

## **Чтение текста вслух**

- **Полезно вначале прочитывать текст задания про себя; выделить трудные для произношения слова; разметить интонацию; прочитывать текст шепотом, а потом вслух, обращая внимание на слитность и беглость речи.**
- **Читая текст, избегайте необоснованных пауз в речи, верно расставляйте ударения и правильно используйте интонацию, не нарушайте нормы произношения слов.**

- **26- Речь воспринимается легко: необоснованные паузы отсутствуют;**
  - фразовое ударение и интонационные контуры, произношение слов
  - практически без нарушений нормы; допускается не более пяти
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  - неестественных пауз, запинок, неверной расстановки ударений и ошибок
  - в произношении слов,
  - ИЛИ допущено более семи фонетических ошибок,
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