

A close-up photograph of a ladybug with a red body and black spots, clinging to a green, spiky stem. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

TEACHING READING & WRITING

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What Is Reading?

- A set of skills that involves making sense and deriving meaning from the printed word.
- To read ---> decoding & comprehending



Concepts & Skills that Transfer from L1 to L2

- Print has meaning
- Reading and writing are used for various purposes
- Concepts about print
 - Book-orientation concepts
 - Directionality
 - Letters
 - Words
- Knowledge of text structure
- Use of semantic and syntactic knowledge
- Use of cues to predict meaning
- Reading strategies
- Confidence is self as a reader



The Use of Two Approaches in Teaching Reading (Paul: 2003)

- The word approach is used to introduce new vocabulary.
- The word approach can be done with *look and say* activities or word recognition games.
- In the whole approach, children don't read words in isolation but in connection with other words.
- Combining word and whole approaches is a good idea



Tips for Teaching Reading

- Set a regular reading time with students.
- Introduce sight words first.
- Have print-rich environment in the classroom.
- Supply children with interesting books.
- Encourage parents to have a family reading.
- Take children to the library.
- Ask children to bring school their favorite books.



Reading Activities

- Extensive reading
- Intensive reading
- Predicting
- Following instructions
- Comprehension questions
- Gap-fill sentences
- Retelling
- Book reviews



Writing

- Kroll and Wells (1983) identified three stages in writing
 1. preparatory stage
 2. consolidation stage
 3. differentiation stage



Principles of Teaching Writing

- The kind of writing should suit children's age, ability and interest.
- Writing should always be prepared for by specific activities
- Beginners : simple activities
- Upper : writing short texts



Kinds of Writing

- ~ Personal writing: diaries, shopping list, recipes, reminders
- ~ Social writing: letters, invitations, congratulations, text messages
- ~ Public writing: announcement, posters, menus
- ~ Creative writing: poetry, riddles, stories, plays, songs
- ~ Study writing: personal dictionaries, self-assessment



Writing Activities

- Tracing letters, words, phrases, sentences
- Copying letters, words, phrases, sentences
- Gap-fill sentences
- Sentence completion
- Jumble sentences

