



### Chunky Passages



#### Objective

The student will read with proper phrasing, intonation, and expression in chunked text.



#### Materials

- ▶ Chunked passage  
*Passage divided by phrases in a vertical format.*  
*Make two copies of each.*
- ▶ Whole passage  
*Make two copies.*



#### Activity

Students read text which has been divided into a chunked format, then reread it fluently in its original format.

1. Rank students by reading ability from highest performing to lowest performing. Split the class in half and pair the top ranked high-performing student with the top ranked low-performing student. Continue pairing in that order.
2. Provide each student with a copy of the chunked and the whole passages.
3. Taking turns, student one (higher performing student) reads all the lines of text from the chunked passage and then reads the unaltered passage while student two (lower performing student) reads along silently.
4. Reverse roles.
5. Peer evaluation

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#### Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Make up own stories and write in both formats.
- ▶ Record reading passages.
- ▶ Use other passages according to instructional-independent reading level range.

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