**Backward Buildup Technique for Developing Fluency**

"Backward buildup" entails breaking down each sentence into natural and logical breath groups, beginning with the end of the sentence. A short phrase such as "I'm tired" normally doesn't need to be divided up. A longer sentence can be broken down as follows:

"I don't want /to eat / anymore!"

Step 1:  You say, "I don't want to eat anymore!" twice, not expecting class to repeat.
Step 2:  You say:  "anymore" and gesture to the entire class to repeat.  Then gesture for a second choral repetition from the entire class.
Step 3:  Randomly select students to repeat the phrase "anymore." (Give appropriate reinforcement after each response. Do error correction if necessary.)
Step 4:  After every student has responded individually, gesture once again for two choral repetitions from the entire class.

The rest of the sentence is treated in a similar fashion:

**Teacher:**
a)  You say:  "to eat anymore" and gesture for two choral responses.
b)  Ask for individual responses. (Give appropriate reinforcement after each response. Do error correction if necessary.)
c) End with two choral responses.

**Teacher:**

a)  You say "I don't want to eat anymore!" and gesture for two choral repetitions.
b)  Individual responses.
c)  End with two choral responses.

Go on to successive lines of the dialogue, using the same procedure.