

# Reading Fluency: Airplanes

**Fluency** means being able to read a text quickly, accurately, and with expression. A fluent reader is better able to understand the text. Rereading and reading aloud is a good strategy for becoming a more fluent reader.

To practice reading fluently:

- Set a timer for one minute.
- Read the passage as quickly and accurately as possible.
- Mark the last word read when the timer goes off.
- Record the words *per minute* read in the chart at the bottom.



Word Count: 100

You have probably seen things flying in the sky. People 10  
saw birds flying in the air and wanted to do that. Humans made airplanes. 24

An airplane is able to fly through the air because it has an engine. The 39  
engine and wings help the plane stay in the air. A pilot controls it. A 54  
plane stays in the air even though there is gravity, the force that keeps us 69  
on Earth. 71

Airplanes have many uses. Airplanes bring people from one place to 82  
another. The military uses airplanes to deliver people and goods. It 93  
uses airplanes to watch and protect people. 100

To determine *Words Per Minute*, count the amount of correct words the student read in one minute. Record that number in the box.

	Words Per Minute
<b>1st Read</b>	
<b>2nd Read</b>	
<b>3rd Read</b>	