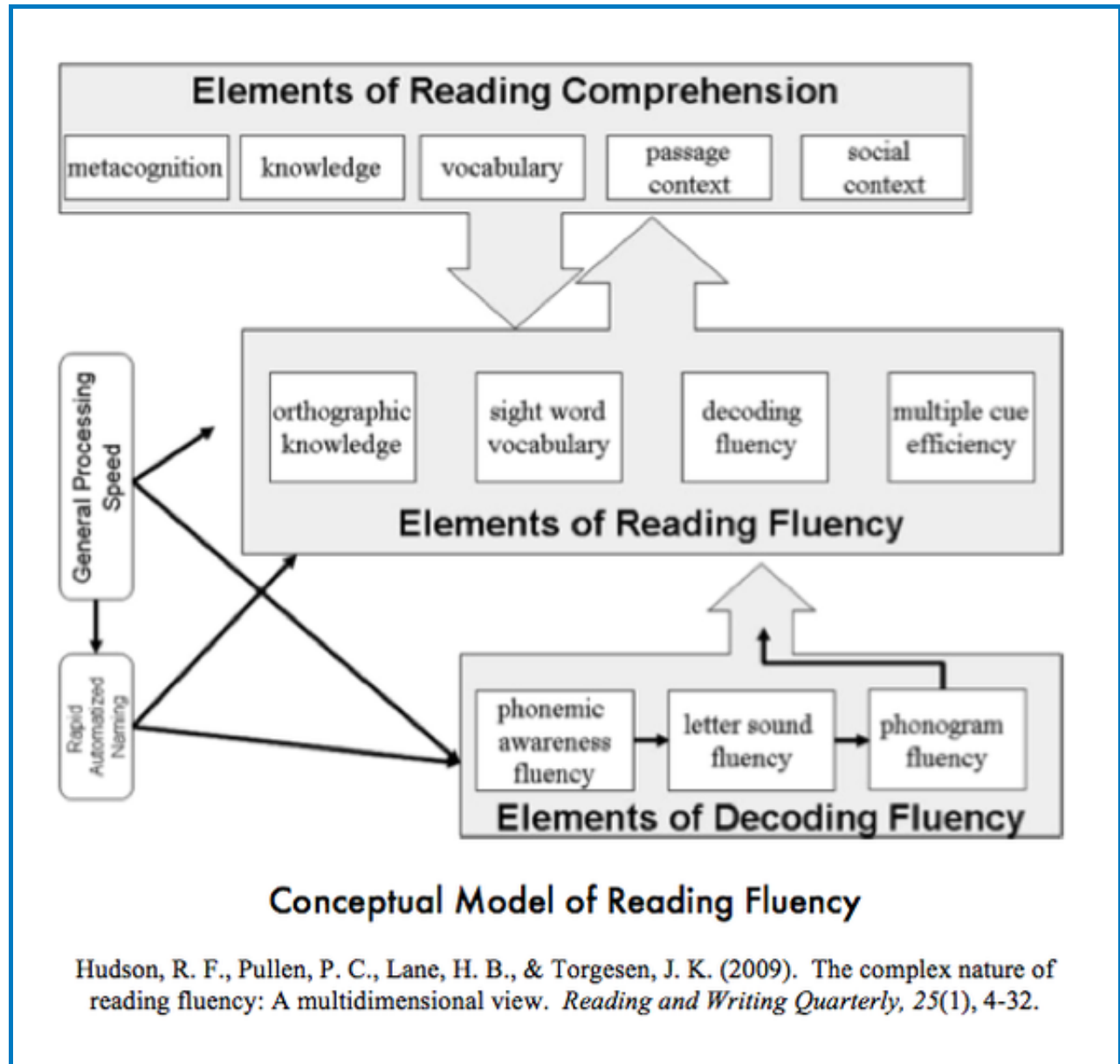


Literacy How-To: Focus on Fluency



Reading Fluency is Multi-Faceted

“Fluent reading is the result of a large number of sub-processes that must be accomplished efficiently and automatically and that interact with each other” (Hudson et al., 2009). A lack of rapid processing in any one of these areas can interfere with text comprehension. The [Literacy How Reading Wheel](#) does not

include fluency as a separate component; instead, the accuracy and automaticity dimension of fluency is regarded as a critical ingredient for *each* of the other reading components.

Practice is the key to any instruction designed to improve fluency. The more a skill is reviewed, the more quickly and easily the skill can be performed. But it's important to focus on the right type of practice. Try these suggestions for developing fluency for any type of skill:

- Practice for short periods of time.
- Repeated reading of texts is effective especially when there is a different focus (e.g., accuracy, automaticity, prosody) each time the passage is read.
- Emphasize the importance of reading words accurately and with proper expression. The goal is to read fast enough to make meaning
- Practice daily and keep a graphic record of progress, which is very motivating for students!

Learn more about the importance of the many dimensions of fluency by visiting our [fluency](#) page. You can also explore fluency under each component of the [Literacy How Reading Wheel](#).

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