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Fluency: Read with Purpose and Understanding Practice

If you choose this fluency passage, print this page. Read the passage silently to yourself. Then practice reading the passage aloud. When you are ready, read the passage aloud to a partner. Focus on reading with purpose and understanding by asking yourself the following questions:

- What is the topic of the selection?
- What is the purpose of the selection?
- How will the topic and purpose influence the way I read?

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Flowers can appeal to all of your five senses. Let me explain! What sense comes to mind when you think of flowers? You may think of the fragrance of living blooms. However, you may not realize that dried flowers can also freshen the air inside a room.

How about your other senses? Another obvious one is your sense of sight. Flowers are lovely to look at, whether they are growing in the ground or in a pot or arranged in a vase. The colors around you can come from flowers as well. For centuries people have used petals to create natural dyes.

Have you ever tried tasting a flower? Some varieties of flowers appear in salads, and some are painted with egg white and sprinkled with sugar to decorate desserts. Edible flowers include pansies, marigolds, and dandelions.

The two remaining senses are touch and sound. Rose petals feel velvety soft, but their stems contain sharp, piercing thorns. As for sound, the buzzing of bees and rustling leaves can indicate that flowers are nearby.

Next time you see a flower, think about how you can appreciate it with all your senses.