

Summer Reading Tip #3 Video Transcript

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Hello Cherry Hill friends, this is Miss Pennington, Russell Knight's Literacy Teacher Coach with today's reading tip. Good readers read a story and use punctuation to make meaning of the text. We can compare the reading of text to spoken language.

When we read, we want to assure that our words flow and that we use expression, similar to a conversation. This is important because the order and the words are put together in a text creates its meaning. You don't want to read like this. (Text being read in monotone). "I'm running in place listening to my feet pound the pavement, pretending I'm the fastest woman in the world." That doesn't sound fun, does it?

Well, you don't want to read like this either. (Text being read quickly). "I'm running in place listening to my feet pound the pavement pretending I'm the fastest woman in the world."

Reading with expression and paying attention to punctuation sounds like this. (Text being read at appropriate pace and with feeling). "I'm running in place listening to my feet pound the pavement pretending I'm the fastest woman in the world. Of course, Wilma Rudolph who grew up right in this town is faster than anyone, but I'm the quickest kid in Clarksville, Tennessee."

So remember, good readers read fluently, use expression, and pay attention to punctuation. This is a great way to improve your comprehension. Reading is a conversation between you and the author. So don't forget to make time to get lost in a book this summer.