

READING COMPREHENSION AS A LEARNING BLOCK



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NON LINEAR EDUCATION

Module 4

"Vision is the art of seeing what is invisible to others." - Jonathan Swift

The 6 learning blocks / blocks to equal education are:

- Vision
- **"Reading Comprehension"**
- "Executive Function"
- "Intellectual / learning Disability"
- A label such as Down Syndrome, Autism, CP, learning disability, etc.
- Teaching philosophies

In this worksheet, you will be given a brief summary of Reading Comprehension to accompany the videos + HW exercises.

2. Reading Comprehension

Reading comprehension doesn't matter.

1. If you feel like your child isn't absorbing material by visually reading text, just quickly move to audiobooks.
2. Please quickly increase the complexity of audiobooks until you encounter resistance. Do not get stuck in the same level of input for a long period of time.

If you are ready to take action, that is really all you need.

That your child has reading comprehension issues is likely the biggest hoax you have been fed.

Does your child struggles with reading - maybe they have visual issues, maybe they have issues with dyslexia, or with visual pattern recognition ?

I am going to come out and say this right now - if your child is NOT a quick reader, an easy reader, a reader who finds it so easy to move and track through text like nobody's business,

If this is NOT the case,

Then we know NOTHING about your child's reading comprehension.

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WHY?

Consider this scenario: let's teach you a new language - with a new script - let's say Hindi, if you are not already familiar with Hindi. Ok, now you are piecing together the script and reading it slowly. And I give you a chapter book - what's going to happen to your reading comprehension? Let's say I expect you to come back with a full understanding of what this beautiful novel was all about.

I actually studied Hindi for years - and grew up speaking Hindi like a native (which I am not). I have written exams in Hindi till 10th grade. But I haven't touched the Hindi script since - for the past 30 years, though I still frequently speak in Hindi.

Hand me a Hindi book now - and I will be surprised if my reading comprehension is anything above 30%. I am not sure that necessarily says much about my cognition. Hand me an audiobook and I will be just fine.

When a child has visual issues - any of the above mentioned in the last lesson - it is the equivalent of doing the same. These visual issues do NOT have to be obvious - they do not have to be identifiable. Your optometrist may miss them.

Reading comprehension is a complex skill that involves multiple levels of skills - visual motor, sensory tolerance, visual processing and finally, last and truly the least - cognition.

So before we use Reading Comprehension as a block, let's make sure your child gets the accommodation they deserve.

The word accommodation is often used in the context of school - so that school can make the required arrangements to help your child, but before school comes home.

HW :

- 1. Choose two age- appropriate FICTION audiobooks that your child might enjoy - note that you may need to build tolerance here too. Nothing is magic.**

Note down how long they can tolerate a FICTION book - there are two variables to tolerate here - 1) Upping the level of the book and 2) Auditory tolerance.

2. Choose one age appropriate non-fiction book - say science and work on building tolerance to it 5 mins at a time.

Note down how long they can tolerate a NON-FICTION book - again there are two variables to tolerate here - 1) Upping the level of the book and 2) Auditory tolerance.



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