

FLUENCY HOMEWORK

READING

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Level G Set 1

Weekly Fluency Passages &
Daily Close Reading Questions

Second Story Window

4 Passages in this Set:

- Lunch for Panda (fiction)
- Bamboo Bear (non-fiction)
- Little Red Hen Bakes Bread (fiction)
- The Science of Bread (non-fiction)

Includes:

- close reading activities
- parent tips
- alternate questions
- answer key

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The Science of Bread

To make bread you need flour, sugar, salt, butter, and water. But mixing these things will not make bread. It will make a lump.

So what's the secret to light, fluffy bread? The secret is science. Bread needs something to make it rise. It needs **yeast**.

Yeast looks like sand, but it is alive. It eats the sugar in the dough and gives off gas. The gas makes bubbles in the dough.

The bubbles make the dough rise. See those air pockets in the baked bread? The pockets tell you yeast has been there.

DAILY RECORD

	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4
total words read in 1 minute				
number of mistakes (subtract from total)				
total words read correctly in 1 minute (total)				
adult initials				

PARENT TIPS

When we talk about reading, it may be helpful to think of fluency as a bridge. Readers figure out the writer words and use them to understand the text. Fluency connects those two processes. It opens the gap between recognizing the words and understanding how those words build ideas. Fluent readers automatically recognize the words (or most of the words) so attention is focused on how the words work together to create an idea.

Try 1 FOCUS: read to identify the topic of the text.
The topic is one or two words that tell what the text is mostly about. Read the text. Underline the topic.
The topic of the text is: _____

Try 2 FOCUS: read to identify cause and effect.
Bread needs yeast. Read the text. Circle the sentence that explains how yeast changes bread dough.
What is added to the dough? _____ How does it change the dough? _____

Try 3 FOCUS: read to notice how illustrations help you understand.
A close-up is a picture that zooms in to show the details in something small. Read the text. Circle the close-up illustration. How does the close-up help explain how yeast changes bread? _____

Try 4 FOCUS: read to make a connection to the text.
Read the text. Find the sentences that explain how yeast works in dough. Color the sentence. How has learning about yeast affected your feelings about bread? _____

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Try 1 FOCUS: read to identify the topic of the text.
The topic is one or two words that tell what the text is mostly about. Read the text. Underline the topic.
What is the topic of this passage?

making a sandwich
 how yeast is used to make bread
 using a toaster to make toast
 slicing a loaf of bread

Try 2 FOCUS: read to identify cause and effect.
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Try 3 FOCUS: read to notice how illustrations help you understand.
A close-up is a picture that zooms in to show the details in something small. Read the text. Circle the close-up illustration. How does the close-up help explain how yeast changes bread?

It shows air pockets in the bread made by yeast bubbles.
 It shows how fun it is to blow bubbles outside.
 It shows how to make a yummy sandwich.

Try 4 FOCUS: read to make a connection to the text.
Read the text. Find the sentences that explain how yeast works in dough. Color the sentence. How has learning about yeast affected your feelings about bread? _____

original passages

close reading
activities

OR

multiple choice
questions

included in the 1st Grade Fluency Bundle

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