

Fluency Practice

- First day - Start with poem #1. Read the poem several times out loud to make sure you know all of the words. Ask another person to help you with any words you don't know.
- Second day +- Read the poem over and over and over...and add expression.
- Once you can read the poem fluently, perform it for an audience - even just an audience of 1.
- Go through the same process with poem #2 and then poem #3.

Poem #1

Popping Popcorn by Dennis Lee

I pop popcorn,
You pop popcorn,
He pops-she pops-
We all pop popcorn!

Pop it in a pot, or
Pop it in a pan;
Pop it in the popper
Like the popcorn man!

Poem #2

Shake 'n' Bake a Jelly by Dennis Lee

If you want a jelly dinner
That's as tasty as can be,
You can shake'n'bake a jelly
With a special recipe.

First you bake it in the oven
In a jelly baking pan;
Then you plop it on your belly
Just as fast as you can;

And your top shakes a little,
And your bottom shakes a lot,
And your middle gives a twiddle
Till your tummy's in a knot;

Then the jelly starts to wobble
On your jelly-belly-pot-
And you've shake'n'baked your jelly,
And you serve it piping hot!

Poem #3

Thinking in Bed by Dennis Lee

I'm thinking in bed,
'Cause I can't get out
Till I learn how to think
What I'm thinking about;
What I'm thinking about
Is a person to be -
A sort of person
Who feels like me.

I might still be Alice,
Excepting I'm not.
And Snoopy is super,
But not when it's hot;
I couldn't be Piglet,
I don't think I'm Pooh,
I know I'm not Daddy
And I can't be you.

My breakfast is waiting.
My clothes are all out,
But *what* was that thing
I was thinking about?
I'll never get up
If I lie here all day;
But I still haven't thought,
So I'll just have to stay.

If I was a Grinch
I expect I would know.
I might have been Batman,
But I don't think so.
There's so many people
I don't seem to be -
I guess I'll just have to
Get up and be me.