

F. 010 **Phrases**

Phrase Haste



Objective

The student will gain speed and accuracy in reading phrases.



Materials

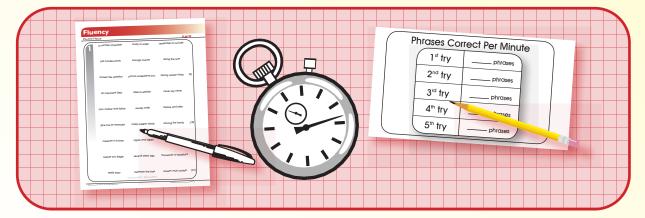
- ▶ Phrase practice sheets These sheets consist of phrases using high frequency words. Select target practice sheet. Make two copies of each sheet and laminate.
- ▶ Phrases correct per minute record
- ► Timer (e.g., digital)
- ► Vis-à-Vis® markers
- ▶ Pencils



Activity

Students quickly read phrases in a timed activity.

- 1. Place timer on a flat surface. Provide each student with a copy of the phrase practice sheet, Vis-à-Vis® marker, and a phrases correct per minute record.
- 2. Taking turns, students read the phrases aloud 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, goes back to the top and rereads phrases.
- 5. Continues until the timer rings. Student one marks the last word read. Student two counts the number of total phrases read correctly. Note: To count the phrase as correct, all the words in the phrase must be read correctly.
- 6. Student two records the 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. Peer evaluation





Extensions and Adaptations

- Use other phrases.
- Read idioms in a timed activity. Discuss meanings of the idioms.

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1	a number of people	body of water	remember to include	
	just minutes away	enough money	along the river	
	answer the question	cannot understand you	during certain times	(9)
	an important idea	able to explain	never say never	
	your mother and father	usually order	before and after	
	give me an example	today began slowly	among the family	(18)
	measure in inches	again and again	it happened quicky	
	before you begin	several years ago	thousands of questions	
	really easy	between the lines	answer must contain	(27)

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complete the sentenc	e early in the morning	children study together	
a common color	the story is about	travel across the country	
listen carefully	go inside the building	nothing was decided	(9)
every second counts	correct the paper	many different animals	
better late than neve	r over and under	covered the table	
something special	it finally happened	sometimes you notice	(18)
circle the letter	figure out the problem	finally decided upon	
almost always	across the ocean	until the very end	
below the surface	too heavy to carry	another way around	(27)

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3	bark up the wrong tree	get cold feet	measure up to the task	
	bird's eye view	glued to his seat	off the top of my head	
	burn the midnight oil	had her hands full	raining cats and dogs	(9)
	crack a smile	had us in stitches	root for the underdog	
	doesn't hold water	has a green thumb	skating on thin ice	
	drop me a line	let the cat out of the bag	speak my mind	(18)
	felt like a million dollars	know the ropes	spilled the beans	
	fish out of water	get the ball rolling	state-of-the-art	
	forever and a day	like a broken record	wrong side of the bed	(27)

idioms



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Phrases Correct Per Minute

 1st try
 ______ phrases

 2nd try
 ______ phrases

 3rd try
 ______ phrases

 4th try
 ______ phrases

 5th try
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