Unlock the Gateway to Fluency for Adolescent Readers

THE CHALLENGE

In education, a critical challenge unfolds as middle-grade students grapple with reading fluency issues linked to word recognition deficits. Compounding this issue, middle school teachers often lack traditional training in teaching fundamental reading skills.

64%
of fourth graders cannot read on grade level

33%
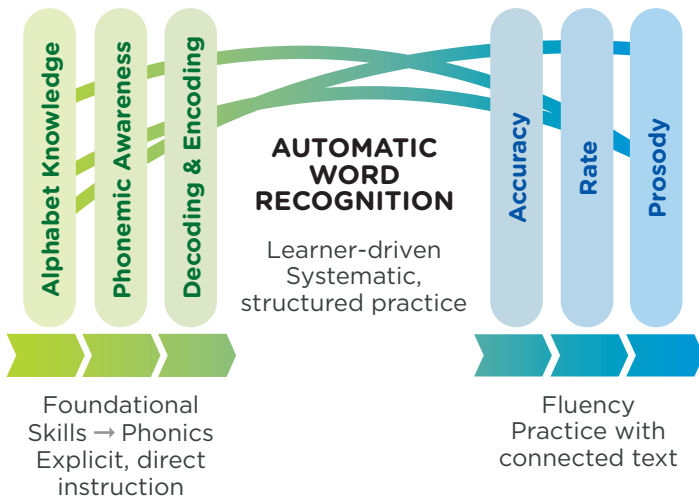of 5-8 graders struggle with foundational reading skills

36%
of graduate programs incorporate phonological awareness instruction

49%
of teachers are receiving training in phonics

The NCTQ found that pre-service teacher programs exclude phonological awareness and phonics from early reading instruction across all grades.

THE RESEARCH

Reading comprehension heavily relies on oral reading fluency and the essential foundational skills that support it. This connection is further illuminated by the following insights:

➜ Word recognition and decoding skills are notably absent

➜ Students who achieve fluency in reading are more likely to comprehend connected text effectively

➜ Utilizing data for progress monitoring plays a crucial role in enhancing fluency

Alphabet Knowledge

Phonemic Awareness

Decoding & Encoding

AUTOMATIC WORD RECOGNITION
Learner-driven Systematic, structured practice

Accuracy

Rate

Prosody

Foundational Skills ➜ Phonics Explicit, direct instruction
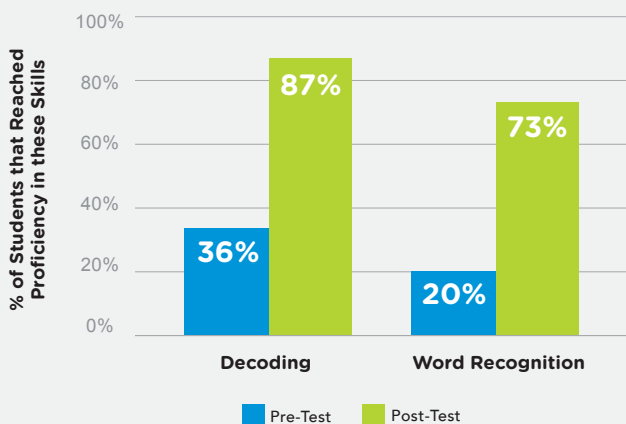
Fluency Practice with connected text

THE SOLUTION

WordFlight is a comprehensive solution to specifically address automatic word recognition as the path to helping middle school readers move toward fluency.

➜ Unique patented diagnostic uncovers the foundational skills keeping struggling readers from fluency

➜ Structured student practice to develop the missing skills

➜ The Science of Reading and the Science of Learning

WordFlight™

Percent of At-Risk Students Who Improved
6th and 7th Graders

% of Students that Reached Proficiency in these Skills

	Pre-Test	Post-Test
Decoding	36%	87%
Word Recognition	20%	73%

■ Pre-Test ■ Post-Test

THE RESULTS

In the middle school context, significant progress was observed among 6th and 7th graders, with decoding proficiency increasing from 36% to 87%, and automatic word recognition improving from 20% to 73%.

This data illustrates the results of pre- and post-tests taken by students to evaluate their decoding and automatic word recognition abilities. Decoding serves as an initial measure, laying the foundation for subsequent automatic word recognition skills.

Find out more about how WordFlight helps struggling readers become successful readers.

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