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Smooth Phrase Reading Answer Key

Expected fluent phrases:

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| 1. red hat | 6. map in bag |
| 2. big cat | 7. top of bed |
| 3. hot sun | 8. fish in net |
| 4. fat pig | 9. dig in sand |
| 5. sit on log | 10. hop on mat |

Speed Challenge

- Answers will vary; students should improve speed across rereads.

Build & Read

- Answers will vary, but must combine phrases into logical decodable sentences. Example: "A fat pig sat on the mat."

Teacher Notes / Guide

- **Purpose:** Fluency phrase strips help students move from reading single words to reading **connected text with speed and smoothness**. Short phrases provide repeated practice with common decodable patterns.
- **Implementation:**
 - Have students chorally read all phrases once, then move into partner practice.
 - Encourage multiple rereads to build automaticity.
- **Fluency Tip:** Use a stopwatch for the "speed challenge." Students love to track their progress and compete with themselves.
- **Differentiation:**
 - For struggling readers: Focus on 3-4 phrases at a time, using echo reading.
 - For advanced readers: Add more complex phrases with blends (e.g., "frog on step," "flag in bag").