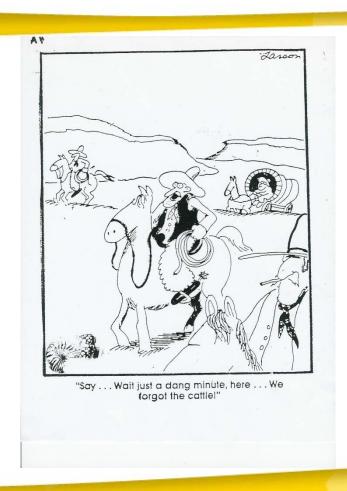




- ☐ Create meaningful opportunities for elaborated oral language in the classroom centered around the development of academic knowledge
- □ Reinforce listening skills
- Learn engaging activities that emphasize listening, models of good language, authentic conversation and sentence elaboration.



An Important Missing Link in the Chain of Reading Comprehension



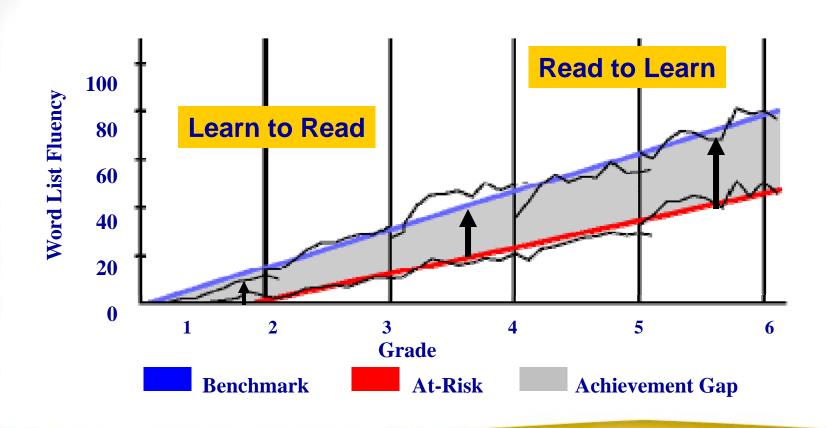
Reflection

What does oral language instruction look like at this point in your classroom?



Teaching Reading is **URGENT!**

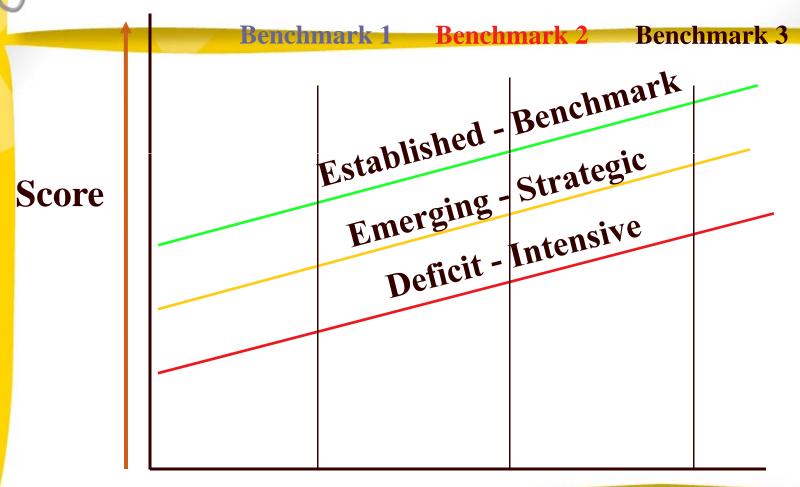
Students on a poor reading trajectory, are at risk for poor academic outcomes -- lifelong impact



Citation: Good, Simmons, Smith, 1998, School psychology Review, 27

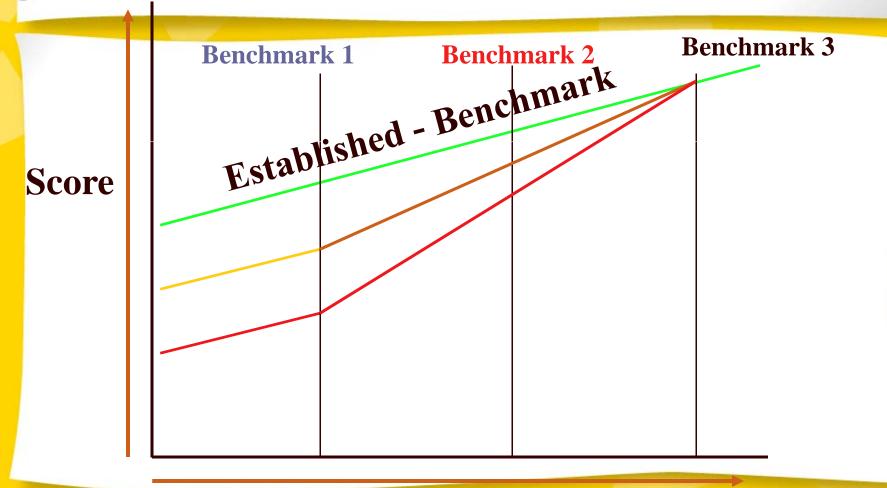
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Does this Profile Close the Achievement Gap?



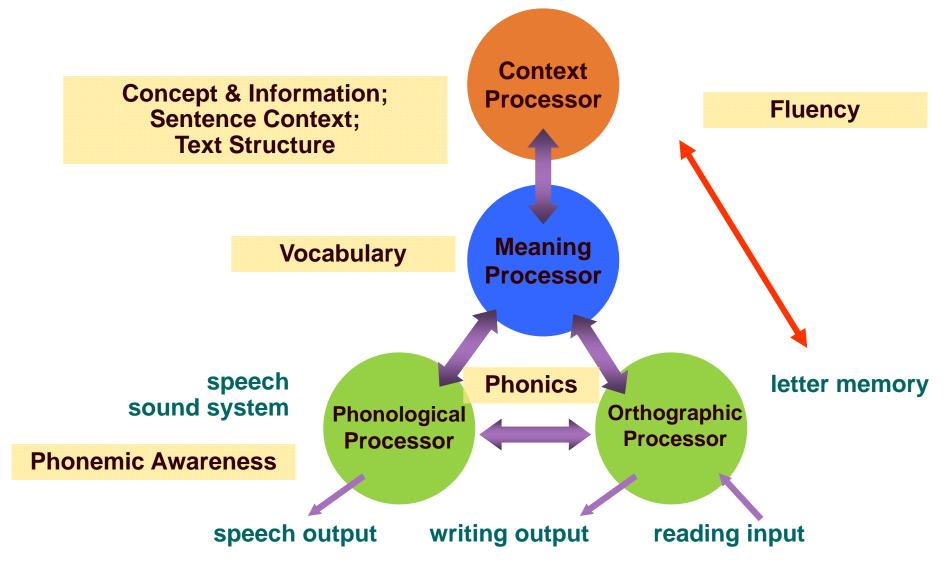
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OR Does this Profile Close the Achievement Gap?

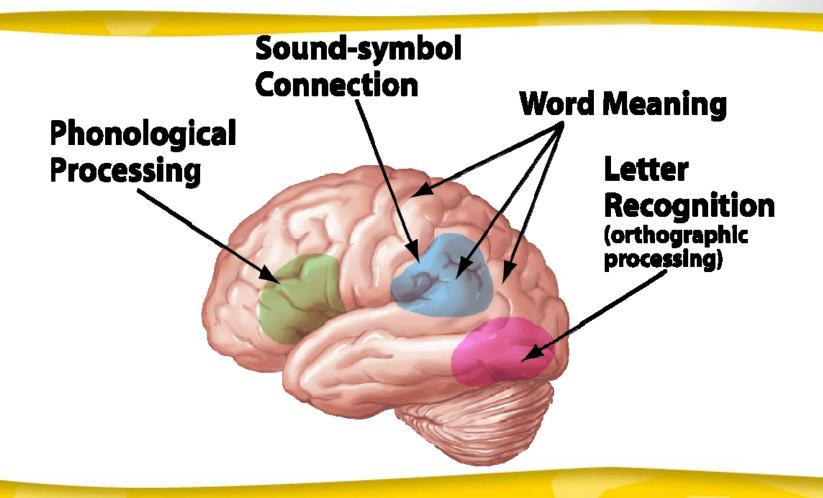


Time and Instruction

Four Part Processing System



Areas of the Brain





An American Tragedy: Reading the New Civil Right

Current Trends in Reading:

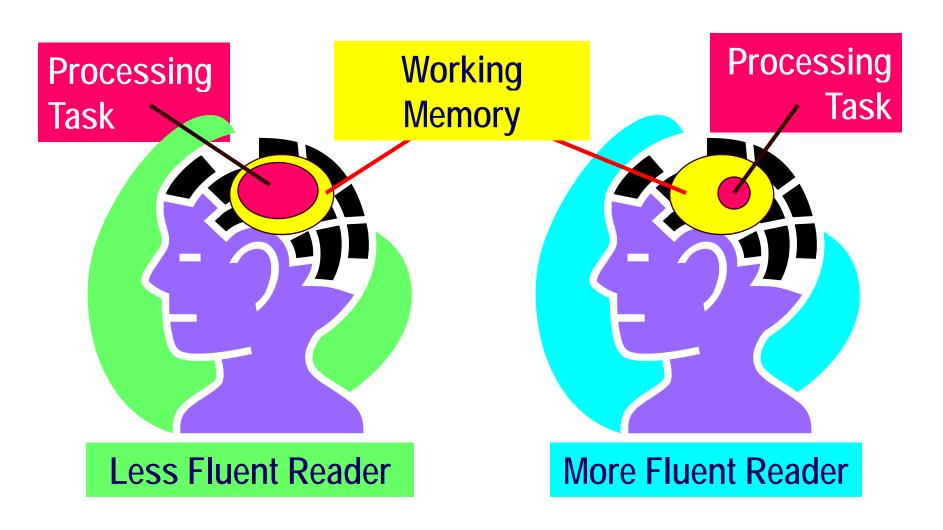
- □White students 59% below proficient
- ☐ Hispanic students 85% below proficient
- ☐Black students 88% below proficient



The Four Part Processor

- Activities work best when they are engaging and require reflection on language and thinking
- Talking Classroom activities emphasize the meaning and context processors.
- However, listening and repeating models of good language engage the phonological processor as well.
- Reinforcing oral language with opportunities to write deepens language learning.

Working Memory and Oral Language





Oral Language is the Heart Post of Literacy Instruction

Who: The classroom teacher

When: All day – Every Day

How:

- * Focus on activities that develop speaking, listening and conversational skills.
- Create opportunities for purposeful talk
- ★ Model the use of rich and interesting language





The most important aspect to evaluate in child care settings for very young children is the amount of talk actually going on, moment by moment, between children and their caregivers."

Betty Hart and Todd Risley

We can use this as a basis to begin thinking about the importance of conversation in the classroom for schoolage children.



Making the Connection

Connecting oral language and printed language is a critical skill for learning to read.



Listening is a "compound concept" in Chinese





The Situational Model

- Cognitive scientists agree that reading comprehension requires prior "domain-specific" knowledge about the things that a text refers to, and that understanding the text consists of integrating this prior knowledge with the words in order to form a "situation model."*
- *E.D. Hirsch, The Knowledge Deficit on the work of Walter Kintsch



Balancing Knowledge and Reading Skills

- How much do you know about baseball???
- Students who were good decoders but knew very little about baseball did not comprehend as much as their peers who were weaker decoders but had good domain specific knowledge about the game.
- But....both are important!
- *W.Schneider and J. Korkel, Contemporary Educational Psychology, 14, (1989)



Language and Learning

Language is a tool for thinking



Language is a reflection of thinking





If we want our students to think better we must help them learn more so they have more to think about.



Restricted Speech vs. Elaborated Speech

- Restricted Speech = brief, unelaborated, assumes shared situational background knowledge. Used more in homes with less education.
 - Parent wants a child to move over
 - "Move, Jimmy."
- Elaborated Speech = increased use of explicit content knowledge and less dependent on shared situational knowledge. Used more in homes with higher levels of education,.
 - "Jimmy, will you please move over so your sister can see the television better."



Speech to Print



- Some: make the connection automatically through rich and frequent exposure to oral language.
- Most: benefit from explicit instruction in that essential relationship
- Few: will not develop the understanding unless they have explicit, direct instruction plus many opportunities for repetition in order to become proficient readers.



Engagement and Motivation

Language learning requires:

- Attention
- Listening
- Motivation
- Making connections
- Opportunities for practice



Recorded Vocabulary Size

Professional Family
Parent: 2176

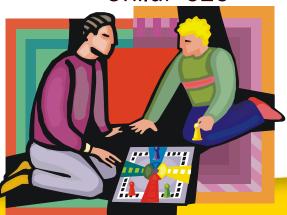
Parent: 2176 Child: 1116

Working Class Family

Parent: 1498 Child: 749

Welfare Family
Parent: 976

Parent: 976 Child: 526



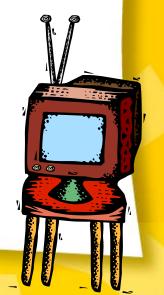
Hart and Risley, 1995 Meaning Differences



The more television watching a toddler did before the age of 3, the lower their scores on later tests of reading achievement.

» Zimmerman and Christakis, 2005

TV talk is not the slow, expressive talk of parents as they interact with their infant.







Avery listens at two months old!

How many of your students listen as attentively as Avery?





Humor and Oral Language

- Gets attention
- Creates a positive climate in the classroom
- > Enhances retention and retrieval
- > Reduces stress
- Discipline without power struggle

Cardoso, 2000

Sarcasm and teasing is never appropriate in the classroom





Oral Language Instruction

- Attention
- Listening
- Modeling
- Direct Experiences
- Visual Representations
- Help students make Connections
- Student to Student Talk
- Teach with opportunities for transfer





Second Language Learners Low Language Students

Some Helpful Strategies:

- Oral Language development throughout the instructional day
- Increased modeling, guided feedback and frequent, distributed, paired practice
- Seat students close to you for increased opportunities for feedback.



Second Language Learners Low Language Students

- Preview whole group lesson in small-group setting
- Positively reinforce all attempts at oral language
- Use of objects and pictures
- Increased "wait time"
- Emphasis on multi-sensory and engaging oral language activities



Second Language Learners Low Language Students

- Music and rhythmic patterns increase engagement and learning
- Use clear, short sentences, increasing complexity as language skills increase
- Support language development with activities that structure sentence formation (sentence stems)
- Texts used that are simple and culturally sensitive



A Language-Centered Classroom

Teachers:

- Give students opportunities to listen attentively
- Engage children in extended conversations
- Encourage children to tell and retell stories and events
- Discuss a wide range of topics and word meanings



A Language-Centered Classroom

Teachers:

- Use new and unusual words
- Ask open-ended questions
- Encourage language play
- Give positive reinforcement for engagement in oral language activities



A Language-Centered Classroom

Children can:

- Listen and attend to models of language
- Explore and experiment with language
- Name and describe objects in the classroom



In a Language-Centered Classroom

Children can:

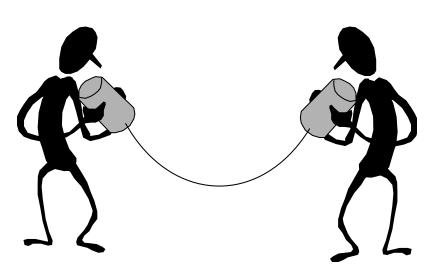
- Ask and answer who, what, where, when, why and how questions
- Hear good models of language used and respond to it appropriately
- Discuss topics of interest

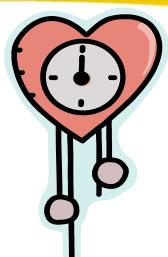




Activity: The 30 Second Conversation

Make time for authentic conversation





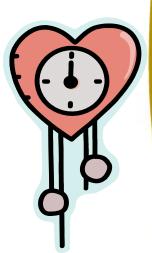


- Choose students who have weak oral language skills.
- Take 30 seconds each day to engage them in authentic conversation.
- Notice changes in their responsiveness.

Activity: The 30 Second Conversation

Let's Try It:

- Walk around the room and introduce yourself to someone you do not already know.
- Have a 30 second conversation with each partner speaking and responding in an authentic conversation.
- We will repeat this 3 times.



Random Words of Kindness

Affirmations, Affirmations!!!

Teacher to Student Affirmations

Student to Student Affirmations

Affirmation Chains

Note paper, sticky notes

Reinforce and reward kindness



Random Words of Kindness creates a positive the climate for oral language in your classroom.

Positive Teacher Talk is at the heart of productive oral language in your classroom.



Let's Try It:

- Brainstorm affirmative words in table groups
- Use chart paper and record affirmative words that enhance welcoming, connection, authentic praise, I messages etc.
- Report and share words with entire class
- Word lists can create a resource list for all class members if they choose to record the ones they like as they are read to the class.

Reflect on the affirmations and take a few minutes to write down a list of 5 affirmations that you heard that you will take back to your classroom.





The Conversation Assembly

- ➤ Introduce a topic
- ➤ Read, listen to a speaker, watch a play or show a video to build background
- ➤ about that topic.
- Two people sit on the stage and have a conversation about the topic
- ➤ They ask a few questions about the topic of the audience
- Then they ask the students in the audience to turn to a neighbor and have a two minute conversation about the topic.
- ➤ Bring the students back to attention and ask for a couple of volunteers to summarize their conversations.

Cartoon Conversations



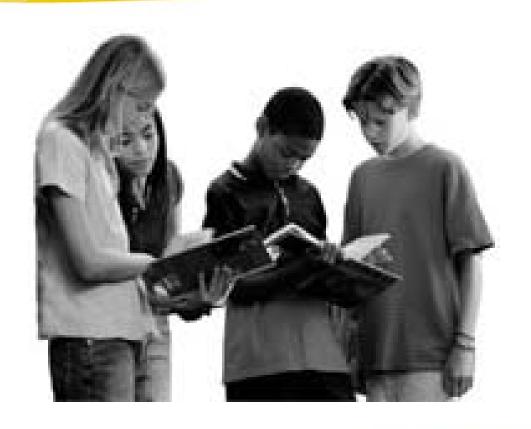




Cartoon Conversations

- Let's start a conversation about the cartoons we just looked at:
- Who would like to begin?
- Now at your table choose one of the cartoons and let's talk about it for a couple of minutes.
- Write a few sentence summary of your conversation.





School-wide Oral Language Development



School-Wide Vocabulary

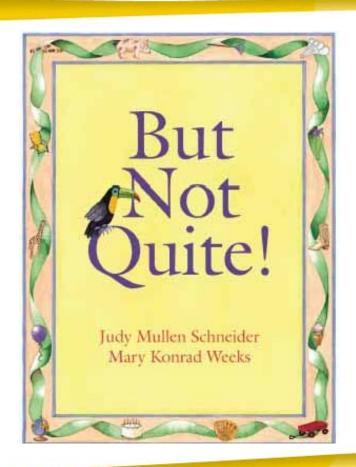
- School-wide vocabulary study choose important words
- Post the words everywhere you can at school (lunchroom, gym, music room, on desks, bathrooms).
- Sent the words home
- Vocabulary assemblies
- Graph school-wide vocabulary growth in a public place
- Vocabulary celebrations



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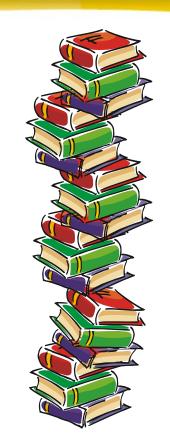
Develop Meta-linquistic Thinking





Recipe for a 600 Book Kid

Based on the work of Steven Stahl



Activity: Recipe for a 600 Book Kid

- Cooking Time: One Year
- Ingredients for a 600 book kid:
 - 1. One Teacher
 - 2. One Class
 - 3. Good Books
- Method:
 - Read 3 books a day, every day and you will wash your children in words and create a 600 book kid!
 - Emphasize non-fiction to build domain-specific knowledge



- Do it again in first grade
- By the middle of the year you will have created a 1000 book kid!
- Notice, as they understand and engage in oral language more easily.



- Making connections to what is already known links new learning to old and deepens new learning.
- Students take new learning (words, concepts etc.) and each student shares a personal connection with their neighbor.
- Emphasizes 100% engagement in oral language response.



Activity: Buddy Talk

Work with a partner

- Use the following words and phrases
- Take time for each partner to choose 2 and share a personal connection with each word or phrase chosen.
 - bamboozled
 - rewarding





The Storyteller's Circle: Listening and Speaking

- Sitting in a circle, choose someone to be the first storyteller.
- Choose one of the following topics to help structure your story or tell a story of your choosing.
- When the first person is finished have one other person become the storyteller.

Topics for Storytelling

A Funny Story

A Story from History A Family Story
Joke of the Day A Story of a Hero

Joke of the Day

An Animal Story

An Embarrassing Moment

Activity: The Storyteller's Circle

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Speaking from the Heart



- The heart becomes a touchstone for language
- Students hold a heart when they are speaking
- Students pass the heart to their partners when they are done speaking.
- The heart passes back and forth during the conversation
- Structure this conversation around academic theme or vocabulary study.



Activity: Chart your Words Buddy Word Count - Sentence Elaboration

- Work with a partner
- Ask your partner an authentic question or start with a picture and describe the picture.
- When your partner responds, count the number of words in their response by using hash marks





Activity: Chart your Words Buddy Word Count

- What do you like to do on the weekends?
 - On the weekends I like to hike.

///// = 6 words

- Can you tell me more?
 - On the weekends I like to hike in the woods near my house.

///////// = 13 words

Practice this strategy, asking the question, asking for elaboration and finally counting the words. Copy the sentence into your notebook.



Activity: Chart your Words Buddy Word Count

Practice this strategy

- Ask the question or describe a picture
- Count the words as your partner answers (simulate how one of your students might respond)
- Ask for elaboration
- Count the words as your partner answers
- Copy the sentence



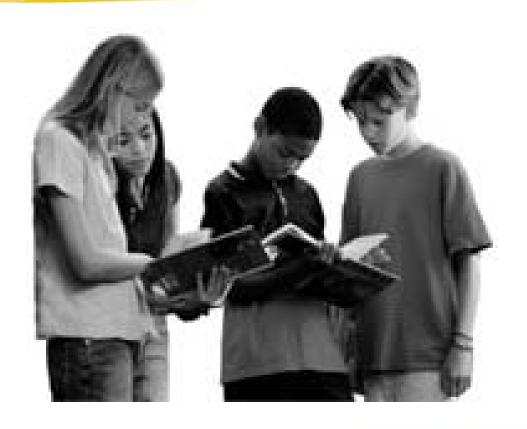


What has been your most significant learning so far?



What do you think would help students in your own classroom?







Every Picture Tells a Story

- Pictures can stimulate descriptions.
- Pictures can stimulate conversation.
- Use these retelling words as a starting place:

Who Sound

What
Size

Where Texture

When Feeling

Why Color



Activity: Every Picture Tells a Story

- Work with a partner
- One partner has a picture, the other one cannot see the picture
- First describe the picture the way one of your lower language students might
- Next describe the picture using the retelling words.
- Do the activity again with the 2nd partner using the picture.



Flyswatter Sentences

- Use content specific pictures to stimulate sentence formation....
- Put pictures in a row and ask students to swat the picture of...."children talking"
- Ask the student who swats it to create their own sentence about the picture - 2 points.
- If the student on the other team can also make a sentence they get 1 point.



Flyswatter Sentences: Basic Vocabulary





















Flyswatter Sentences: Feelings - primary













Flyswatter Sentences: Feelings - secondary







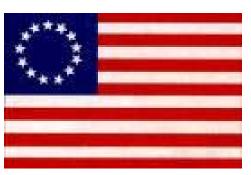






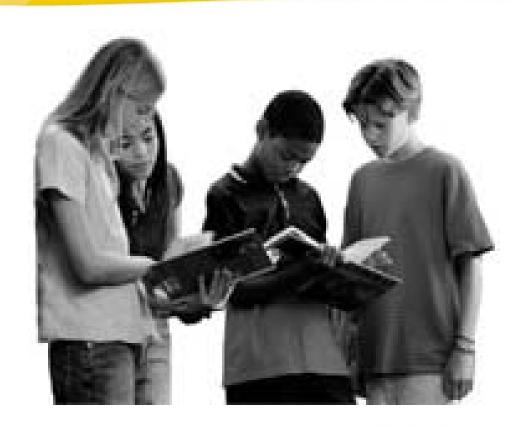












Activity: Cheerleader Chats Sentence Elaboration

Reinforce understanding and using parts of speech

Use gestures if appropriate:

Give me a noun

"boys"

Give me a verb

"run"

Put it together.... "Boys run."





Give me an adjective...

"Little boys run."

Give me an adverb...

"Little boys run quickly."

What else do they do?

"Little boys run quickly and play games."

Activity: Cheerleader Chats

Partner Practice:

- ➤ Working with a partner practice cheerleader chats.
- ➤ When you have finished your sentence write it down.
- > Follow the pattern on the next slide





Activity: Cheerleader Chats

- ➤ Give me a noun!
- ➤ Give me a verb!
- ➤ Put it together!
- ➤ Give me and adjective!
- ➤ Give me an adverb!
- ➤ Put it all together!
- ➤ Write it down!



Activity: Language on a Roll! Sentence Elaboration

- Students work in small groups or pairs.
 - Picture prompts may be used
- Using dice the first partner rolls the die or dice
- The student counts the number on the die or dice
- The number rolled will be equal to the number of words the students must put in their sentence.

For example:

The princess + rode in a carriage. = a roll of 6
The princess + rode in a carriage + all the way to the palace. = a roll of 12.



Activity: Language on a Roll! Sentence Elaboration

- Differentiate for ELL or students with less language ability
- Roll one die
- Use picture prompts for ideas for sentence creation:

Luse an umbrella.

Umbrellas are good in the rain.

An umbrella keeps you dry.



Activity: Language on a Roll!

Let's Practice:

- Roll 2 dice and either create your own sentence or use one of these word or phrase prompts.
 - Politics
 - World hunger
 - Reading
 - Vacation



Activity: Word Family Sentences

Playing with language through the use of word families is fun and increases a student's flexible use of language.



Activity: Word Family Sentences

- Students are given a list of word families
- They may choose 2 or more words from a family and use them in a sentence.
- Students orally share their sentence.
- Students write the sentence in their notebook.



Activity: Word Family Sentences

- I can <u>kick</u> the <u>thick</u> <u>stick</u>.
- Jim fell off the <u>red sled</u> and <u>bled</u>.



Word Wall for Rime

<u>-at</u>	<u>-an</u>	<u>-ap</u>	-ack	<u>-it</u>	<u>-ip</u>	-ig	<u>-ick</u>	<u>-ot</u>	<u>-op</u>	-ock	<u>-et</u>
cat	can	сар	back	bit	hip	big	kick	cot	hop	dock	bet
hat	pan	nap	tack	hit	lip	dig	nick	dot	mop	shock	get
rat	ran	rap	rack	fit	rip	fig	sick	got	рор	lock	jet
bat	ban	lap	lack	sit	sip	jig	tick	hot	top	knock	let
mat	man	map	pack	pit	tip	pig	wick	jot	clop	pock	met
flat	fan	flap	sack	quit	whip	rig	thick	lot	drop	rock	net
brat	plan	chap	black	skit	trip	wig	chick	not	flop	sock	pet
scat	than	scrap	track	spit	flip	twig	stick	pot	stop	clock	set

<u>-en</u>	-ed	<u>-ut</u>	-ug	<u>-uck</u>	<u>-ub</u>
den	bed	cut	bug	buck	cub
hen	fed	but	dug	duck	hub
men	led	gut	hug	luck	nub
pen	red	hut	jug	muck	rub
wren	wed	jut	lug	puck	sub
ten	bled	nut	mug	tuck	tub
when	sled	rut	rug	truck	club
then	shed	shut	tug	stuck	stub



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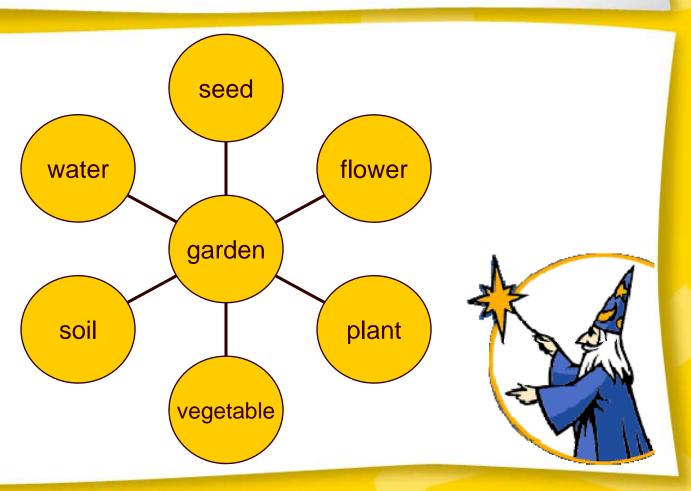


Let's Practice:

- Choose 3 words from any word family and form a sentence.
- Create 3 sentences



Activity: Word Link Sentences



Activity: Word Link Sentences

If Ana waters the seeds in the garden, then her vegetables will grow.





- A koosh ball game that reinforces the ability to fill in the blank within a word!
- She wore a _____ wig.
- At the end of the concert, they sang the _____ song.



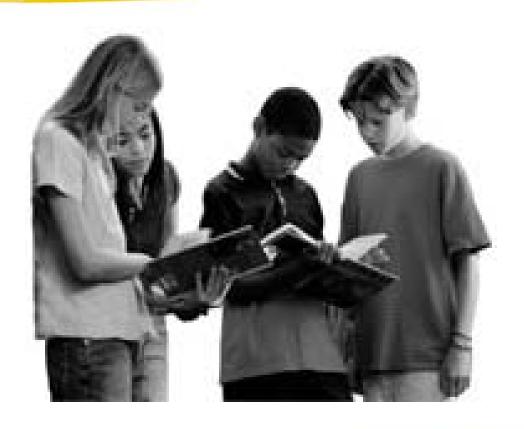


A koosh ball game that reinforces fluency with the ability to create sentences.

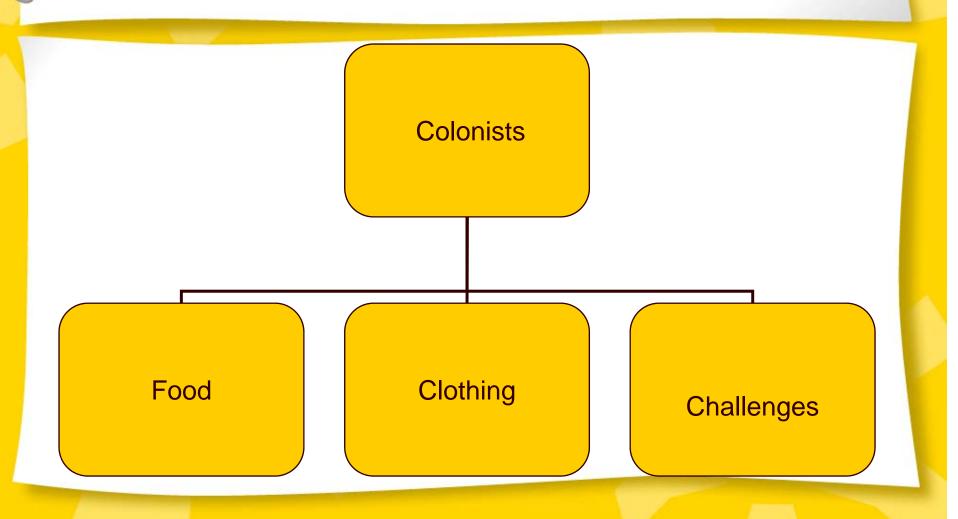
The little boy... (what will your ending be?)



The Talking Classroom Activities: Speaking, Reading and Writing







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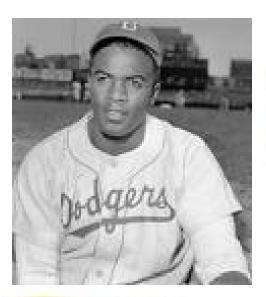
Living Concept Maps

- ➤ Write a word that relates to one of the sub-categorie on a sticky note or index card.
- Take your card and stand on that part of the concept map.
- ➤ Use your word orally in a sentence.
- Connect two or more words in a sentence.
- ➤ Let's create a paragraph from our concept map
- ➤ We could then write our paragraph, or a 5 paragraph essay.











Heroic Conversations

- Study about a Hero
- Share what you have learned orally
- The students listen and then copy a few structured notes about the hero
- Take additional notes if appropriate
- Write about the hero
- Share your writing





- Let's try having Heroic Conversations!
- Listen while I read a second grade passage about Martin Luther King.
- We will discuss it first and then at your tables have a discussion about this famous hero.

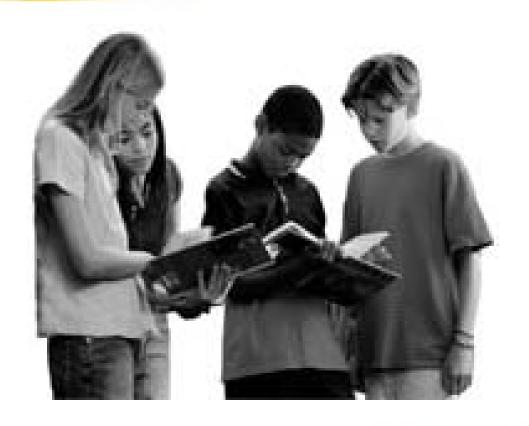
Stimulate Meta-linguistic Thinking

Activities that help to stimulate meta-linguistic thinking aid in language development and

comprehension.









Compare and Contrast

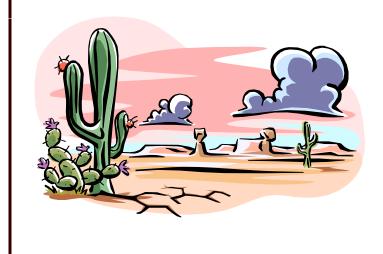
- Making comparisons and thinking about relationships within the reading and/or between the reading and the student's life can deepen understanding.
- Use words and drawings as the foundation for sentence elaboration, descriptions, sharing and extending to writing.



What I Know	What I Want to Know	What I Have Learned	What I am Wondering?	



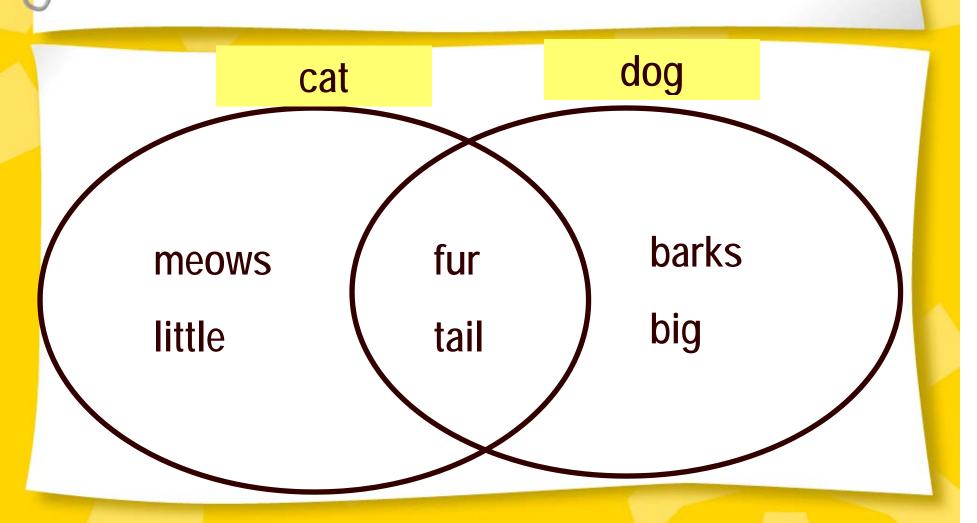
Desert Habitat



Forest Habitat



Venn Diagram





Idiomatic Expressions

- Backdrop:
 - Cloth at rear of stage;
 - Setting for an event
- Board a bus:
 - Catch the bus;
 - Hop on a bus
- It's raining cats and dogs!





Questioning the Author

- As students read they keep track of questions they might have for the author.
- Questions can be shared with a peer as students compare and contrast their responses to the text.
- Questions may be formulated before, during and after reading.
- Questions may be written on sticky notes as students read, and formalized later.



What Do You Think?

- Opinions Deepen Connection to Text
- Students generate their own opinions about what they have read.
- Students compare and contrast their opinions with others.

 I believe....

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Family Connections and Activities





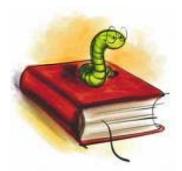
The Home-School Connection

- Partner for success
- Create a positive climate for parents
 - Positive teacher expectations
- Educate parents about the oral language-school achievement connection
- Affirmations for parents
 - Call early, call often, call with compliments for children and parents whenever possible.



Fair-Trade Book Fair

- All books donated
- Free book exchange
- Parents come to school to hear about reading aloud and then the book-sale opens
- All students can choose 'new books'
- Sort books by grade, topic etc.
- Sort books by language



Read me a Story

Parents or family members are given tape recorders and books to record stories for children to listen to when they are not able to read to them in person.



Table Talk Topics

Students are given topics to discuss at home and share information about their discussions at school – encouraging oral language and family time.



- ldeas for parents, siblings and students to talk about in the car
- Friends
- Feelings
- Something learned
- Something funny that happened



The Family Compliment Box

- Students create box at school or use box from home
- Send home note paper, sticky notes, index cards
- Family members write compliments and place them in the box.
- Homework: write one compliment from the box and send it to school.



- Share a new concept or activity you learned during this training that you can bring to your classroom.
- Share your most significant learning today.



Oral Language Links

- 1. School-wide oral language
- 2. The 600 Book Kid
- 3. The 30 Second Conversation
- 4. Buddy Talk
- 5. Random Words of Kindness
- 6. Storyteller's Circle
- 7. Buddy Word Count
- 8. Flyswatter Sentences



Oral Language Links

- 9. Cheerleader Chats
- 10. Language on a Roll
- 11. Heroic Conversations
- 12. Word Family Sentences
- 13. Word Link Sentences
- 14. Koosh Ball Sentence Stems
- 15. The Vocabulary Wheel
- 16. Picture/Sentence Vocabulary Cards
- 17. Living Concept Maps
- 18. The Conversation Assembly



Activity: Making a Plan

Work in small groups:

- Choose 3 ways that you could add oral language activities into your own class schedule
- Make a plan for introducing these activities into your class this week!



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- Share your most significant learning today.

Let us Begin....

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