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Lesson 9

Repeated Readings

Repeated readings have been shown to increase reading rate and accuracy. Students transfer the skills they acquire to other texts.

Provide each student with a selection on his or her reading level. Use your copy to mark the student's errors. Follow this routine:

- **1.** Time the student reading for one minute. Mark the stopping point on your copy of the selection.
- **2.** Provide feedback to the student on the number of words he or she read correctly per minute and discuss word recognition errors.
- **3.** Record, on a chart (graph), the words the student read correctly per minute. (See sample chart above and blank chart, opposite, that you can copy and use.)
- **4.** Have students practice reading their selection independently or with a partner.
- **5.** Time the student again. Students may wish to continue reading until they reach a wordsper-minute goal they have established for themselves.

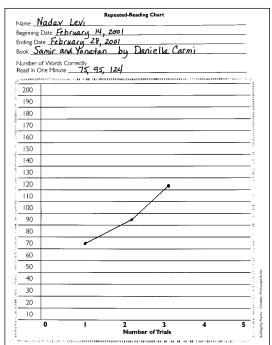
To motivate repeated readings, have students read to a child in a lower grade, tape-record their readings, or prepare a Reader's Theater version of the selection.

Lesson 10

Time-on-Task Reading Boosters (Round-Robin Reading Alternatives)

Round-robin reading is not the most effective way to develop fluency. Students need to read entire selections. Some alternatives to round-robin reading include the following:

- * Have students read the story silently a few pages at a time, then question them about their reading.
- * Circulate and listen in as students read softly to themselves.
- * Call on students frequently and randomly, often in the middle of a paragraph, to read aloud. If you use round-robin reading, have students read the entire selection independently or with a partner following the group reading.



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