

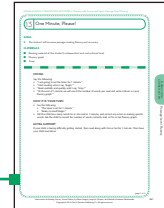
13 One Minute, Please!

GOAL

- ▶ Students will increase passage reading fluency and accuracy.

MATERIALS

- Reading material at the students' independent and instructional level
 - Fluency graph
 - Timer
- Fluency graph template
 - Home-School Connection Activity #13



If you will be asking students and parents to work on the corresponding Home-School Connection activity, then provide a copy of the reading material and fluency graph for the child to take home.

TEACHER STEPS: Describe It

- This activity can be conducted in pairs or classwide.
- Tell the students they are going to read for speed and accuracy in a fun and different way.
- Students are given a passage at their instructional level first and partnered so that one student is the reader and one is the listener.
- The timer is set for 1 minute, and Partner One begins to read first.
- After 1 minute, the number of words read correctly is recorded on the student's fluency graph.
- Set the timer for 1 minute. Partner Two begins to read.
- Number of words read correctly is recorded on the student's fluency graph.

STUDENT STEPS: Do It

- Say the following:
 - "Partner up because we're going to read for 1 minute."
- Give students an instructional passage with a word count at the end of each line.
- Students are paired in advance (refer to the pairing procedure previously described in this chapter).
 - "Partner One starts reading when I give the signal to begin by saying, 'One Minute, Please!'"
 - "At the end of 1 minute, Partner Two counts and records the number of words read correctly on Partner One's fluency graph."
 - "Then we will switch roles and Partner Two will read, and Partner One will count and record the number of words read correctly on Partner Two's fluency graph."

VARIATIONS

- This activity can be used with reading passages from a variety of subjects across the curriculum to include passages in social studies, science, language arts, and so forth.
- One Minute, Please! can also be used with the high-frequency word bank or with a high-frequency nouns word wall. (A reproducible list of high-frequency nouns is available as a download.)