

The Balanced Reader

Did you know that when we become a balanced reader we are able to decode, comprehend and read with fluency and phrasing?

<p><u>Decoding</u> Students need to understand the sounds found in words and be able to put those sounds back together to form words and sentences.</p>	<p><u>Fluency and Phrasing</u> Students ability to “read like you talk” using punctuation and the ability to break text into meaningful sentences.</p>	<p><u>Comprehension</u> A balanced reader can not only read, but comprehend what is happening in the story. They are then able to answer questions about what they have read.</p>
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What is Comprehension?

Comprehension is the understanding and interpretation of what is read. To be able to understand what we are reading children need to be able to make connections between what they read and what they already know and think deeply about what is happening in the story.



Why is Comprehension important in reading?



Without proper comprehension skills, students lack the ability to understand what they read. Having solid reading comprehension skills is crucial. It increases the enjoyment and effectiveness of reading and helps not only academically but in a person’s personal life.