

# Independent Reading Practice

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

The child spends extended time reading independently from a selection of decodable books. This sustained reading practice builds fluency, stamina, and confidence.

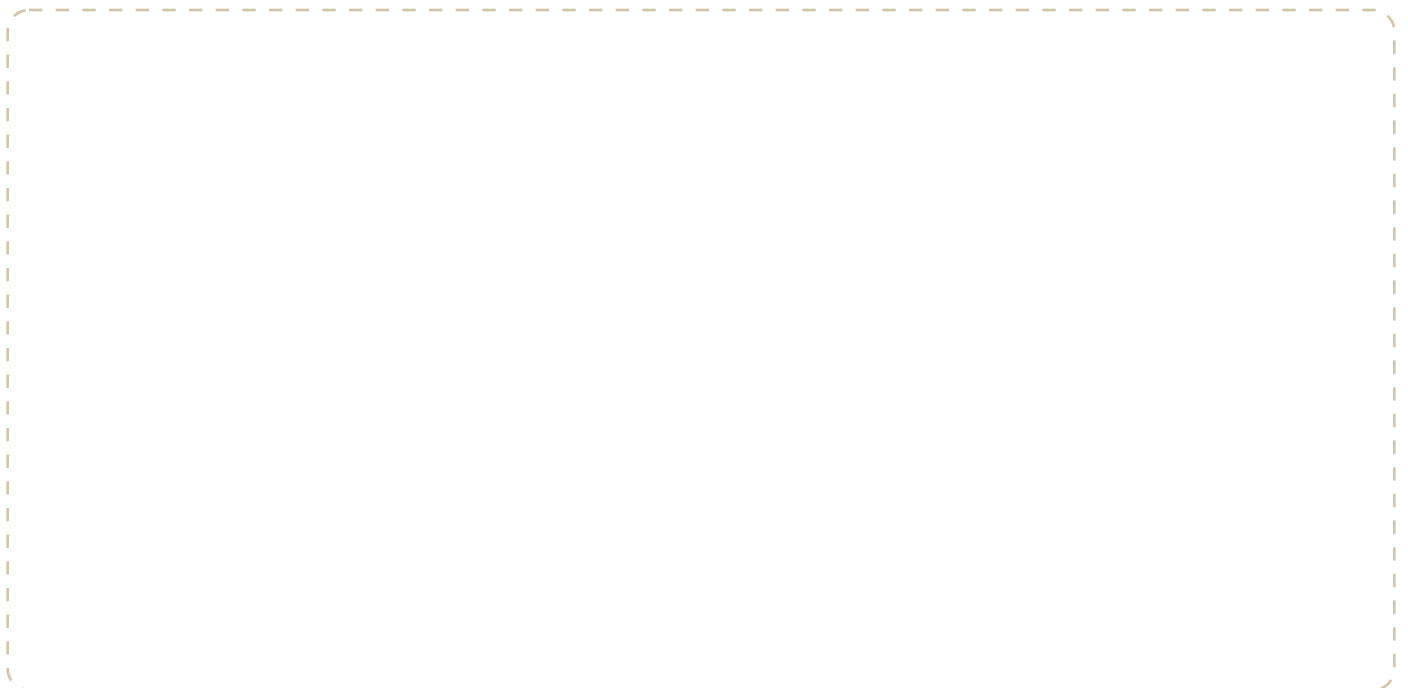
## What You Need:

- 5-6 decodable readers at the child's level
- Comfortable reading spot (pillow, bean bag, special chair)
- Reading log (optional)
- Timer (optional, do not show the child)

## Steps:

1. 'Today is special reading time. You get to read on your own, just like big readers do!'
2. Set up a cozy reading corner with 5-6 decodable books at the child's level.
3. 'Choose a book, sit comfortably, and read. If you get stuck on a word, try to sound it out. If you still need help, come ask me.'
4. Child reads independently for 10-15 minutes.
5. After reading: 'Tell me about the book you read. What happened?'
6. 'Would you like to read another one?'
7. Celebrate the sustained reading: 'You read for 15 minutes all by yourself!'

## Work Space:

A large dashed rectangular box, intended for a student to write or draw during the reading practice activity.

