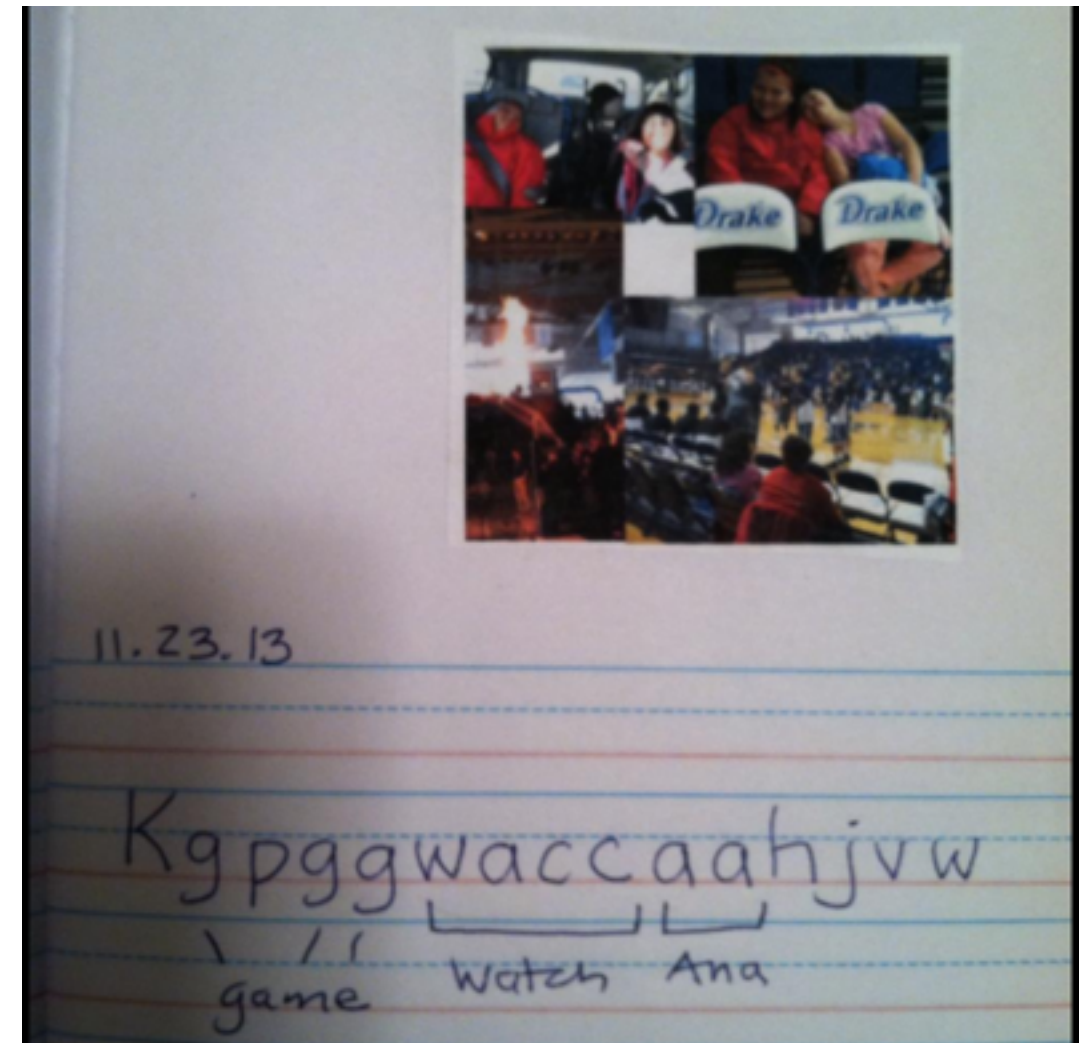


Writing Instruction for Students with Angelman Syndrome



Erin Sheldon, M. Ed.

This webinar

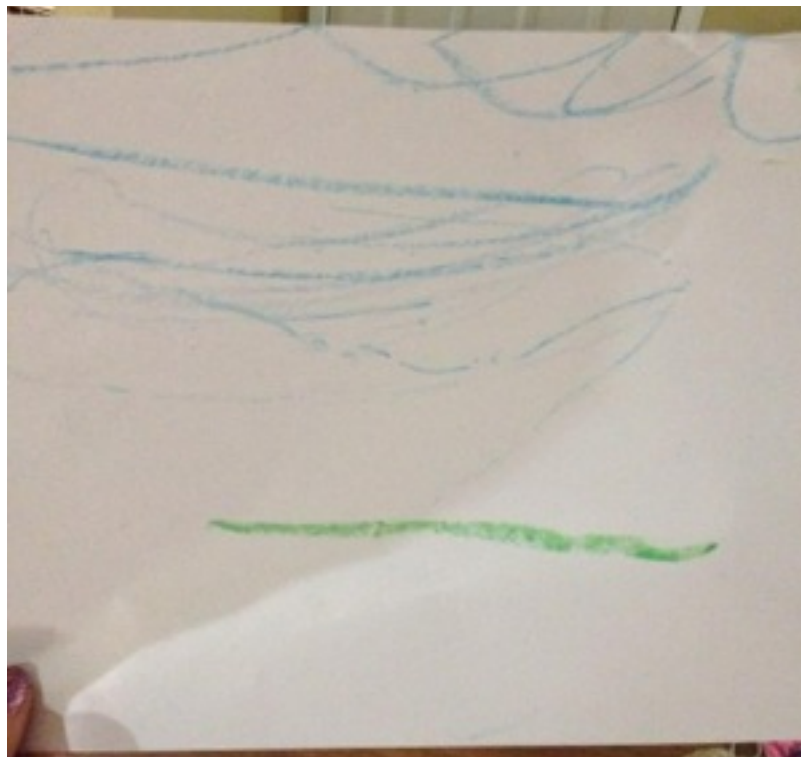
- What does writing instruction look like for students with Angelman syndrome?
- How do we plan and implement this instruction in the individual education plan?

The Bridge

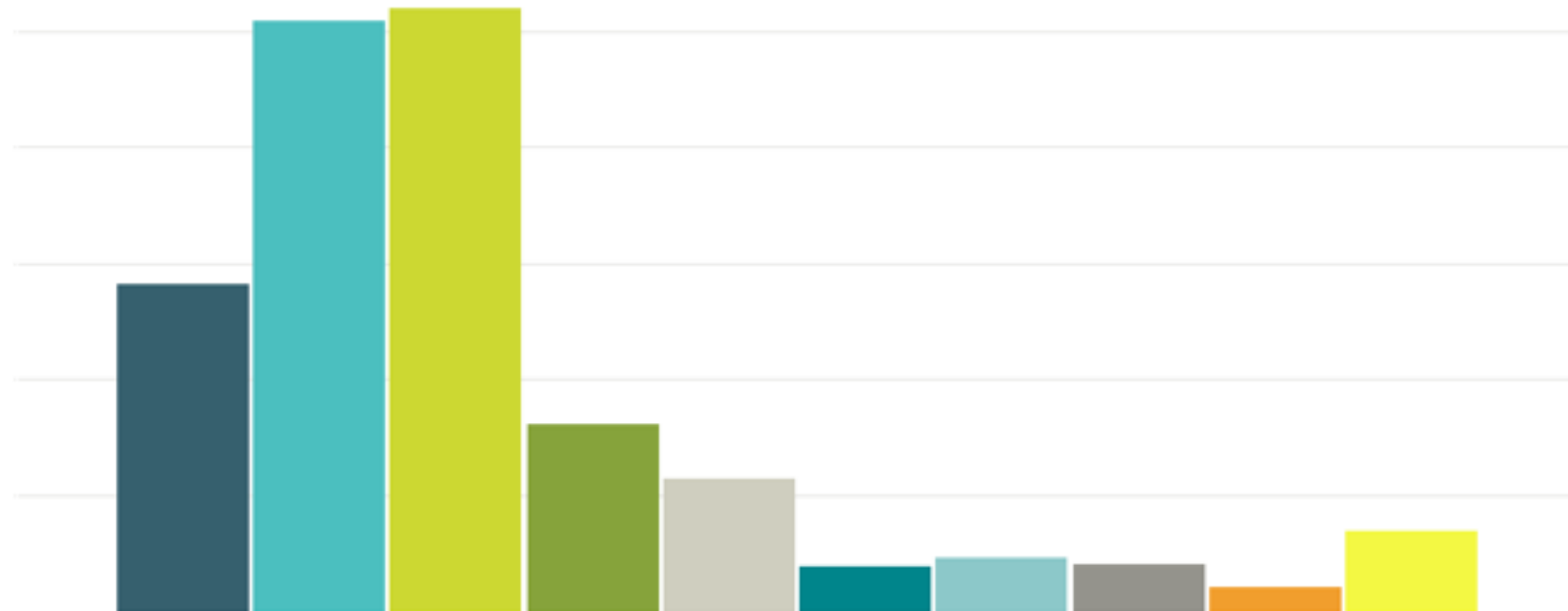
Foundations of Writing

4. How does _____ draw/write? (Motor item)

Exploration	Uses writing/ drawing tools with beginning purpose	Explores writing/ drawing with greater purpose	Writes begins to look different from drawing	Writes looks more writing-like	Uses disconnected scribble with letter- like forms and some recognizable letters
1	2	3	4	5	6



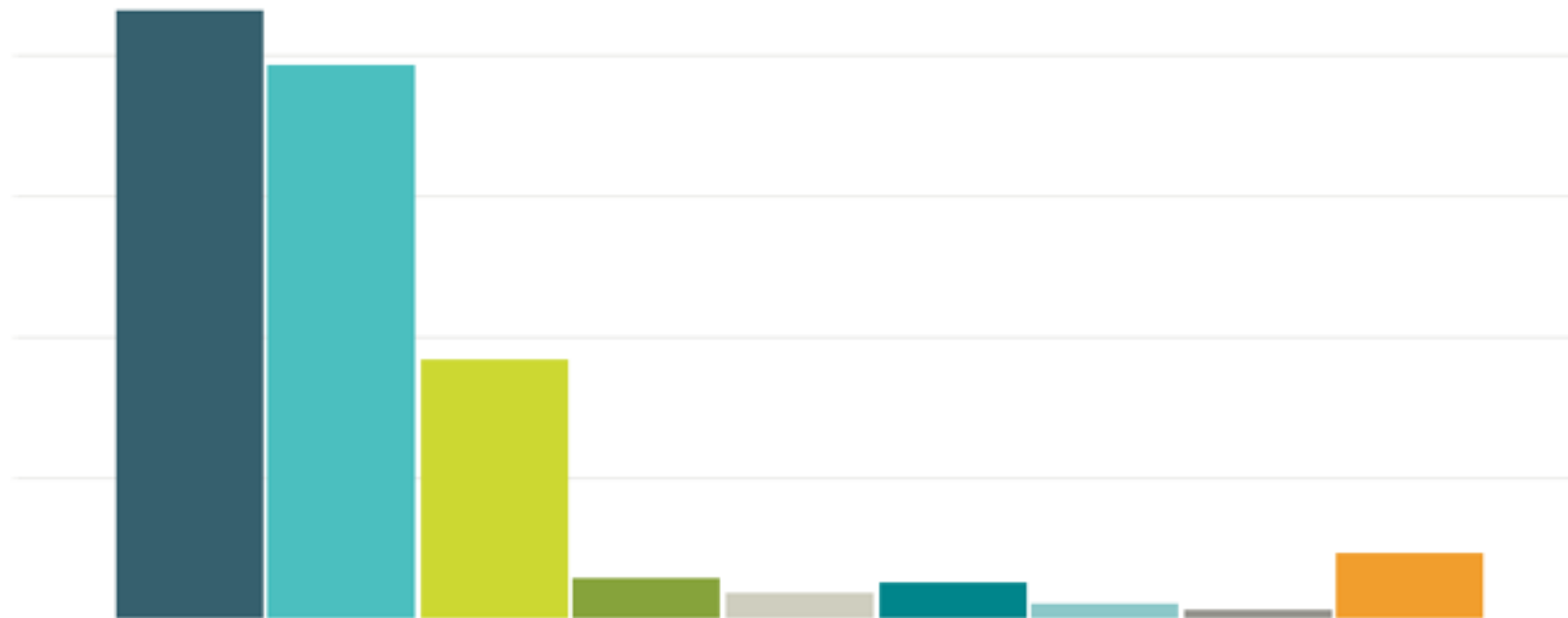
Students with Angelman



Skipped: 146 Answered: 427

Does not write or draw	33%	141
Explores crayons and writing tools (chewing, marking, touching)	60%	255
Makes some marks with writing and drawing tools: may appear random	61%	260
Writes or draws with purpose, such as drawing continuous lines	19%	81
Writing looks different from drawing, may include lines, circles, and waves	14%	58
Writing looks like words or letters	5%	20
Writing includes letter-like forms and some recognizable letters	5%	23
Writes recognizable letters	5%	21
Writes recognizable words	3%	11
Other (please specify)	8%	35 >

Students with Angelman

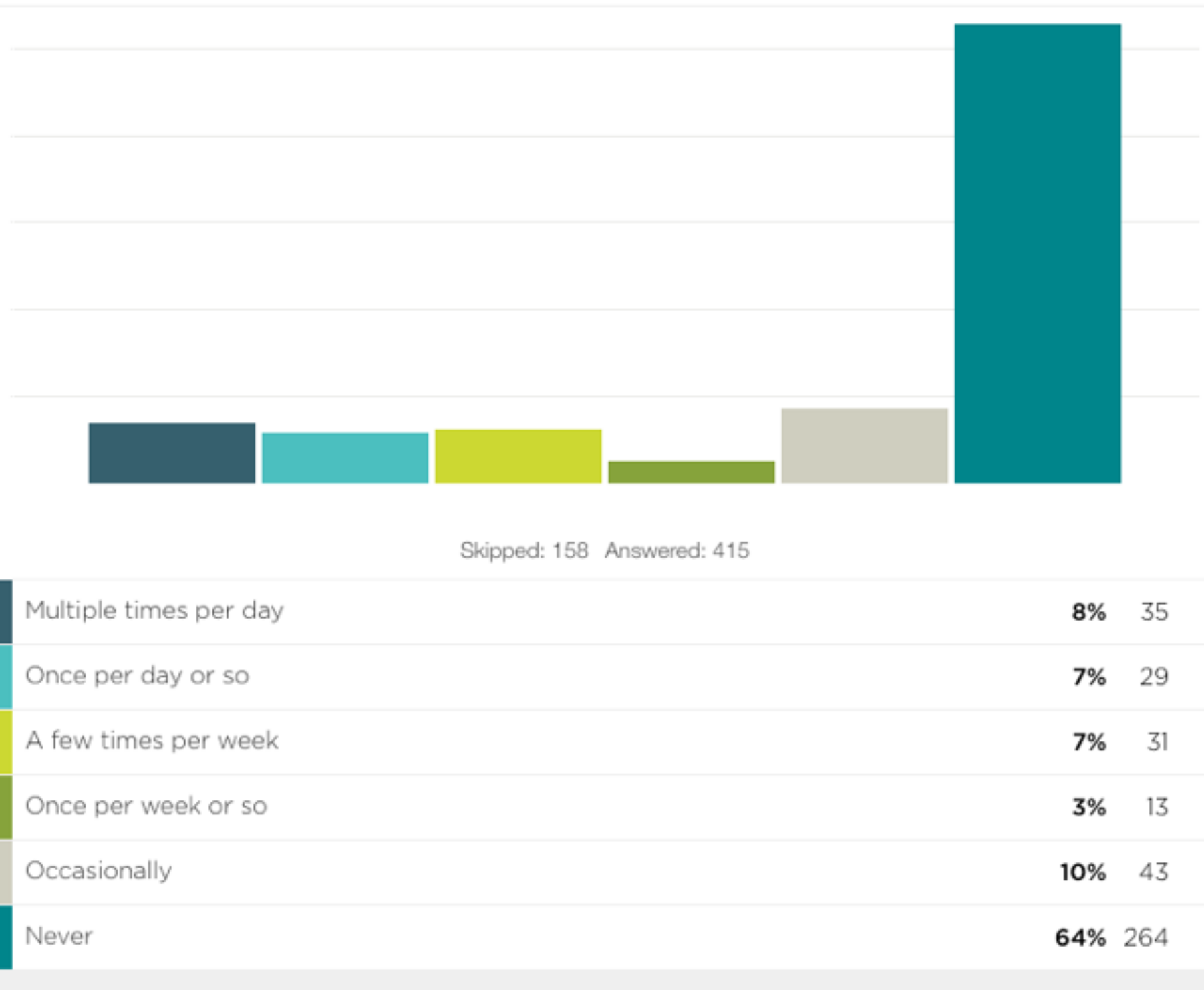


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Does not type on keyboards at all	52%	216
Types random characters: letters, numbers, characters	47%	197
Types long strings of letters: may appear random	22%	92
Types short strings of letters that are grouped like words	3%	14
Types short strings of letters that seem to represent a word	2%	9
Occasionally types recognizable words	3%	13
Regularly types recognizable words	1%	5
Regularly types complete sentences	1%	3
Other (please specify)	6%	23 >

Students with Angelman

21. How often does your person write with the letters of the alphabet in any way? This includes any opportunity to write with the full alphabet, such as on a keyboard on the computer or on an iPad or with the alphabet pages in a PODD book. The writing does not need to be recognizable as words.



The Bridge

5. How does _____ use print? (Cognitive/linguistic item)

Uses symbols
to communicate

1

Uses [/] drawings
to communicate
meaning

2

Uses scribbles
and/or drawings
to make signs,
labels, lists

3

Uses mainly
scribbles to
“write” a letter,
create a message,
make a list

4

Uses many
letter-like forms
in scribble to
tell a story,
create a message,
make a list

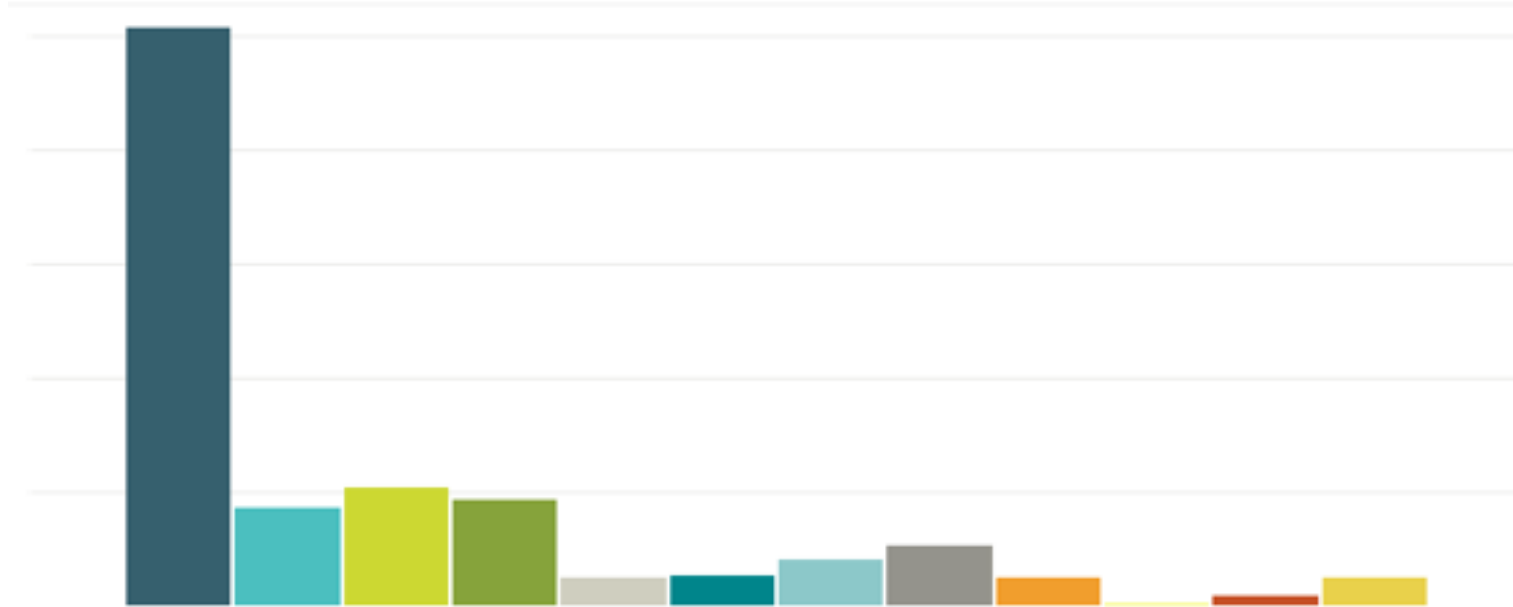
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Uses many
written words
(developmental
and conventional
spelling) to tell a
story, create a
message, make a list

6



Students with Angelman



Skipped: 169 Answered: 404

Does not currently use print or symbols at any time	63%	254
Uses a few symbols to communicate	11%	43
Uses some symbols to communicate	13%	52
Uses many symbols to communicate	12%	47
Uses drawings to communicate meaning	3%	12
Uses symbols to label items or make lists	3%	13
Uses scribbles or drawings to make signs, labels, or list	5%	20
Scribbles to "write" a letter, create a message, or write a list	6%	26
Uses symbols to write sentences or tell a story	3%	12
Uses letter-like forms to tell a story, create a message, or make a list	0%	1
Uses written words to tell a story, create a message, or make a list	1%	4
Other (please specify)	3%	12 >

The Bridge

6. How does _____ write his/her name? (Motor and cognitive item)

Makes an inconsistent mark/scribble to represent name

1

Makes a consistent mark/scribble to write name

2

Makes letter-like forms in scribble to write name

3

Writes some letters to form name (not necessarily in order)

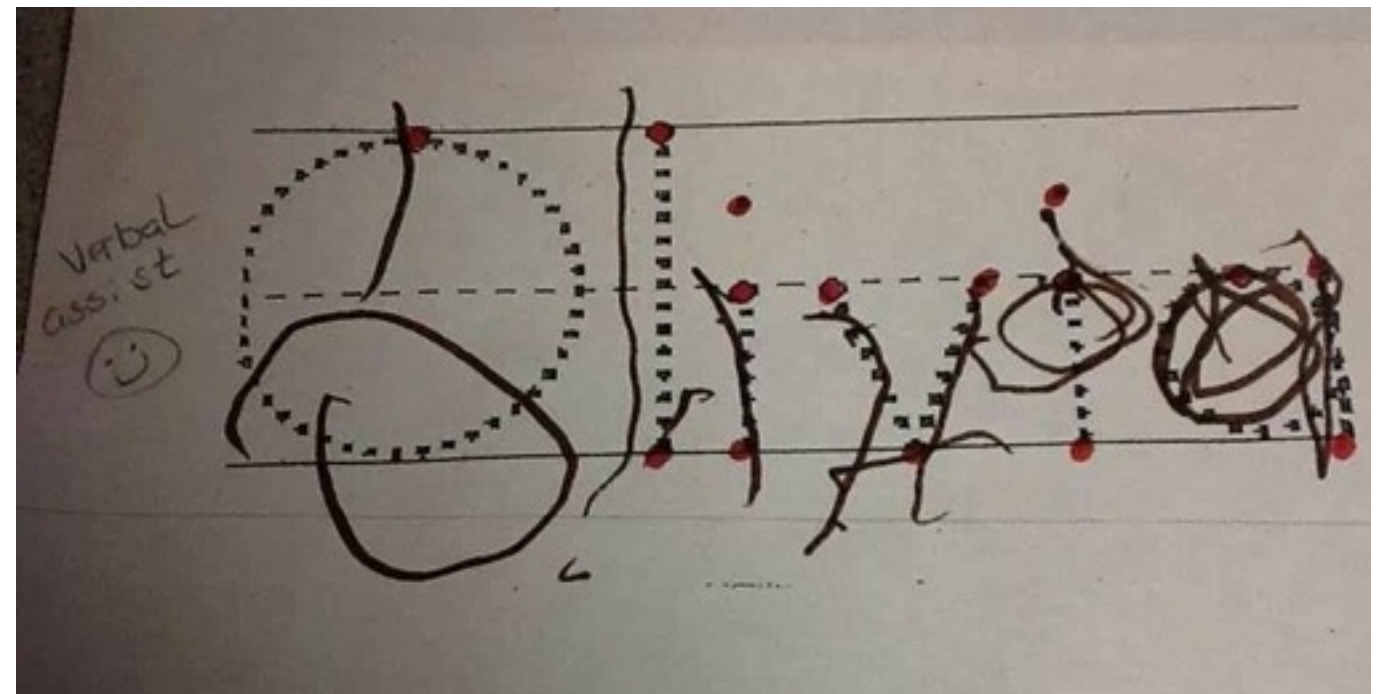
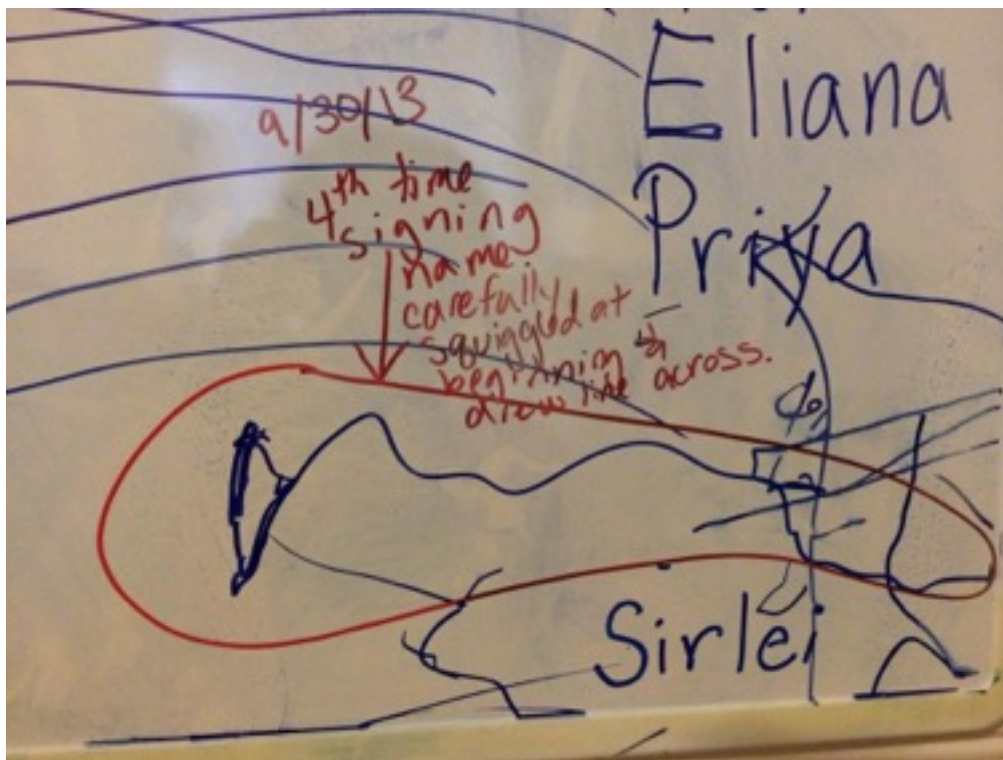
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Writes name in recognizable form

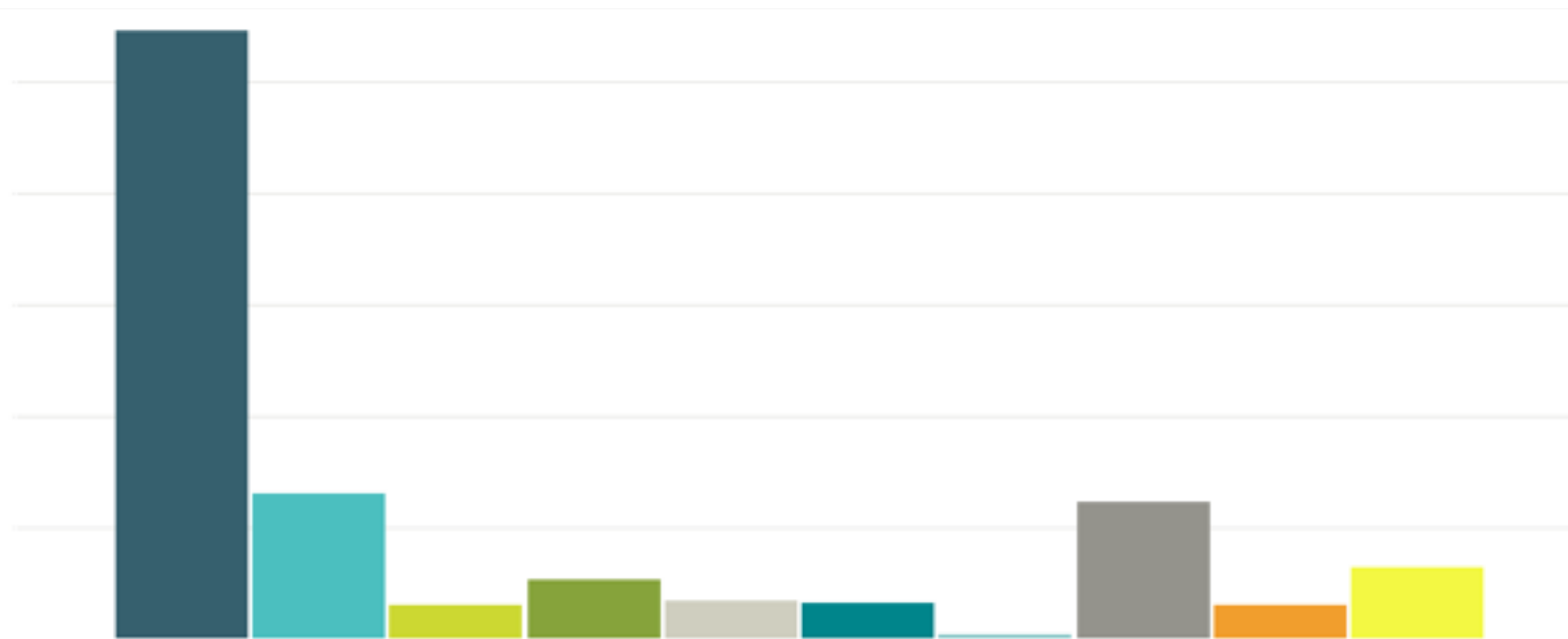
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Writes first and last names and/or other names

6



Students with Angelman



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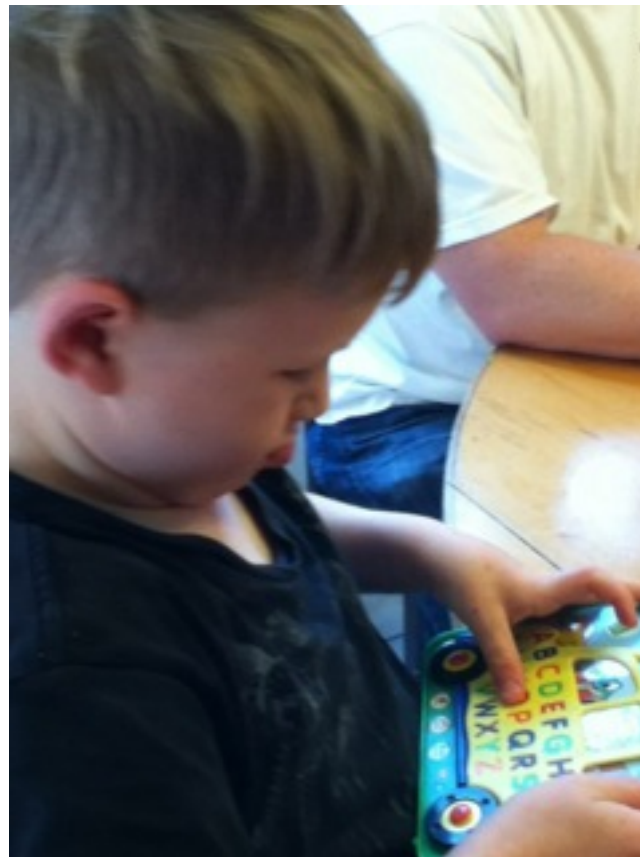
Does not make any mark or scribble to represent his or her name	67%	273
Makes an inconsistent or random mark or scribble to represent his or her name	16%	65
Makes a consistent mark or scribble to represent his or her name	4%	15
Makes letter-like forms in scribble to write name: not legible but clearly intentional	6%	26
Writes some letters to form his or her name (not necessarily in order)	4%	17
Writes his or her name in recognizable form	4%	16
Writes his or her first name and last name	0%	2
Stamps name with a prompt	15%	61
Stamps name without a prompt	4%	15
Other (please specify)	8%	32 >

The Bridge

Alphabet Knowledge

7. How does _____ interact with/use letters of the alphabet?

Explores and plays with alphabet materials	Knows that letters are different from pictures and shapes	Recognizes first letter in his/her name (says, writes, points to)	Recognizes other letters in own and/or others' names	Identifies specific letters in own or others' names	Identifies at least 10 letters
1	2	3	4	5	6



Sarah

Hddudjdidkfk

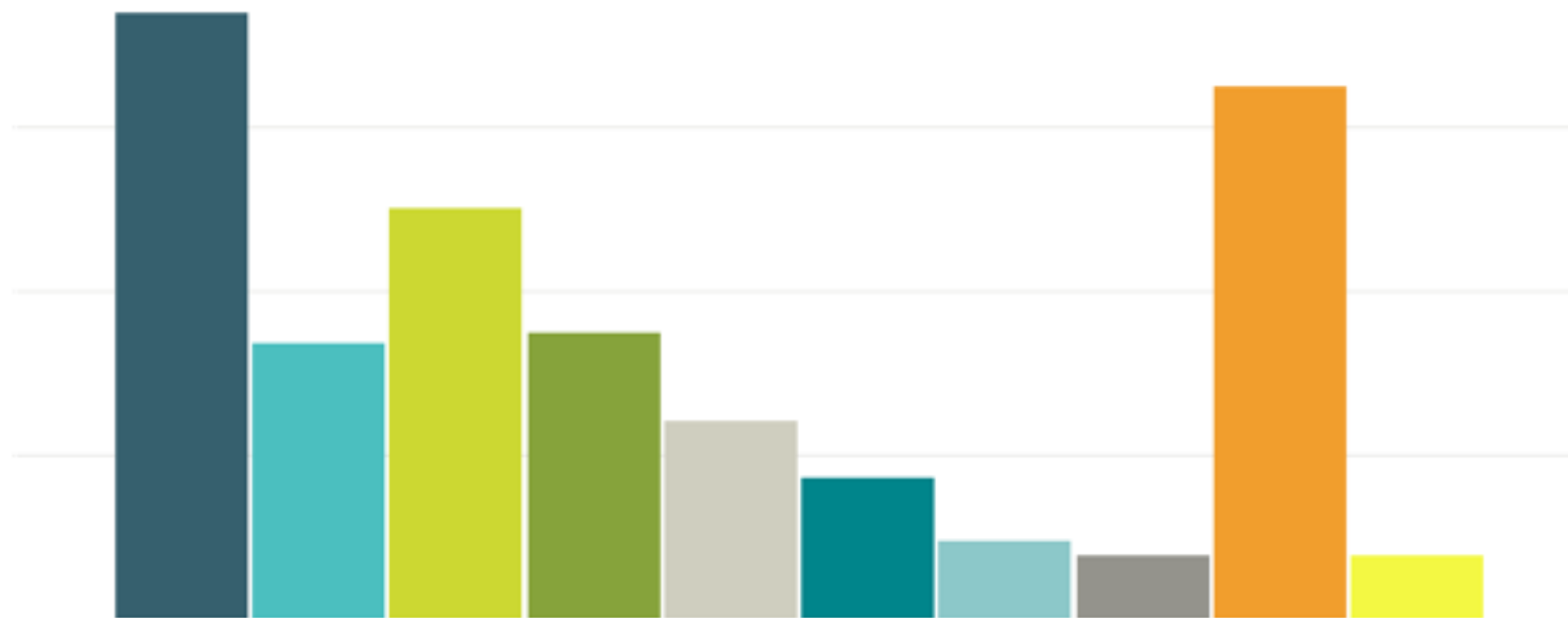
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Students with Angelman



Skipped: 157 Answered: 416

Explores and plays with alphabet materials or toys	44%	185
Knows that letters are different from pictures and shapes	20%	84
Recognizes first letter in his or her name	30%	125
Recognizes other letters in his or her name	21%	87
Identifies specific letters in own or other's name	14%	60
Identifies at least 10 letters	10%	43
Identifies most of the letters of the alphabet	6%	24
Knows all of the letters of the alphabet	5%	19
Does not play with or engage with letters of the alphabet	39%	162
Other (please specify)	5%	19 >

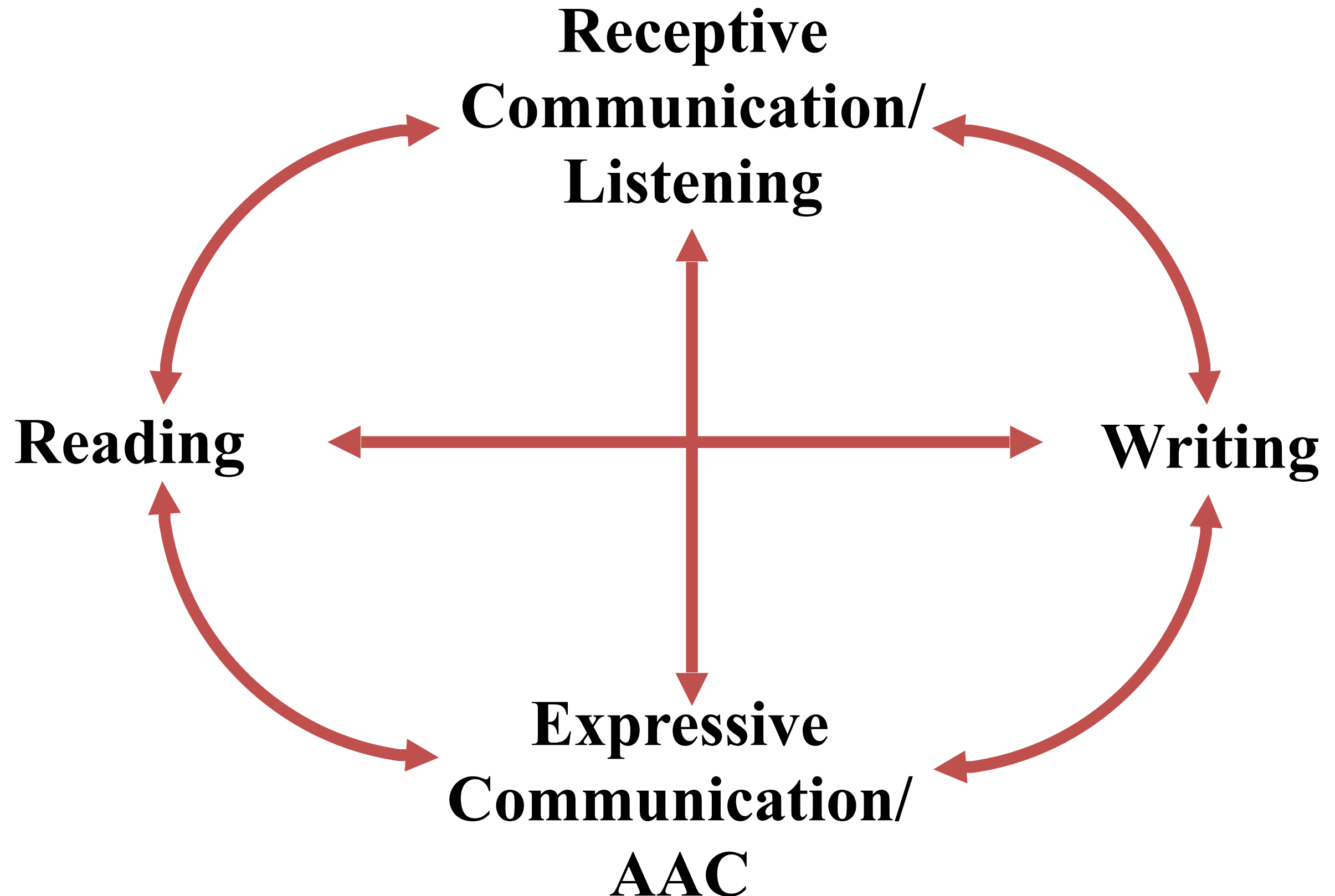
Emergent writing

- Most students with Angelman syndrome are emerging writers
- Students learn they are writers by imitating the writing behaviours of the people around them
- Students think most carefully about print when writing with the alphabet
- Students combine letters, symbols, words, drawings, and pictures in their emergent writing
- Writing is cognitively very similar to using an AAC device
- What a student with Angelman can write is likely the best window into what that student knows about the alphabet

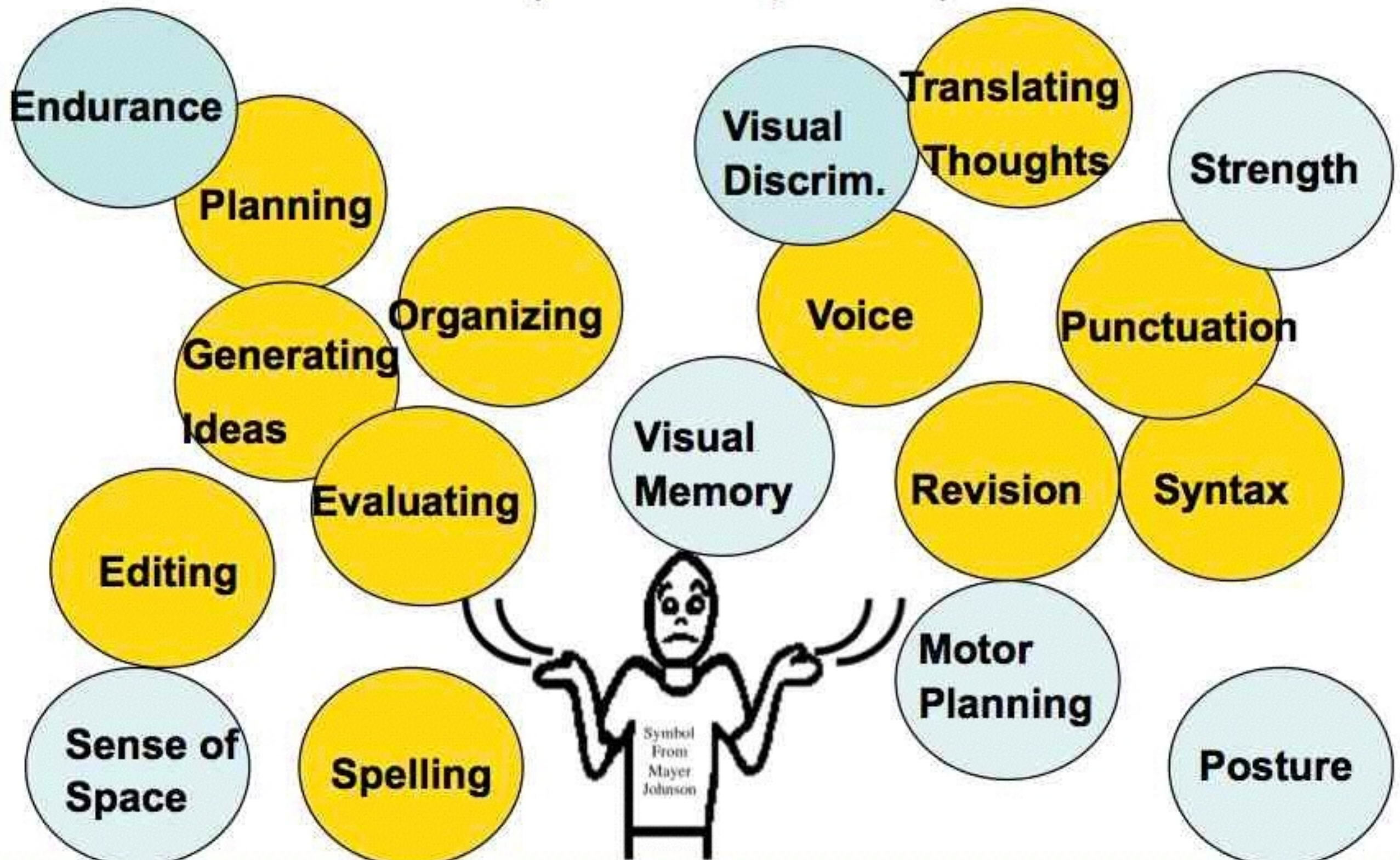
Oral and Written Language Development

(Koppenhaver, Coleman, Kalman & Yoder, 1991, adapted from Teale & Sulzby, 1989)

(Slide by Caroline Musselwhite)



THE PLIGHT OF THE STRUGGLING WRITER: IT'S A JUGGLING ACT! (HANSER, 1998)



Rule of thumb:

*Its not writing
if its not translating
the student's thoughts.*

The Developmental Writing Scale

Table 2. Developmental writing scale for beginning writers^a

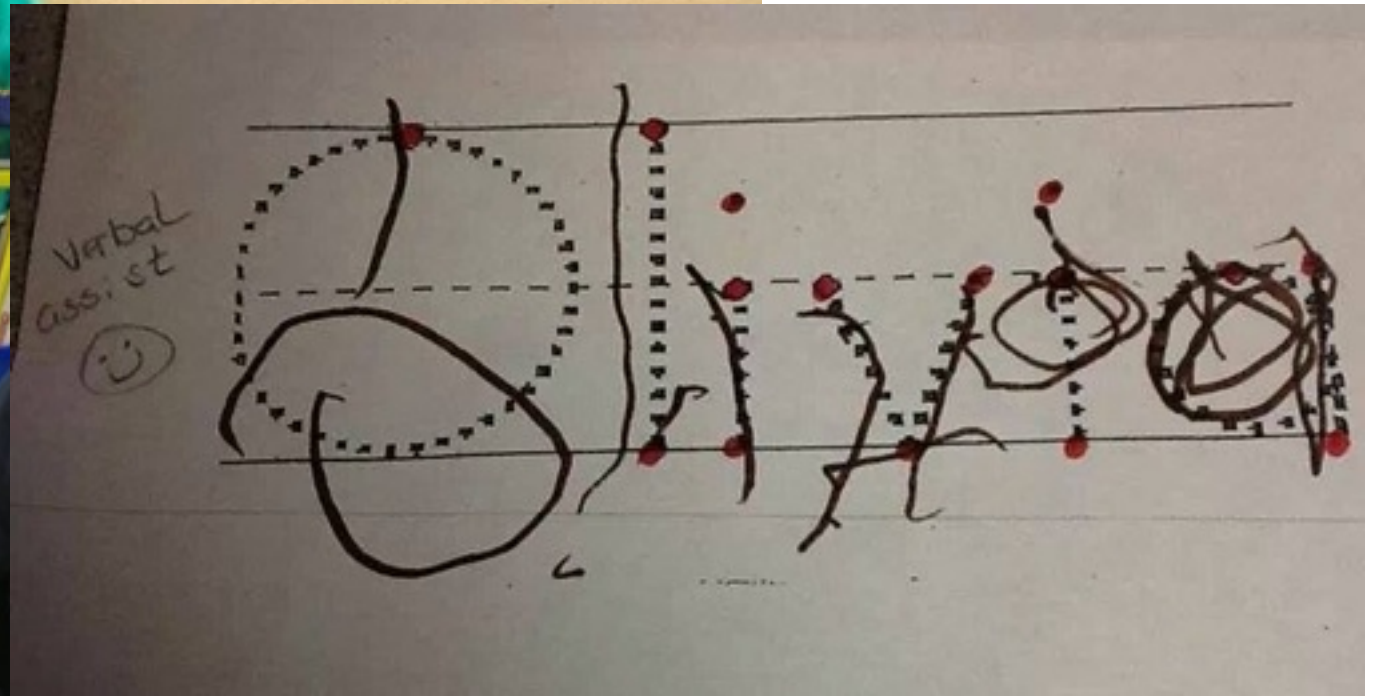
Levels	Scoring Criteria	Description	Accommodations
1	Drawing	Lines and curves that appear to represent objects	Selection of a picture by a child who cannot hold a traditional pencil or marker
2	Scribbling	Continuous vertical, circular, or wavy lines arranged linearly across the page, which may include letter-like forms, but with the majority of shapes not recognizable as letters.	If a child uses a keyboard, this level would not be used
3	Letter strings (no groups)	Handwritten or typed strings of letters but not grouped into words. Examples: <i>ttttt</i> <i>ksbpppns</i>	Alphabet display (e.g., paper copy) and standard or electronic keyboard access (e.g., on screen keyboard or AAC system)
4	Letter strings grouped in words	Strings of letters grouped into "words" (i.e., with spaces between at least two groups of letters) but with no intelligible words. Example: <i>iLCR6a iLKVKC CPRSB WRKe BRKe</i>	Alphabet display (e.g., paper copy) and standard or electronic keyboard access (e.g., on screen keyboard or AAC system)
5	One intelligible word	Strings of letters grouped into "words," with only one possible real word (i.e., two or more letters in length) set apart, written repeatedly (e.g., dog, dog, dog), or embedded in a string of letters. Example: <i>IMPICOTbeC (I am playing outside on the swing.)</i>	Word bank or word prediction software
6	Two to three intelligible words	Two or three different intelligible words embedded in strings, separated by spaces, or in a list format. Single letter words such as "I" and "a" must be separated by spaces to count as an intelligible word. Example: <i>IYTKTOSMNTHETR (I like to swim under the water.)</i>	Word bank or word prediction software
7	Three or more different intelligible words in a list	Three or more related words. Example: <i>Lions Detroit football</i>	Word bank or word prediction software

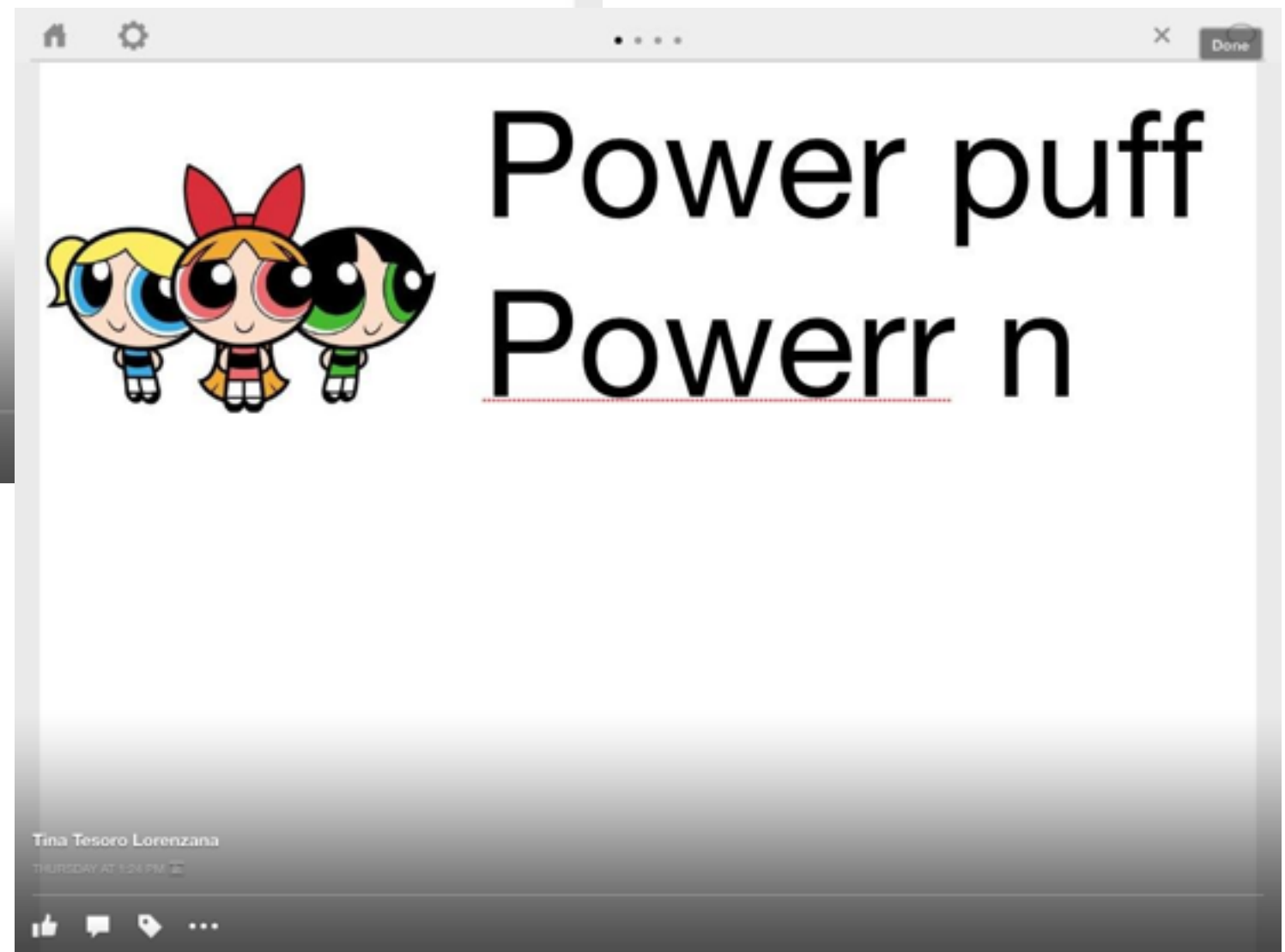
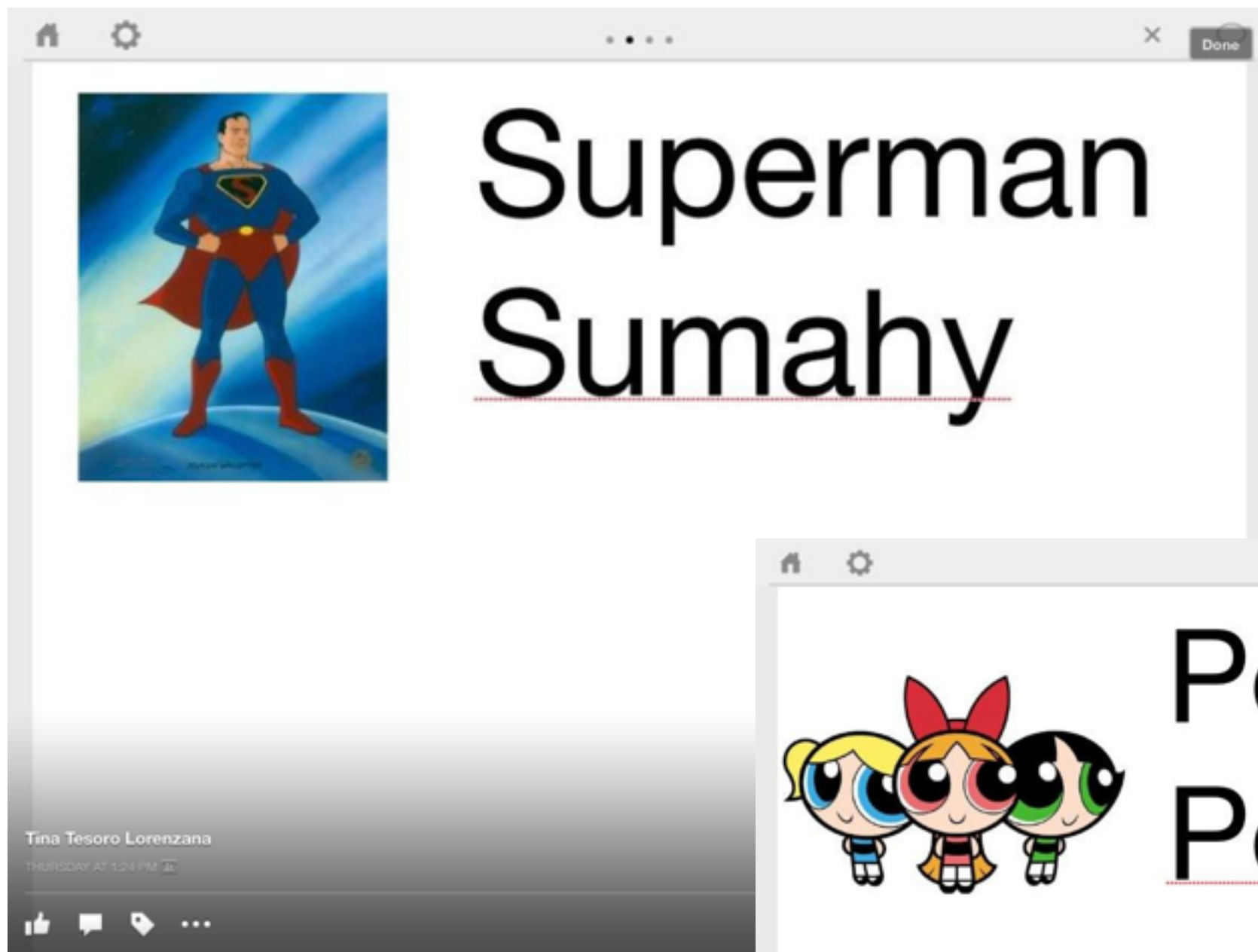
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Name _____

The Best Costume







Name:

Emma

Date: 9-18-12

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Christopher Columbus



2. Who w at the first Thanksgiving?



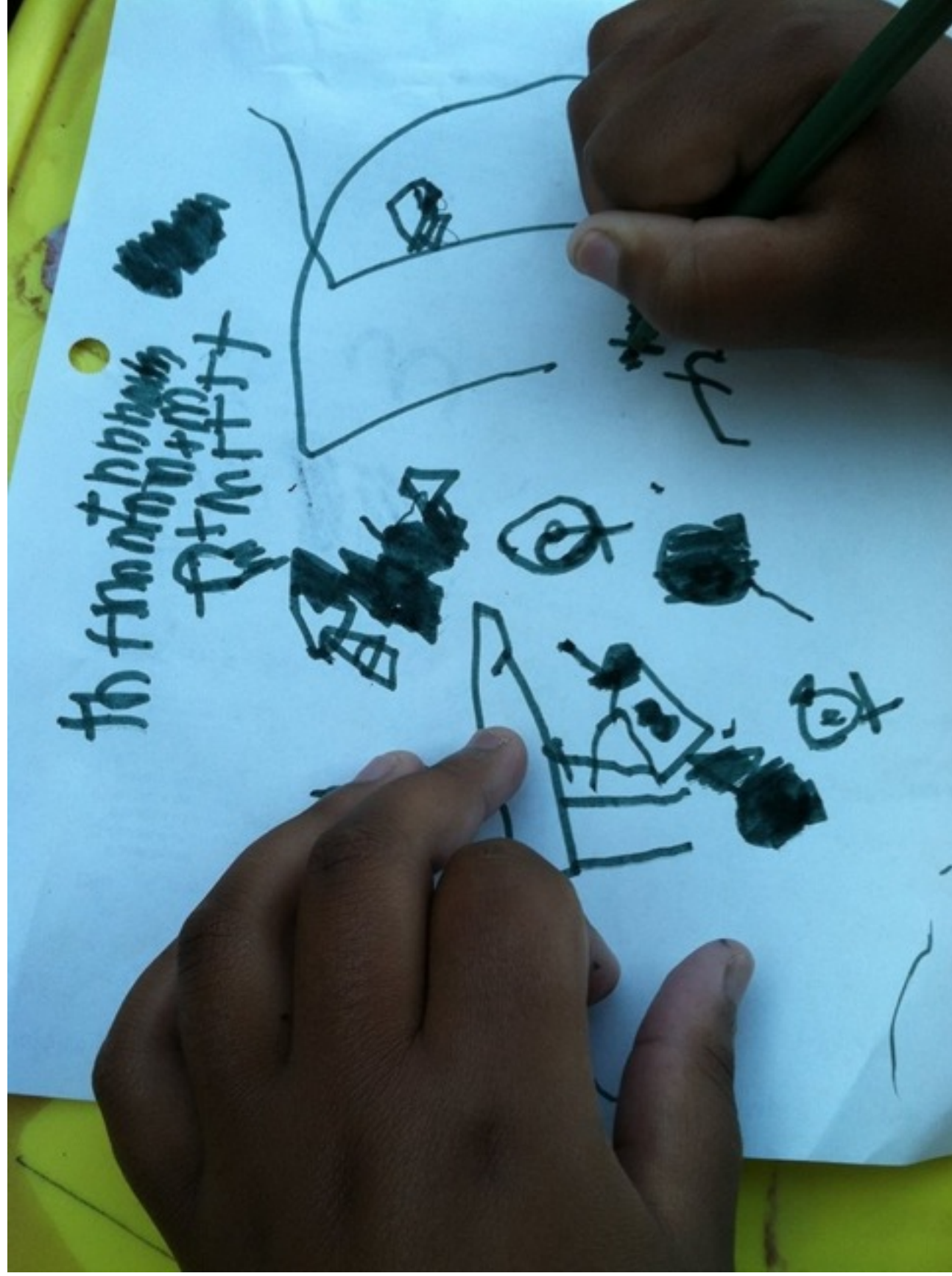
Pilgrims and Native America Indians

3. What was George Washington?



President of United States of A





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E F F
H o o
F o o
D F F
D P P L o

[Edit](#)

Messages



Sarah

Contact

as it should be! I love you so much...

EH

Ella Hickey

9/2/13

How ya doin'?

Hddudjdikfk

Gdgehdgijggjfigofofifufifuhgjfjgu
giugffjfhfftdysiayeee

Hdcydnddijdduusydsghjdjfgddkdo
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Maggie & Ella

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Message Send Failure

Maggie Hickey

6/13/13

Rrra4RJ

ET

Ellen Tseng-Farr

6/7/13

Okay :)

Sarah Bonham

6/7/13

Lol okay thanks



Adrienne Carpenter

6/7/13

Lol I thought so

CD

Cory Down

6/6/13

LOL. The girls want to play on Sunday, that's all!



Send



pjnod bf.

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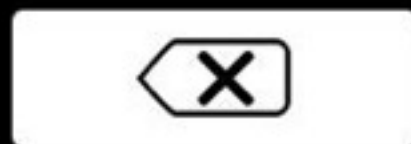
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Watch

Ana

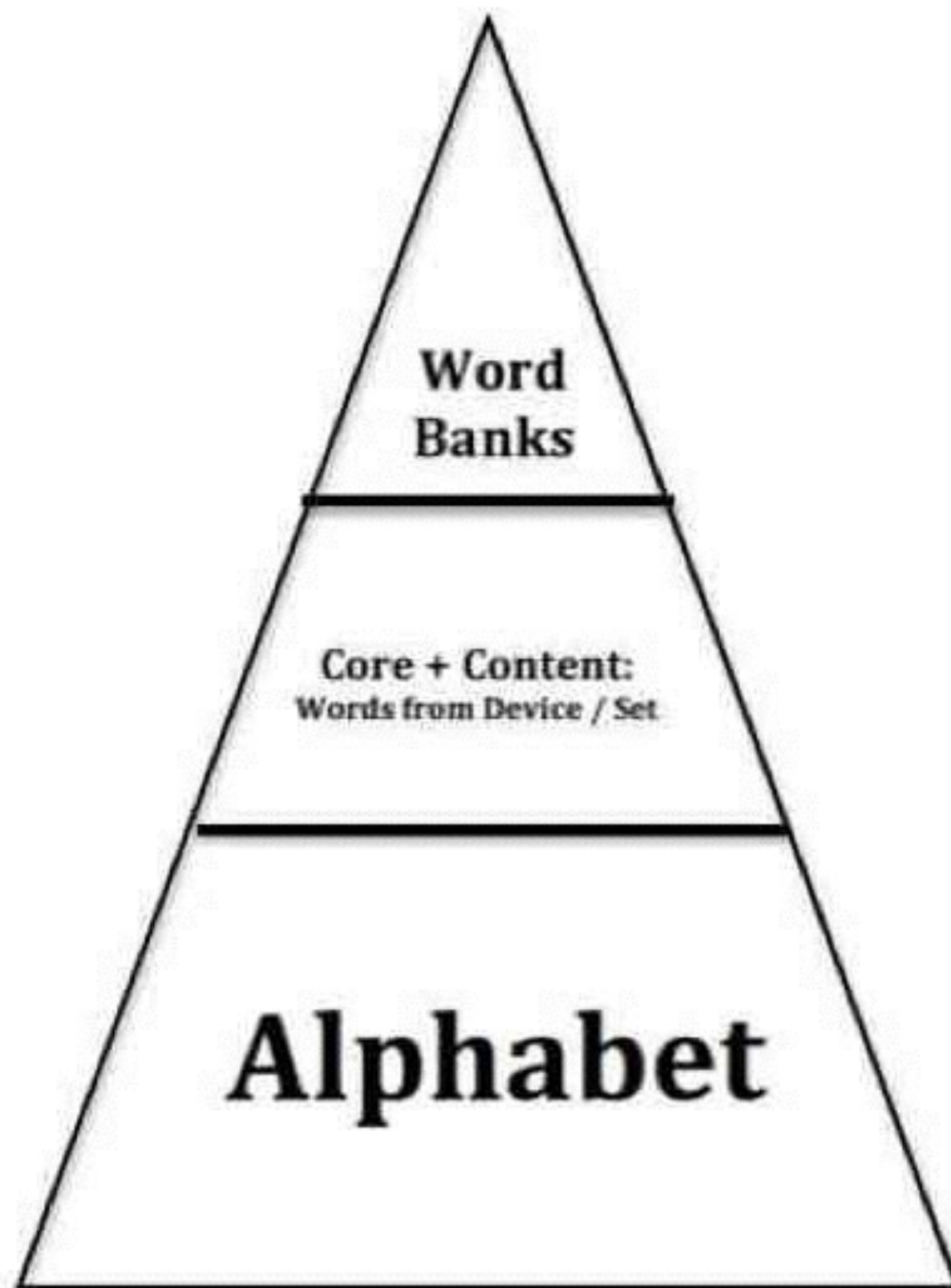
Essential to develop emergent writing skills and understandings:

- Access
- Daily opportunity
- Authentic purpose: it helps get things done!
- Modelling
- Instruction

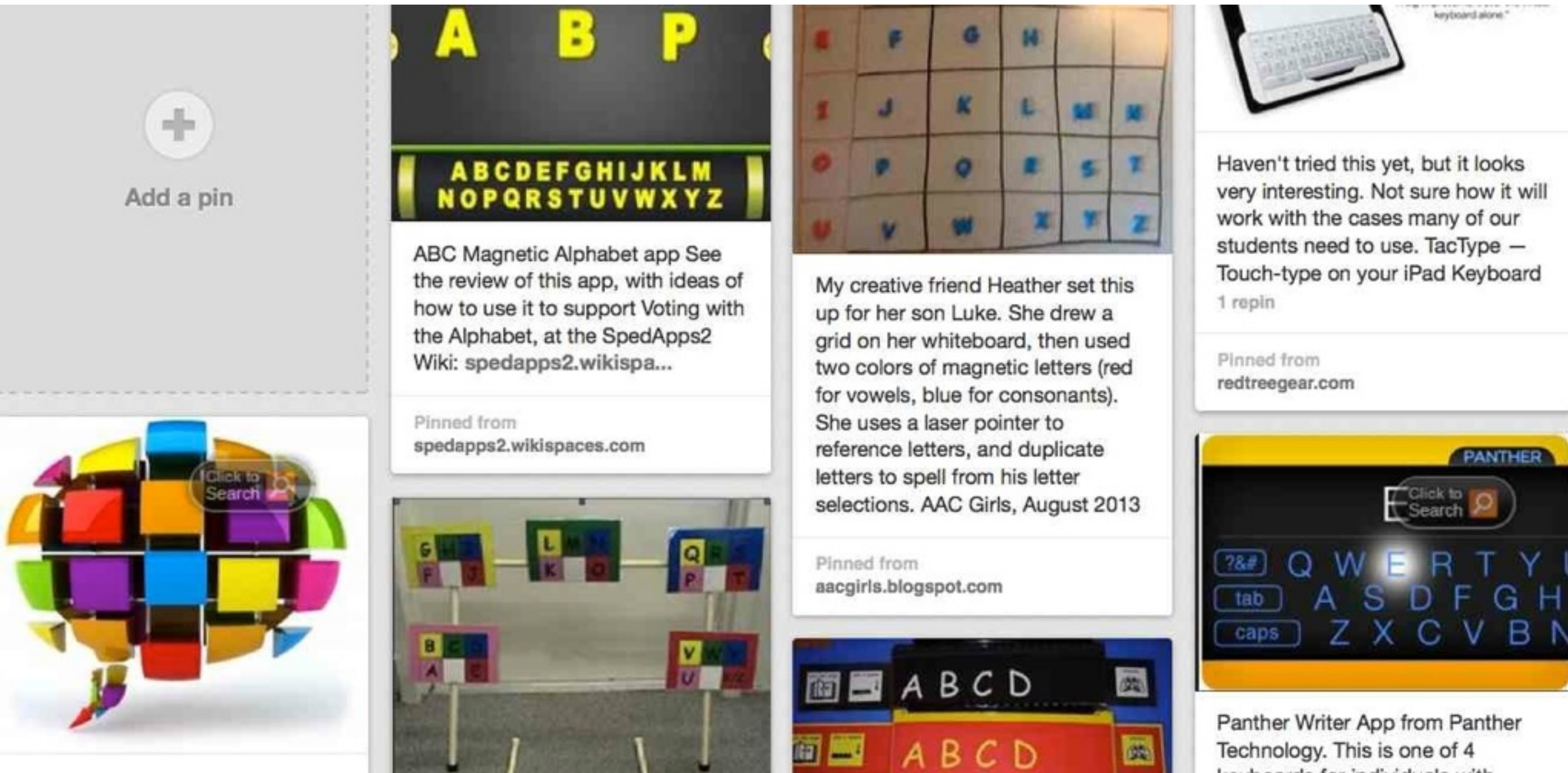
Access

- Language and vocabulary
- The letters of the alphabet
- Select an “alternative pencil” that places the LEAST demands on the student’s motor skills

Writing Pyramid



Pinterest: Accessing the Alphabet



Dr. Caroline Musselwhite

Word Wizard

- Full alphabet, A-Z or QWERTY
- Says letter name or letter sound
- Speaks word or sentence
- Supports alphabet awareness, phonological awareness, alphabet exploration, emergent writing and spelling, text-to-speech to share responses





h i p i i

b y e d y e

b u y

d i e

p i e

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n

o p q r s t u v w x y z

12
3 -

More to say 2



hurry up



excuse me



more



Uh Oh, Oh no!



I do, me, mine



stop, wait



I'm sorry



done, finished



I don't know



oops



you do it, you,
your turn



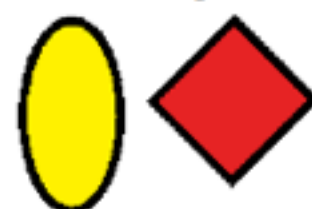
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Just kidding,
teasing



Let's do
something else



7

please



not, don't, can't



help



hello



goodbye



thank you



turn the
page





DLM™ First Forty Core Words

I	like	not	want
help	it	more	different
who	she	you	he
where	up	on	in
me	make	get	look
what	need	are	is
some	put	all	this
don't	that	go	do
when	finished	can	here

 I, me	 like	 STOP	 go	 a little	 a lot	 now	 something different
 you	 want	 come	do, did, does	 here	 there	 up	 FINISHED
 she, her	 need	 get, got	 eat	 in	 out	 down	 more
 he, him	am is are	 not, don't, can't	can	of	for	to	 all
 we us our	 know	 play	 make	 on	 off	 with	 some
 they, them	 think	 see look watch	 put	 over		 open	 next
 that, it	 feel	 help	 try	but	the	 bad	 good
 this	 love	 have	 take	and	 because	 Chat	 Huff! I win!

Abilipad



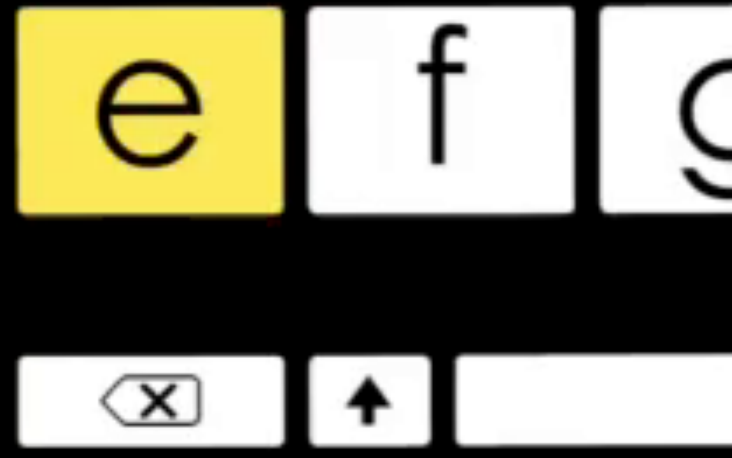
- Writing app
- Text to speech, predicted text
- Add photos for context
- Adapted, personalized keyboards for alternative pencil
- Digital alphabet flipcharts as keyboard
- Share via app, email, or screenshot and publish
- E-mail writing samples home for family to decipher
- Supports early and conventional writing, motivation, self-correction, problem-solving for spelling

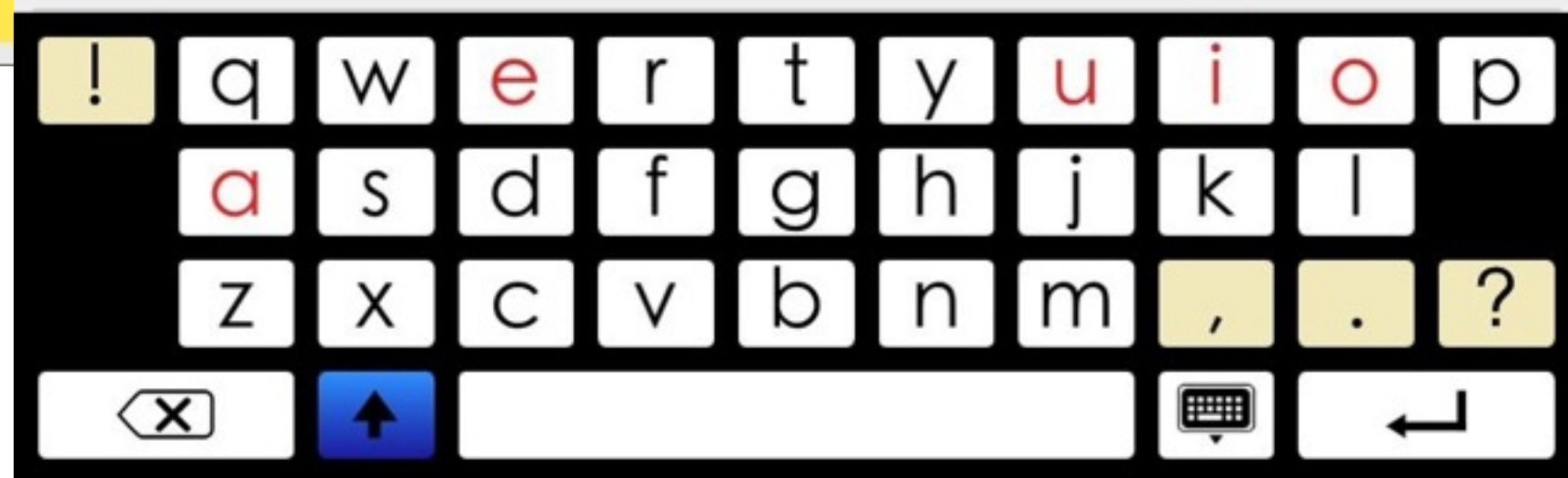
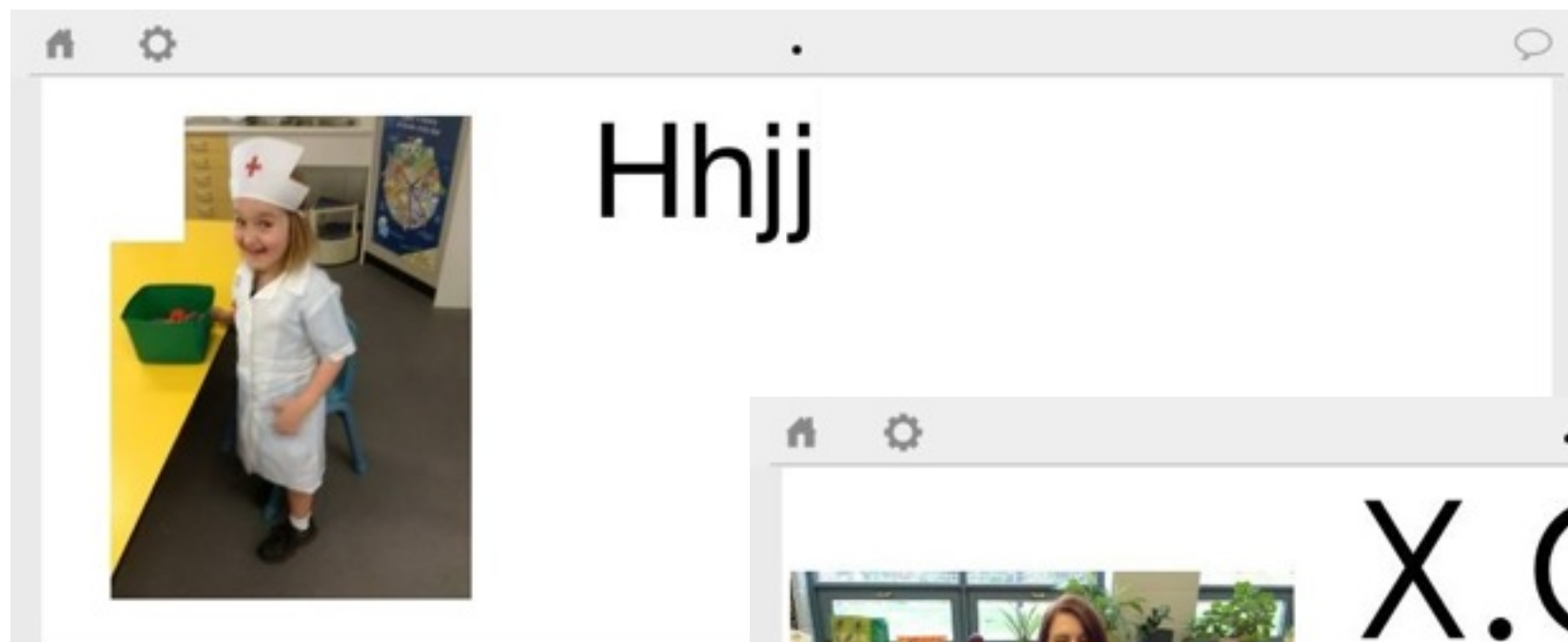


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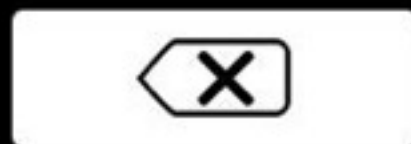
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Be Cautious About the Energy Spent on Form vs. Function

10/10
Tonight Daily Writing
10/10 I will Watch
M7 Sister in her Play
2 The Play is in Dark
AT the Middle
School
3 Erin is a good actor
Hore
WOW!!



WTER
GRPEJUICE
MINI WHEATS
POTATO CHIPS
MOO MOO
BOTTOM ROUND ROAST
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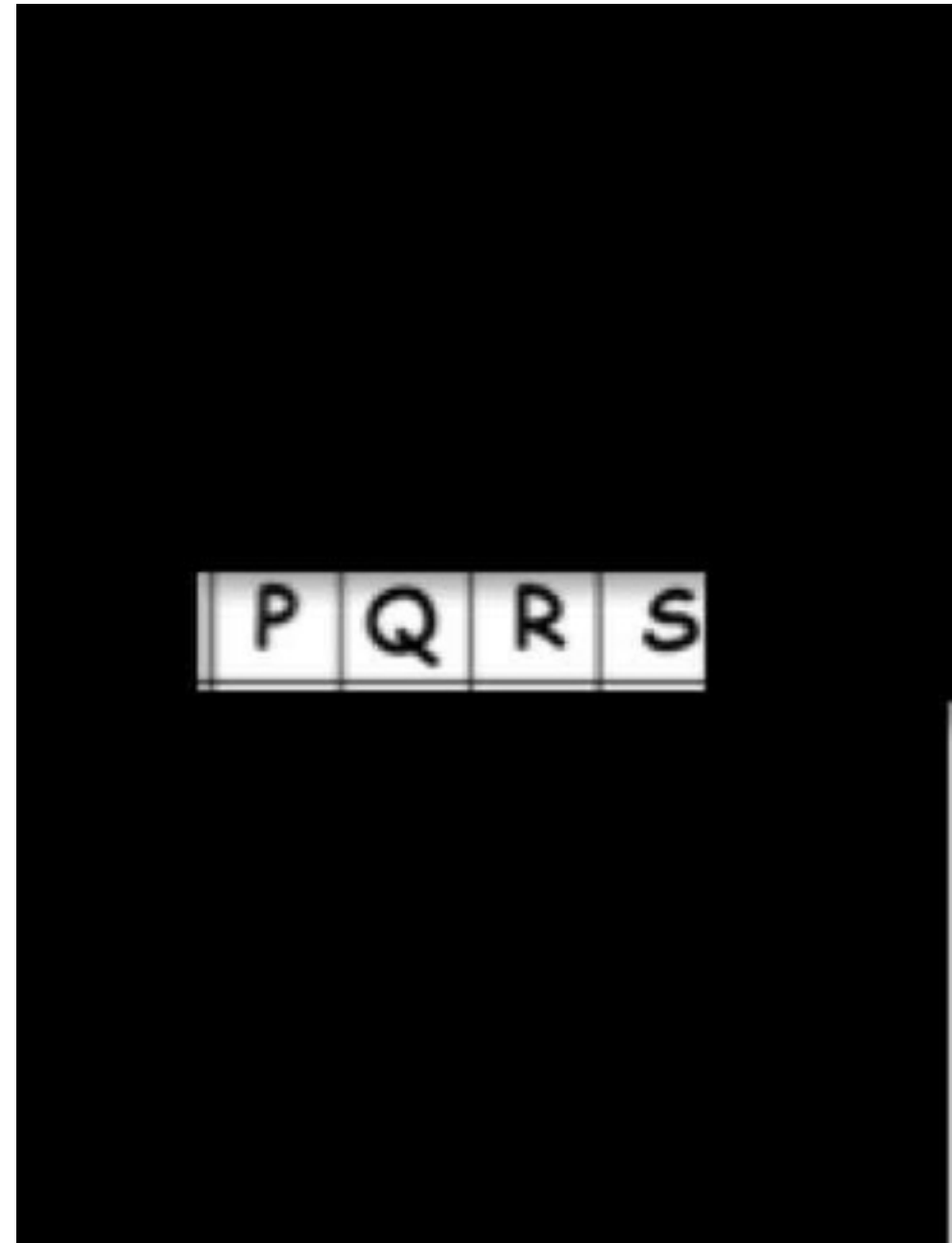
Jonah Note Dad

Slide from Dr. Caroline Musselwhite

Alphaboard

Print on letter paper in portrait mode.

Alphabet 36					
A	B	C	D		
E	F	G	H		
I	J	K	L	M	N
O	P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y	Z
I'll spell 	guess 	help! 	wait 	1st letter 	space 



Co:Writer for iOS

- High-quality word prediction, particularly for phonetic spellers
- Spell check
- Text to speech
- Export text to other apps
- Seamlessly integrates with Co:Writer and SOLO literacy suite



Daily opportunity

- Report on my day at school or what I did over the weekend
- Write a note to a friend
- Help generate the grocery list
- Update my Facebook status
- Report on what I am learning
- Re-write or add to a book
- Caption photos

Journal

- Scribbling is essential!
- If it starts with “I”, there is no right or wrong answer
- Always select a photo or remnant for context
- Use the AAC system to establish and clarify meaning



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Kgpggwaccaahjvw

game

Watch

Ana







Harry

is

hot

Kid in Story Creator

- Can add any child to any background
- Insert favourite characters or celebrities
- Insert friends or family into non-fiction text
- Insert historical figures into story
- Any photo, Keynote, PowerPoint, or PDF can serve as the background
- Teach prepositions: on, off, under, over
- Teach geography

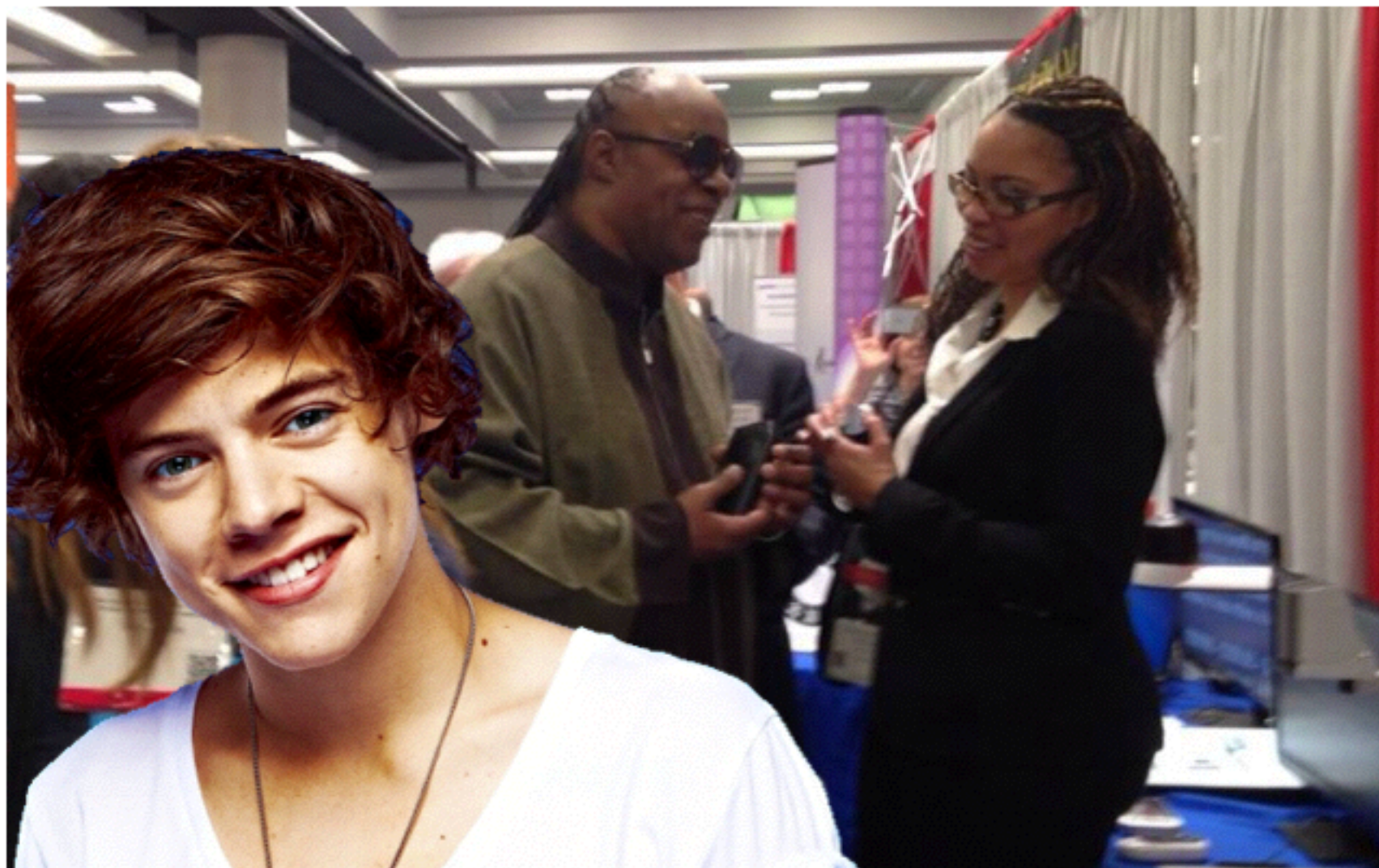






Harry says, "Wow! Is that really Stacy with Stevie Wonder? How shameless is it to run up and pose like that?!?"





Harry models how to look cool and casual in the presence of Stevie Wonder.





Elmo says, "I just called to say I love you, Mr. Wonder!"





Dora, the monkey, and Stacy all say "Hola, Mr. Wonder!"

Can you say, "Hola, Mr. Wonder?"



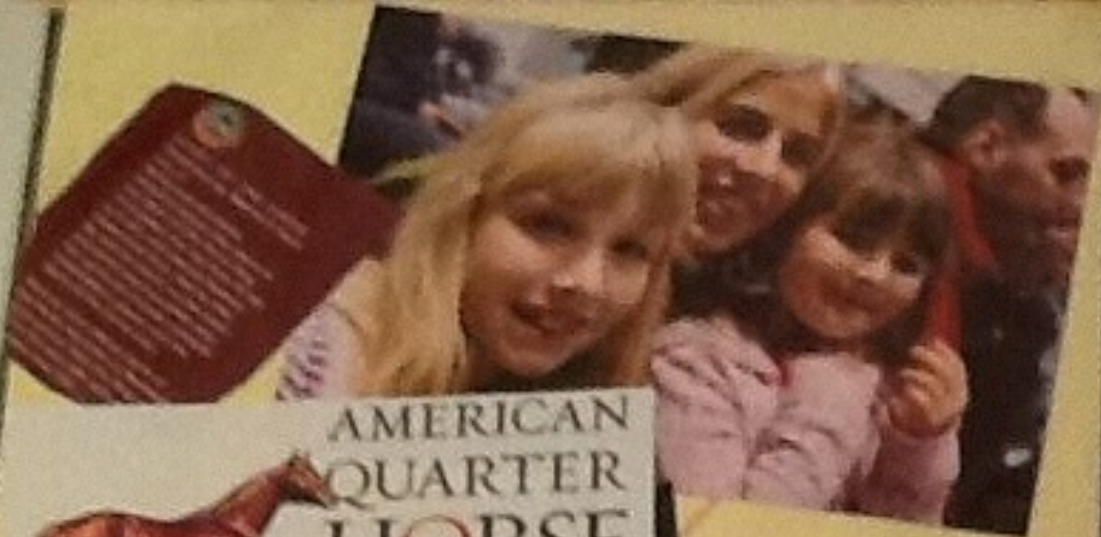




I chose to watch Monster's University at the movie theater today. I thought it was funny.



I went to the Science Spectrum and had lots of fun playing.



AMERICAN
QUARTER
HORSE
ASSOCIATION



We got
to meet all
the dogs
after the
show
that was the
best part!



saddle



Maisy
and
Maggie



The
lion
and
Ella



Maggie and Sarah

Jordyn
and
Maggie

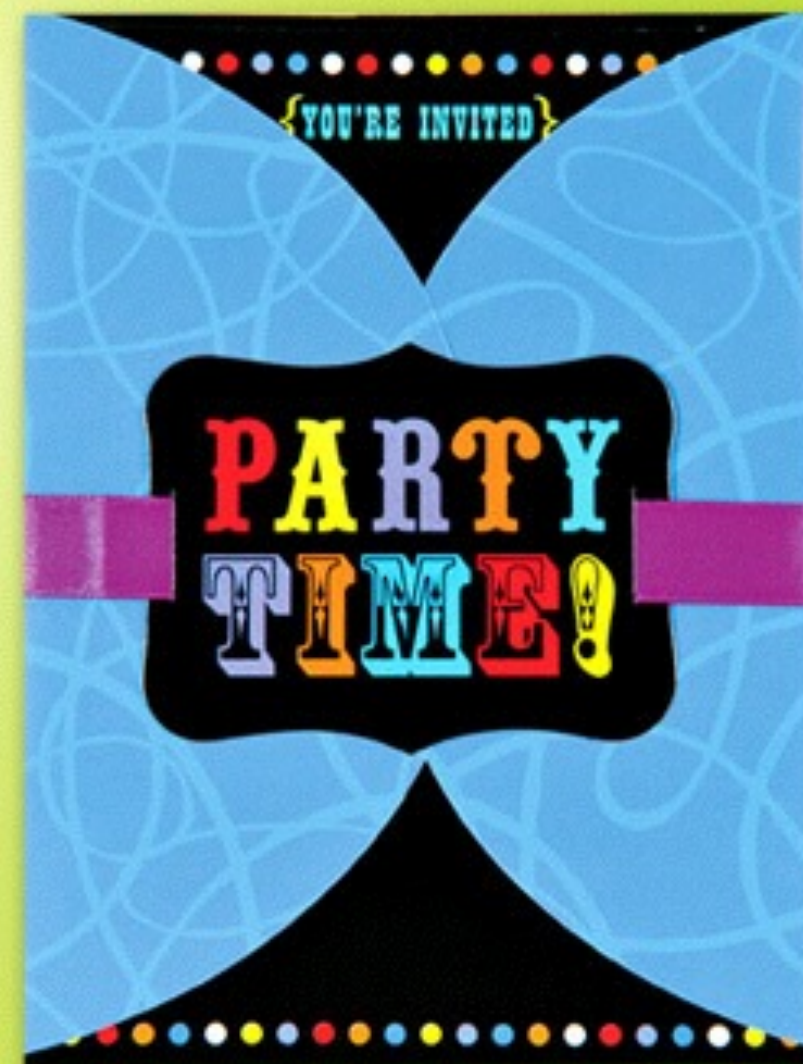


Authentic purpose

- Helps me accomplish one of MY goals
- Invites interaction and engagement from other people
- Shows off what I know

A white t-shirt is held up by two hands, showing a printed message in pink and black text. The message reads "i love you more than shoes." The words "i love you more than" are in a bold, pink, sans-serif font, while "shoes" is in a black, cursive script font. A pink horizontal line underlines the word "shoes", ending in a small pink square.

i love
you more
than
shoes .



BIRTHDAYS



January

8 - London B.
17 - Kaylene B.

February

7 - Melanie M.
24 - Mykayla Castle

March

4 - Emily Van
17 - Brooklyn B.
23 - Jess K.
23 - SueAnn Van
26 - Jensen C.

April

7 - Cher
21 - Joanie C.
22 - LaRee K.
23 - Sarah K.

May

10 - Ashley L.
17 - Michael C.
22 - Cless K.
22 - Mykin C.
28 - Aaron (Buddy) Van
30 - Jessica P.
31 - Carli K.

June

1 - Ryan A.
1 - Abby M.
2 - Carter C.
3 - Dallin K.
2 - Grandma Rees
7 - Roman B.
6 - Grandma Ball
7 - Lydia K.
9 - Aunt Sarah
13 - Carly C.
13 - Mykenzie C.
21 - Debra T.

July

7 - Wendy K. C.
7 - Laura H.
13 - Aaron Van
13 - Cassie C.
18 - Angie C.
30 - Ryan K.

August

9 - Steven C.
9 - Elizabeth Van
21 - Brent C.
26 - Avery T.
30 - Austin B.

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September

6 - Bryson K.
19 - Hannah K.
21 - Jason C.
29 - Brooke C

October

23 - Braddock C.
24 - Tamara Van
31 - Mary K.

November

2 - Garrett T.
9 - Bob C.
11 - Charise B.
13 - Alicia M.
17 - Sarah Van
21 - Meagan A.
27 - Bryan C.
29 - Jolayne C.

December

3 - Courtney C.
13 - David C.
16 - Toria K.
18 - Grandpa Rees
28 - Justine S.
29 - Kelly L.

My People

by Maggie



A is for Alyssia.



F is for my Family.



G is for Girl Guides.



H is for Harry.



Jordyn
and
Maggie

J is for Jordyn.

Maisy

and

Maggie



M is for Maisy and Maggie.

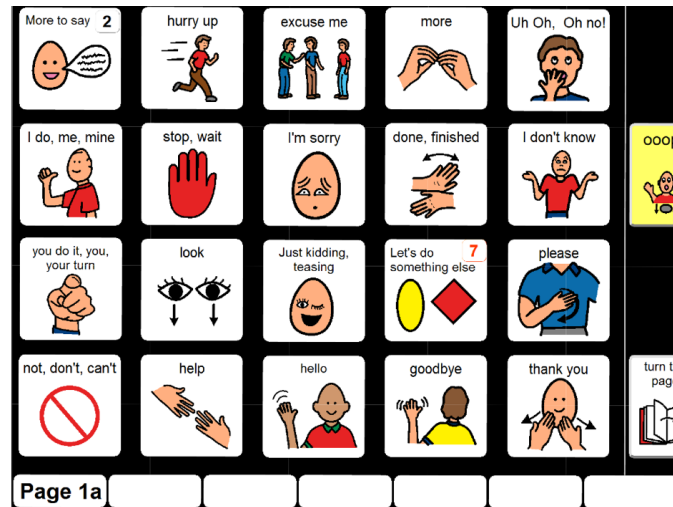
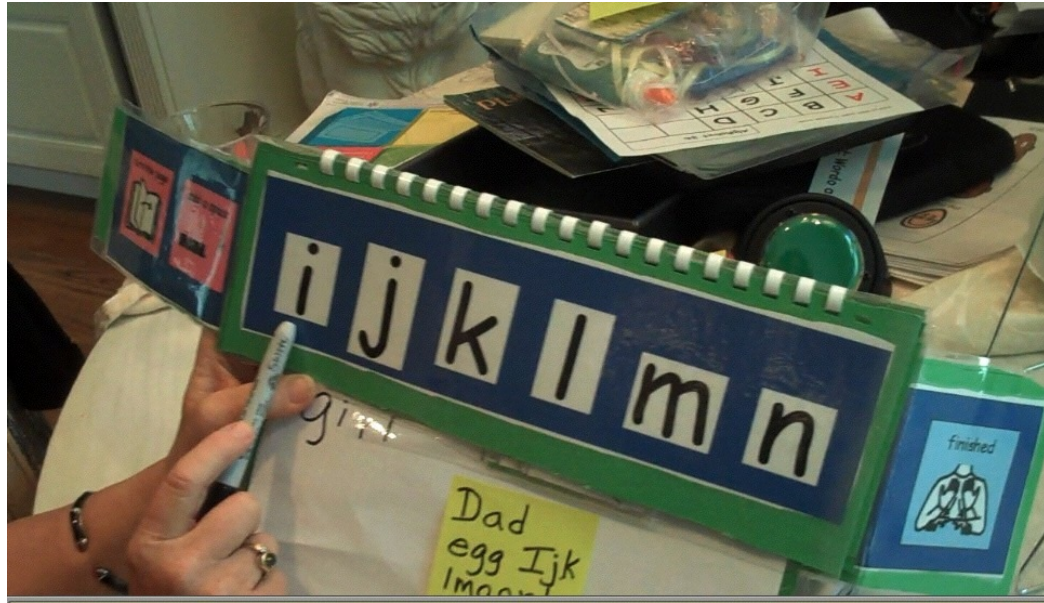


S is for Sarah.



Modelling

- We use the child's alternative pencil to accomplish our own authentic writing tasks



Print on letter paper in portrait mode.

Alphabet 36					
A	B	C	D		
E	F	G	H		
I	J	K	L	M	N
O	P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y	Z
I'll spell	guess	help!	wait	1st letter	space



Instruction

- Using the alphabet across the day
- Instructional feedback
- Video modelling as we use their alternative pencil

Vote by letter



*Magnetic Alphabet
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Scribbling: Before / During / After

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- **DURING:** Give reinforcement feedback
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 - Scaffolds learning
 - Helps students make connections to meaning

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Scribbling: Before

- **BEFORE:** Set a **purpose** for scribbling
 - Supports student in topic-setting
 - Gives us a context to make guesses about possible meaning
 - Can use photos, post-its with possible topics, journal
- **BEFORE:** **Model** scribbling for the student
 - Use the student's 'pencil'
 - Write on a similar but slightly different topic (so the student can't copy your ideas)
 - Read what you wrote, then turn over (no copying!)

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Scribbling: During

- **DURING:** Give reinforcement feedback
 - Helps students keep going
 - Helps students produce enough text for feedback
 - Be sparing!!!
 - We want to reduce prompt-dependency!!!

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Reinforcement Feedback

(Erickson & Hanser, 2010)

- Good writing!
 - Awesome work.
 - You really paid attention.
 - Great job!
 - Excellent work.
 - Your mom will be really proud of you.
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- Good for confidence, but doesn't teach them how to think and write

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Scribbling: **After**

- **AFTER:** Give informative feedback
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Plan A: Supporting Beginning “Scribblers”

- **Attribute Meaning** to Student’s Attempts
 - We do this **naturally** for typically developing children
 - Gives **meaning** to students’ random attempts to build their cognitive understanding of actions.
 - Not always as natural for children with significant disabilities. Focus may be on extinguishing the external behavior.
- **Make links between writing & student experiences**

Adapted from Gretchen Hanser

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Plan B: Informative Feedback

(Erickson & Hanser, 2010)

- I see some letters from your name. Let's find them.
- Point to one of your letters. Let's see if it is in someone's name.
- You have a lot of "c"s in your writing. Let's find all of them.
- Let's see if we can write some more words with some of your letters.

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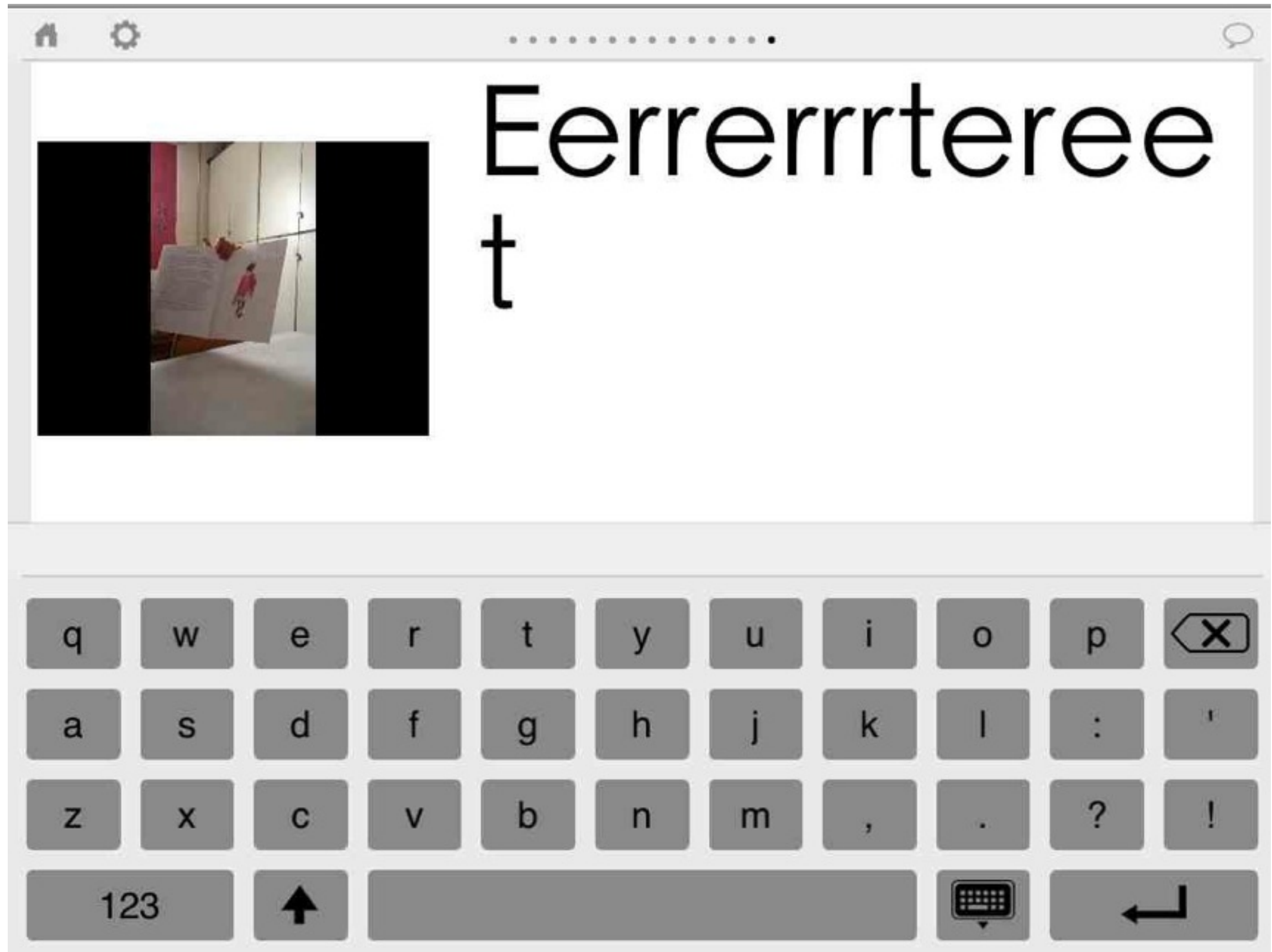
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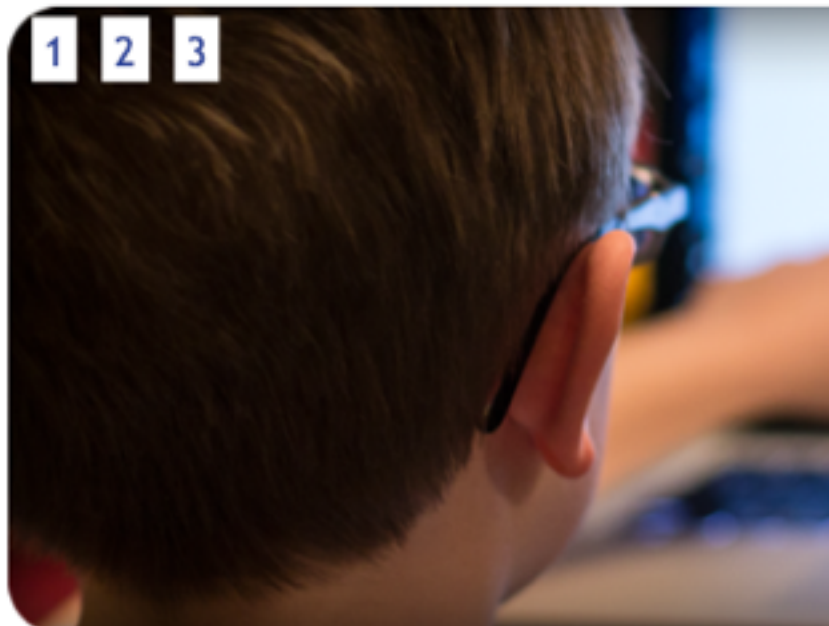
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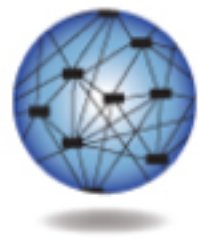
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