Section IV

Reading Fluency

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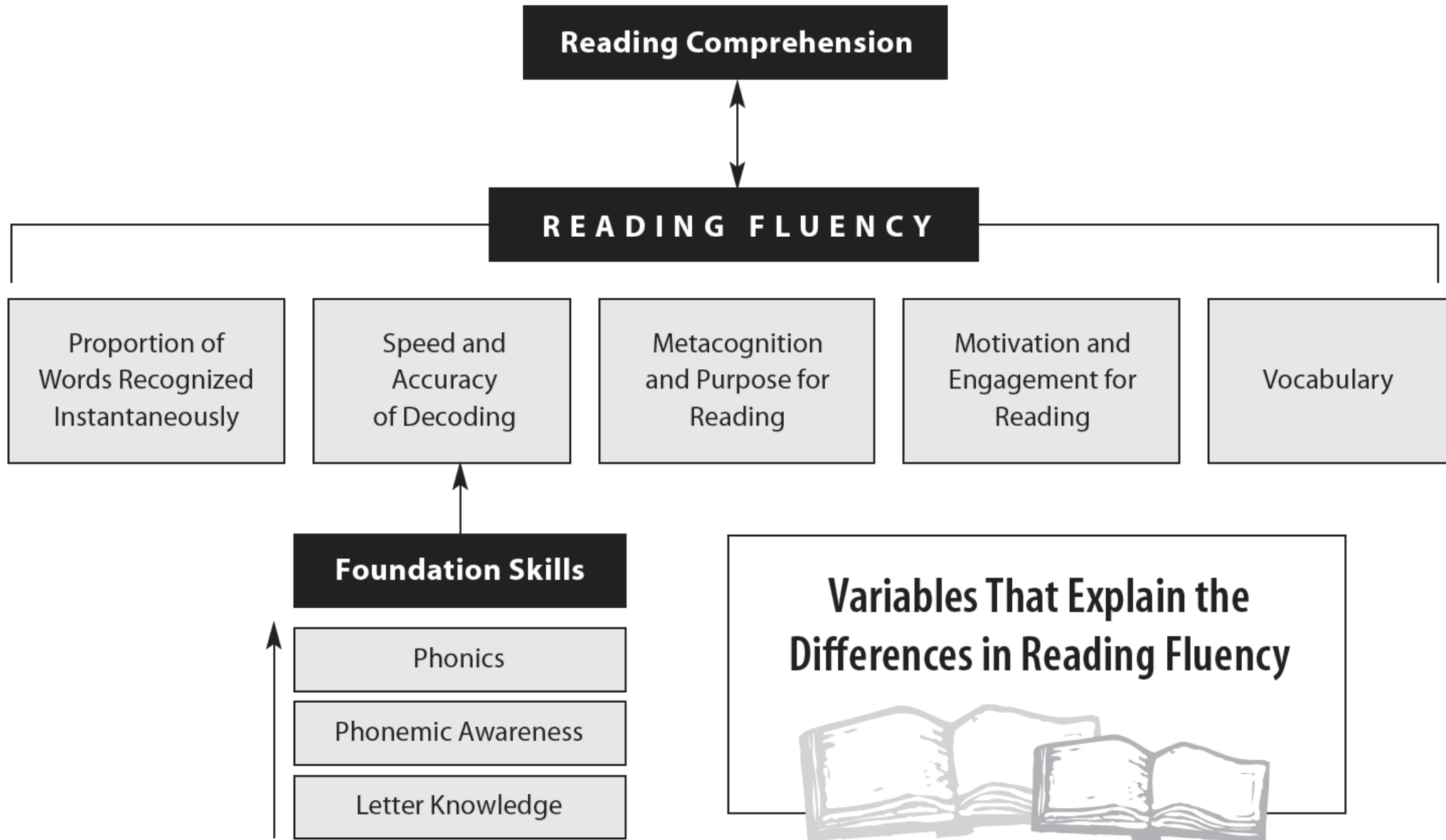
Reading Fluency

Reading Fluency is the *accurate* reading of connected text at a conversational *rate* with appropriate *prosody.*

Accuracy is the ability to recognize or decode words correctly.

Rate is how quickly and accurately a reader reads connected text.

Prosody is the tonal and rhythmic aspects of spoken language.

Reading Comprehension

READING FLUENCY

| Proportion of Words Recognized Instantaneously | Speed and Accuracy of Decoding | Metacognition and Purpose for Reading | Motivation and Engagement for Reading | Vocabulary |

Foundation Skills

Phonics

Phonemic Awareness

Letter Knowledge

Variables That Explain the Differences in Reading Fluency

Fluency Acronyms

ORF   oral reading fluency

CBM   curriculum-based measurement

WCPM   words correct per minute

ORF Norms

Grade	Percentile	FALL WCPM	WINTER WCPM	SPRING WCPM
1	90		97	116
	75		59	91
	50		**29**	**60**
	25		16	34
	10		9	18
2	90	111	131	148
	75	84	109	124
	50	**50**	**84**	**100**
	25	36	59	72
	10	23	35	43
3	90	134	161	166
	75	104	137	139
	50	**83**	**97**	**112**
	25	59	79	91
	10	40	62	63

Hasbrouck and Tindal 2006, 2017.

Assessment of ORF Rate and Accuracy

1. Select Appropriate Text

2. Listen to the Student Read for One Minute

3. Calculate the ORF Score

4. Compare ORF Score to ORF Norms

$$\text{Total words read} - \text{errors} = \text{ORF score}$$
$$84 - 2 = 82 \text{ WCPM}$$

Methods for Building Reading Fluency

- **Independent Silent Reading**

- **Assisted Reading**
Teacher Assisted
Peer-Assisted
Audio-Assisted

- **Repeated Oral Reading**
Timed Repeated Oral Reading
Partner Reading
Phrase-Cued Reading

- **Integrated Fluency Instruction**

Choosing the Right Text

- **Text Length and Genre**

- **Text Content**

- **Levels of Text Difficulty**

Independent Level   (fewer than 5 errors per 100 words)

Instructional Level   (fewer than 10 errors per 100 words)

Frustration Level   (more than 10 errors per 100 words)