GoTalkNOW: A Tool for Literacy Instruction for all Learners

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This ain’t your Grandma’s GoTalk!

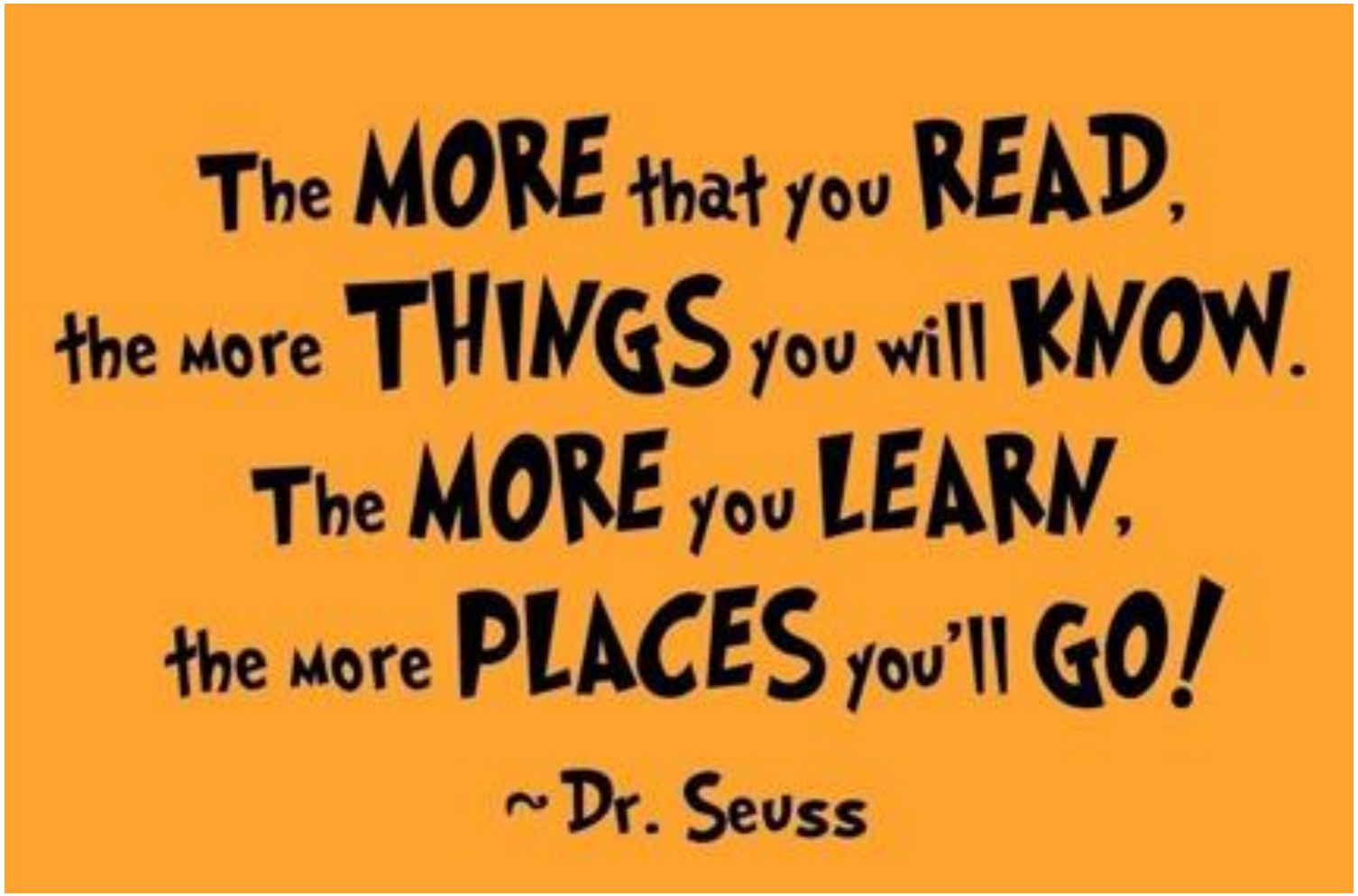
From this….

Low Tech with Overlays

To this…..

Dynamic Screen

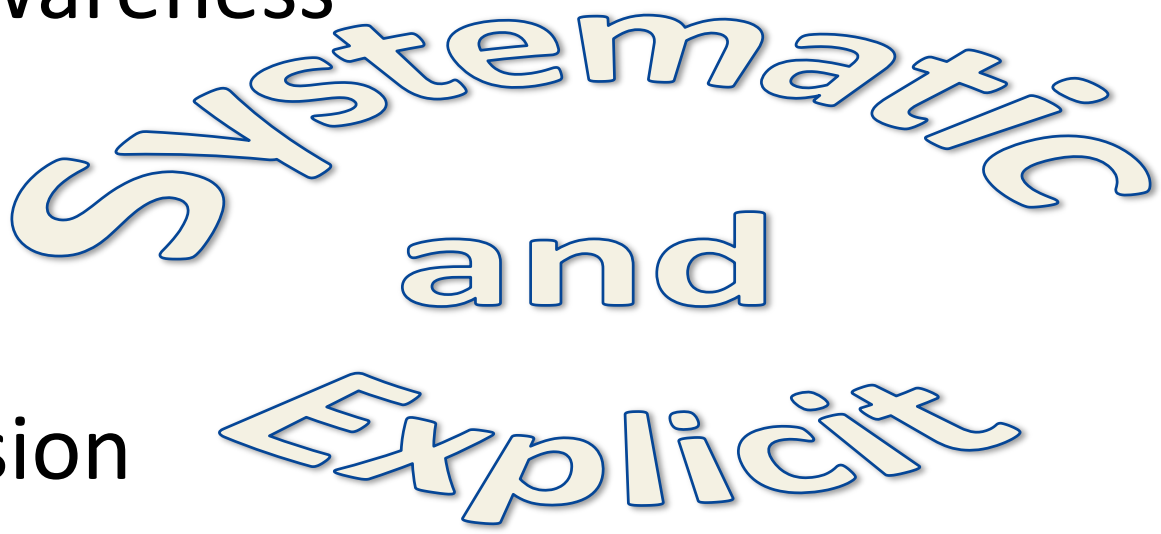
It is so much more than a choice making device!!!



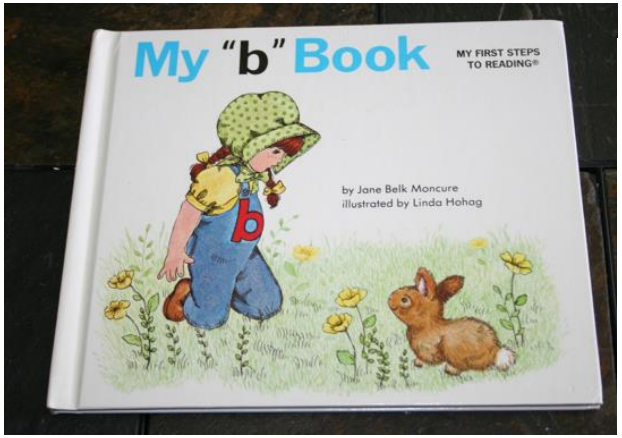
The National Reading Panel Report (National Institute of Child Health and Human Development [NICHD], 2000)

NICHD summarized several decades of scientific research that clearly shows effective reading instruction addresses five critical areas:

- Phonemic awareness
- Phonics
- Fluency
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension



Phonics and Phonemic Awareness



Phonemes are speech sounds, not letters. This symbol, *b*, is not a phoneme. It is a letter that has been designated to represent the phoneme /b/.

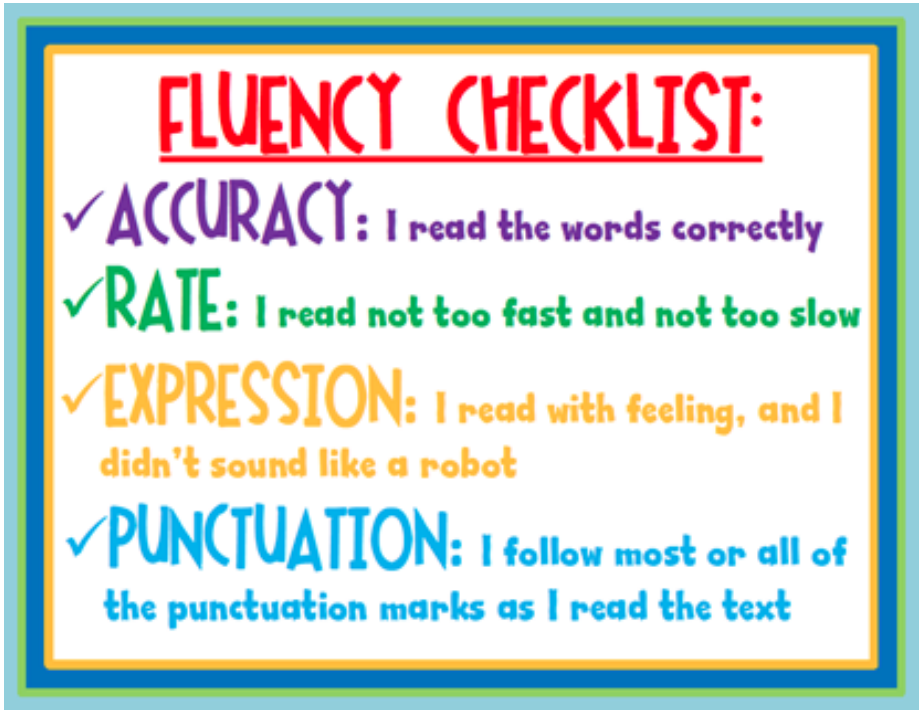
B /b/

Let’s Take a Look at Examples….

- Alphabetic Principle
- Letter Knowledge
- Phonemic Awareness
- Onset-Rime
- Tongue Twisters

Fluency

Fluency is recognizing the words in a text rapidly and accurately and using phrasing and emphasis in a way that makes what is read sound like spoken language.



Vocabulary

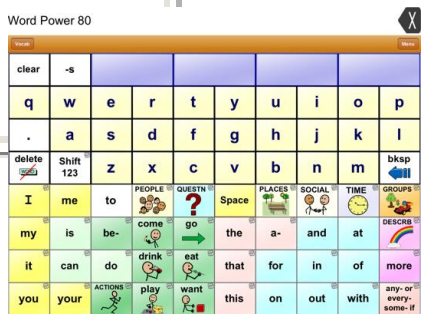
Four Types of Vocabulary

Listening: words we understand when others talk to us

Speaking: words we use when we talk to others

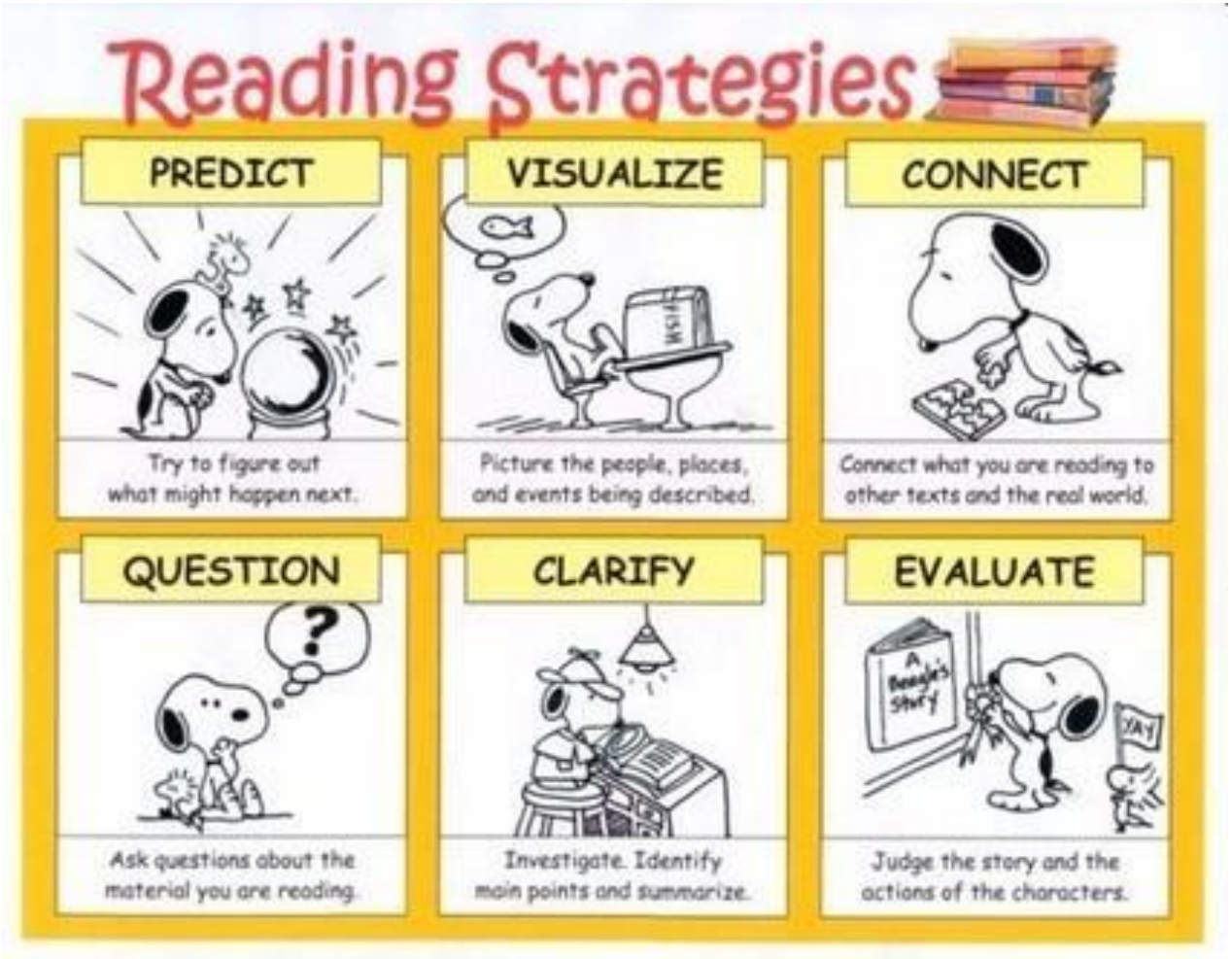
Reading: words we know when we see them in print (sight words and words we can decode)

Writing: words we use when we write



Comprehension

Strategies: Prior Knowledge and Generating Questions



GoTalkNOW is optimal for literacy instruction for those with sensory processing disorders.

Video Modeling helps control sensory input

- Visual and auditory input controlled
- Visual and auditory input predictable
- Can be repeated as often as desired
- Allows user to choose/anticipate what is coming

Literacy Improves AAC!

Light, Janice C., and Jennifer Kent-Walsh. "Fostering emergent literacy for children who require AAC." *The ASHA Leader* 8.10 (2003): 28-29.

Literacy skills provide the AAC user the ability to:

- Generate novel messages
- Express vocabulary not preprogrammed in the device
- Repair communication breakdowns

AAC and Word Prediction

Word Finder Rules

1. Say the word in your head. If it seems like a long word, use the Word Finder.
2. Think about the first sound in the word.
   --- What letter makes that sound?
3. Think about the last sound in the word.
   ---What letter makes that sound?
4. Look for a word that starts and ends with those letters. If you find one, try it.
5. If you don't find one, keep typing.

Additional Apps

- Camera Roll
- Video Camera
- Explain Everything
- Doodlecast Pro

Let’s show you how to:

- Make a custom scene with hotspots
- Make a custom grid with target vocabulary
- How to import a photo
- How to import a video

Overview of 4 different GoTalkNow Apps

All GoTalk Now Apps available:

Try before you buy — GoTalk NOW FREE - 1 book and 3 pages

Start out simple — GoTalk Start - 1 book, 5 pages, no sharing, upgradable to the **GoTalk NOW**.

GoTalk NOW — unlimited books and pages, voices, templates, backup and restore, sharing via WIFI, in-app purchases available.

Get the complete App — GoTalk NOW PLUS - everything in the **GoTalk Now**, plus the **Symbolstix** image library, the **Ready-Set-Communicate** book, and **Acapela** text-to-speech English voices.

FREE! Try Before you Buy (3 boards)

GoTalk Start ($19.99)
1 book, 5 pages, no sharing

GoTalk Start
Start using your iPad for AAC!
Built on the framework of **GoTalk NOW**, **GoTalk Start** is a flexible, easy-to use yet powerful communication app. Unlike NOW, **GoTalk Start** includes over 60 ready-to-use, high quality text-to-speech Acapela® voices in over 30 languages! So why is **GoTalk Start** less expensive than GoTalk NOW? Because **GoTalk Start** is limited to five Communication Pages and doesn't offer the sharing capabilities of **GoTalk NOW**.

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Start out simple — **GoTalk Start** - 1 book, 5 pages, no sharing, upgradable to the **GoTalk NOW**.

GoTalkNOW ($79.00)

- **GoTalk NOW**
- Turn your iPad into a GoTalk!
- Attainment has been making augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) tools for 20 years! Our experience is front and center in **GoTalk NOW —** a flexible, yet powerful app for people who have difficulty speaking.
- **GoTalk NOW** is a full-featured, customizable AAC app for the iPad, ideal for both the beginner and experienced communicator, that turns your iPad into a dynamic **GoTalk** in seconds with an easy-to-use, touch-based editor.

GoTalk Now Plus ($150.00)

- **GoTalk NOW Plus**
- The complete GoTalk NOW app
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