

Word recognition

Fluent readers recognise words almost instantaneously.

With repeated decoding of the same word, the child's brain makes a neural model, called a word form, which allows the word to be read far more quickly. Just seeing the word activates all of the necessary components at once, without any conscious thought on the part of the reader. This process is orthographic mapping.

As more word forms collect, reading fluency and reading skill levels rise dramatically.

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