Objective

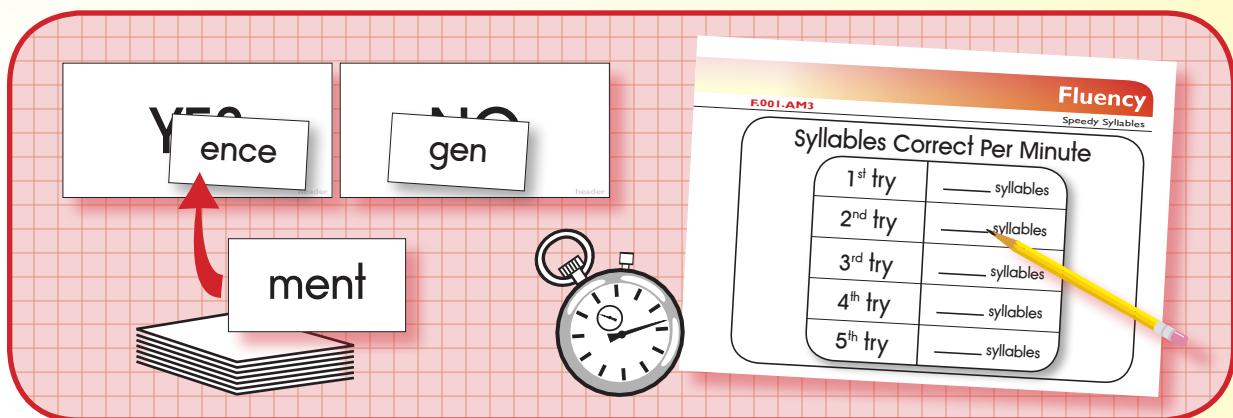The student will gain speed and accuracy in reading syllables.

Materials

▶ YES and NO header cards (Activity Master F.001.AM1)
   Copy on colored construction paper and laminate.

▶ Syllable cards (Activity Master F.001.AM2a - Activity Master F.001.AM2j)
   These are 100 syllables chosen from the list of 337 syllables found in the 5000 most frequent words. Some syllables have more than one pronunciation (e.g., "char" as in charter and character; "mal" as in formal and malnourished; "cy" as in fancy and cycle). It is suggested that when timing, students say only one sound per syllable. Note: All open syllables are pronounced with a long vowel sound.

▶ Syllables correct per minute record (Activity Master F.001.AM3)

▶ Timer (e.g., digital)

▶ Pencils

Activity

Students quickly read syllables in a timed activity.

1. Place header cards face up and timer on a flat surface. Place the syllable cards face down in a stack. Provide each student with a syllables correct per minute record.

2. Taking turns, student one sets the timer for one minute, selects the top card, holds it up for partner to see, and prompts partner to read the syllable.

3. If the syllable is read correctly, student one places the card in a pile on the "YES" card. If the syllable is read incorrectly, places it in a pile on the "NO" card.

4. Continue until the timer rings. Count the syllable cards in the "YES" pile and record the number on the syllables correct per minute record. Read syllables in "NO" pile together.

5. Repeat the activity at least two more times attempting to increase speed and accuracy.

6. Reverse roles.

7. Peer evaluation

Extensions and Adaptations

▶ Read common non-word syllables in a timed activity. There are approximately 20 different syllables presented on each sheet (Activity Master F.001.AM4a - F.001.AM4e).

▶ Use other syllable cards provided at the end of the Fluency Word Parts subcomponent in the 2-3 Student Center Activities Project found at www.fcrr.org.

YES

header

NO

header

header cards

vi	tel
wil	ba
bles	bi
bor	cate
cen	char

syllable cards

cial	cir
cle	co
cor	cu
cul	cus
cy	gi

syllable cards

ders	dle
dy	ence
ered	fac
fect	gen
gle	heav

syllable cards

ic	ies
pres	jo
ket	lat
lec	lect
li	lin

syllable cards

lo	lu
fel	mal
meas	ments
mi	mil
mo	su

syllable cards

ni	no
nore	nu
ob	oc
op	ous
har	pi

ples	pos
se	ra
mag	rec
rect	rep
ried	ro

syllable cards

sa	ser
sim	sion
sis	sug
ish	sup
sur	ta

syllable cards

tal	te
tem	ti
ner	mar
tor	min
tract	tro

syllable cards

tu	tures
um	va
val	var
vel	vid
ting	writ

syllable cards

Syllables Correct Per Minute

1st try	_____ syllables
2nd try	_____ syllables
3rd try	_____ syllables
4th try	_____ syllables
5th try	_____ syllables

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1st try	_____ syllables
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3rd try	_____ syllables
4th try	_____ syllables
5th try	_____ syllables

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ba	bi	tel	bor	cate
cen	cir	cial	char	cle
co	cor	cu	cul	cus (15)
cy	gi	bles	vi	wil
vi	tel	wil	ba	bi
cul	bor	cate	cen	cir (30)
cial	char	cle	co	cor
cu	cul	cus	cy	gi
wil	vi	tel	gi	cy (45)
cus	bles	cu	cor	co
cle	cir	cial	char	cen
cate	bor	bles	bi	ba (60)

common non-word syllables

2 ders	dle	dy	ence	ered
fac	fect	gen	gle	heav
ic	ies	pres	jo	ket (15)
lat	lec	lect	li	lin
ders	dy	ence	fac	ic
dle	gen	ered	lin	jo (30)
gle	heav	ies	pres	ket
lat	lec	lect	li	fect
lin	li	lect	lec	lat (45)
ket	jo	pres	ies	ic
heav	gle	gen	fect	fac
ered	ence	dy	dle	ders (60)

common non-word syllables

3	su	ous	op	oc	ob
	nu	nore	no	ni	mo
	mil	mi	ments	meas	pi (15)
	mal	fel	lu	lo	har
	lo	lu	fel	mal	meas
	ments	mi	mil	mo	su (30)
	ni	no	nore	nu	ob
	oc	op	ous	har	pi
	har	lo	lu	fel	mal (45)
	meas	nu	ments	mo	mi
	mil	ni	no	nore	su
	ob	oc	op	ous	pi (60)

common non-word syllables

4

ta	sur	sup	sug	sis
sion	sim	ser	se	sa
ro	ried	rep	rect	rec (15)
ra	pos	ples	mag	ish
ples	pos	se	ra	mag
rec	rect	rep	ried	ro (30)
sa	ser	sim	sion	sis
sug	ish	sup	sur	ta
ish	mag	ples	pos	ra (45)
rec	rect	re	ried	ro
sa	se	ser	sim	sion
sis	sug	sup	sur	ta (60)

common non-word syllables

5

tures	ting	vid	vel	var	
val	va	um	writ	tu	
tro	tract	tor	ti	tem	(15)
te	tal	ner	min	mar	
tal	te	tem	ti	ner	
mar	tor	min	tract	tro	(30)
tu	tures	um	va	val	
var	vel	vid	ting	writ	
mar	min	ner	tal	te	(45)
tem	ti	tract	tract	tro	
tu	tures	um	va	val	
var	vel	vid	ting	writ	(60)

common non-word syllables