

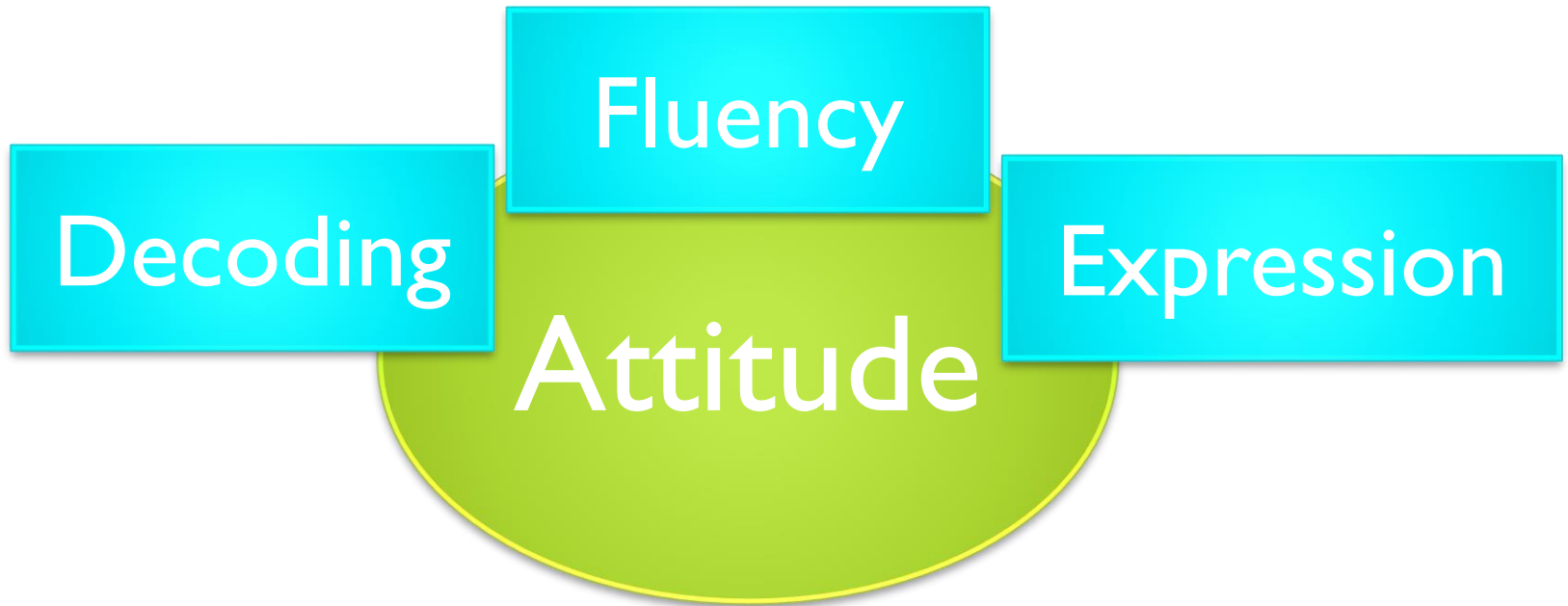
# Supporting Reading at Home



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# What makes a good reader?

The main purpose of reading is to gain meaning and build a visual image of the text.



What to do if you are spending a lot of time reading with your child but they are still finding it difficult or frustrating.



# Pinpointing the area of need:

- Decoding



- Fluency

- Expression

# Decoding:

- Phonics websites/games –  
Strengthen the recognition of  
Phonic sounds
- Practice blending sounds
- Understand that most words can be  
decoded using a phonic approach but some  
words cannot



# Fluency:

- Use a book slightly easier than your child's reading ability
- Use familiar or favourite books
- Use books with lots of repetition
- Re-read pages to improve the speed and fluency (but don't get too quick!)



# Expression:

- Use texts with lots of speech (even play scripts)
- Take on the role of the characters
- Take notice of emotions
- Slow down to create suspense
- Speed up to create excitement



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