

Session 4 Notes



Optilexia

Overview

Optilexia is just shorthand for a: 'child-who-reads-mainly-by-whole-word-sight-recognition'.

Children with optilexia may scan the whole phrase and the picture to work out a word, rather than just staring at the word itself to decode it. These children use the context a lot. Individual words out of context are harder for them. The letters seen by the eyes are not being broken down into sounds and blended back together to produce the word. Instead, the words are being processed as images alone.

Patterns

- Flipping
- Short word guessing
- Very poor spelling

Intervention Tools

- No context support
- Unfamiliar vocabulary
- Nonsense words
- Accuracy games
- Focused tutoring
- Trainertext scaffolding
- Word assembly tasks
- No book reading
- No spelling lists

Task for the Week

- Find an optilexic and test some of these tools with them.