

Strategies for Struggling Readers and Writers

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Reading Comprehension

According to the international reading association, 95% of text books and 93% of teachers use vocabulary to teach comprehension. They find the words a child has difficulty with, teach them those words then assume they will be able to understand the story. The theory is that if you're able to understand every word in a passage then you'll be able to understand the passage.

Is this true?

Activity #1 – Reading Comprehension

Activity: Do you know all the words in this list?

are	making
between	only
consists	often
continuously	with
corresponding	one
curves	points
draws	relation
variation	set
graphs	table
if	value
isolated	variables
know	

Read this passage:

If the known relation between the variables consists of a table of corresponding variables, the graph consists only of the corresponding set of isolated points. If the variables are known to vary continuously, one often draws a curve to show the variation.

Basic College Math. M. Michael Michaelson, 1945

Activity #2

Comprehension has much more to do with experience /background then vocabulary. We cannot assume that because a person understands every word in a passage that they will understand the passage.

Now read this silently while it is being read aloud

Last Serney, Flingledo and Pribin were in the Nerd-link treppering gloopy caples and cleaming burly greps. Suddenly a ditty strezzle boofed into Flingledopes tresk. Pribin glaped and glaped. "Oh, Flingledo." he chifed. "that ditty strezzle is tuning in your grep!"

Reading and Decoding Spatial Recognition problems

In this exercise, spaces are not in the right place. When reading the lines the letters could be above or below the “main line”.

b, d, q or p are interchanged to demonstrate what it’s like when these letters are confused.

Activity #3

- Read aloud.

Auditory vs. Visual Capabilities

I've got to hear it before it makes any sense to me! Some children have to hear something in order to understand it. What's it like to be an auditory learner?

Activity #4

Can you translate this story? Silent reading

Strategies and Tools to Support Writing

- Google Read and Write
- Graphic Organizers
- Sentence Starters
- Speech to Text Software
- Word Prediction –Word Q, and Co-writer

Google Read and Write

- What it is:
An application in the chrome browser that supports students with reading text as well as writing.
There are two versions; free and premium.
All students can access the read to on the free version once downloaded.

Google Read and Write

- Students with the following accommodations- text to speech, scribe, word processor, spelling and grammar devices and computer access tools can have premium access of the toolbar.

You do not need a chromebook to
Download it!

Google Read and Write

- This application can be used for the following:
- Vocabulary building through dictionary options and word lists
- Read to of entire text
- Word Prediction for writing
- Text to speech and speech to text
- Translations to other languages

Demonstration

- Let's see google read and write in action

Graphic Organizers

- A graphic organizer is a visual display that is used to depict the relationships between facts, terms and/or ideas within a learning task.
- They can be used to support writing in all content areas.
- There are many different types of graphic organizers

Sentence Starters

- Sentence starters provide a partial frame for students to begin their sentence or idea. However, sentence starters only begin the idea, and students must complete the idea from there.
- See handout on sentence starters to support all different components of writing

Speech to Text Software

- In google read and write for student with that accommodation
- Schools have access to Dragon Speaking Naturally

Word Prediction

- In Google Read and Write
- In Word, called Word Cue
- Co-writer software