

CAFE Menu for Transitional Readers

Comprehension

I understand what I hear and read

- Check for understanding
- Connect to the story
- Back up and reread
- Predict what happens next
- Identify fiction and nonfiction
- Name the characters
- Retell beginning, middle, end
- Name the problem-solution
- Name the author's purpose

Accuracy

I can read letters, sounds, and words

- Cross-check . . . double check
- Use the pictures
- Know letters and sounds
- Play with rhyming words
- Identify beginning and ending sounds
- Stretch or blend sounds in words
- Flip the sound
- Chunk letters and sounds

Fluency

I use all my skills to read

- Be a voracious reader!
- Know many words by heart
- Read smoothly
- Read with expression and pacing
- Practice and read again
- Read good-fit books

Expand Vocabulary

I learn new words

- Be a voracious reader!
- Listen for interesting words
- Use interesting words
- Use word tools

Behaviors That Support Reading

- Get started right away
- Stay in one spot
- Work quietly
- Read the whole time
- Increase stamina
- Select and read good-fit books

