

Minute Word Mastery Answer Key

Teacher's Guide & Notes

- **Purpose:** This worksheet blends **fluency practice** with **vocabulary mastery**, giving students targeted practice with **tricky or multisyllabic words** that often slow down fluency.
- **Implementation:**
 1. Students read the passage in one minute.
 2. After reading, have them isolate each underlined word, pronouncing it **syllable by syllable** first, then smoothly.
 3. Ask students to use each word in an oral sentence to confirm both pronunciation and meaning.
- **Differentiation:**
 - For struggling readers: model the word first, then have them repeat.
 - For advanced readers: ask them to find another multisyllabic word in the passage and add it to their practice.
- **Extension Idea:** Students can create a mini word bank of **"fluency challenge words"** they've mastered across the week.
- **Fluency Tip:** Emphasize how confidently pronouncing longer words improves **reading rhythm** and **expression**.