



F. 014

Phrases

Phrase Speed Practice



Objective

The student will gain speed and accuracy in reading phrases.



Materials

- ▶ Phrase practice sheets
Make two copies of each sheet and laminate. Note: These phrases were developed using high frequency and other grade level words. Some phrases repeat and some have repeating words.
- ▶ Phrases correct per minute record
- ▶ Timer (e.g., digital)
- ▶ Vis-à-Vis® markers



Activity

Students quickly read phrases in a timed activity.

1. Place the phrase practice sheets and timer at the center. Provide each student with a phrases correct per minute record.
2. Taking turns, students select a practice sheet and practice reading the phrases to each other.
3. Student one sets the timer for one minute and tells student two to “begin.”
4. Student two reads across the page while student one follows on her copy and uses a Vis-à-Vis® marker to mark any words in the phrases that are read incorrectly. If all the phrases on the sheet are read, go back to the top and continue.
5. Continue until the timer goes off. Student one marks the last word read. Student two counts the number of total phrases read correctly. (To count the phrase as correct, all the words in the phrase must be read correctly.)
6. Student two records number of phrases read correctly on her phrases correct per minute record.
7. Repeat the activity at least two more times attempting to increase speed and accuracy.
8. Reverse roles.
9. Teacher evaluation

The graphic illustrates the materials used in the activity. On the left is a phrase practice sheet with a grid of phrases. In the center is a stopwatch. On the right is a phrases per minute record sheet.

we know that	set an example	would you please
what to do	most of the people	when she goes
above and below	we know that	would you please
which way to go	he said that	here and there
where to go	they are called	study and learn
most of the people	would you please	when she goes
set an example	help them to	he said that
above and below	what to do	where to go
which way to go	study and learn	help them to
here and there	they are called	would you please

common phrases

Phrases Per Minute	
1 st try	_____ phrases
2 nd try	_____ phrases
3 rd try	_____ phrases
4 th try	_____ phrases
5 th try	_____ phrases



Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Use other phrases.
- ▶ Graph individual words read correctly.

1.

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common phrases

2.

help me out

just the same

watch the game

on my side

it never happened

in my head

seemed so good

turn the page

show us around

they did go

one more time

each of us

the same page

there you are

part of the time

you can see

you show us

a good day

one more game

the same day

turn my head

help us see

show it to me

they seemed good

it happened there

you never watch

each day you can

the same game

time of day

the good game

common phrases

3.

in the story

all day long

next to the house

it's important to

we thought that

many children are

my name is

just in time

now and then

how will they

there have been

when she goes

think about it

he said that

once in a while

there have been

it's important to

when she goes

my name is

once in a while

now and then

how will they

next to the house

he said that

in the story

we thought that

many children are

think about it

all day long

just in time

common phrases

4.

to the store

next to the couch

during the day

my mom and I

a good time

my brothers and sisters

all the time

at night

you can do it

peas, carrots, and corn

near the school

my sister said

in the water

by the way

and after that

part of the way

my dad and I

to the school

next to the table

a great time

and before that

smart, sweet, and happy

during the night

she can do it

my grandmother said

at home

my aunts and uncles

by the house

in the lake

near the tree

common phrases

Phrases Correct Per Minute

1 st try	_____ phrases
2 nd try	_____ phrases
3 rd try	_____ phrases
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