

50th Everyone Reading Conference on Dyslexia and Related Learning Disabilities



Closing Considerations - Anita L. Archer, PhD

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The Science of Reading

Plus

The Science of Instruction

“The ‘science of reading’ refers to a vast body of multidisciplinary research providing a rationale for **what must be taught** to ensure almost all students can learn to read.”

“I wonder, however, if this movement will be enough to advance more effective literacy instruction; it may not be, unless **teaching practices** themselves receive more attention.” Dr. Louisa Moat, EDVIEW360 Blog

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Universal Outcome

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Universal Outcome

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“No system or district in the world has made significant gains for students without a **relentless** focus on the learning and teaching process.”

Fullan & Quinn, 2016

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What is Explicit Instruction?

- Explicit instruction is a **systematic instructional approach** that includes a set of **design and delivery procedures** derived from effective schools research.....

Ideas that Work

- ...**unambiguous** and **direct** approach to teaching that incorporates instruction design and delivery.

Archer & Hughes, 2011

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What is Explicit Instruction?

“Explicit teaching is not just the episode within a lesson when information is presented; it involves **chunking content** into small components, **guiding students’ initial attempts** at working with that content and **gradually releasing control** into more open activities as students gain mastery. It is a teaching model that progresses from **‘I do’ to ‘we do’ to ‘you do.’**”

Adam Boxer, Editor 2019
Explicit & Direct Instruction

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Why Explicit Instruction?

- The **People of the State of New York**, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:
Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 57 to read as follows:

57. The commissioner shall establish and enforce rules and regulations requiring every institution of **higher** education that offers a graduate or undergraduate degree or certification program in education or educational administration located within the state to incorporate at least a three-credit course devoted to the instructional techniques necessary for effective literacy instruction. Such course shall impart to prospective and current teachers language-based, **effective methods of teaching reading**, which shall include instruction in delivering **structured, systematic, explicit, evidence-based instruction in reading**, including but not limited to those incorporating multisensory instruction, also known as structured literacy, within the current required literacy curriculum.

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When should Explicit Instruction be used?

Explicit Instruction should be used when:

- When students have **little or no background knowledge**
- When students are **novices not experts**
- When content is **new**
- When content requires **specific order**
- When students have experienced **difficulty** learning information

- *"There is **always** something that can be taught explicitly."* Sharon Vaughn, 2021

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50 years of research supports Explicit Instruction

IES Practice Guides

Foundational Skills to Support Reading for Understanding in Kindergarten Through 3rd Grade (2016)

Teach students to decode words, analyze word parts, and write and recognize words.

Teach students academic language skills, including the use of inferential and narrative language, and vocabulary knowledge.

Teach Elementary School Students to Be Effective Writers (2012)

Teach students to use the writing process for a variety of purposes.

Teach students to become fluent with handwriting, spelling, sentence construction, typing, and word processing.

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IES Practice Guides

Improving Reading Comprehension in Kindergarten Through 3rd Grade (2010)

Teach students how to use reading comprehension strategies.

Teach students to identify and use the text’s organizational structure to comprehend, learn, and remember content.

Assisting Students Struggling with Reading: Response to Intervention (RtI) and Multi-Tier Intervention in the Primary Grades (2009)

Provide intensive, **systematic instruction** on foundational reading skills in small groups to students who score below the benchmark score on universal screening.

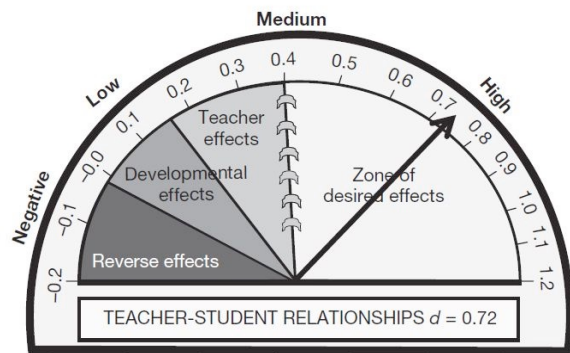
Providing Reading Interventions for Students in Grades 4 – 9 (2023)

- Build students’ decoding skills so they can read complex multisyllabic words.
- Provide purposeful fluency-building activities to help students read effortlessly.
- Routinely use a set of comprehension-building practices to help students make sense of the text.

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John Hattie (2019)



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Hattie, 2019

Variables Related to Explicit Instruction	d	Variables Related to Explicit Instruction	d
Explicit Teaching Procedures	.57	Scaffolding	.58
Direct Instruction	.59	Response to Intervention	1.09
Mastery Learning	.61	Collective Teacher Efficacy	1.57
Goals	.51	Teacher-Student Relationships	.52
Clarity	1.09	Teacher Credibility	1.09
Questioning	.48	Comparisons	
Classroom Discussions	.82	Whole Language	.06
Feedback	.66	Discovery-Based Teaching	.21
Deliberate Practice	.79	Problem-based Learning	.35
Rehearsal and Memorization	.65	Student Control over Learning	.02
Spaced Practice	.65		
Retrieval Practice	.46		12

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Elements of Explicit Instruction

1. Focus on critical content to promote **Learning.**

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The Science of Reading – Topics

READING

Phonemic Awareness

- Accurate Production of Phonemes
- Blending
- Segmenting

Decoding

- Letter/Sound Associations
- Decoding Single Syllable Words – Continuous Blending
- Decoding Multisyllabic Words

Fluency

- Accuracy
- Appropriate Rate
- Prosody

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The Science of Reading

READING

Vocabulary

- Selection of Vocabulary
- Vocabulary Instruction
- Word Learning Strategies
 - Context Clues
 - Morphology

Background Knowledge

- General World Knowledge
- Passage Background Knowledge

Comprehension

- Questions
- Strategies to Focus Student Attention
- Sentence Comprehension
- Passage Comprehension

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The Science of Writing

WRITING

Foundation Skills – Accuracy and Appropriate Rate

- Handwriting
- Spelling
- Keyboarding

Writing

- Writing Process: Plan – Draft – Revise – Edit
- Composing Sentences
- Composing Paragraphs
- Composing Multi-Paragraphs

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1. Focus on critical content to promote Learning.

Focus on **correct** content to promote **LEARNING**.



Google Curiosity: Google – Decoding Strategies Kindergarten. Look at first 50 images. Count the number that direct the student to guess based on the picture or first sound? Answer 49

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1. Focus on critical content to promote Learning.

Two realities of English

1. 80% of multisyllabic words have an affix.
2. Every word part contains one vowel sound.

Strategies for Reading Long Words

Overt Strategy

1. Circle the prefixes.
2. Circle the suffixes.
3. Underline the vowels.
4. Say the parts of the word.
5. Say the whole word.
6. Make it a real word.

EXAMPLE

reconstruction

REWARDS Voyager/Sopris

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1. Focus on critical content to promote Learning.

Getting the Gist

1. Name the who or what the paragraph is about in a brief phrase.
2. Identify two or three important details about the topic.
3. “Shrink” the paragraph by stating or writing the main idea. (Say it in 10 to 15 words)

(From Vaughn, et. al. Collaborative Strategic Reading)

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1. Focus on critical content to promote Learning.

Archerism:

Teach the stuff and cut the fluff.

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Elements of Explicit Instruction

2. Break down complex strategies into obtainable pieces to ensure **LEARNING**.

Be aware of cognitive overload.

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Phonological Awareness Skills (Kilpatrick, 2019)

• Early

- rhyming
- alliteration
- segment words into syllables
- identify initial sound in word

• Basic

- blending sounds into words
- segmenting words into sounds

• Advanced

- manipulating phonemes
- deleting, adding, substituting

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Example Sequence of Phoneme - Grapheme Associations

(IES Practice Guide – *Foundational Skills to Support Reading for Understanding in Kindergarten Through 3rd Grade, 2016*)

- **Single consonant and vowel letters**
a m t s i f d r o g l h u c b n k v e w j p y x q z (Carnine, Silbert, and Kame'enui, 1997)
- **Consonant blends**
bl cl fl gl pl sl
cr dr gr pr tr br fr
sm sp st sw sc
- **Consonant digraphs**
th sh ch ph ng tch dge
- **Long vowels with silent e**
a-e i-e o-e u-e e-e
- **Two-letter vowel teams** (combination of letters standing for single vowel sound)
ai ay ea ee ey oa ie igh

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Syllable Pattern	Single Syllable Words	Multi-Syllable Words
Closed Syllables VC CVC CCVC CVCC A syllable with a short vowel, spelled with a single vowel letter ending in one or more consonants.	am, sat, brat, math	rab bit, in sect, nap kin, top ic, pun ish, kit ten
Open Syllables CV CCV A syllable that ends with a long vowel sound, spelled with a single vowel letter.	me, he, she, hi no, go, ho	pro test, tor na do, si lent, hu man, ro bot, re lax
Silent e CVCe CCVCe A syllable with a long vowel, spelled with one vowel + one consonant + silent e.	mine, cave, ripe, tape, shape, whale, shine	in vite, ex cite, pan cake, man hole, in side, nick name

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Decoding Single Syllable Words (Moats, L and Tolman, C. 2009, *Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS), Sopris/Voyager*)

Syllable Pattern	Single Syllable Words	Multi-Syllable Words
<p>Vowel Team CVVC CCVVC CVVCC Syllables with long or short vowel spellings that use two to four letters to spell the vowel. Diphthongs ou/ow and oi/oy are included in this category.</p>	<p>rain, mail, deal, clean, speed, scream, least</p>	<p>train er, spoil age, mail man, rain bow, ex haust, pro ceed</p>
<p>Vowel-r A syllable with er, ir, or, ar, or ur. Vowel pronunciation often changes before /r/.</p>	<p>barn, fern, bird, torn, yard</p>	<p>per form, yard stick, sports man, sur plus, morn ing, dis turb</p>
<p>Consonant -le An unaccented final syllable that contains a consonant before /l/, followed by a silent e</p>		<p>mid dle, pud dle, ma ple, can dle, fid dle, ea gle</p>

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2. Break down complex strategies into obtainable pieces to ensure **LEARNING.**

(Relationship of fractions, decimals, and percents.)

- 1) Write decimals as fractions.
- 2) Write decimals as fractions and mixed numbers.
- 3) Write fractions as decimals.
- 4) Write fractions and mixed numbers as decimals.
- 5) Write percents as fractions.
- 6) Write fractions as percents.
- 7) Write percents as decimals.
- 8) Write decimals as percents.

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Archerism:

Success breeds Success
Success breeds Motivation

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Elements of Explicit Instruction

3. Provide quality explicit instruction lessons that yield **learning**.

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- Utilizing **explicit instruction** procedures.

	Hattie Effect Size
Explicit Instruction Procedures	0.57
Direct Instruction	0.60
Mastery Learning	0.57

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3. Provide quality explicit instruction lessons that yield **LEARNING**.

- **Opening**
 - **Attention** *Gain attention.*
 - **Review** *Review critical preskills and knowledge. (Retrieval)*
 - **Preview** *Communicate purpose of the lesson or activity.*
- **Body**
- **Closing**
 - **Review** *Use retrieval practice to review lesson content.*
 - **Preview** *Preview content of next lesson.*
 - **Independent Work**

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3. Provide quality explicit instruction lessons that yield LEARNING.

•Utilizing **explicit instruction** procedures.

•**Strategies and Skills** (How to do something)

- **Demonstration** **I do it.**
- **Guided Practice** **We do it.**
- **Checking understanding** **You do it.**

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Vocabulary Routine (What it means)

1. **Introduce the pronunciation of the word.**
2. **Introduce the meaning of the word.**
3. **Illustrate the word with examples.**
(Examples and non-examples)
4. **Check for understanding.**

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Clarity - Effect Size 1.09

- **Clarity** – Goal (Learning Intentions, Success Criteria)
- **Clarity** - Organization (space, time, curriculum, lessons)
- **Clarity** - Expectations (rules, routines)
- **Clarity** - Explanations (critical content, activities, assignments, assessments)
- **Clarity** – Demonstrations (how to do something)
- **Clarity** - Guided Practice

Fendick & Titsworth

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3. Provide quality explicit instruction lessons that yield **LEARNING**.

Archerisms:

How well I teach = How well they learn
How well they learn = How well I taught

I do it. We do it. You do it.

I do. We do. You do.

Routines Routines Routines Routines Routines

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Instructional Cycle

- Input Question Response Monitor Feedback Adjust
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4. Actively involve all students in responding throughout the lesson, making **LEARNING** visible.

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Opportunities to Respond – WHY?

Clear and Consistent Research Results:

- Increases time on task**
- Increases academic achievement (**Learning**)**
- Decreases disruptive behaviors**
- Increases intensity of interventions**

Research Review of 15 studies
Mac Suga-Gage & Simonsen, 2015

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Opportunities to Respond – How

Guidelines for Response Rates

- 70% of responses unison (all say, write, do)
- 30 % individual responses (non-volunteers)
(Haydon, et al., 2010; Stevens & Rosenshine, 1981)

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Opportunities to Respond – How Many

Guidelines for Response Rates – Current Research

(Mac Suga-Gage and Simonsen, 2015; Simonsen and Myers, 2015)

Effective teachers elicit:

Simple Responses

- Such as: unison choral responses, gesture, response cards
- 3 to 5 opportunities to respond per minute

More Complex Responses

- Such as: partner sharing, written answer, math problem
- At least 1 opportunity to respond per minute

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Elicit frequent responses

Verbal Response Procedures

- Unison Choral
- Partners
- Teams/Huddle Groups
- Individual (NO volunteers)
- Discussion

Written Response Procedures

- Short Written Responses
- Whiteboards
- Guided Notes

Action Response Procedures

- Acting out
- Touching/Pointing
- Gestures
- Facial Expressions

Hold Ups

- White Boards
- Hand Signals
- Response Cards/Response Sheets

Inclusive Passage Reading

- Silent Reading (Whisper Read)
- Choral Reading
- Cloze Reading
- Echo Reading
- Partner (Me or We)
- Literacy Circles

Use of Technology

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4. Actively involve all students in responding throughout the lesson, making **LEARNING** visible.

Archerisms:

Learning is not a spectator sport.

Every day, in every class, every student participates by saying, writing, and/or doing.

Everyone does Everything.

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Elements of Explicit Instruction

5. Carefully monitor students' responses, adjusting the lesson as necessary to ensure **LEARNING**.

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Archerisms:

Look carefully
Listen carefully

Circulate and monitor

Walk around
Look around
Talk around

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Elements of Explicit Instruction

6. Provide affirmative feedback (praise), informative feedback, and corrections to support **LEARNING.**

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	Hattie Effect Size
Feedback	.70

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Archerisms:

Feedback feeds forward.

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7. Maintain a brisk pace that enhances student attention, concentration, and **Learning**.

- Prepare for the lesson.
- Use instructional routines.
- When you get a response, move on.
- Avoid verbosity.
- Avoid digressions.

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7. Maintain a brisk pace that enhances student attention, concentration, and **Learning**.

Archerism:

Perky not Pokey.

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Elements of Explicit Instruction

8. Provide deliberate practice, retrieval practice, and spaced practice to ensure retention and **LEARNING**.

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Deliberate practice is goal-oriented practice consciously devoted to improvement of a skill.

Retrieval practice is a learning strategy in which students must retrieve information from memory.

Spaced practice (also known as distributed practice) is a learning strategy, where practice is broken up into several short sessions - over a longer period of time.

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Practice	Hattie Effect Size
Deliberate Practice	0.79
Retrieval Practice	0.74
Spaced Practice	0.60

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8. Provide deliberate practice, retrieval practice, and spaced practice to ensure retention and **LEARNING**.

Archerisms:

~~*Practice makes perfect.*~~

Perfected practice over time makes perfect and permanent.

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Elements of Explicit Instruction

8. Utilize management procedures that support students and teachers, thus facilitating **LEARNING**.

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9. Utilize management procedures that support students and teachers, thus facilitating **LEARNING**.

Archerisms:

Teach predictable routines. *Predictability predicts ability.*
Provide pre-corrections. *If you expect it, pre-correct it.*
Provide acknowledgement. *Catch them being good.*
Maintain a perky pace. *Avoid the void for they will fill it.*

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Elements of Explicit Instruction

10. Intentionally establish positive teacher-student relationships that support **LEARNING** in the classroom.

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Connect. Connect. Connect.

Be kind.
Be kind.
Be kind.
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Elements of Explicit Instruction

Every day, in every class, in every lesson, we will:

1. Focus on **critical content** to promote **LEARNING**.
2. **Break down complex strategies** into obtainable pieces to ensure **LEARNING**.
3. Provide **quality explicit instruction** lessons that yield **LEARNING**.
4. Actively **involve all students** in responding throughout the lesson, making **LEARNING** visible.
5. Carefully **monitor students' responses**, adjusting the lesson as necessary to ensure **LEARNING**.

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Explicit Instruction

6. Provide affirmative **feedback** (praise), informative feedback, and corrections to support **LEARNING**.
7. Maintain a **brisk pace** that enhances student attention, concentration, and **Learning**.
8. Provide **deliberate practice, spaced practice and retrieval practice** to ensure mastery, retention, and **LEARNING**.
9. Utilize **management procedures** that support students and teachers, thus facilitating **LEARNING**.
10. Intentionally establish positive **teacher-student relationships** that support **LEARNING** in the classroom.

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Anita Archer's "Archerisms"

Explicit Instruction

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Learning is not a spectator sport.

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FEEDBACK FEEDS FORWARD

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If you expect it, pre-correct it.

Avoid the void, for they will fill it.

Teach with passion.
Manage with compassion.

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Recommended Reading

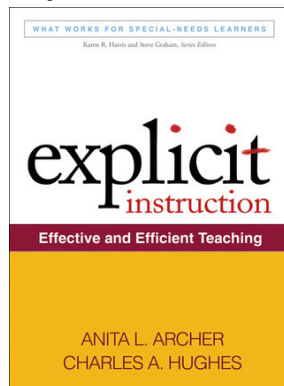
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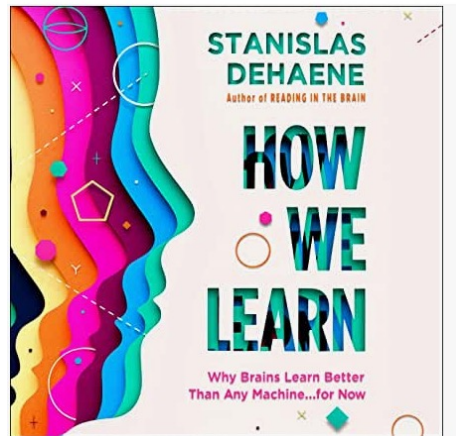
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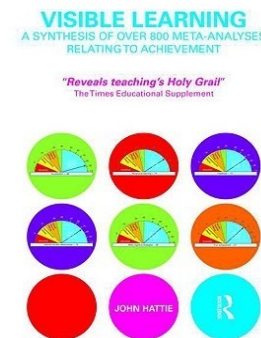
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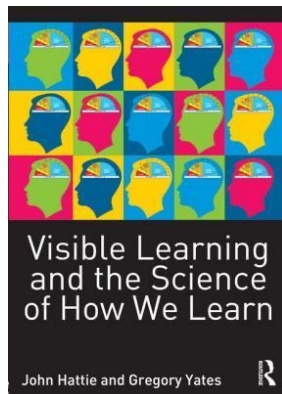
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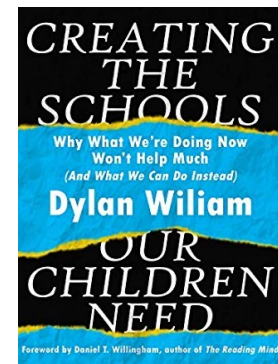
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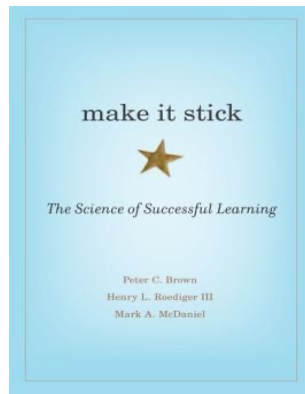
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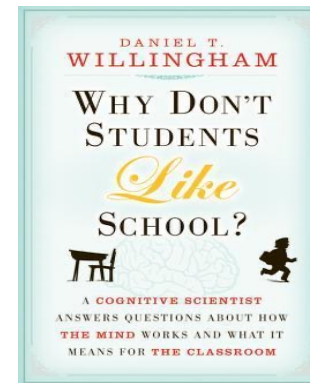
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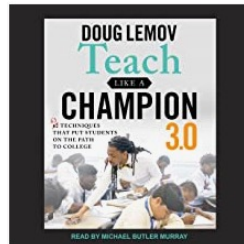
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Additional Summaries of Best Practices and Research

Practice Guides

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Practice Guides. A *practice guide* is a publication that presents recommendations for educators to address challenges in their classrooms and schools. They are based on reviews of research, the experiences of practitioners, and the expert opinions of a panel of nationally recognized experts.

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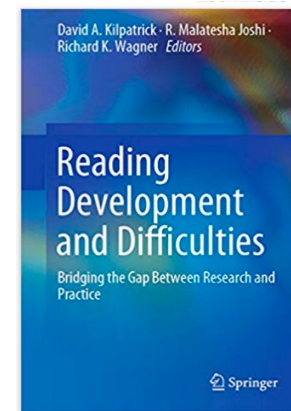
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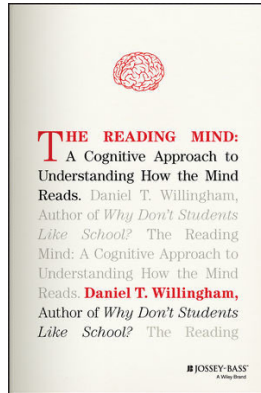
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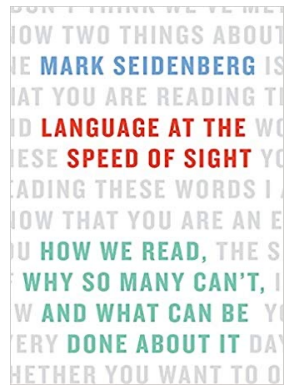


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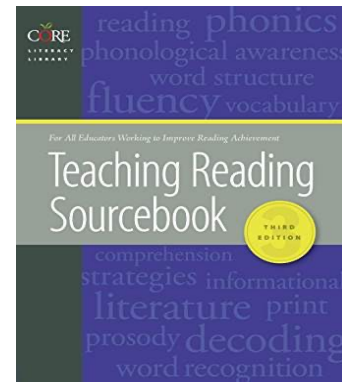
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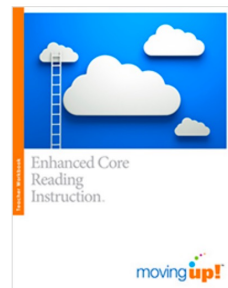
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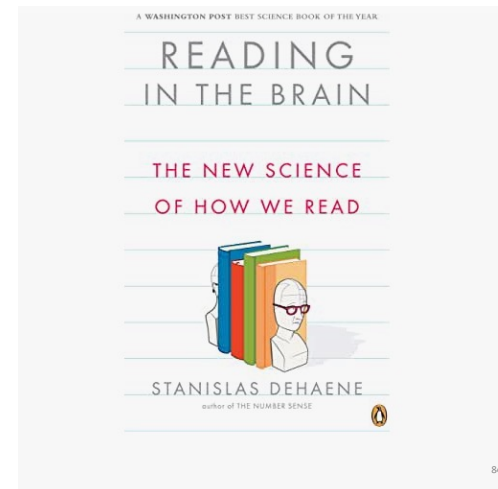
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