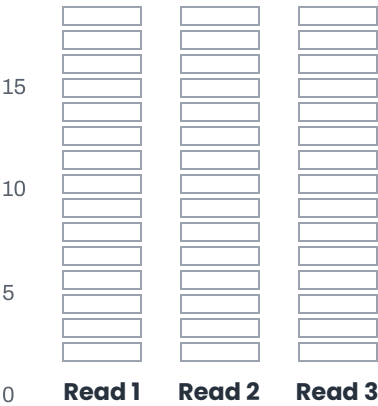
Phrase list

At last the bell rang	held the map and the small
must get past the long	The sun felt hot
Sam felt glad that his	but the kids did not stop
They clapped and spun	

Track my reads: Closed Syllables

Read	Date	Words or phrases read correctly in 1 minute	Errors	My best read?
Read 1				
Read 2				
Read 3				

Color one box for every word or phrase you read correctly. Watch your bar grow from Read 1 to Read 3.



List 2: Open Syllables

A syllable that ends with one vowel says the vowel's long name.

Word list

busy	easy	only	carry
funny	city	penny	baby
lucky	robot	music	tiny

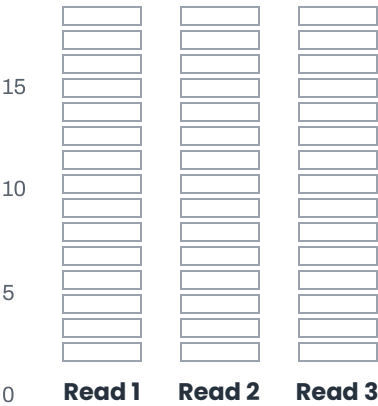
Phrase list

of a busy day	It was easy work
Only the baby	She could carry one small
sang a funny song while	saw a city full of tulips
put a penny in the music	Baby Rose had a tiny job

Track my reads: Open Syllables

Read	Date	Words or phrases read correctly in 1 minute	Errors	My best read?
Read 1				
Read 2				
Read 3				

Color one box for every word or phrase you read correctly. Watch your bar grow from Read 1 to Read 3.



List 3: VCe Syllables

A vowel, a consonant, and a silent e make the vowel say its name.

Word list

came	place	make	safe
home	time	wrote	five
cake	life	brave	hope

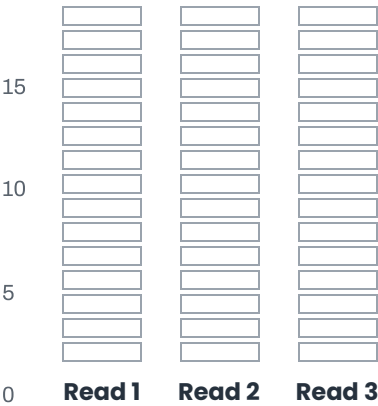
Phrase list

The Pilgrims came to a new	It took time
corn and wrote notes about	Five families shared one long table
of fresh cake filled the room	Life felt hard
but the people were brave	was the hope they carried

Track my reads: VCe Syllables

Read	Date	Words or phrases read correctly in 1 minute	Errors	My best read?
Read 1				
Read 2				
Read 3				

Color one box for every word or phrase you read correctly. Watch your bar grow from Read 1 to Read 3.



List 4: Vowel Team Syllables

Two letters work together to make one vowel sound.

Word list

sea	beach	team	dream
rain	stay	train	house
food	moon	knew	light

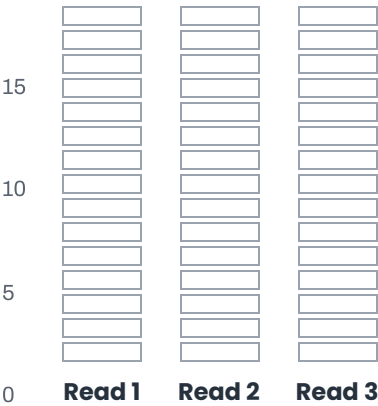
Phrase list

The sea was calm	to the beach at the break
made us dream	Soon the rain began to fall
we would stay until the last	to the house
ate warm food and drank	the moon came out

Track my reads: Vowel Team Syllables

Read	Date	Words or phrases read correctly in 1 minute	Errors	My best read?
Read 1				
Read 2				
Read 3				

Color one box for every word or phrase you read correctly. Watch your bar grow from Read 1 to Read 3.



List 5: R-Controlled Syllables

An r after the vowel changes the vowel's sound.

Word list

born	farm	girl	hard
part	bird	turn	storm
first	garden	work	barns

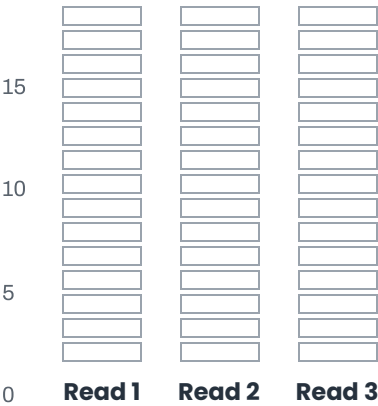
Phrase list

she was born	On the farm
on the hard ground	Part of her
One night a great storm came	Laura's first chore was to feed
keep the barns safe	

Track my reads: R-Controlled Syllables

Read	Date	Words or phrases read correctly in 1 minute	Errors	My best read?
Read 1				
Read 2				
Read 3				

Color one box for every word or phrase you read correctly. Watch your bar grow from Read 1 to Read 3.



List 6: Final Stable Syllables

A consonant plus le, or an ending such as tion, sion, ture, or ible, makes the last syllable.

Word list

little	people	settle	single
tumble	purple	simple	gentle
cattle	bubble		

Phrase list

In a little town	the people met to settle
started to tumble off the bench	and others wanted a purple gate
It was a simple problem	The gentle leader asked
keep the cattle from the main	began to bubble with ideas

Track my reads: Final Stable Syllables

Read	Date	Words or phrases read correctly in 1 minute	Errors	My best read?
Read 1				
Read 2				
Read 3				

Color one box for every word or phrase you read correctly. Watch your bar grow from Read 1 to Read 3.

