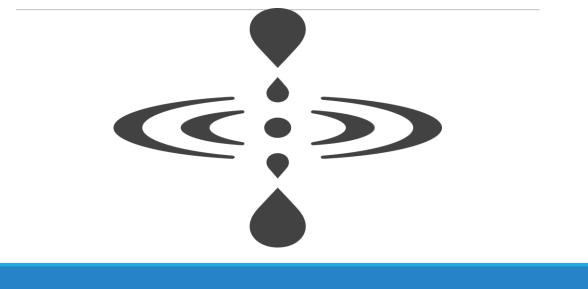
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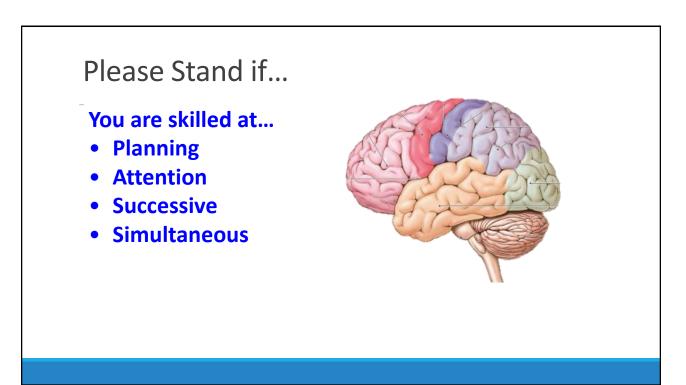
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Mindful Moment: Be. Here. Now.



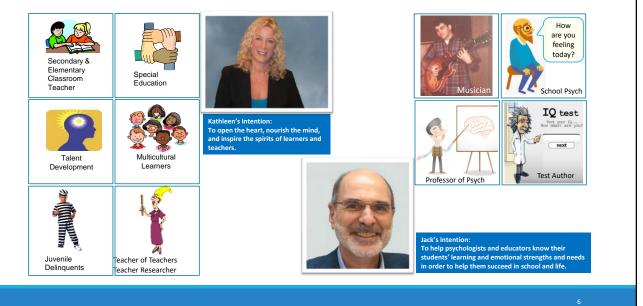




"Stop and Think" Partners

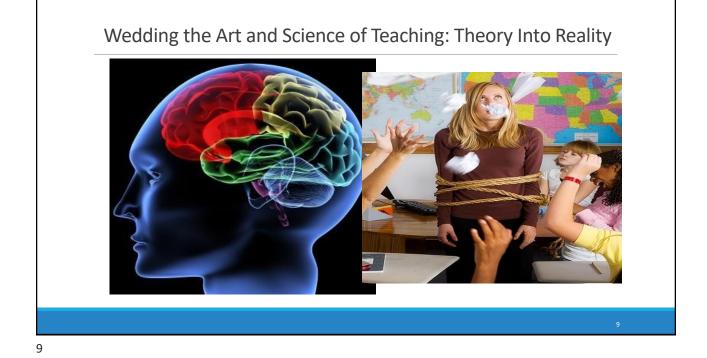


Our Backgrounds and Intentions

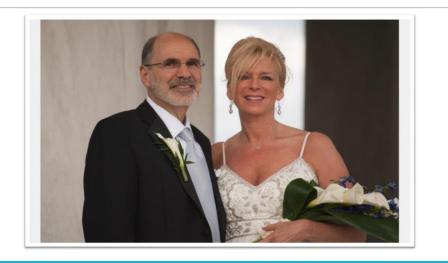






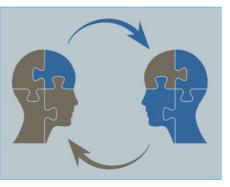


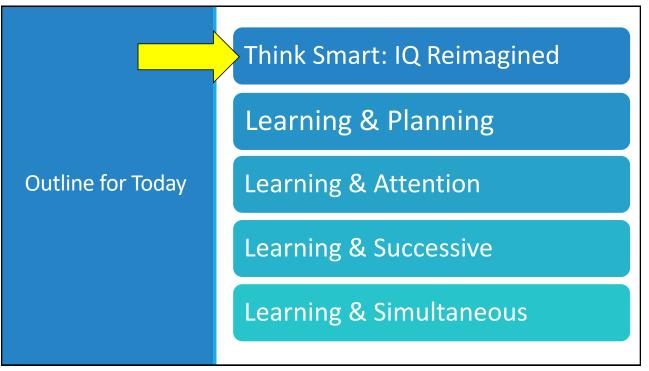
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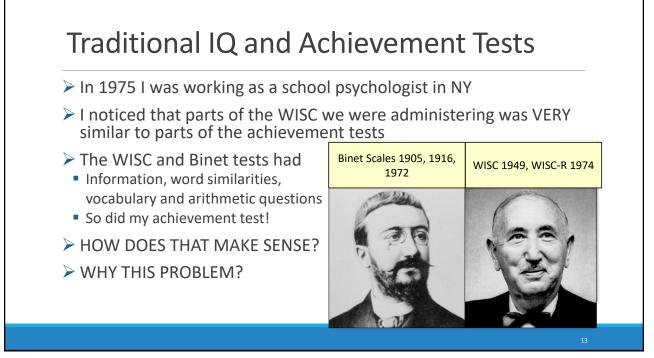


The BIG Picture

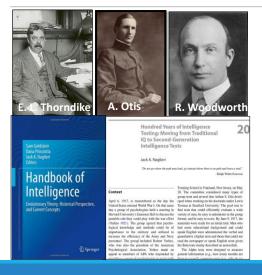
- Our Strength Based approach to understanding how students learn stems from our desire to define learning abilities associated with different areas of the brain
- Once we focus on the THINKING BRAIN we move beyond traditional IQ with its reliance on knowledge and history of bias
- Then we can truly understand HOW CHILDREN LEARN and use their STRENGTHS to build success in school and in life.



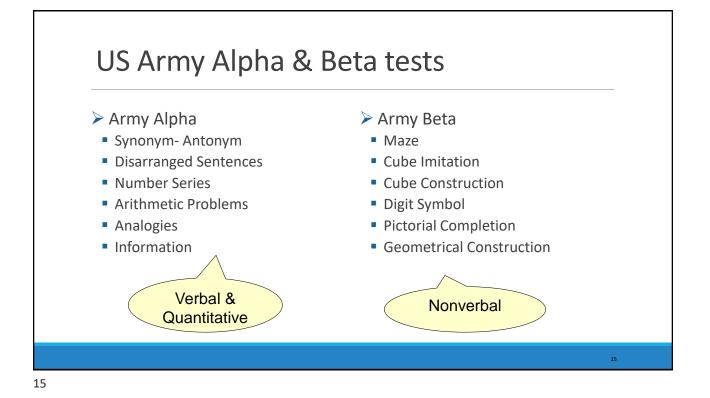




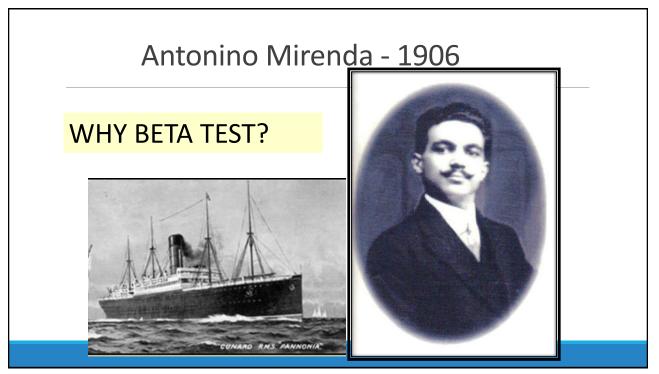
Evolution of IQ http://www.jacknaglieri.com/cas2.html



- A group of psychologists met at Harvard in April of 1917 to construct an ability test to help the US military evaluate recruits (WWI) for responsible positions
- Their goal was to develop a workable set of tests

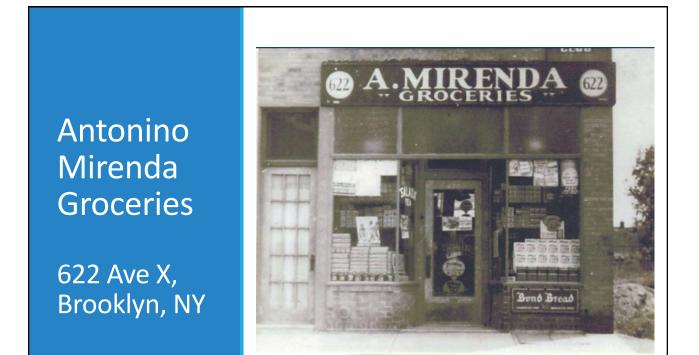


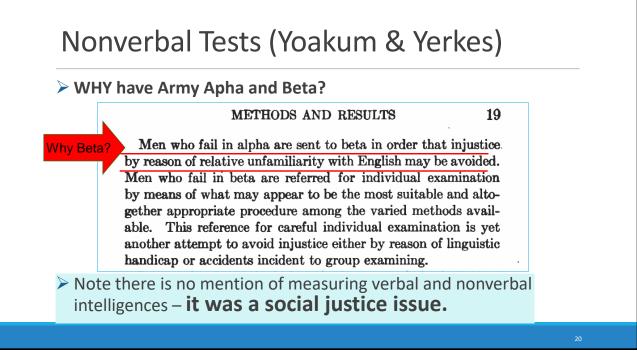


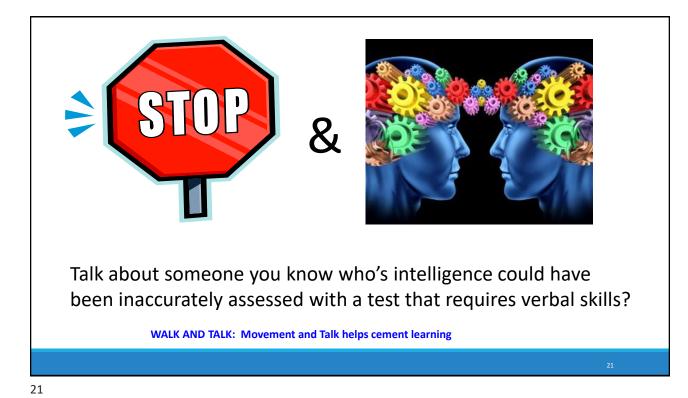


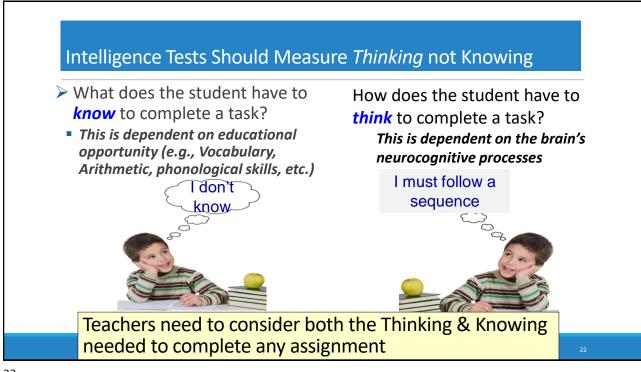
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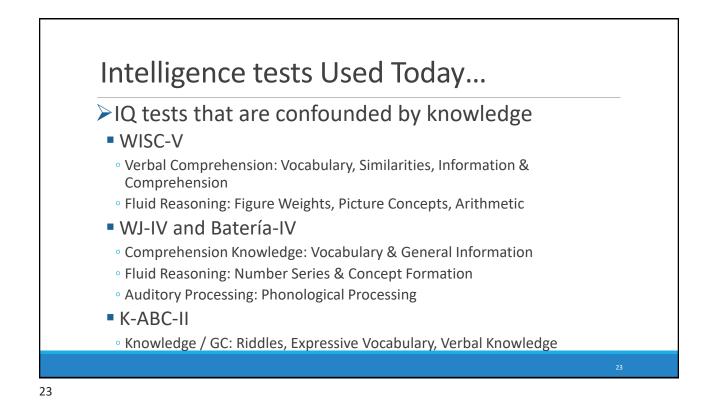
















* Not Alejandro

Case of Alejandro (Aged 7-0 Grade 1)

REASON FOR REFERRAL

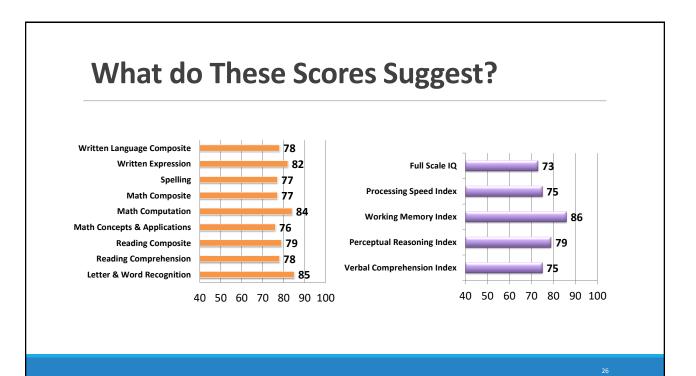
Academic:

- •Could not identify letters/sounds
- •October 2013: Could only count to 39

•All ACCESS scores of 1

Behavior:

- •Difficulty following directions
- Attention concerns
- •Refusal/defiance

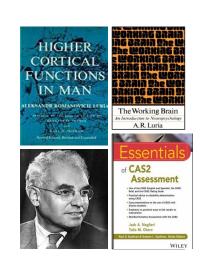


Thinking as Neurocognitive Functioning

In Das and Naglieri (February 11, 1984) proposed that THINKING (i.e. intelligence) was better described as neurocognitive processes including measurement of Executive Function

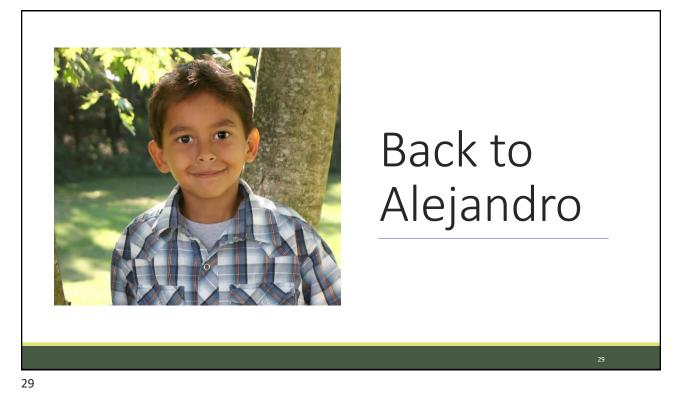
 Our definition of THINKING (intelligence) includes
 Planning,
 Attention,
 Simultaneous, and
 Successive (PASS)
 neurocognitive processes

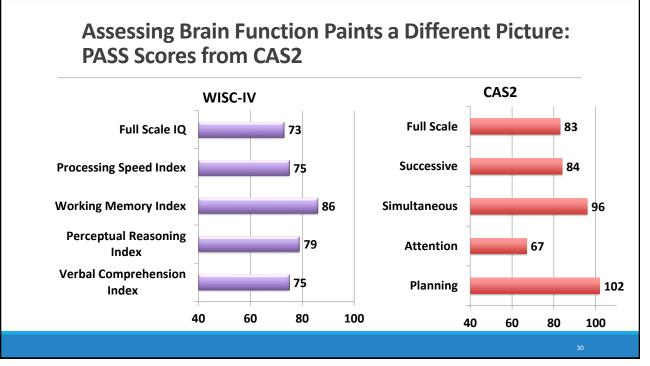


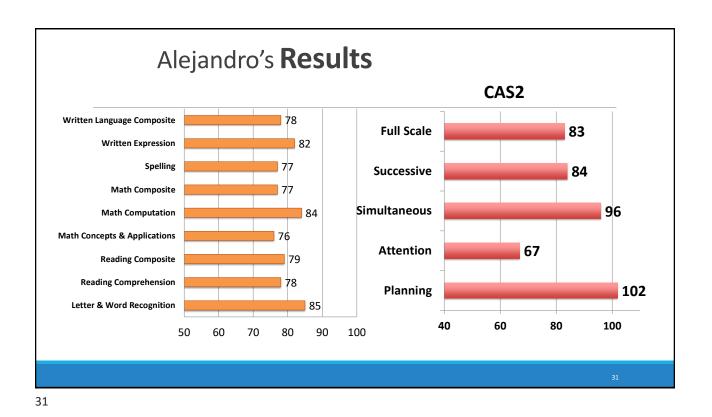


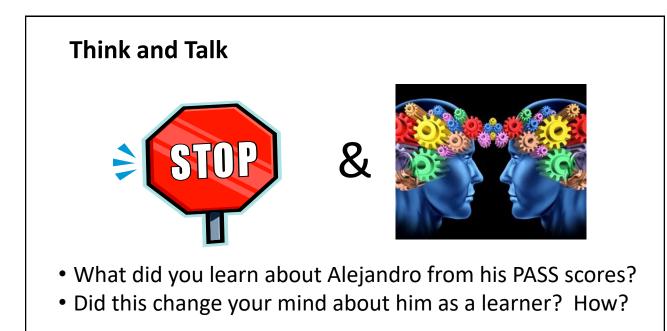
PASS Neurocognitive Theory

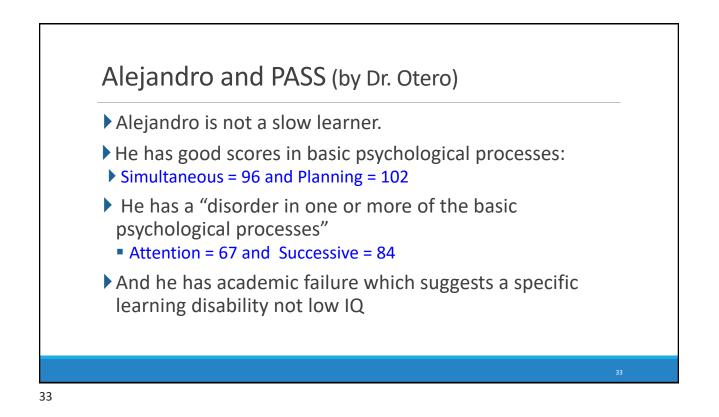
- Planning = THINKING ABOUT HOW YOU DO WHAT YOU DECIDE TO DO
- Attention = BEING ALERT AND RESISTING DISTRACTIONS
- Simultaneous = GETTING THE BIG PICTURE
- Successive = FOLLOWING A SEQUENCE
- **PASS** = 'basic psychological processes'

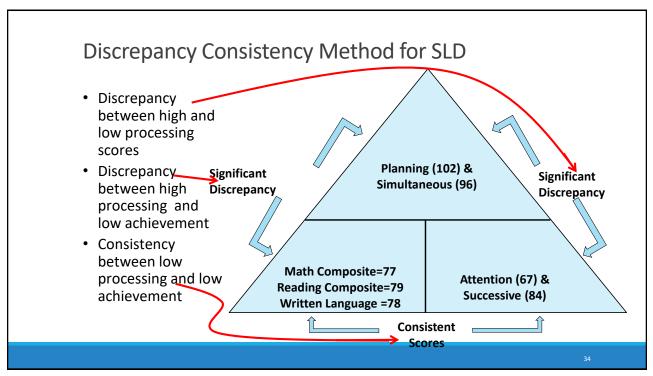












Our Children Deserve Better...

We owe it to our students to identify patterns of strengths and weaknesses based on Brain Function, and not confounded by knowledge.

We must Think Positive and Act Smart to make more informed decisions about how to best respond to student's needs.

-Kryza, Naglieri, 2019



Intentional and Transparent

Intentional: YOU Know why you're doing what you're doing.



Transparent - THEY know why you're doing what you're doing.



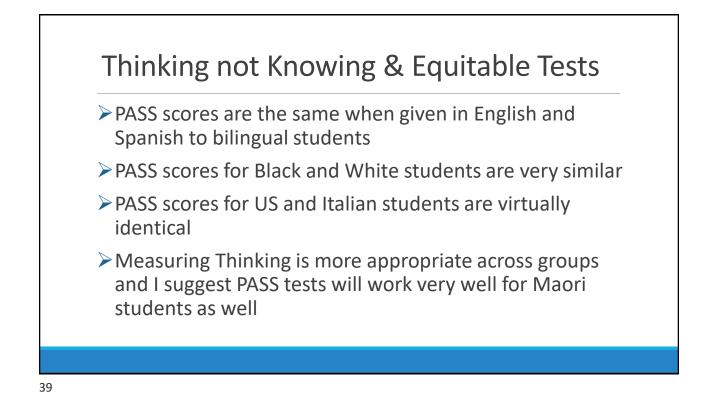
Why Intentional and Transparent?

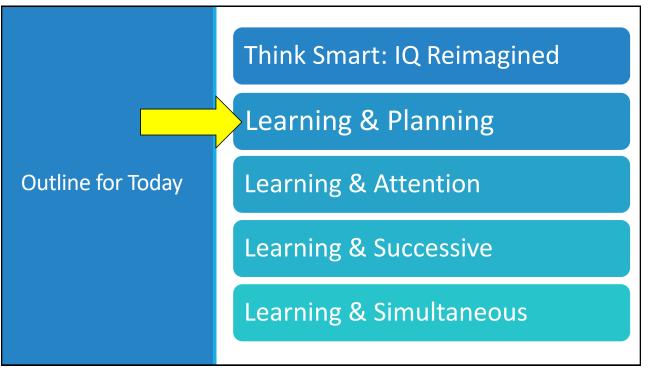
- > The human brain responds to knowing WHY.
- Teach WITH your students, not at them.
- Teaching kids HOW to learn is as important as teaching them what to learn.





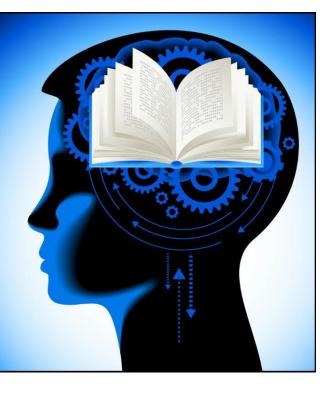
- Help the child understand his/her PASS strengths and areas of challenges (Intentional & Transparent)
- Encourage Motivation & Persistence (Mindsets)
- Support in developing strategies for approaching tasks (Skill Sets)
 - Student/Peer or Teacher generated
 - Model and Scaffold as needed
- Encourage independence and self efficacy
 - (Metacognition/Self Assessment)





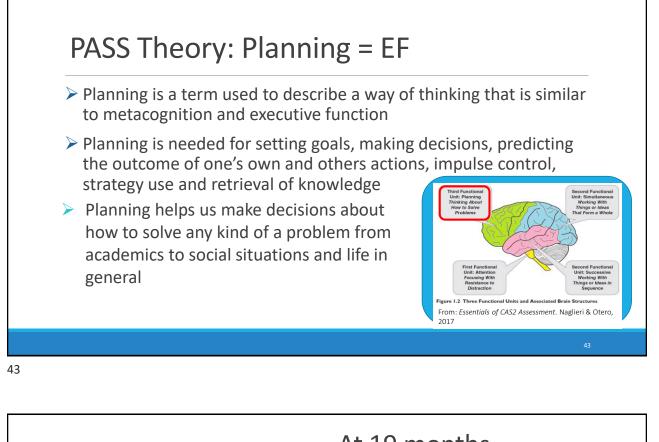
Brain Function and Learning

- ► Each function defined
- ➢A Case Study
- Intervention Protocol
- ➤Take away Strategies



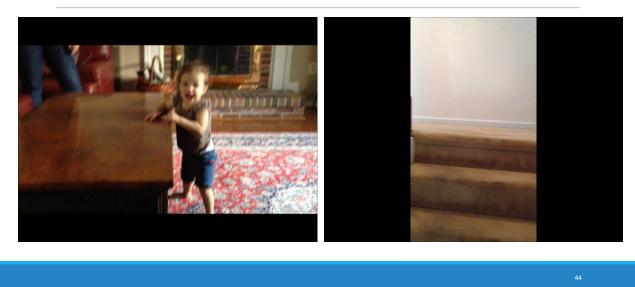
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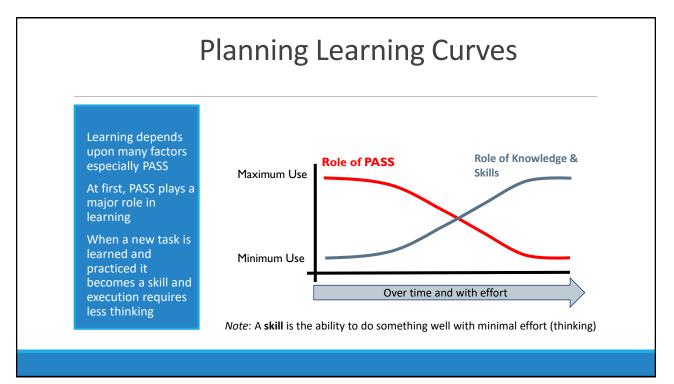
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CAS2. Ratin	g Scale Planr	ning					
Directions for Items 1–10.	hese questions ask how well the child or adolescent or escent thinks before acting and avoids impulsivity. Ple	decides how to d]
During the past month, how	often did the child or adolescent	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Frequently	Always	
1. produce a well-write	ten sentence or a story?	0	1	2	3	4	
2. evaluate his or her o	own actions?	0	1	2	3	4	
produce several way	rs to solve a problem?	0	1	2	3	4	
have many ideas ab	out how to do things?	0	1	2	3	4	
5. have a good idea at	out how to complete a task?	0	1	2	3	4	
solve a problem wit did not work?	h a new solution when the old one	0	1	2	3	4	
7. use information from	m many sources when doing work?	0	1	2	3	4	
8. effectively solve new	v problems?	0	1	2	3	4	
9. have well-described	I goals?	0	1	2	3	4	
10. consider new ways	to finish a task?	0	1	2	3	4	
		+	+	+	+ PI	anning Raw Score	

A Cognitive Strategy Instruction to Improve Math Calculation for Children With ADHD and LD: A Randomized Controlled Study

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Abstract

The authors examined the effectiveness of cognitive strategy instruction based on PASS (Planning, Attention, Simultaneous, Successive) given by special education teachers to students with ADHD randomly assigned by classroom. Students in the experimental group were exposed to a brief cognitive strategy instruction for 10 days, which was designed to encourage development and application of effective planning for mathematical computation, whereas the comparison group receivedstandard math instruction. Standardized tests of cognitive processes and math achievement were given at pretest. All students completed math worksheets throughout the experimental phase. Standardized achievement tests (Woodcock-Johnson Tests of Achievement, Third Edition, Math Fluency and Wechsler Individualized Achievement Tests. Second Edition, Numerical Operations) were administered pre- and postintervention, and Math Fluency was also administered at 1 year follow-up. Large pre-post effect sizes were found for students in the experimental group but not the comparison group on anth worksheets (0.85 and 0.26), Math Fluency (1.17 and 0.09), and Numerical Operations (0.40 and -0.14, respectively). At 1 year follow-up, the experimental group continued to outperform the comparison group. These findings suggest that students with ADHD evidenced greater improvement in math worksheets, far transfer to standardized tests of math (which measured the skill of generalizing learned strategies to other similar tasks), and continued advantage 1 year later when provided the PASS-based cognitive strategy instruction.

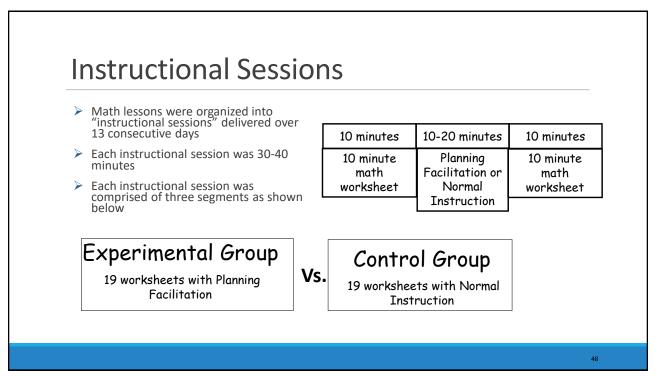


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PASS Planning

Research Revisited

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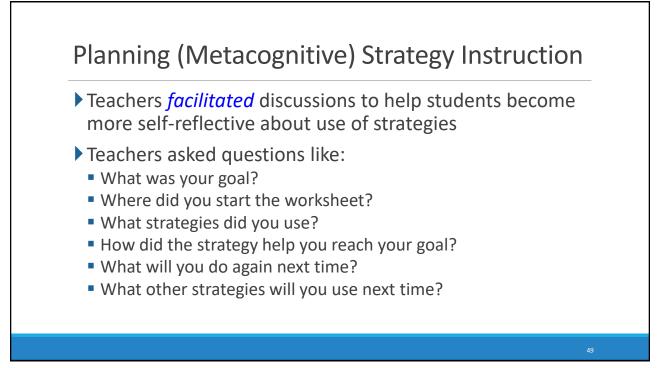
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Student Plans

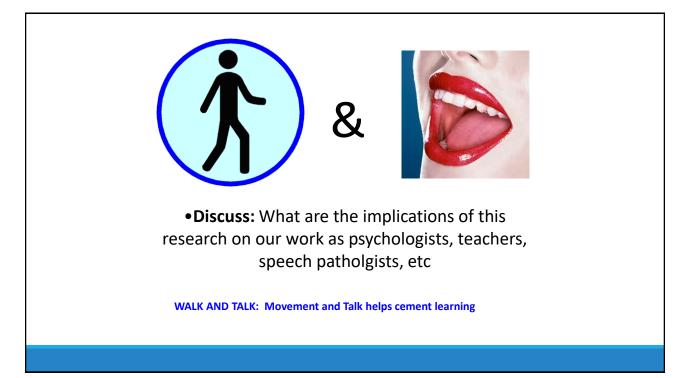
- > "My goal was to do all of the easy problems on every page first, then do the others."
- "I do the problems I know, then I check my work."
- "I do them (the algebra) by figuring out what I can put in for X to make the problem work."
- "I did all the problems in the brain-dead zone first."



Results

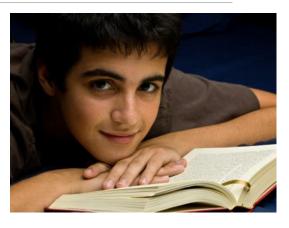
- The experimental group did better than the control on math taken from the curriculum AND on standardized math tests
- A year later the experimental group still outperformed the control group.



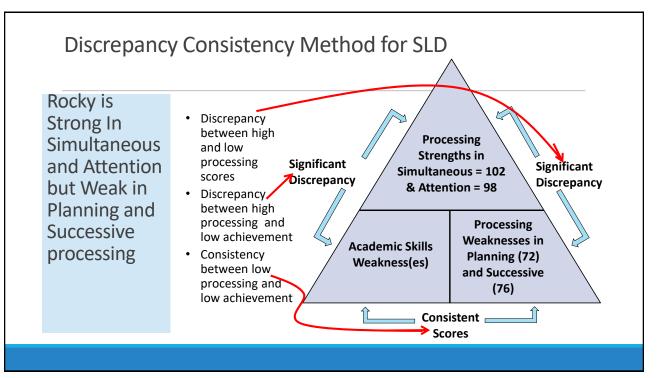


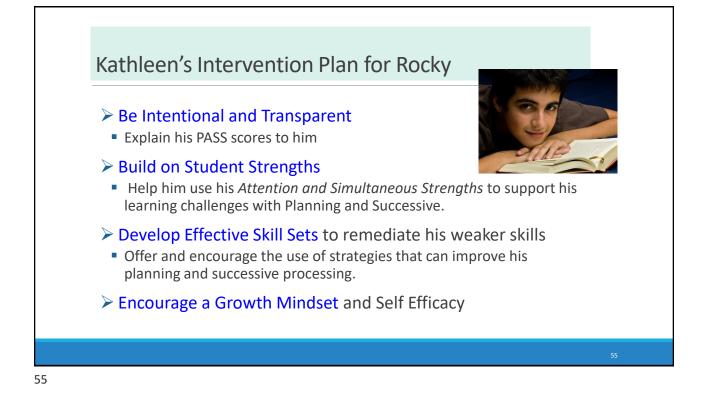
Rocky's Profile

- After two years of special reading instruction he was still working two grade levels below his peers - having difficulty in reading, writing, and math
- Rocky was having difficulty with
 decoding, phonics, and sight word vocabulary; math problems, addition, fact families, and math problem solving and focusing and paying attention."
- PASS Scores help us understand WHY he is doing poorly AND what his STRENGTHS are.

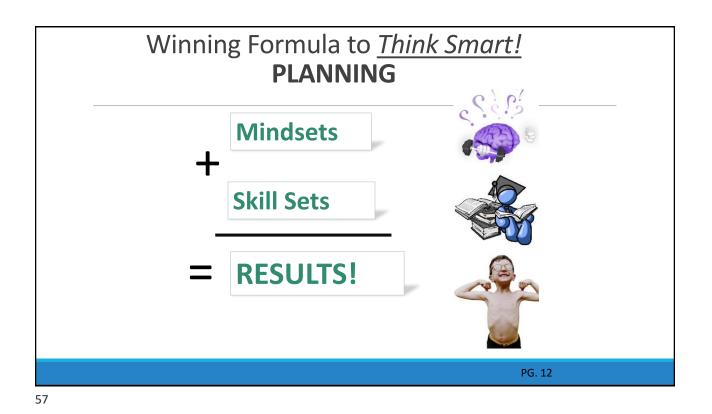












Mindsets + Skillsets = Results

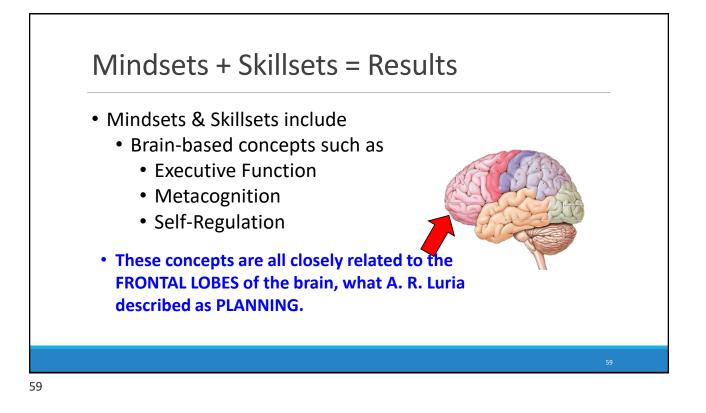
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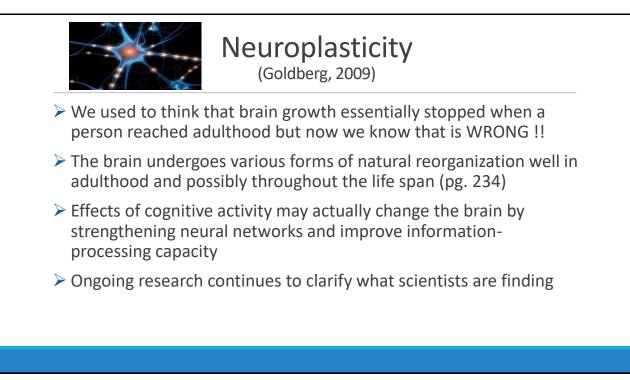
- Willingness to grow or acceptance of limitations
- Willingness to put forth the effort needed to develop skills sets and utilize knowledge



Skillsets

- Being so fluent with knowledge that it is easily accessed and used
- Using strategies, paying attention, seeing the big picture, and working with information that is in a sequence











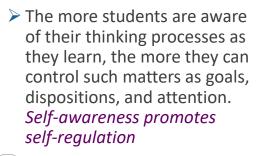
Teach Intentionally and Transparently About Metacognition or Strategic Thinking and Planning



Metacognition is thinking about your thinking, having a plan of action for what to do when you don't know.

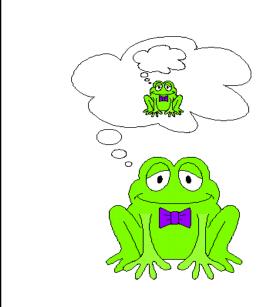
Planning Facilitation = Metacognition (Read "How People Learn" for more...)

- METACOGNITION consists of three basic elements:
- *> BEFORE:*
 - Developing a plan of action
- > DURING
 - Maintaining / monitoring the plan
- > AFTER
 - Evaluating the plan

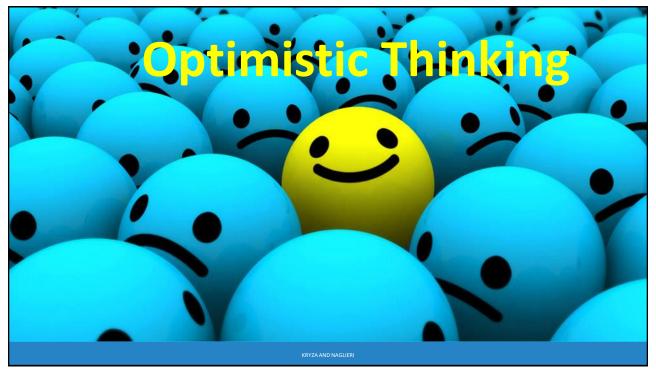






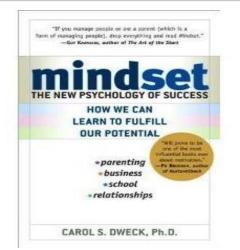


Based on what you've learned about metacognition, are you Thinking Smart about your exercise or eating habits?



Carol Dweck, Growth Mindsets Stanford University





Dweck's findings: Two Mindsets



Fixed mindset:

- \diamond Intelligence and talent -fixed
- ♦ Innate talent creates success
- Effort will not make a difference
- \diamond You either get it or you don't

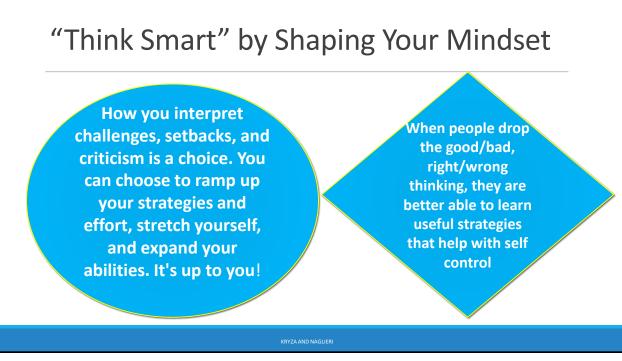
 \diamond LOOK GOOD AT ALL COSTS



Growth mindset:

- Intelligence can be developed
- Brains and talent are just the starting point
- Enjoy effort and process of learning
- You can <u>always</u> grow and learn
- LEARN AT ALL COSTS

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Mindset Scholars Network, 2019

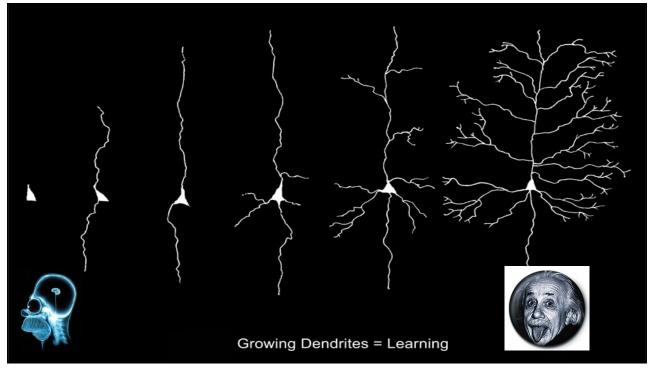
Lower-achieving students who attended schools in which the peer climate supported the pursuit of challenging work had the largest improvements in grades after receiving the mindset program

In these schools, the intervention increased core course GPA by 0.15 points and STEM course GPA by 0.17 points and reduced the likelihood of D or F averages in core courses by 8 percentage points among lower-achieving students.

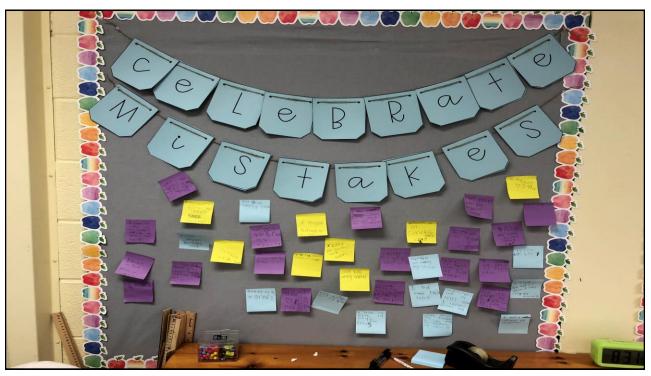
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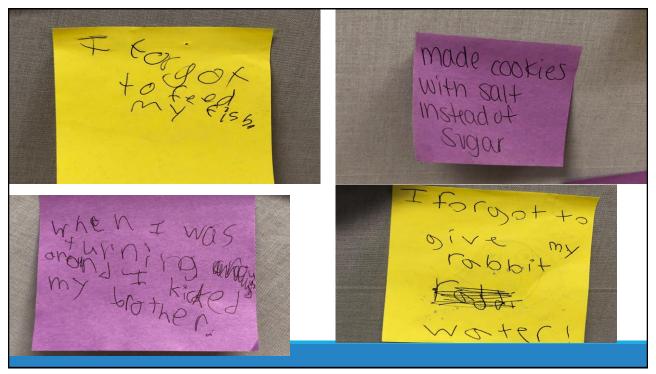


Encourage (Safe) Risk Taking and Mistake- Making





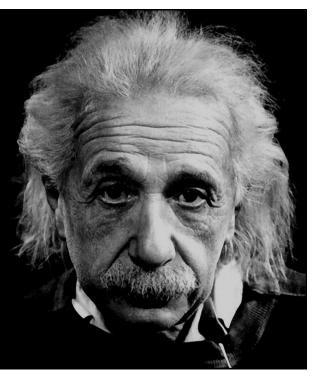




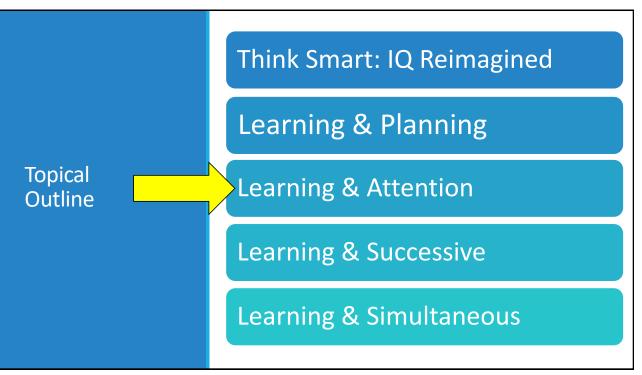


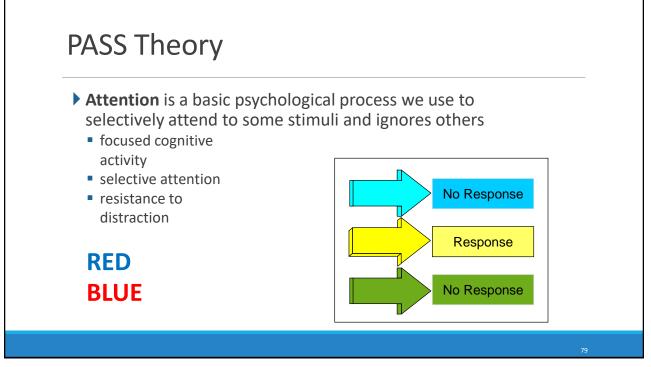
LET'S TAKE A BRAIN BREAK or Syn-Nap

"I am neither clever nor especially gifted. I am only very, very curious." -Albert Einstein



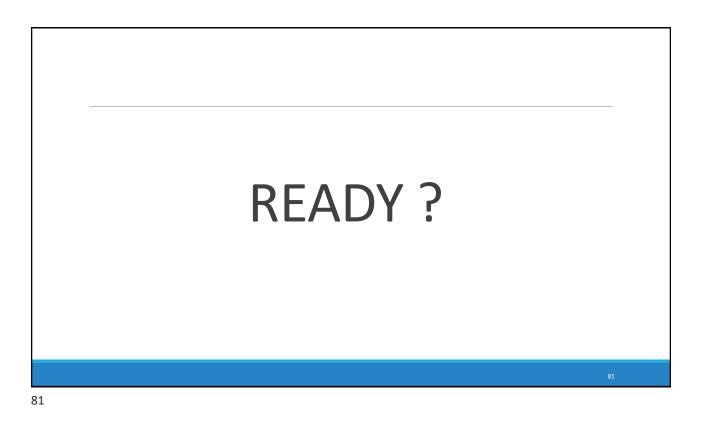


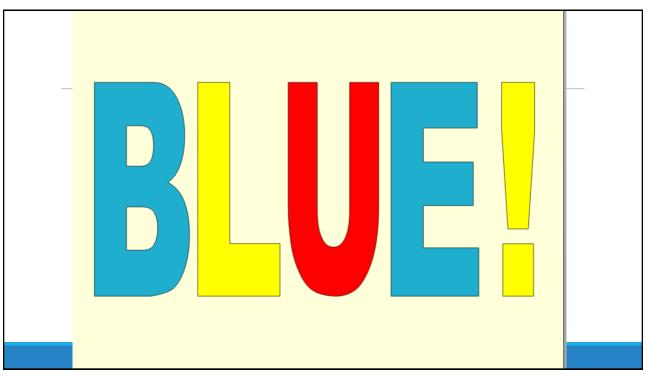


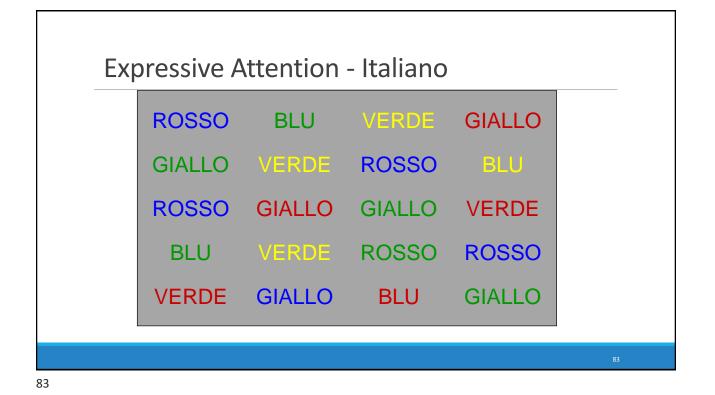


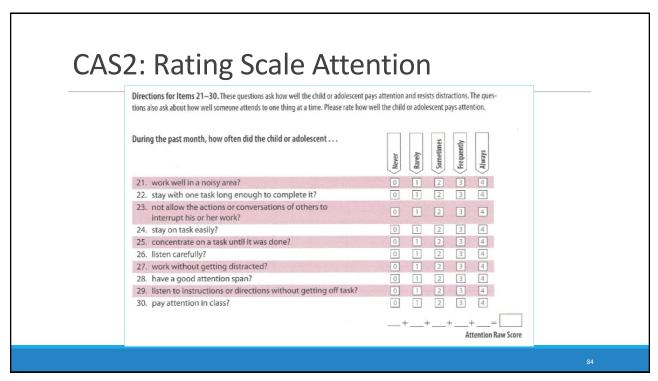


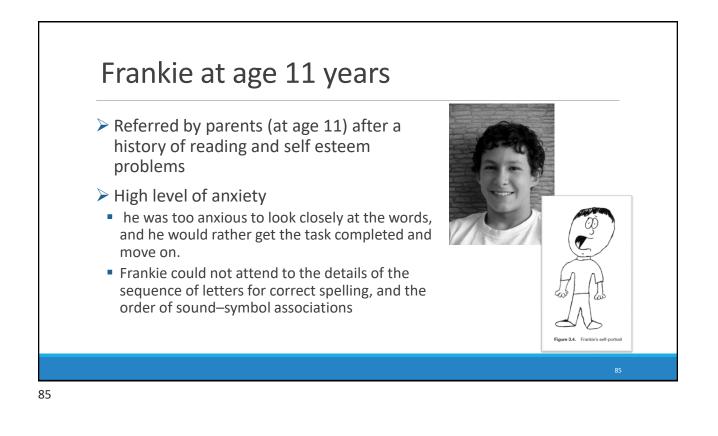
CAS2	CAS2 Expressive Attention					
Say	the color	not the w	ord!			
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		GREEN		BLUE		
	GREEN	YELLOW	RED	YELLOW		
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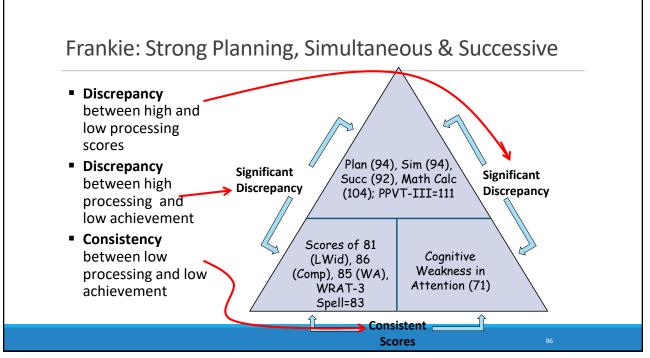






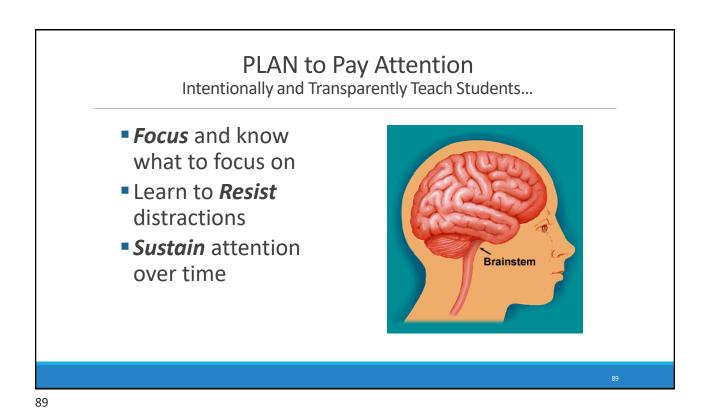










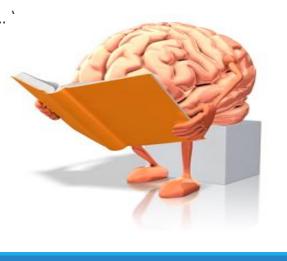


Focus: Pay Attention to the Text

- Notice and Name (call attention to.. `
 - Text Features
 - Text Structures

Read in Chunks/Stop and Chew

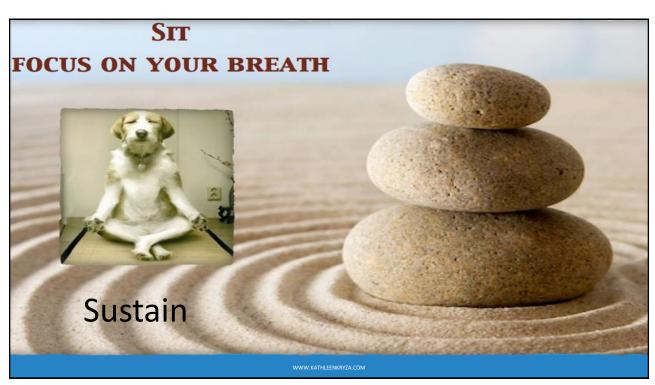
- Annotate Text in report covers
- Sticky notes
- Reading logs
- Double Entry Journals

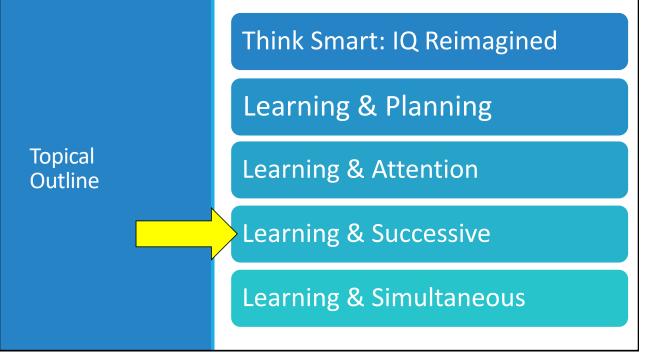


Resist: Interacting vs. Distracting Voice

- Interacting voice: The voice inside the reader's head that pays attention by making connections, asking questions, identifying confusions, agreeing and disagrees with ideas.
- Distracting voice: The voice inside the reader's head that pulls him away from the meaning of the text. It begins a conversation with the reading but gets distracted by a connection, a question, or an idea.







PASS: Successive

Successive

processing is used whenever we do something in a specific serial order

 Anything we comprehend, speak, or do in a sequence requires successive processing

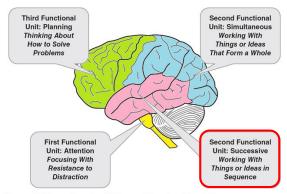
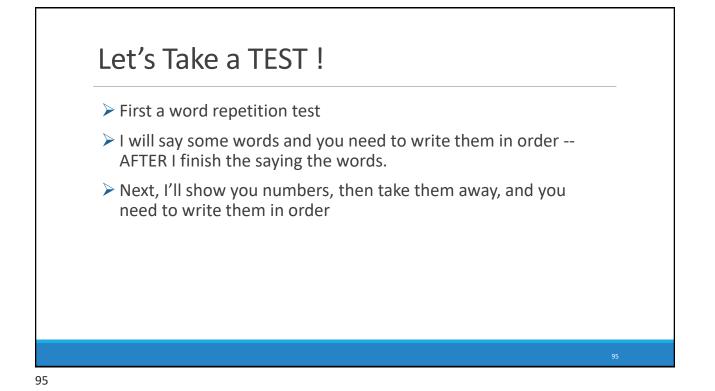
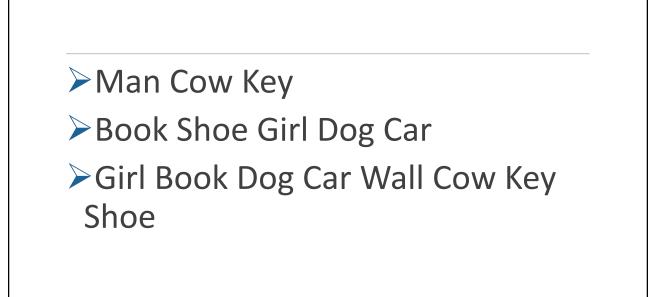
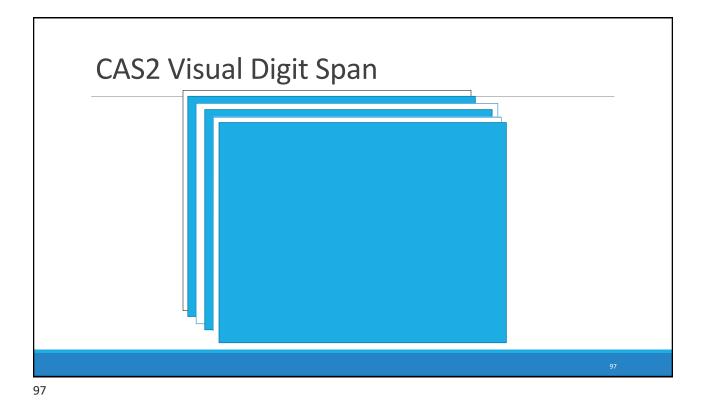
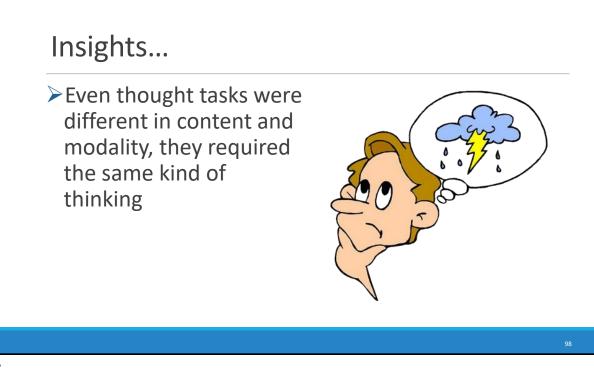


Figure 1.2 Three Functional Units and Associated Brain Structures From: *Essentials of CAS2 Assessment*. Naglieri & Otero, 2017

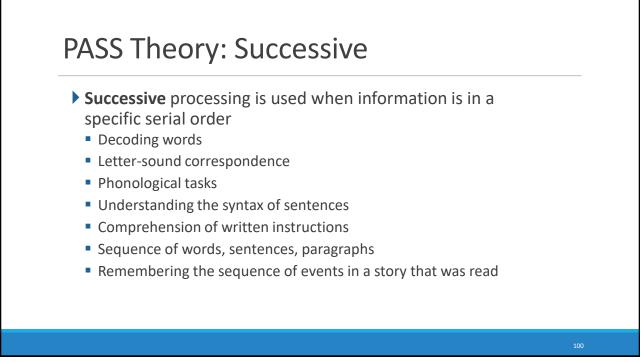


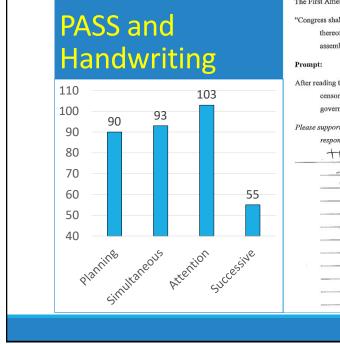






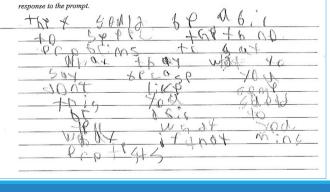
Directions for Items 31–40. These questions ask how well the child or adolescent about working with numbers, words, or ideas in a series. The questions also ask about do the child or adolescent works with things in a specific order.	
During the past month, how often did the child or adolescent	Never Rarely Sometimes Frequently Always
31. recall a phone number after hearing it?	0 1 2 3 4
32. remember a list of words?	0 1 2 3 4
33. sound out hard words?	0 1 2 3 4
34. correctly repeat long, new words?	0 1 2 3 4
35. remember how to spell long words after seeing them once?	0 1 2 3 4
36. imitate a long sequence of sounds?	0 1 2 3 4
37. recall a summary of ideas word for word?	0 1 2 3 4
38. repeat long words easily?	0 1 2 3 4
39. repeat sentences easily, even if unsure of their meaning?	0 1 2 3 4
40. follow three to four directions given in order?	0 1 2 3 4

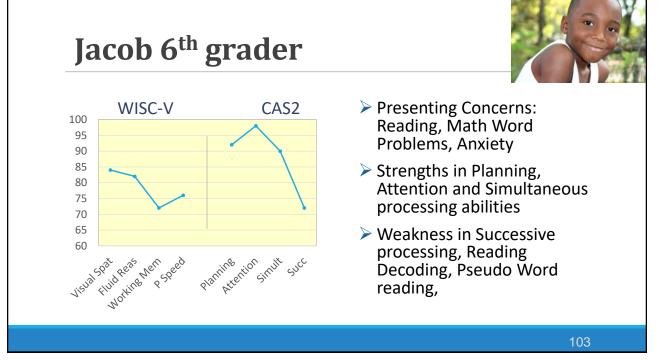




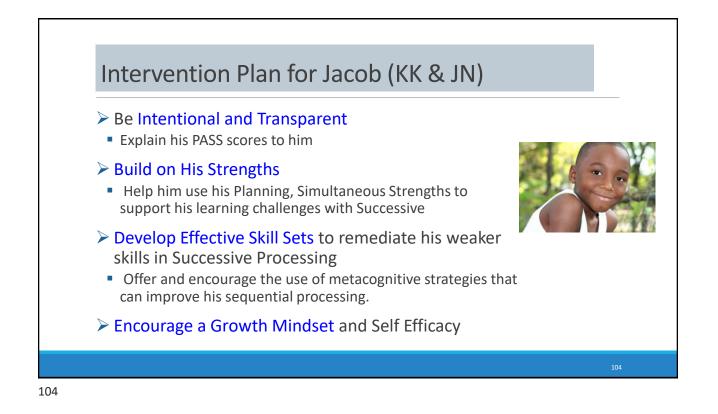
The First Amendment, 1791

- After reading the Case Background and the First Amendment Do you think the school has the right to censor symbolic speech or do people have the right to use symbolic speech to protest government?
- Please support your answer with cited evidence from the Case Background, and complete a 3 paragraph

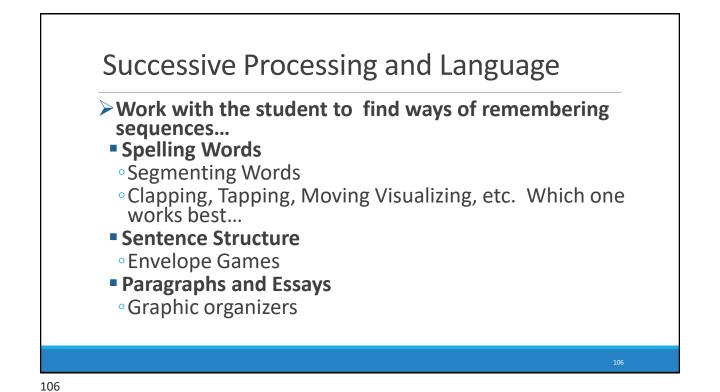


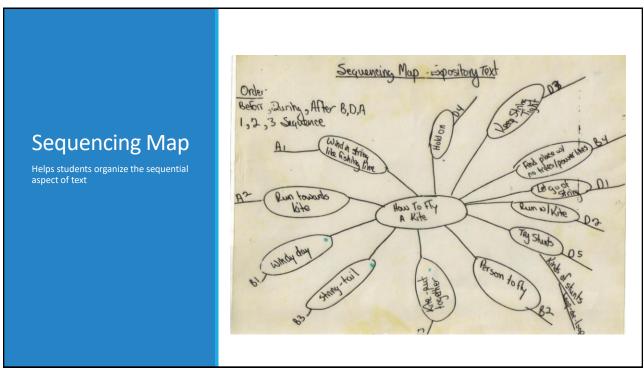


[&]quot;Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, of the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and the petition the government for a redress of grievances."









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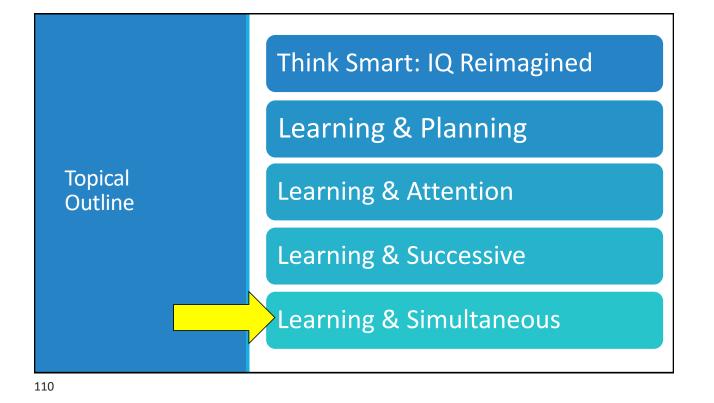
How to Make Mashed Potatoes By Chase

Eating mushy mashed Potatoes is my favorite thing to do. The best thing is that they are easy to make.

First you get out the potatoes. Then you peel the skin off the potatoes and put them in a pan with water. After you are done boiling the potatoes, then drain the potatoes and put them back in the pan. Now put butter and milk on them. Then you mash the potatoes. When you are done, you serve the potatoes. Then you eat them.

So go home and make your self some mashed potatoes. Follow the instructions I told you and they'll turn out just fine.





PASS Theory

- Simultaneous processing is used to integrate stimuli into groups
 - Stimuli are seen as a whole
 - Each piece must be related to the other
 - Whole language
 - Seeing word as a whole
 - Verbal concepts
 - Geometry, math word problems

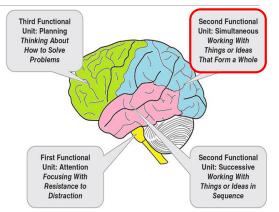
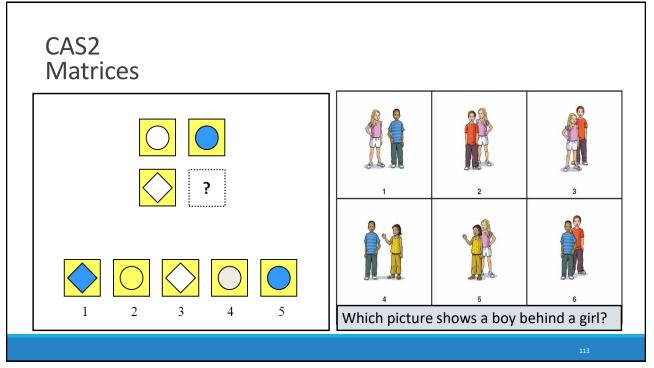
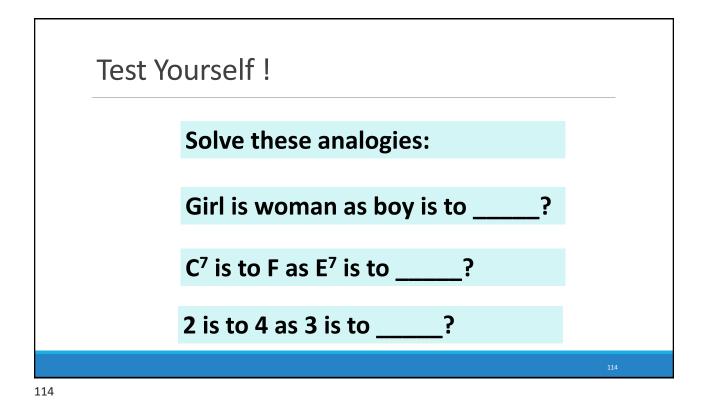


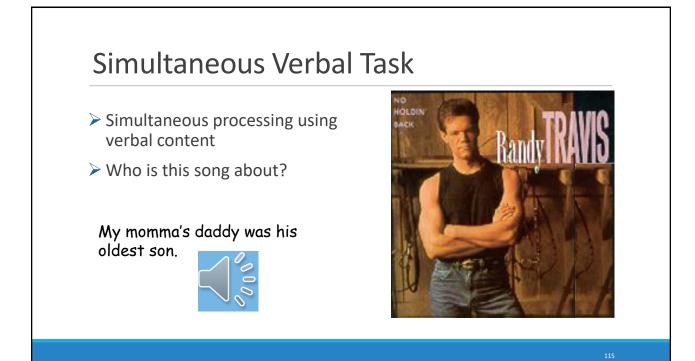
Figure 1.2 Three Functional Units and Associated Brain Structures

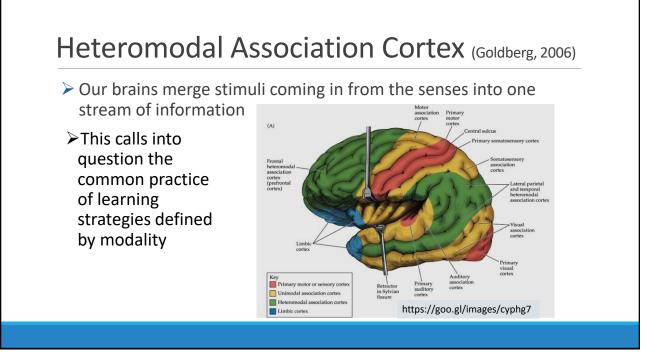
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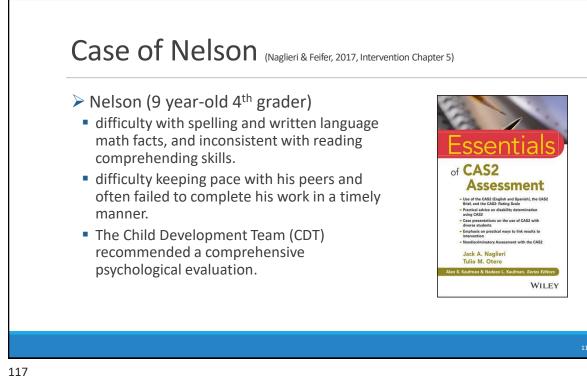
CAS2: Rating Scale Simu	ltaneous
Directions for Items 11–20. These questions ask how well the child or adolescent working with diagrams and understanding how ideas fit together. The questions inv parts. Please rate how well the child or adolescent visualizes things as a whole.	t sees how things go together. They also ask about
During the past month, how often did the child or adolescent	Never Rarely Sometimes Frequently Alvays
11. like to draw designs?	0 1 2 3 4
12. figure out how parts of a design go together?	0 1 2 3 4
13. classify things into groups correctly?	0 1 2 3 4
14. work well with patterns and designs?	0 1 2 3 4
15. see how objects and ideas are alike?	0 1 2 3 4
16. work well with physical objects?	0 1 2 3 4
17. like to use visual materials?	0 1 2 3 4
18. see the links among several things?	0 1 2 3 4
19. show interest in complex shapes and patterns?	0 1 2 3 4
20. recognize faces easily?	0 1 2 3 4
	+ + + = Simultaneous Raw Score
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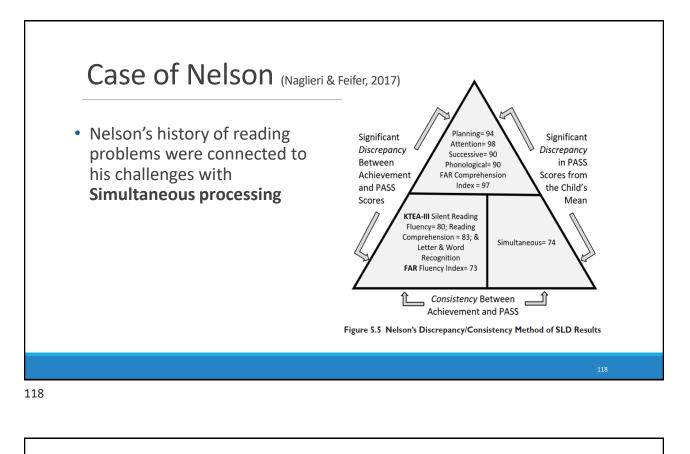


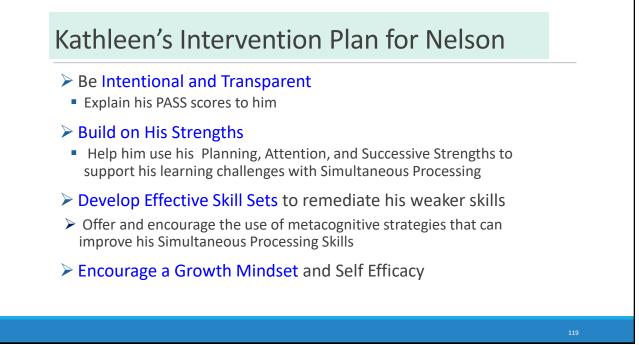






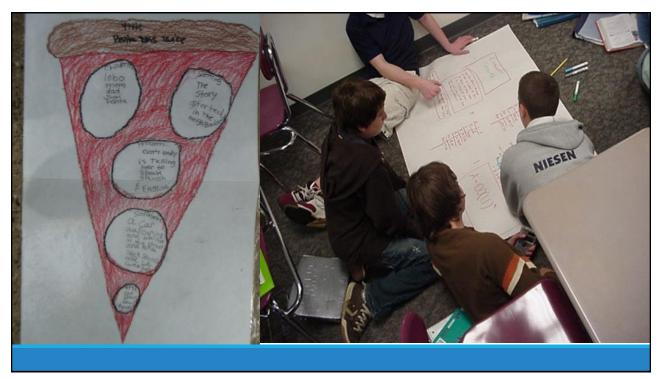








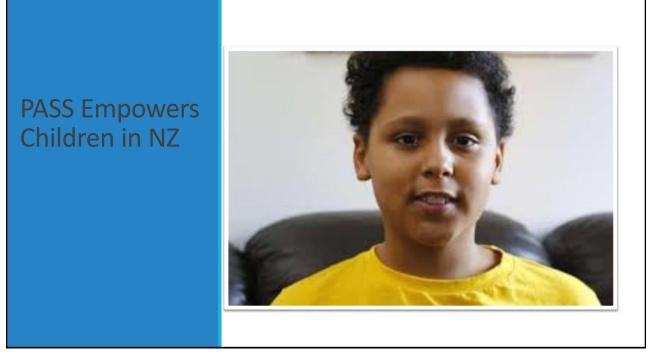
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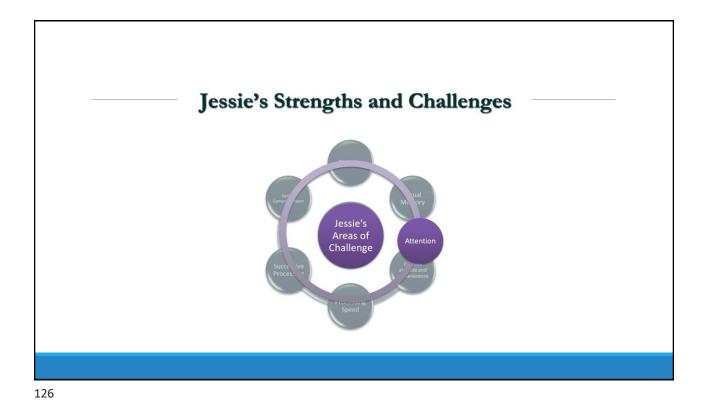
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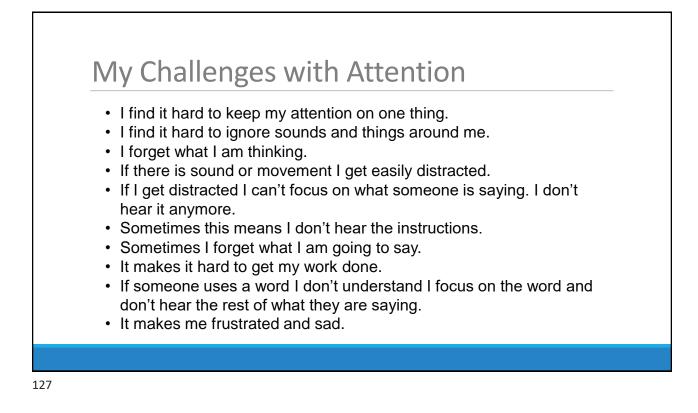
- What skills does it take to be able to summarize?
- How can you make summarization more concrete for your students?
- Headlines
- Twitter/The Gist of It





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I am intuitive	Jess	ie	kind	
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Things that help with Attention

Sitting somewhere away from windows and doors. Sitting at the front of the room near the teacher.

Working in the common room.

Giving directions so Jessie can see AND hear them.

Check understanding and memorising of instructions by encouraging Jessie to repeat the directions given and explain the meaning of these directions.

Things that help with Attention

"It helps if I am doing"- Use concrete materials to support learning concepts.

Check Comprehension: Watch for signs of inattention, decreased concentration or understanding. Instructions may need to be repeated and/or simplified.

Make sure the work is given in chunks of achievable pieces.

Give Jessie short breaks in between tasks which require sustained attention.



The more we understand the BIG PICTURE of how the brain works, the more we can take the intentional STEPS we need to help our students PAY ATTENTION to what they want and PLAN to SUCCEED, as life-long thinkers and learners.

So now, maybe it's time...

Maybe It's Time to Let the Old Ways Die...



It's been an honour and a pleasure!



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