

Paired Reading

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Aims

- To understand what Paired Reading is and how it works.
- To be more aware of the research behind Paired Reading.
- To understand how to implement Paired Reading.

What is Paired Reading?

- Paired Reading is a highly structured but simple strategy that can easily be taught to others.
- It was originally designed for use by parents with their children at home.
- It has since been used as a structured peer assisted approach to reading with great success.



Why use Paired Reading?

- The aim of the intervention is to encourage children to have a go, enjoy reading and spend time sharing in an enjoyable activity with others.
- Research shows that Paired Reading can encourage students to read more independently and to become more positive about reading.
- It allows pupils to be supported whilst reading texts of greater difficulty levels than they would be able to read independently.

Research

- Paired Reading has been extensively researched, particularly in the UK, US, Australia and New Zealand.
- Paired Reading ranked as one of the most effective interventions (out of 20 reading interventions examined) – Brooks et al., 1998.
- ‘Paired Readers progress at 4.2 times normal rates in reading accuracy on tests during the initial period of commitment’ Topping (1995).



Paired Reading Technique

- The pupil reads aloud together with an accomplished reader.
- The pupil taps on the table when they feel confident to continue on their own. The helping reader then stops reading.
- When an error is made the helper corrects the error and both continue reading on together.
- If the pupil makes an error, 5 seconds is given and then error is corrected and child repeats word.
- No teaching or sounding out - just correcting of the word.

Instructions

- Now we are going to read aloud together for a little while.
- Whenever you want to read alone just tap on the table like this (demonstrate) and I will stop reading.
- If you come to a word you don't know, I will tell you the word and begin reading with you again. If you decide that you would like to read on your own again just tap the table.