

Oral language foundations for literacy

Part 2

Webinar for The Education Hub ▪ Emma Nahna ▪ December 7, 2022

Session notes & links

Facebook Group



Reading Science in Schools

One of the most amazing places on the internet! Wonderful online community of educators who love to learn together, and who generously share high-quality teaching resources.

[Link to RSIS Facebook group.](#)

Article

Streaming in schools decides futures at age five

27 June 2021 | Education and society, Faculty of Education and Social Work
Opinion: Ability streaming makes it impossible for those in lower groups to ever catch up and strips them of motivation and self-belief, writes Christine Rubie-Davies.



Opinion: Streaming in schools decides futures at age five

Strong motivation for us to consider how we can teach all ākonga in an inclusive way, enabling access to *all* learning content.

[Link to article](#)



Talk for Writing

Books, PD (both paid and ++ free training online), free resources. Transformative pedagogy for learning in general, and for developing excellent literary & expository writing skills. Joyful, engaging, and bridges oral language to writing beautifully for all ages.

Example – [The Gruffalo](#) (3 min video).

Webinar



Rethinking Guided Reading

1 hour webinar, excellent for the whole staff as it covers junior to senior learners. Pair this with readings and discussion about Ability Grouping, (e.g. below).

[Webinar on YouTube](#)

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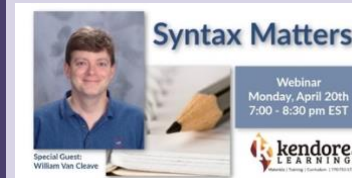
Ending Streaming in Aotearoa

Tokona te Raki

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<https://www.maorifutures.co.nz/stream/>

Webinar



Syntax Matters

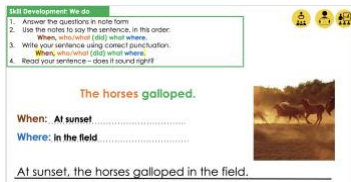
William van Cleave

Fantastic introduction to syntax / sentence structure. 1 hr 40mins webinar.

[Syntax Matters Webinar Everything by William van Cleave](#) (further down the tribute page).

Main website: www.talk4writing.com

Teaching Resource

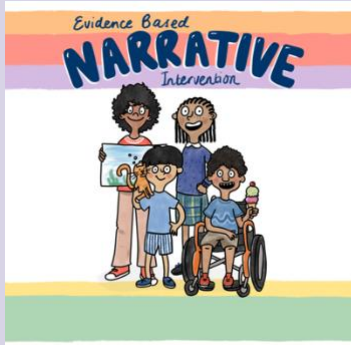


The Syntax Project

Incredible FREE, high quality teaching resources (slides ++) created by a team of teachers from the Reading Science in Schools group. Uses the Writing Revolution approach. There are also Morphology resources on the same site.

[Link to the Syntax Project site.](#)

Narrative Language Resource



Speech-Language Illustrated Evidence Based Narrative Intervention Pack

Excellent resource to learn more about teaching story grammar, and containing all the printable materials you could wish for to get started. Gorgeous, fun illustrations by speech language therapist & creator Beth Knowles.

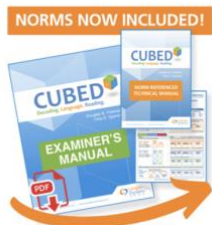
NZ\$52 PDF download to print.

[Read more or purchase here.](#)

Assessment

Download Cubed

The .PDF version of the CUBED has always been available. We are pleased to now be able to announce...

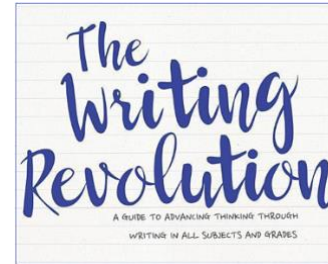


CUBED

Free & rigorously developed / researched. Subtests examine:

- Narrative language comprehension (listening)
 - Narrative language comprehension (reading)
 - Decoding & sub-skills
- American norms.

[Link to CUBED assessment.](#)

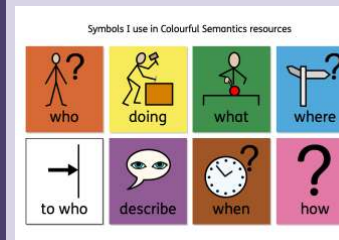


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www.thewritingrevolution.org

Grammar & Syntax Scaffold



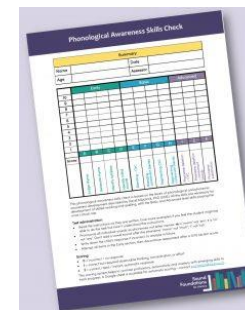
Colourful Semantics

This widely used approach helps children understand the structure of sentences. Consistent icons & colour coding help identify grammatical structures. This approach acts as a visual code helping children to process the otherwise invisible details in sentences. Lots online, also PD & books available.

[Introduction to Colourful Semantics](#)

[Downloadable resources](#)

Assessment



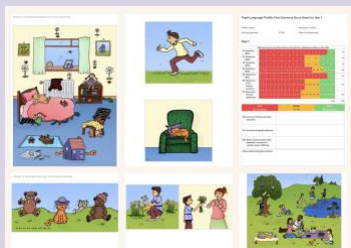
Sound Foundations for Literacy Phonological Awareness Skills Check

Free PA assessment tool, with data tracking spreadsheet to download. Can be used with any age, including adults.

<https://soundfoundations.co.nz/shop/>

(under *Phonological Awareness* category)

Assessment



Black Sheep Press Pupil Language Profile

Receptive and expressive oral language screening tool for 4-6yrs. 10-15 mins to administer. UK norms.

£30 PDF download to print.

Assessment - checklist



Speech and Language UK Universally Speaking Ages 5-11 checklist

Very useful free, one-page checklist for ages 5-11yrs from the Universally Speaking resources.

[Link to Universally Speaking checklist.](#)

Assessment



Speech and Language UK

Link to free [Universally Speaking](#) booklet downloads.

Clearly explains expected language & communication milestones from birth to 18 years; includes excellent age-specific checklists to help screen for difficulties with useful suggestions / tips to support development. Helpful if you are trying to formulate school oral language progressions!

Progression Tools



Speech and Language UK

£110 Set of 4 assessments, 4-10 yrs; hard copy resource. NB: Shipping costs are very high!
£85 Set of 4 assessments, 11-18 yrs
20-30 mins to administer, yields more in-depth info about language & communication skills, great to inform teaching and monitor growth. UK norms.

Excellent short intro video, and longer webinar on the site:

[Link to website – more info & purchase.](#)

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