Alphabet Conversation Strips

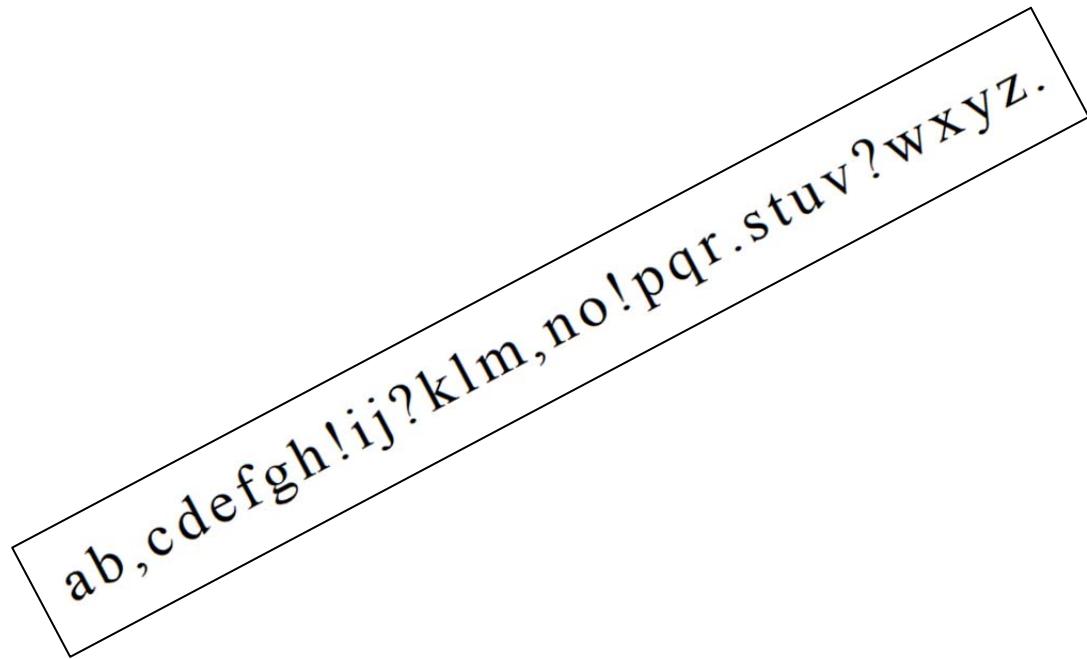**Focus Area:** Fluency warm-up - attending to punctuation

Timing: 2-3 minutes

Materials:
- Appropriate alphabet conversation strips

Procedure:
- As a warm-up activity before reading fluency passages, have students choose an alphabet conversation strip (choose a strip appropriate to your focus—single punctuation or mixed punctuation).
- Students should review the punctuation chart, reminding themselves what their voices should do with each type of punctuation.
- Have the students recite (not sing) the alphabet with the appropriate intonation.
- Reciting the alphabet conversation strip to a partner is a terrific, engaging, fluency workstation.

ab,cdefgh!ij?klm,no!pqr.stuv?wxyz.

Punctuation Marks

,   Pause

.   Stop

?   Raise your voice at the end of a sentence

!   Say words with emotion (anger, surprise, excitement…)

abc.def.ghi.jkl.mno.pqr.stu.vwx.yz

abc.defgh.ij.klmno.pqr.stuv.wxyz

abcde.fgh.ijkl.mnopq.rst.uv.wxyz

abc,def,ghi,jkl,mno.pqr,stu,vwx,yz.

abcde,fgh,ij.klm,nopq,rstuv,wxyz.

a,bcde,fgh.ijkl,mnopq.rst,uvw,xyz.

abc!def!ghi!jkl!mno!pqr!stu!vwx!yz!

abc!defgh!ij!klmno!pqr!stuv!wxyz!

abcde!fgh!ijkl!mnopq!rst!uv!wxyz!

abc?def?ghi?jkl?mno?pqr?stu?vwx?yz?

abcde?fgh?ijkl?mno?pqrs?tuv?wxyz?

abcd?efgh?ijkl?mnopq?rst?uvwx?yz?

abc?def,ghijkl!mno.pqrs.tu,vwx?yz!

ab,cdefgh!ij?klm,no!pqr.stuv?wxyz.

abc,defg.hijkl.mn,opq!rst.uvwx,yz.

abc?defgh.ijk.lmnop,qr.st?uvwxyz!

abcd,efg.hij?klmno.pqrst.u,vwxyz?

abcdef.ghijkl?mnopq.rst,uvwx.yz!

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

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