

Echo Reading

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Echo reading is a form of modeling oral reading where the teacher reads a line of a story and then the student echoes her model by reading the same line imitating her intonation and phrasing.

Major Reading Tasks It Develops

- 1.** Oral reading fluency
- 2.** Intonation and phrasing
- 3.** Chunking the text in meaningful thought units

Procedure

- 1.** The teacher selects a text around 200 words that is near the student's frustrational reading level.
- 2.** The teacher reads the first line of the text accentuating appropriate phrasing and intonation.
- 3.** Immediately, the student reads the same line modeling the teacher's example.
- 4.** The teacher and the student read in echo fashion for the entire passage increasing the amount of text when the student can imitate the model.

Modifications

- 1.** Echo reading is an effective intervention when using repeated readings. After the first reading, the teacher and student can echo read those sentences where there were a string of miscues or errors.
- 2.** Echo reading can also be used in conjunction with chunking so the student can hear the way the teacher chunks language into thoughts.