

Literacy ^{for} All Young Learners

Technology Supports



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Strategy 1 Technology Supports: Word Walls and E-Sorts to Build Vocabulary

ABC Teach http://www.abcteach.com/free_word_wall_form.php

Offers numerous examples of word walls.

DLTK's Crafts for Kids <http://www.dltk-kids.com/type/word-wall-words.htm>

Ideas for word walls.

Ed Helper <http://www.edhelper.com>

Ideas for word walls.

Footsteps to Brilliance <http://www.footsteps2brilliance.com/>

Suggests ways of practicing with word walls.

Google <http://www.google.com>

Displays many different types of word walls if you type "word wall template" into your browser. This can be a huge time saver.

K12 Reader <http://www.k12reader.com/10-great-word-wall-strategies-for-classrooms/>

Has many different word walls.

More Activities for Word Walls <http://specialed.about.com/od/wordwalls/a/morewordwalls.htm>

Find specific ideas for special education.

Padlet <http://www.padlet.com>

Can be used to produce customizable, electronic word walls.

Pinterest <http://pinterest.com/ccathey/word-walls/>

Creative ways to do word walls.

The School Bell http://www.theschoolbell.com/Links/word_walls/words.html

Provides teachers with suggestions on how to effectively incorporate word walls throughout the school day. This site includes strategies to add to the word walls each day of the week, as well as additional links to explore.

Teachnet <http://www.Teachnet.com>

Suggests ways of practicing with word walls.

Word Wall Activities <http://www.teachingfirst.net/wordwallact.htm>.

Offers ideas for games to play with word walls.

Word Wall HD <https://itunes.apple.com>

This app offered by Emantra teaches reading through electronic word walls.

Wordwall <http://getwordwall.com>

Allows teachers to download free software to create interactive learning tools that are customizable to the learner's needs. Games and activities can be created to allow children to interact with word walls of various themes.

Strategy 2 Technology Supports:

Using Children's Names to Learn the Alphabet

Hands on as We Grow <http://handsonaswegrow.com/35-name-activities-for-preschoolers>
Fun name games for preschool children.

HighScope <http://www.highscope.org/Content.asp?ContentId=516>
Offers resources and ideas on teaching names.

Kids Count <http://www.kidscount1234.com/name.html>
Offers lots of name activities.

LetterSchool <https://itunes.apple.com>
Offered by Sanoma Media Netherlands BV, this iPad app lets children use three different handwriting systems: D'Nealian (used in many U.S. schools), HWT (Handwriting Without Tears), and Zaner-Bloser (the "traditional" format). It teaches children the strokes needed to form manuscript (but not cursive) letters.

Mrs. Alphabet <http://www.mrsalphabet.com/names.html>
Offers name activities from teachers.

Pre-K Pages <http://www.pre-kpages.com/teaching-names-in-preschool>
Creative ways to help children recognize their names.

Teach Mama <http://teachmama.com/quick-trick-names-names-everywhere>
Ideas for helping children recognize their names.

Teach Preschool <http://www.teachpreschool.org/2011/07/literacy-beginnings-chaper-20-names>
Suggests various games to play that help children to learn each other's names.

Teaching for Little Learners <http://www.teachinglittlelearners.com/2013/12/25-ways-for-kids-to-practice-making.html#.UvDy6bCYYZO>

Has twenty-five ideas and photos of activities that can be used to teach children's names, including using alphabet cheese crackers, foam letter puzzles, letter stamps, letter tiles, pony beads, and Wikki Sticks.

The Ultimate Camp Resource <http://www.ultimatecampresource.com/site/camp-activities/name-games.page-1.html>

Suggests interactive games to help children learn one another's names.

Virtual Vine <http://www.thevirtualvine.com/Names.html>
More free games with names.

Write My Name <https://itunes.apple.com>
Offered by Project Injini, this app for iPad teaches children the correct sequence and strokes to form all of the letters of the alphabet—both upper- and lowercase. It also provides practice for the child in writing his own name through a custom name card feature.

Strategy 3 Technology Supports: Book Packs to Bring Literacy Materials into Homes

Book Finder <http://www.randomhousekids.com/books>

Suggests many books and activities.

Bring Me a Book <http://www.bringmeabook.org/home.html>

Provides bookcases of age-appropriate, culturally diverse, hardback books in multiple languages to the schools, preschools, child care centers, and community centers that serve children in otherwise underserved communities.

Hubbard's Cupboard http://www.hubbardscupboard.org/literacy_kits.html

Contains images of literacy bags and related activities.

Pre-K Pages <http://www.pre-kpages.com/buddy-bags>

Describes unique take-home literacy bags to encourage reading and learning within the family setting.

Reading Rockets <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/31250>

Offers ideas for reading packs and for teaching literacy.

Teacher Web <http://teacherweb.com/IL/JamesCBushElementarySchool/MrsPrejna/apt62.aspx>

Shows literacy-bag ideas for elementary school-aged children. Each bag features themed books, a picture of the contents, a printable list of contents, and activities for families to complete together.

TeachingBooks.net <http://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=26798anda=1>

The ultimate "begin with a picture book" site. Each entry contains a reading of the book, material about the author, lesson plans, and lists of related books—very helpful when creating a book pack.

Strategy 4 Technology Supports: Literature Circles to Encourage Conversation

Kid's Books by MeeGenius <http://www.meegenius.com>

Gives access to hundreds of children's books for a monthly fee.

Literature Circles.com http://www.cdli.ca/CITE/lang_lit_circles.htm and <http://www.readinga-z.com/book/literature-circle-books.php?level=g>

Offers teachers' guides for literature circles.

The NPR (National Public Radio) Backseat Book Club <http://www.npr.org/series/141728003/nprs-back-seat-book-club>

Every month, a children's book is selected for young readers to read. Children can respond on the website with questions, and some of them will be asked of the author on the radio.

PBS How to Start a Book Club for Kids <http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/reading-language/reading-tips/how-to-start-a-book-club-for-kids>

Has good suggestions for starting a successful book club for young readers.

Spaghetti Book Club <http://www.spaghettibookclub.org>

A site that publishes book reviews written by children.

Storia by Scholastic <http://clubs-kids.scholastic.co.uk>

Connects children who are reading the same books. While viewing each title, children can see what others think of the book.

Strategy 5 Technology Supports: Environmental Print Activities to Learn Word Configuration

Copian Library <http://en.copian.ca/library/learning/howtokit/enviro/enviro.pdf>

Explains the value of environmental print activities for families.

Louisiana 4-H Clubhouse <http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/4H/Kids/myworld/games/Road+Signs+Matching+Game.htm>

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Supports bicycle safety through learning road signs.

Pinterest <http://pinterest.com/2ahayes/environmental-print>

Teacher-provided ideas for using environmental print.

Pre-K Pages <http://www.pre-kpages.com/?s=environmental+print>

Environmental print activity ideas.

Preschool Mom <http://www.preschoolmom.com/Charts.html>

Printable charts of common words, shapes, letters, and much more.

ReadWriteThink http://www.readwritethink.org/lessons/lessom_view.asp?id=3

Provides sample lessons on environmental print.

Sharonmacdonald.com <http://www.sharonmacdonald.com/environmental-print.aspx>

Sharon MacDonald's site for teachers suggests where to find environmental print and groups activities by subject area.

Strategy 6 Technology Supports: Song Picture Books that Support Emergent Reading

Barefoot Books <http://www.barefootbooks.com>

Offers many different sing-along videos of popular children's songs on YouTube.com.

Goodreads <http://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/music-song-picture-book>

Offers a list of song picture books.

Mighty Books http://www.mightybook.com/story_songs.html

Songs such as "You're Adorable" and "Dry Bones Connected" play along with appropriate illustrations. The words of the songs are illuminated as they are sung so that children can connect the spoken word with the written word. Eight story songs are available free of charge, while many more are available to paying members of the website.

Reading Planet http://www.rif.org/kids/readingplanet/bookzone/read_aloud_stories.htm

Offers stories and songs for young readers to sing and read along. Some familiar tales mixed with some new stories will keep children interested in learning new songs and learning to read the words in the songs as well. The website also offers stories and songs in Spanish.

Scribble Press <http://itunes.apple.com>

This app, offered by Scribble Press, provides a tool for creating original song picture books.

Sing Books with Emily <http://singbookswithemily.wordpress.com/song-book-lists-for-all-occasions>

Suggests song picture books for various holidays and occasions.

Wheels on the Bus <https://itunes.apple.com>

From by Duck Duck Moose, Inc., this app gives children an interactive experience with the familiar tune. By simply tapping on the screen, children can spin the steering wheel, make the wipers go *swish*, or operate the bus doors. Even better, children can sing along in five different languages or record themselves singing on an iPhone.

Strategy 7 Technology Supports: Coaching Parents to Become Reading Partners

FlavorWire <http://flavorwire.com/416006/50-books-every-parent-should-read-to-their-child>
Suggests fifty books that parents should read with their children.

National PTA http://www.nyspta.org/YourPTA/YourPTA_PARP.cfm
Features many free resources to create a successful reading experience at home.

Reading Partners <http://readingpartners.org>
Recruits and trains community volunteers to provide individualized reading tutoring for students in underresourced schools across the United States. Share this with families in case anyone is interested in becoming a reading partner.

Reading Rockets <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/18935/>
Offers tips on reading to children in many different languages.

Storyline Online <http://www.storylineonline.net>
An archive of children's books narrated by celebrities. Images from the books are shown during the narration. Each book also features related activities and a downloadable activity guide.

Strategy 8 Technology Supports: Daily Journal Drawing/Writing to Foster Self-Expression

iDiary for Kids <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Tipitap, this is a journaling app that older children can use to draw, write, and add photos to their daily journal entries.

Kid's Journal <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by App of Approval for free, this app allows children to produce journals that are illustrated with digital photographs.

Penzu <http://penzu.com>

This free software is an easy-to-use journaling tool that older students can use to produce a journal and share with their classmates and the teacher.

Ready to Print <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Essare, this app replaces a pencil and paper with the ease of a touch screen for practicing letter formation in upper- or lowercase Zaner-Bloser style. It begins simply by touching objects and advances to writing and drawing. Learn more about it at <http://www.ReadytoPrintApp.com>.

Shapes Touch and Write <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by FizzBrain, this app lets children use the touch screen to fill in letter outlines (manuscript or cursive) with unusual substances, such as shaving cream or cake frosting, giving them a kinesthetic experience with letters. It is recommended for children on the autism spectrum.

Story Patch <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Haywoodsoft, this app allows users to create their own picture books with whatever images they choose—a library of images, the user's own photos, or a custom character.

Strategy 9 Technology Supports: Extended Conversations to Develop Oral Language

Action Words <https://itunes.apple.com>

This free app offered by Innovative Mobile shows four photographs and asks the child to decide, for example, “Who is swimming?” Over one hundred action words are included.

ConversationBuilder <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Mobile Education Store, this app allows learners to look at an image and choose from three different ways to initiate a conversation. Other features allow the child to record speech to accompany an image, which is a good way to assess oral language in ELLs.

Explain Everything <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by MorrisCooke, this app is an interactive whiteboard that allows the user to import, annotate, narrate, and export pictures, diagrams, and text.

Picture Story <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by Darcy Studio, this app uses photos uploaded by the user to produce a story in English, Chinese, or Japanese.

SonicPics <https://itunes.apple.com>

Humble Daisy offers this free app that can be used to turn photos into a narrated slideshow.

Storyrobe <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Storyrobe, Inc., this app uses touch-screen technology to produce a video on the iPhone or iPad.

TalkingCarl! <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Tayasui, this is a zany app in which anything that children speak (and the decibel level at which it is said) is imitated by the character, Carl, in a high-pitched voice. He also laughs when tickled, growls when pinched, and so forth. Although the app can become loud or annoying in a classroom, it can motivate children who are reluctant to speak.

Strategy 10 Technology Supports:

Rhyming Words to Build Phonemic Awareness

ABC Phonics Rhyming Words <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Abitalk, this app for the iPhone or iPad lets children play a game to match rhyming words. A “lite” version is available for free.

Giggle Poetry <http://www.gigglepoetry.com>

Supplies an extensive library of humorous poems, related activities, and information on children’s poets.

Instant Poetry Forms <http://ettcweb.lrk12.nj.us/forms/newpoem.htm>

Offered by Educational Technology Training Center, this free site teaches various types of poems. It also includes teaching ideas and resources for educators.

Phonics Tic Tac Toe <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Lakeshore Learning, this free app helps children practice phonics skills as they participate in the familiar game.

Poetry4Kids <http://www.poetry4kids.com>

Children read and rate the poems to generate lists of the funniest, most popular, and so on. Use this site to select just the right poem for a lesson, or have children select, read, record, and share their favorites.

Poetry Foundation <http://www.poetryfoundation.org>

Offers interviews with poets, video poems, and a list searchable by age or category. A host of lesson-plan resources are available in the Learning Lab section.

Poetry Splatter <http://www.rif.org/kids/readingplanet/gamestation/poetrysplatter.htm>

This site by Reading is Fundamental (RIF) lets children choose a poem theme from their age group and a collection of color-coded words that can be used to produce an original poem.

ReadWriteThink’s Poetry Interactives <http://www.readwritethink.org>

Offers step-by-step guides to writing the most common poetry forms, such as acrostic, diamante, letter, riddle, and shape poetry. Lesson plan ideas are included.

Webbing into Literacy <http://curry.edschool.virginia.edu/go/wil/home.html>

Offers resources on teaching the traditional nursery rhymes in Head Start—including dozens of free, nicely illustrated versions of nursery rhymes and seasonal alphabet books to send home with the children.

Writing with Writers: Poetry <http://teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/poetry/>

At this Scholastic site, children can meet some of the well-known poets, listen to their advice, experiment with a poetry-generating tool, publish their poetry, and read poems that other children have written. Also includes lesson-planning resources for teachers.

Strategy 11 Technology Supports: Wordless Books to Teach Sequence

Carnegie Library <http://www.carnegielibrary.org/kids/books/showbooklist.cfm?list=wordlesspictures>
Offers lists of wordless books for children.

DLTK <http://www.dltk-kids.com/type/sequencing.htm>
Features printable sequencing activities that allow children to manipulate the order of events until they decide upon the correct solution.

Goodreads <http://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/wordless-picture-books>
Has lists of recommended wordless books.

IComm <https://itunes.apple.com>
A free app offered by Bappz supports children with disabilities in communicating through pictures and voice.

Speech with Milo <https://itunes.apple.com>
Offered by Doonan Speech Therapy, this series of apps includes one specifically geared to teach sequencing.

Storybird <http://storybird.com>
Helps children to design stories using beautiful watercolor illustrations. The stories can be saved, shared, and printed.

Strategy 12 Technology Supports: Literacy-Enriched Play to Expand Vocabulary

Duncan, Sandra. n.d. "Staff Workshop Teacher Handout: Language Development through Telephone Talk." *Scholastic Early Childhood Today*. <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/article/staff-workshop-teacher-handout-language-development-through-telephone-talk>. Discusses why using a telephone in dramatic play is useful and how to make a telephone one of the play props.

Read, Play, and Learn! <http://www.readplaylearn.com>
Uses children's play as the basis for building literacy skills.

Swapsies Jobs <https://itunes.apple.com>
This app offered by Spinlight Studio is almost like an e-version of paper dolls. Children can touch and swipe the screen to make the figure a firefighter, police officer, doctor, and so on. The choices of attire, from hats to footwear, are arranged around the screen and get children thinking about dramatic play.

Toca Hair Salon <https://itunes.apple.com>
Offered by Toca Boca AB, this app lets children cut, color, comb, and blow dry hair on six different characters in a simulated beauty shop.

Toca Tea Party <https://itunes.apple.com>
Offered by Toca Boca AB, this app is a virtual tea party that can be played alone or with a partner. Using taps and swipes on an iPhone or iPad, the child can set the table, decide on what to serve, and clear the table.

Strategy 13 Technology Supports: Books to Teach Alphabet Recognition

ABC Fast Phonics <http://www.abcfastphonics.com>

Provides a phonics tutorial for teachers, parents and students. Students can click on letters and words and hear the proper letter-sounds correspondences for the various letters.

ABC Food <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Peapod Labs, this is a series that teaches the alphabet. The child has access to one of 150 thumbnail photographs of food that are linked to a letter of the alphabet. If a thumbnail is touched, a larger photo pops up—or even a video. The letter *C*, for example, includes more widely known foods, such as corn, as well as some less familiar ones, such as coconut or a croissant.

ABCmouse <http://www.ABCmouse.com>

This site uses technology to make learning fun. Offers a free thirty-day trial.

ABCya <http://www.abcya.com>

A site where children can play alphabet bingo, alphabet matching, or magnets on the fridge to enhance alphabet recognition.

Fun-a-Day <http://fun-a-day.com/teaching-children-about-letters>

Suggests various indoor and outdoor activities with the alphabet.

Letter Reflex <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Binary Labs, this app helps children deal with letter reversals, such as *b* and *d*.

The Numberlys <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Moonbot Studios LA, this app is a good choice for older children who are still learning the alphabet. The premise of the e-book is that here is a society without any colors or letters. It is the child's task to use all types of interactive tools, such as bounding on a trampoline and spinning a turntable, to transform numerals into letters.

VivaKids' ABC <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by 1 KStudios, this app features twenty-six letter-themed animations. After children watch a short video, they can trace the letter.

Strategy 14 Technology Supports:

Learning to Formulate Questions and Answers

Kids Reading Comprehension Level 1 Passages for iPad <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Angela Reed, this app allows users to read short passages and then answer questions regarding the story to check their comprehension.

Sandbox Learning <http://www.sandbox-learning.com/Default.asp?Page=181>

Provides ideas and activities that allow children to practice asking and answering questions.

Scholastic <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/article/asking-critical-thinking-skills-questions>

Gives teachers tips on helping students to ask good questions.

Spivey, Becky. n.d. "How to Help Your Child Understand and Produce 'WH' Questions."

Super Duper Publications. http://www.superduperinc.com/handouts/pdf/110_WH_Questions.pdf. Discusses how parents/families can help young children learn to use and respond to "wh" questions.

Zero to Three <http://www.zerotothree.org/child-development/school-readiness/using-questions-to-support.html>

Offers advice to families about how to encourage children's questions and respond appropriately to their curiosity.

Strategy 15 Technology Supports: Opposites/Antonyms to Increase Vocabulary

Boggle's World http://bogglesworldesl.com/opposite_worksheets.htm

Includes free printable ESL opposites and antonyms games and worksheets.

Enchanted Learning <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/opposites.shtml>

Lets children practice antonyms in Spanish, German, Italian, and French.

Kids Opposite Words Game Lite <https://play.google.com/store/apps>

This free app offered by Fun4Kids shows images and words to convey opposites. Young learners can learn, compare, and match opposite words.

Meddy Bemps <http://www.meddybemps.com/opposites/Index.html>

Has a free interactive game of opposites. A colorful picture and word are displayed, then the user can guess the opposite of the word and move his cursor over the blank box to display a picture and word and then check the answer.

Opposites Adventure: Puppy Playtime <https://itunes.apple.com>

This free app offered by Kids Games Club/Tab Tale allows children to explore opposites through the story of adorable dogs.

Picture Dictionary for Kids <http://englishwilleasy.com/english-through-pictures/dictionary-children/opposites-words>

Includes lists of opposites at various levels of difficulty and illustrations to go with each pair. Snopi <http://www.snopi.com/kids/Opposites/Opposites.asp?view=eng>

Lets students build opposites games using its collection of image-and-word cards.

Turtle Diary <http://www.turtlediary.com/kindergarten-games/ela-games/opposite-adjectives.html>

Has a game of opposites for kindergartners. They can take a short test at the end to check for understanding.

Word Hippo <http://www.wordhippo.com>

A search tool that children can use. They choose what they want to do: find an opposite, synonym, and so on. After typing the word in the box, a click on Find It! gives them a list of answers.

Strategy 16 Technology Supports:

Talking Drawings to Build Understanding

Doodle Text <https://play.google.com/store/apps>

This free app by EquiComp Solutions links images with writing by allowing the user to draw on top of images and share them with others. Teachers can upload images such as photos from a field trip, and children can insert comments within cartoon-style bubbles, save, and share them.

Drawing Pad <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Darren Murtha Design, this app provides users with realistic drawing tools such as crayons, markers, paintbrushes, and pencils to create amazing art at any age.

Education.com <http://www.education.com/worksheet/article/complete-flower-fill-in>

Has diagrams with the basic vocabulary at the bottom, such as one with the parts of a flower. The diagrams can be searched by grade level.

Kid Art for iPad <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by GP Apps, this app allows users to draw and drop stamps onto ready-made backgrounds.

Paper <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered free by FiftyThree, Inc., this app allows users to share their ideas through sketches, pictures, and notes.

Science Kids <http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/images.html>

Has many accurate drawings of living things.

Strategy 17 Technology Supports: Story Lines and Process Charts to Teach Sequence

EduPlace http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/pdf/storymap1_eng.pdf

Provides a printable story-map template.

Making Sequences <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Zorton Software, this app teaches story sequencing by having young users put the steps in order to complete a task, or they can design their own by inserting images.

PBS Kids Story Scramble <http://pbskids.org/arthur/games/storyscramble/scramble.html>

Provides animated storylines from the *Arthur* series of books by Marc Brown. Children are expected to reorder the scrambled pages to put the story in order. This site also provides helpful information for teachers and parents to create extension activities.

Scholastic <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/graphic-organizer-story-train>

Has a printable worksheet that allows readers to create story maps with pictures and words to show the sequence of events.

Strategy 18 Technology Supports: Digital Language Experience Approach (LEA) with VoiceThread

Reading Online http://www.readingonline.org/electronic/elec_index.asp?HREF=kindergarten/index.html

Shows a variety of computer-generated drawings produced by young children.

Sago Mini Doodlecast <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Sago Sago Toys, this app allows users to record their voices while drawing.

Drawings can be played back with narration to create a unique story.

Seussville http://www.seussville.com/games_hb/storymaker/story_maker.html

Uses characters from *Horton Hears a Who*. Users can choose the setting, characters, and music. They may then type the dialogue of their choice. After creating three short scenes, the story plays to allow users to review the stories that they created.

Story Maker by Carnegie Library <http://www.carnegielibrary.org/kids/storymaker/embed.cfm>

This free online story maker allows users to select characters, actions, emotions, and settings. As the user adds images, the words of the story are updated to reflect what is happening in the story.

VoiceThread Digital Library <http://ed.voicethread.com/about/library>

Offers loads of information about how to use the program in the classroom.

VoiceThread for Education Wiki <http://voicethread4education.wikispaces.com>

See examples from teachers on ways to use the program.

Strategy 19 Technology Supports: Mystery Boxes that Support Careful Listening

Mystery Sound Box <https://play.google.com/store/apps>

This free app by TunzaFun Apps can be used to introduce the mystery box in the classroom. Children can try to guess the sound being made by what is in the box.

Peekaboo! Guess Who? <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Bacciz, this app is based on the popular children's book. Children use the sounds that animals make to guess which animal is behind the barn door, inside the circus tent, and so forth.

Strategy 20 Technology Supports: Rebus Recipes to Learn Specialized Vocabulary

ABC Teach <http://www.abcteach.com/search.php?q=rebus+stories>

Has a collection of rebus stories to download.

Enchanted Learning <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/Rhymes.html>

Offers an assortment of Mother Goose and other rebus rhymes.

i Get . . . Cooking Vocabulary and Create Recipe Photo Sequence Books <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by I Get It, LLC, this app enables children and families to create their own recipes using a library of screenshot photos.

Make Learning Fun <http://www.makinglearningfun.com/themepages/RecipesPictorialDirections.htm>

Features many kid-friendly rebus recipes for breakfast, lunch, snack, and dessert. All recipes are printable and feature a photo for each step of the process.

Strategy 21 Technology Supports: Volunteer Tutors to Practice Reading Aloud

Bank Street College of Education's Literacy Guide for Tutors <http://bankstreet.edu/literacy-guide>

Offers high-quality resources on preparing volunteers to support young children's literacy. There is a very helpful section focused on working with English language learners, with the developmental stages of second language learning as well as important advice on the tutor's attitude.

Reading Tutors http://www.reading-tutors.com/tips/TH_Tips_Alphabet.pdf

Offers free tips on teaching alphabet recognition to children.

Tips for Reading Tutors <http://www2.ed.gov/teachers/how/read/tutors.html>

A U.S. government publication that advises tutors on ways to support children's reading.

The United Way <http://www.unitedway.org/take-action/volunteer>

Allows users to pledge to become a volunteer reader, tutor, or mentor. Schools seeking tutors can advertise there also.

Strategy 22 Technology Supports: Book Sharing Procedure for ELLs

Smories <http://www.smories.com>

A secure site and online repository of original stories written by children to be read by other children.

Story Kit <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by ICDL Foundation, this app offers twenty-one short stories with video and voice recording.

Storyline Online <http://www.storylineonline.net>

Has favorite stories read aloud by actors and offers accompanying activities.

Storynory <http://storynory.com>

Publishes a new audio story every week for your students to enjoy. Natasha, the lead storyteller, will encourage students to listen and hear fluent reading.

Walking through the Jungle <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plvY0quSyJg>

Posted by Barefoot Books, this is an illustrated song that has the leader sing a line that the children repeat.

Strategy 23 Technology Supports: Storytelling with Props to Build Comprehension

Genna's World <http://www.gennasworld.com>

At this site for elementary students, children create a free login and then can submit original stories. Stories are published on the website.

Kids Club <http://www.kizclub.com/animalcrafts.htm>

Has ideas on making simple puppets and props, such as an animal headband, to represent story characters.

Pete the Cat <http://www.harpercollinschildrens.com/feature/petethecat>

The HarperCollins children's site offers free downloads of the songs that accompany each of Pete's books.

Princess Fairy Tale Maker <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Duck Duck Moose, Inc., this app for iPad and iPhone lets children draw, use stickers, and record and play back their stories with a princess theme.

Story Craft <http://www.storycraft.com/files/crafts.htm>

Has photos of different puppets and props that teachers or older children can make.

Storytime Resources <http://elementarylibraryroutines.wikispaces.com/Storytime+Resources>

Suggests props and toys to enhance story time.

Zooburst <http://www.zooburst.com>

A free resource for using digital 3-D to tell stories. In this safe and protected space, students can create pop-up stories, add their own voices to characters, upload artwork, or use a built-in database of free images and materials.

Strategy 24 Technology Supports: K-W-L-S Plus to Assess Prior Knowledge

Eduplace <http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/pdf/kwl.pdf>

Offers a free K-W-L chart.

Free Technology for Teachers <http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2012/08/wallwisher-google-docs-as-online-kwl.html>

Explains how to use Padlet and Google Docs to create online K-W-L charts.

ReadWriteThink http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/kwl_creator

Suggests ways to create a K-W-L chart to accompany a favorite book.

Special Ed Superhero <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/KWL-chart-for-interactive-whiteboard-54930>

Offers a free K-W-L chart that can be projected onto an interactive whiteboard.

Strategy 25 Technology Supports: Guided Imagery and Puppets to Teach Visual Literacy Skills

The Puppet Pals <https://itunes.apple.com>

This free app from Polished Play enables a child to produce a puppet show, complete with scenery and costumes, to invent dialogue and record it and share it. Children can use the stick puppet characters that are provided or upload their own pictures.

Sock Puppets <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Smith Micro Software, this app eliminates the need for a written script because children speak the dialogue and then tap on the puppet, which lip-syncs to their speech. Children also can switch scenery, choose cartoon or realistic puppets, and animate both puppets and props with a touch.

Spot the Dot <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Ruckus Media, this app is an I Spy type of game for not-yet-readers based on the books of David Carter. Children can tap the screen and use a brightly colored collection of shapes to make their own images as well.

Strategy 26 Technology Supports: Retelling Folktales to Demonstrate Understanding

Kindergarten Works. “Retell Literacy Center (20 Famous Story Retelling Ideas and Printables).”
<http://www.kindergartenworks.com/guided-reading/literacy-centers/never-ending-story>.
Has printable props for twenty traditional stories.

The Anchor Framework Game http://www.netrover.com/~kingskid/anchors/anchors_main.htm
Has stories at different levels of difficulty, with the option to print and use worksheets. The interactive games allow young readers to mark the characters, setting, and conflict in each story as a check on comprehension.

Cary, Maggie. 2010. “Teach Your Child to Retell a Story.” Classroom Talk. <http://classroomtalk.com/?p=312>
Explains to families how to support their child’s story-retelling efforts.

Doodle Text <https://play.google.com/store/apps>
This free app by EquiComp Solutions links images with writing by allowing the user to draw on top of images and share them with others. Teachers can upload images such as photos from a field trip, and children can insert comments within cartoon-style bubbles, then save and share them.

Kidztory <https://itunes.apple.com>
Offered by Stepworks, these apps present and animate familiar folktales in three different languages—English, Spanish, and Cantonese.

Louisiana Voices Folklife in Education Project http://www.louisianavoices.org/Unit5/edu_unit5w_personal_experi.html

In a unit on oral traditions and swapping stories, this site has a scoring rubric to use with older students.

Turgeon, Kim. 2012. “5 Retelling Activities to Increase Our Youngest Readers’ Story Comprehension.” Meaning Matters. <http://www.meaning-matters.org>.
Suggests five different activities that prompt children as they retell stories.

Wild Fables <https://itunes.apple.com>
Offered by Razeware LLC, this app allows users to interact with classic Aesop’s fables.

Strategy 27 Technology Supports: The Talking Circle to Develop Oral Language

ESL Lab <http://www.esl-lab.com>

Offers activities to promote oral language fluency and comprehension. Users can listen to different excerpts of adults and children discussing different topics. Then, they can answer questions in response to their understanding of the spoken text.

Teacher Writing Center http://www.teacherwritingcenter.org/Oral_Language_Practice_Activities.pdf

Includes many different oral-language activities that could provide practice prior to a talking circle, such as “See It and Say It” (pictures and descriptions), “What Is It?” (practicing descriptions), “Either/Or/and More” (choices), “Follow the Pattern” (chunks of language), and “Relay Talk” (conversational turn taking).

That’s Silly <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Morning2Moon, this app builds children’s language by correcting and creating silly pictures. Children expand their descriptive vocabulary, sentence length, and story retelling.

Strategy 28 Technology Supports: Reading with Companion Animals to Build Motivation

Glogster <http://edu.glogster.com/?ref=com>

Use this free app to make posters about the visiting therapy dogs.

Intermountain Therapy Animals <http://www.therapyanimals.org/READ.html>

Offers information on the Reading Education Assistance Dogs program. Although this program is based in Utah, the site has helpful information on how these types of programs work.

Littlest Pet Shop <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by Gameloft, this app allows users to take care of their own virtual pets. Have children identify one as their reading buddy.

PAL Program of Therapy Dogs United <http://www.therapydogsunited.org/programs>

Erie, Pennsylvania, program offers therapy dogs that visit schools to work with children to support literacy.

Pennington, Mark. 2010. "Strange but True: Stuffed Animals Increase Reading Levels." Pennington Publishing Blog. <http://penningtonpublishing.com/blog/reading/strange-but-true-stuffed-animals-increase-reading-levels>.

If it is not possible to include live animals in the classroom, try stuffed-toy reading buddies.

Scholastic Bookwizard <http://www.scholastic.com/bookwizard>

Teachers can find the information they need about the reading levels of a wide variety of books.

Tail Waggin' Tutors program of Therapy Dogs International, Inc. [http://www.tdi-dog.org/](http://www.tdi-dog.org/OurPrograms.aspx?Page=Children+Reading+to+Dogs)

[OurPrograms.aspx?Page=Children+Reading+to+Dogs](http://www.tdi-dog.org/OurPrograms.aspx?Page=Children+Reading+to+Dogs)

Contact them at tdi@gti.net to find a therapy dog in your area.

Strategy 29 Technology Supports: Discussion Webs and Graphic Organizers to Learn Story Elements

Bubbl.us <https://bubbl.us>

This free software lets users create a flowchart using bubbles that indicate the relationships among facts.

Explain Everything <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by MorrisCooke, this app allows users to annotate any book page, video, or image.

Holt Interactive Graphic Organizers <http://my.hrw.com/nsmedia/intgos/html/igo.htm>

Allows users to type directly into graphic organizers, then print them out or email them. A small group of children could produce them and then share their completed organizers.

Kidspiration Maps Lite <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by Inspiration Software, Inc., it is the child's version of Inspiration—a versatile tool specifically for creating graphic organizers.

Mindmeister <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by MeisterLabs, this app supports the user in developing mind maps.

Popplet Lite <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by Notion, this app supports children in producing their own graphic organizers using both words and pictures.

Scholastic <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/graphic-organizers-reading-comprehension>

The graphic organizers section of this site offers organizers categorized by type, including some for reading comprehension, character analysis, and story sequence.

Strategy 30 Technology Supports: Storytelling Drama to Link Actions with Words

Creately <http://creately.com/blog/examples/storyboard-templates-creately>

Offers several colorful examples of storyboards.

Lipman, Doug. 1988. "Making Stories Participatory." Story Dynamics. http://www.storydynamics.com/Articles/Working_with_Stories/make_partic.html.

Offers ideas for participatory story sharing.

Make Believe Arts <http://www.makebelievearts.co.uk>

A website managed by Trisha Lee, the artistic director of a London theater. She offers excellent advice about supporting children's storytelling drama.

Phelan, Natalie. 2012. "Storyboarding for Kids." <http://prezi.com/3fublwoamua/storyboarding-for-kids>

Phelan has posted a short video about storyboarding suitable for older children seeking to make a short movie. It explains all of the techniques used by filmmakers.

ReadWriteThink "Help a Child Write a Story." <http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/tips-howtos/help-child-write-story-a-30593.html>

Provides step-by-step instructions on how to guide a child in producing a story and mapping it out on a storyboard.

Story Time from the Land of Me <http://itunes.apple.com>

Designed for preschoolers and kindergartners, this app features Granny Olive and her animal friends sharing two-minute stories in which the child can choose the main character, the story theme, and the type of story (happy, sad, funny). Both the text and animated characters are used to present the story. A free version is for iPad2. The version for iPad is available for a fee.

Strategy 31 Technology Supports: Repeated Oral Reading and Narrated Theater to Build Confidence with English

The Best Class <http://www.thebestclass.org>

Has free readers' theater scripts.

Bookster <http://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by Imagine Learning, this app allows children to listen to stories while each word of the text is illuminated as it is spoken.

K12 Timed Reading Practice <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by K12, Inc., this app allows users to read short, timed stories to test their reading fluency.

Magic Keys <http://www.magickeys.com/books>

Features story books for children to listen to on the website.

Strategy 32 Technology Supports: Bilingual Children’s Literature to Use (and Make) for ELLs

Celebrating Cultural Diversity through Children’s Literature <http://www.multiculturalchildrenslit.com>
Offers annotated bibliographies of children’s books from all over the world.

Children’s Books Online: The Rosetta Project Library <http://www.childrensbooksonline.org/library.htm>
Offers lists of children’s books and digital texts in English and Spanish, searchable by reading level.

Chillola <http://www.chillola.com>
At this site, children can learn English, Spanish, French, German, and Italian. English words are arranged in categories and there are resources for parents, teachers—as well as a gallery of children’s work.

Día! Diversity in Action <http://dia.ala.org>
This site, offered by the American Library Association, gives information about the program *El día de los niños/El día de los libros* (Children’s Day/Book Day), which focuses on the importance of literacy for families of all cultural and linguistic backgrounds. Access high-quality resources by clicking on Free Program Downloads.

First Words Spanish <https://itunes.apple.com>
Offered by Learning Touch LLC, this inexpensive app teaches toddlers and preschoolers over one hundred common Spanish words describing colors, animals, shapes, vehicles, and household items.

Google Translate <https://translate.google.com>
Can be used to translate picture book texts for a child or to communicate with families.

The International Children’s Digital Library <http://www.childrenslibrary.org>
Offers a searchable selection of quality digital children’s books from all over the world.

Monster’s Socks <https://itunes.apple.com>
Offered by Martin Hughes, this app is a story about a not-so-scary monster who loses his socks and goes on an adventure to locate them. The text can be narrated in English, Chinese, Czech, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, and Turkish.

Read Conmigo <https://www.readconmigo.org>
This site, sponsored by Infinity Insurance, promotes bilingualism in families through community activities and a free online downloadable library of books in English and Spanish.

The Rosetta Stone Kids Lingo Word Builder <https://itunes.apple.com>
This free app teaches words in English and Spanish.

Spanish Dictionary <http://www.spanishdict.com>
Translates material from English to Spanish, has interactive flash cards, and an extensive dictionary. Families and teachers can use this site to hear native speakers pronounce words in Spanish, practice and test their recall of vocabulary, and watch instructional videos.

Strategy 33 Technology Supports: Captioned Video to Support Early Literacy

Described and Captioned Media Program <http://www.dcmp.org>

Has captioned video that you can search by age group, language, and topic. Some of them are free.

e-book Creator <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by BlueFinger Apps, this app gives children the tools to make their own captioned e-books.

iPrompt <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by Greenality Limited, this app lets you enter text that will scroll at the speed you choose.

Speak It <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Future Apps, Inc., with this app you can enter text and then hear it spoken. Audio files made by the children can be saved for evaluation by the teacher.

WatchKnowLearn <http://www.watchknowlearn.com>

Has hundreds of free video clips for educators. Set the slider at the child's age range, and then type "caption" into the search box so that only the videos with captions come up. There are many American Sign Language videos in their library as well.

Wordball <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by Continuous Integration, Inc., this app allows users to build words by playing an interactive game.

Strategy 34 Technology Supports: Promoting Library Use in Families

Mrs. Sprat Next Door's Cat <https://itunes.apple.com>

This app, offered by Wales Interactive, is interspersed with games and tasks that children and their families can read and complete together. The story can be read to young learners or it can be presented in a more traditional form for families to read with children.

Read Along Library <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by MeeGenius, Inc., this app features hundreds of books for young learners to read and hear.

Reading Rainbow <https://itunes.apple.com>

This free app features a large library of fiction and nonfiction books, including recommendations based on the age and interest of the child. Video field trips also expose young learners to new ideas and environments.

The Sutherland Shire Library <http://www.in2era.com.au/products/picture-books-online>

Features a series of picture books that children can read with their families. Each book also contains activities and related drawing activities.

Strategy 35 Technology Supports: Higher-Order Thinking to “Stretch” Children’s Thinking

Exploratree <http://www.exploratree.org.uk>

Enables the user to create thinking guides online, print them, and save them for future use. Thinking guides are divided into five broad categories for use by educators and students: map your ideas, solve problems, explore, analyze, and different perspectives.

iKnowthat.com <http://www.iknowthat.com>

This site includes many different thinking games but charges a small monthly fee.

Literacy Malden <http://literacymalden.wikispaces.com/ReciprocalTeaching>

This wiki provides a definition of reciprocal teaching, bookmarks, print resources, and recordings.

Reading Rockets http://www.readingrockets.org/strategies/reciprocal_teaching

This website defines reciprocal teaching, includes a video example, and suggests additional resources.

Williams, Linda. 2013. “A Parent’s Guide to Reciprocal Teaching.” NWI.com.

http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/porter/portage/a-parent-s-guide-to-reciprocal-teaching/article_e6eb57fe-0c3b-5f8b-9b9b-2bb9f528b899.html

Discusses the value of reciprocal teaching and explains how it can be used at home.

Strategy 36 Technology Supports: Recorded Books to Enhance Motivation to Read

AudioBooks-Kids <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by Audiobook Pop! LLC, this app includes five free audiobooks for children.

Book Creator for iPad <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Red Jumper Studio, this app allows users to easily create all sorts of books that include illustrations.

Collins Big Cat: It was a Cold Dark Night Story Creator <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Harper Collins Publishing, Ltd., this free app contains a story that young readers can expand, incorporating the characters and setting into their own story.

Free Audio Books <http://www.techsupportalert.com/best-free-childrens-ebooks-online.htm>

Links to ninety-three free online books for children, searchable by grade level.

Just Books Read Aloud <http://www.justbooksreadaloud.com>

Offers 400 children's books read aloud. Videos of volunteer readers reading books categorized by length, author, narrator, and category. Many readers point out connections between text and images, much as they would if telling the story in person. The ability to sort books by narrator allows children to hear multiple books read by the same volunteer.

Learning School Radio <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schoolradio/subjects/english>

Offers high-quality audio recordings of children's stories.

Read Me Stories <https://itunes.apple.com>

This free app by Interactive Limited presents children with a new book every day.

Speakaboos <http://www.speakaboos.com>

The trial is free; the service is available for a monthly fee. Allows users to read and hear a number of stories. Users can preview several stories for free, but after that, there is a subscription fee.

Ten Websites for Reading Children's Stories Online

<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/10-websites-reading-childrens-stories-online>

Includes Mrs. P.'s Magic Library, StoryNory, Story Cove, EpubBud, and more.

Strategy 37 Technology Supports: Family Journals that Foster Home-School Communication

CogWeb's Proverb Resources <http://cogweb.ucla.edu/Discourse/Proverbs/index.html>

Offers English translations of proverbs from around the world.

Creative Proverbs <http://creativeproverbs.com>

Offers proverbs from countries and cultures all over the world, along with information about the countries, such as location, languages spoken, and ethnic groups who live there.

iDiary for Kids <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Tipitap, Inc., this password-protected app lets children record their thoughts by writing, drawing, or adding their own photos to their daily journal entries. The diary can be saved or shared.

Kids Journal <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by App of Approval, LLC, this app encourages children to reflect on their day, write about it, and add photos. The journals produced can be shared and read on iBooks.

Proverbs by Country of Origin <http://www.famous-quotations.com/proverbs.asp>

Proverbs from cultures all over the world.

Read Write Think <http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/lesson-plans/family-message-journals-teach-82.html>

Suggests different ways to use family journals.

SPOKE n PHOTO Album <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by Spoke Technologies, this app allows children to create a personal photo album with captions that are recorded in their own voices.

Strategy 38 Technology Supports: Web 2.0 Translation Tools to Foster Collaboration

Babylon 9 <http://translation.babylon.com>

Has a free trial version of their top-rated translation software; for a fee, users can get a more sophisticated version that translates more than twenty-four languages. Check to see if your school has this resource available.

Defining Diversity <http://www.cyh.com>

A site teachers can use to better understand diversity issues and explore them with children. Type “what is diversity” into the site’s search bar.

Google Translate <https://translate.google.com>

Use it to translate picture-book texts for a child or to communicate with families.

Instant Multilanguage Translator <http://www.freetranslation.com>

Can convert your messages to families into languages that they can understand; have a native speaker with proficiency in the language check it first to make sure that it reads well.

Strategy 39 Technology Supports: Word Families to Teach Spelling

ABC Phonics Word Family <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by Abitalk, Inc., this app provides a series of games allowing young readers to practice matching words from word families to help build their vocabulary.

Ace Writer Word Family Series <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by Hien Ton, this app gives children practice writing, seeing, and reading onsets and rimes.

Apples4theTeacher <http://www.apples4theteacher.com/languagearts/word-families>

This site has various activities with word families, including flashcards and coloring pages.

Enchanted Learning <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/wordfamilies>

Identifies thirty-seven different word families and suggests activities, including simple books.

ReadWriteThink <http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/wordfamily>

Lets the user select a vowel sound, sort words into families, and print out word-family charts.

Scholastic's Teacher Express <http://teacherexpress.scholastic.com/subject/reading/word-families>

Offers collections of children's books that feature specific word families.

Songs for Teaching <http://www.songsforteaching.com/phonemicawareness.htm>

Has songs for download that teach onsets and rimes.

Sound Literacy <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by 3D Literacy, LLC, this app operates much like magnetic letters with the letters on tiles (vowels are in red and consonants in yellow). It is best suited for children with advanced knowledge of sounds because it includes consonant teams, vowel teams, special endings, prefixes, suffixes, and Latin-based prefixes. Children build various words, attempt to say the words, and then click to hear them pronounced.

Starfall Learn to Read <http://www.starfall.com/n/level-a/learn-to-read/play.htm?f>

Allows children to experiment with forming new words. The base word stays constant as the child selects different letters to create new words.

Word Families <http://primary123abc.weebly.com/word-families.html>

Offers information and helpful links about word families.

WORD Pig Spell <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by ZiggityZoom, this app provides guided practice with forming words. Each game focuses on three-letter words using one of the vowels. There is also another level of challenge that asks children to spell words as they are spoken. Both games acknowledge the correct answer and ask the child to pick a different letter if the answer is incorrect.

Strategy 40 Technology Supports: Open-Ended Questions That Expand Inferential Thinking

Busy Teachers Café http://www.busyteacherscafe.com/literacy/comprehension_strategies.html#questioning

Suggests reading-comprehension questions and has links to graphic organizers and lesson plans. Question Builder for iPad <https://itunes.apple.com>

ConversationBuilder <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Mobile Education Store, this app allows users to make inferences based on images and/or audio. Questions may be formatted as why, what, where, or how in reference to various pictures. Audio clips of the questions and answers are included if the child needs assistance or is playing alone, but the audio can be turned off if the child is reading independently or playing with someone else who can read.

Stories and Children <http://storiesandchildren.com/open-ended-questions>

Explains the value of open-ended questions and shows how to use them with books.

Study Zone <http://www.studyzone.org/testprep/ela4/o/makinginference.cfm>

Features several one- and two-paragraph stories that allow readers to use clues to make inferences about information that is not directly included in the story. It is a good resource for tutors who are working with a child individually.

Strategy 4 | Technology Supports: Shared Reading with Predictable Big Books

Brain Pop <https://www.brainpop.com>

Has a section on activities that teach children how to make predictions.

Reading Rockets http://www.readingrockets.org/strategies/shared_reading/

Explains how to conduct shared reading lessons with children.

Scholastic Teacher Store <https://www.scholastic.com/teacherstore>

The teacher store is noted for the collections of big books suitable for shared reading.

Starfall Learn to Read <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Starfall Education, this app suggests strategies for supporting emergent and early readers.

Strategy 42 Technology Supports: Gestures and Pantomime as Tools for Communication

Charades! <https://itunes.apple.com>

This free app by FatChicken Studios has fifteen different categories of charades.

The Feelings Game <http://www.do2learn.com/games/feelingsgame>

Allows users to match words for emotions to the face conveying that emotion or to do the reverse—begin with a face, and then select the correct word to label that emotion.

The Fun Stuff to Do <http://www.fun-stuff-to-do.com/kids-charades.html>

This site has 108 free, printable charades cards illustrated with emoticons and classified into nine categories, such as people, actions, or easy.

In a World (Drama) <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Optimum Drama, Inc., this app lets students invent a movie trailer using pictures, music, and audio clips.

Picture Charades http://www.fatbraintoy.com/toy_companies/outset_media_corp/picture_charades.cfm

Offered by Outset Media, this is a game containing 192 cards and a spinner that identifies different categories. Playing the game relies completely on pictures, imagination, and gestures. For example, after getting a card that depicts a galloping unicorn or a juicy hamburger, the players have to come up with actions to represent what was pictured on the card.

Strategy 43 Technology Supports: Book Characters to Compare/Contrast

CompareNContrast <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Mobile Learning Services, this app has students examine sets of photos for the similarities and differences.

Ipatenco, Sara. 2014. "How to Teach Diagrams to Kids." eHow. http://www.ehow.com/how_5498706_teach-diagrams-kids.html

Shows teachers how to introduce Venn diagrams to children.

MELS "Compare and Contrast" for Kids <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by E-Learn, this app asks children to search for similarities and differences in sets of objects.

Popplet <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Notion, this versatile app enables users to create compare-and-contrast graphic organizers.

Scholastic <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/character-comparison-sheet>

Lets you print out your own chart to compare two characters or create a scrapbook for a character.

Trading Cards <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by International Reading Association, this app lets children make their own trading cards of real or imagined characters. These cards can be used to study and practice skills in comparing and contrasting.

Strategy 44 Technology Supports: The Seven Traits of Writing Modeled in Picture Books

Kim's Korner for Teacher Talk <http://www.kimskorner4teachertalk.com/writing/sixtrait/menu.htm>

Has links to many different lesson plans, scoring rubrics, and other free resources for teachers who are working with the traits of writing. Be sure to search by grade level because the traits often are taught to older students.

Smekens Educational Solutions <http://www.smekenseducation.com/seeing-the-traits-within-the-writing-process.html>

Describes how to teach the seven traits of writing and recommends favorite picture books for each trait.

Williams, Kechia. n.d. "Activities for Demonstrating the Traits of Writing." Scholastic.

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/activities-demonstrating-traits-writing> Gives teaching tips and lesson plans on the seven traits.

Strategy 45 Technology Supports: Fingerplays and Action Rhymes that Link Actions and Words

ESL Kids <http://www.esl4kids.net/fingerplays.html>

Offers themed fingerplays for teachers of young ELLs.

Fingerplay Fun <http://www.wccls.org/rhymes>

Shows a multitude of fingerplays being acted out by adults. The words and motions are described off to the side to make it easy for parents or teachers to learn them and pass them on to children. Many of the rhymes are also performed in Spanish.

Jacksonville Public Library Fingerplay Videos <http://jpl.coj.net/linkuptoliteracy/Fingerplay-Videos.html>

Shows fingerplay rhymes acted out by different adults. Both the text of the fingerplay and a written description of the accompanying motions are available for printing.

Preschool Rainbow <http://www.preschoolrainbow.org/preschool-rhymes.htm>

A free collection of fingerplays that is fully searchable.

Reading is Fundamental <http://www.rif.org/kids/leadingtoreading/en/preschoolers/play.htm#fplist>

This free collection of fingerplays allows users to hear the fingerplay and see the motions to accompany it.

Story Time Standouts <http://www.storytimestandouts.com/free-early-literacy-printables-children/rhymes-songs-fingerplays-chants>

Has fifty PDFs containing songs, rhymes, and fingerplays that come with printed words and illustrations to explain the motions.

Storytime Katie <http://storytimekatie.com/songs-rhymes/master-list>

Lists fingerplays and rhymes in alphabetical order. Each rhyme is written out and connected with children's literature.

Strategy 46 Technology Supports: Total Physical Response (TPR) to Assess Understanding of English

Bowen, Tim. n.d. "Teaching Approaches: Total Physical Response." One Stop English.
<http://www.onestopenglish.com/support/methodology/teaching-approaches/teaching-approaches-total-physical-response/146503.article>
Explains how TPR can support English language learners.

Interactive Touch Books <https://itunes.apple.com>
Offered for free by Interactive Touch, Inc., this app provides interactive children's books.

Ludescher, Franz. n.d. "Total Physical Response." http://www2.vobs.at/ludescher/total_physical_response.htm

Explains the theory and research as well as supplies examples of activities.

Noodle Words <https://itunes.apple.com>
Offered by NoodleWorks Interactive, this award-winning app for the iPad animates eighteen action words, such as *running*, *bumping*, *spinning*, when the word is touched.

PlayTales <https://itunes.apple.com>
Offered for free by Genera Kids, this app provides interactive children's books, although most require an additional in-app cost.

Teacher Joe. n.d. "Teaching Ideas for the ESL Classroom." Learn to Speak English Fluently.
<http://www.teacherjoe.us/TeachersTPR.html>
Learn more about Total Physical Response.

Strategy 47 Technology Supports: Picture Books to Teach Routines

Daniel Tiger's Day and Night <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by PBS Kids, this app teaches about daily routines with songs and games.

iTouchiLearn Life Skills Morning Routines for Preschool Kids <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Staytooned as a free version or as an upgraded one, this app helps to illustrate morning routines for children.

My Routine Schedule: A Visual Task Timer for Children <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Pocket Apps Canada, this app uses pictures, timers, and a voice recorder to help children learn their routines.

Super Home Hero by Fred Rogers Center at Saint Vincent College Early Learning Environment

<https://itunes.apple.com>

This free app allows users to play a game that teaches them how to help with household chores, such as doing laundry and folding clothes.

Strategy 48 Technology Supports: Literacy Learning Centers with Self-Correcting Materials

BiteSize—Reading, Writing, Grammar <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/english/reading>

This website, funded by the BBC, provides students the opportunity to play a variety of interactive games pertaining to reading, writing, spelling, and grammar.

iWriteWords <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by gdplus, this app gives children practice at writing letters.

School Writing <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Demografix Pty Ltd., this app allows the teacher to prepare various handwriting lessons using written instructions, unique images, and audio instructions. The child can respond using written and audio recordings.

Sentence Clubhouse <http://www.harcourtschool.com/activity/clubhouse/index.html>

This site gives second- and third-grade students practice identifying commands, exclamations, questions, and statements as well as using proper capitalization and punctuation.

Strategy 49 Technology Supports: Free Voluntary Reading for Young ELLs

8 Free PDF Page-Flipping Software <http://www.kvisoft.com/blog/8-free-pdf-page-flipping-software>

Lists links to free software for creating e-books.

Education World http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/curr007.shtml

Explains free voluntary reading.

I Like Books <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by GrasshopperApps.com, this app has thirty-seven picture books.

Reading A-Z <http://www.readinga-z.com>

Offers many different free easy readers.

Reading Rockets. 2011. "Reconsidered Silent Reading." Reading Rockets.

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/43214>

This article discusses the importance of getting children involved in reading.

Scholastic <http://teacher.scholastic.com>

An excellent source for locating leveled books.

Zoodles <http://www.zoodles.com>

Child-safe browsing and fun content are free. For a monthly, bi-annual, or annual fee, the user can search content and books by age group and subject.

Strategy 50 Technology Supports: Letter/Sound Correspondence to “Crack the Code”

AlphaTots <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Spinlight Studio, this app presents letters and sounds in an interactive way. Students choose a letter and get both an audio lesson on the sound of the letter and connect the letter with real-life examples.

Animal Show <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Chronicle Books, this app presents thirty-one different animals that toddlers and preschoolers can tap on to hear the sounds each animal makes. There are matching, memory, and counting games as well.

Articulation Station <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Little Bee Speech, this free app supports children in pronunciation of letter sounds.

The Cat in the Hat <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Oceanhouse Media, this app of the classic book by Dr. Seuss has a “tap words” feature.

Hear2Read <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Ryan Heitner, this app includes 356 practice words at seven different skill levels, such as compound words, two-syllable words, phonemes, and blends.

Scholastic <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/beginning-consonant-sounds>

Suggests many different lessons for teaching initial consonants.

SoundSwaps <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Language Learning Apps, LLC for \$9.99, this app allows students to practice decoding and encoding skills. It tracks progress and uses positive reinforcement. Children can practice recognizing word families, initial and final sounds, and vowel-sound changes.

Touch the Sound <https://itunes.apple.com>

This free app offered by Innovative Mobile Apps has children match pictures to sounds and practice their auditory discrimination skills.

What’s That Sound? <http://toucharcade.com/games/whats-that-sound-2>

Offered for free by Totalidea Software, this app has more than 500 sounds and images that give children practice at hearing and matching the correct sound to the correct picture. Familiar images allow children as young as four to easily utilize this app.

Strategy 51 Technology Supports: Joint Attention and Print Referencing to Support Reading

Read Aloud <http://www.readaloud.org>

Explains the importance to families of fifteen minutes a day spent reading with children.

Roy: Tale of a Singing Zebra <http://www.roythezebra.com/guided-reading-story.html>

Offers material for guided reading activities.

Storyline Online <http://www.storylineonline.net>

Has resources for building children's understanding of stories.

Whitehurst, Grover. n.d. "Dialogic Reading: An Effective Way to Read to Preschoolers." Reading Rockets. <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/400>.

Explains the value of dialogic reading to teachers.

Strategy 52 Technology Supports: Intentional Vocabulary Instruction to Improve Comprehension

Hideout: Early Reading <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by Brigham Young University, this app guides children through reading and has them make up their own words using sounds and illustrations.

Little Reader Touch <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by BrillKids, this app is designed to support children's emergent literacy skills by expanding vocabulary and encouraging communication.

SpellingCity <https://itunes.apple.com>

SpellingCity offers a free app that lets the child choose a word list and play games such as using words in sentences, identifying missing letters, ABC order, practice spelling tests, and so forth.

Word Match HD <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by PC Supplies Limited, this app allows users to match each word with its accompanying image. Children can take images they are familiar with and learn to recognize the word for that image and eventually learn to read that new word.

Word Wagon <http://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Duck Duck Moose, Inc., this app takes your students on a word journey from letter recognition to spelling. Students can follow Mozzarella the Mouse and Coco the Bird across seven categories that include more than one hundred words in all.

Strategy 53 Technology Supports: Easy Readers as Supports in Learning to Read

GoodReads <http://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/easy-readers>

Keeps you informed about the top-rated easy readers.

Love to Know Children's Books http://childrens-books.lovetoknow.com/Free_Easy_Readers_for_Elementary

Has links to free easy readers for elementary students.

Mighty Book http://www.mightybook.com/MightyBook_free/Free_Stories_and_Songs.html

Suggests easy readers.

Reading A-Z <http://www.readinga-z.com>

Offers many different easy readers.

Scholastic <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/book-list/series-characters-authors/best-easy-readers>

Makes recommendations of the best easy readers.

Zoodles <http://www.zoodles.com>

Allows the teacher to search by age group and subject for easy readers.

Strategy 54 Technology Supports: Information Books Presented Interactively

American Library Association <http://www.ala.org>

Offers tips on science books to read aloud.

Lesson Planet <http://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/expository-text>

Has lesson plans for using expository texts with young children.

The National Council for Social Studies <http://www.socialstudies.org/notable>

Publishes an annual list of notable children's books in social studies. Each book is reviewed using quality standards keyed to the social studies standards and leveled as P = Primary (pre-K-2) and I = Intermediate (3-5).

Pair-It Books <http://www.steck-vaughn.com>

Pairs fiction and nonfiction books.

Stephens, Kathy. 2008. "A Quick Guide to Selecting Great Informational Books for Young Children." Reading Rockets. <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/26050>.

Offers advice to teachers on selecting information books.

Strategy 55 Technology Supports: Dolch Sight Words to Promote Fluency

ABCya http://www.abcya.com/dolch_sight_word_bingo.htm

Find many different activities with Dolch words.

Cookie <http://www.cookie.com/kids/games/sight-words.html>

Find many different activities with Dolch words.

Elephonics <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by BabyBinks, this app gives children practice with Dolch and Fry sight words. The app tracks the child's progress as he plays a game that requires him to fix words that a "stampede" has jumbled up.

Kidzone <http://www.kidzone.ws/dolch/index.htm>

Find many different activities with Dolch words.

Mrs. Perkins <http://www.mrsperkins.com/dolch.htm>

Find many different activities with Dolch words.

Sight Words by Photo Touch <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by Grasshopperapps.com, this app teaches sight words by using touch and sound and is suitable for toddlers.

Sight Words List <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by Innovative Mobile Apps, this app uses a teacher-selected list of sight words or a grade-level set and is designed as practice for a child who is familiar with the words already. A quiz feature presents a list of sight words to the child, and she must click on the correct word quickly to get credit for a correct answer.

Sight Words and Spelling with Pixopop HD <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Marcel Widarto, this app teaches children sight words by seeing, hearing, and spelling them.

Spelling City <http://www.spellingcity.com/dolch-words.html>

Find many different activities with Dolch words.

Word BINGO <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by ABCya.com, this visually appealing app produces bingo cards of common sight words. To play, the child needs to hear the word, locate it, and touch it.

Write My Name <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by NCSOFT, this app for the iPad gives practice with one hundred Dolch words.

Strategy 56 Technology Supports: Participation Books to Address Low Book Interest

Book Adventure <http://www.bookadventure.com/Home.aspx>

Has free resources for families that recommend ways to motivate children to read, to select books at the correct level, and to monitor the child's progress.

Interactive Touch Books for Kids <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by Interactive Touch, Inc., this app provides a number of interactive children's books.

Kids Books Finder <http://harpercollinschildrens.com/Kids/BookFinder>

Suggests activities and games related to favorite books.

Little Bella's I Close My Eyes <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Tui Studios, this app tells the story of Bella and her dreams.

Pat the Bunny <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Random House LLC, this app features one of the first and most beloved board books to invite active participation. This app brings the book into the digital age as children interact with fourteen different scenes.

PlayTales! Kids' Books <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by Genera Kids, this app provides a number of interactive books, most at an additional in-app purchase price.

Strategy 57 Technology Supports: Writing Prompts to Support Writing

60 Story Starters <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Super Duper Publications, this app has many writing ideas correlated with children's books.

Daily Writing Prompt <http://www.daily-writing-prompt.com/picture-book-prompts.html>

Suggests a writing activity related to a popular picture book.

Doodlecast Pro Video Whiteboard <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Zinc Roe, this app for the iPad lets children draw and narrate the images that they produce. With a single touch, the screen can be paused, erased, resumed, cleared, saved, or even shared on YouTube.com.

Make Beliefs Comix <http://www.makebeliefscomix.com>

Supports children in making their own comic strips in Spanish, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, or Latin.

Reading Planet Storymaker <http://www.rif.org/readingplanet/gamestation/storymaker/storymaker.htm>

Lets children choose a setting and then answer a few questions. The site creates an illustrated story based on the child's responses.

Scholastic Story Starters <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters>

Lets children choose a genre and then spin a wheel to choose a story prompt.

Story Jumper <http://www.storyjumper.com/main/help>

Lets students create and share their own books.

Story Kitchen <http://www.brucevanpatter.com/storykitchen.html>

Lets the child choose a hero, a setting, and a villain, then the site creates a beginning to a story that the child can finish.

The Story Starter <http://thestorystarter.com>

Randomly generates story starters.

Strategy 58 Technology Supports: Children's Interests to Motivate English Language Learning

Calico Spanish <http://www.calicospanish.com/videos>

Has many different free illustrated songs in Spanish on their YouTube channel.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid <http://www.funbrain.com/journal/Journal.html?ThisJournalDay=1andThisPage=1>

An online version of the series by Jeff Kinney that features both the text and cartoons of the popular children's book. Children can navigate the book page by page or can search by date.

Sundance Literative Readers <http://www.sundancepub.com/c/@cCgDCwFxEUxTE/Pages/literativereaders.html>

Has animated, leveled reading material for beginning readers. Children can read aloud alone or with the online companion.

Vernon, Shelley. n.d. "Motivating Children to Learn English: Going beyond Bribery." Teaching English Games. http://www.teachingenglishgames.com/Articles/Motivating_Children.htm. Offers ideas for motivating English language learners.

Strategy 59 Technology Supports: Autobiographical Memory Supported with Voki

Animoto <http://animoto.com>

Allows the user to create a free video slide show.

Dreamweaver <https://creative.adobe.com/products/dreamweaver>

Adobe offers a free trial of this software designed to produce digital stories with lovely illustrations.

TikaTok <http://www.tikatok.com>

Supports children in writing and publishing their own stories or information books, illustrated with digital photographs, at this site.

Voki <http://www.voki.com>

Can be accessed online and used to create personalized characters (avatars) that speak in the child's voice. The finished Voki can be emailed, uploaded, or embedded in a variety of web-based applications.

Web Tools for Kids <https://sites.google.com/site/webtoolsbox/avatars>

Lets children choose from a wide assortment of avatars to populate their stories.

Strategy 60 Technology Supports: Directed Listening-Thinking Activity (DLTA) to Improve Comprehension

Brainpop Educators <http://www.brainpop.com/educators/community/lesson-plan/making-predictions-activities-for-kids>

Gives teachers a variety of ideas on teaching children to make predictions.

Making Predictions http://teach.fcps.net/TALK/activities/sniffy_fluffy/MakingPredictions/activity1makingpredictions.htm

Allows users to make a prediction orally or through writing about the content of a story.

Then, they can view the story, stopping after each page, to see if they were right.

Pete's PowerPoint Station <http://reading.pppst.com/prediction.html>

A repository of teacher resources that can be searched by grade level. PowerPoint slide presentations on various language arts topics—including predictions—are available.

Yeh, Katie. 2012. "Five Playful Ways to Work on Listening and Following Directions." *Playing with Words* 365. <http://www.playingwithwords365.com/2012/10/five-playful-ways-to-work-on-listening-skills>

Suggests activities to promote good listening habits in children. Each activity or game allows children to try and make predictions about what will happen next. Children can then listen to the instructions and determine if their predictions were correct.

Strategy 61 Technology Supports:

Drawing as Prewriting and Narrative Prop

Collaborize Classroom <http://library.collaborizeclassroom.com>

This site for older children lets them share their drawings and writings with other students.

Color with Leo http://www.colorwithleo.com/art_draw.php

Lets children experiment with a set of stock images and virtual paints and coaches them on how to draw.

Draw and Tell HD <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Duck Duck Moose, this app uses the iPad or iPhone microphone to let children narrate their drawings on twenty-two different types of “paper” and record them. It also includes highlighting features, such as a glow-in-the-dark marker, and a photo library to save and share the results.

Free Draw at Nick Jr. <http://www.nickjr.com/games/nick-jr-free-draw.jhtml>

An online drawing tool stocked with virtual art supplies, including ninety colors, chalk, markers, goo, spray paint, and glitter, enable children to create pictures without the cost of replenishing art materials.

The Lazoo Squiggles <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by Lazoo Worldwide, Inc., this app lets children draw with stickers, chalk, ketchup, and so on, then hit the Go button and watch their drawings come to life. There is a secure storage feature that allows them to email their drawings to others, save them to a gallery, or print them out.

My Storymaker <http://www.clpgh.org/kids/storymaker>

Supports children in inventing their own stories. They begin by choosing a main character, a main event, and a setting. The My Storymaker site then gives audio directions to young children to help them manipulate characters. As characters are put into action, text appears at the bottom of the screen.

ScreenChomp <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by TechSmith, this app allows users to record their writing and sketching and share it with others.

Scribbler <https://play.google.com>

Offered for free by Rich Stern Media and Video, this app is a drawing and fingerpainting tool operated by the user’s fingertip.

Strategy 62 Technology Supports: Technology to Differentiate Instruction

123 Color HD <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Steve Glinberg, this app lets children use a color palette and the tip of a finger to color a picture. While the child colors, the name of the picture is spoken in the language selected. (The basic version includes English, Spanish, and German; the premium edition adds French, Hebrew, and Russian). Numbers, letters (upper- and lowercase), colors, sound effects, and songs are included. Children who speak some English can work with a partner who is learning English to teach one another basic vocabulary.

Differentiation Central <http://differentiationcentral.com/about.html>

Explains the advantages of creating tasks at the correct level of difficulty.

iWriteWords <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by GDIPPlus, this app lets children use their fingers to follow Mr. Crab—and write a letter at the same time. There are multiple levels to accommodate to different levels of motor skill and letter knowledge.

Kidzstory Treasury <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Stepworks, this app presents and animates thirteen familiar folktales, including *The Little Red Hen*, in three different languages—English, Spanish, and Cantonese.

Picture-book <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by Maplekey Company, LLC, this app for the iPad lets children use the interactive pictures in English and Spanish that are supplied or download original pictures to create characters and narrate a simple story. To see how it works, watch the video “Bear and Bear Make a Story” at <http://bit.ly/picture-bookAppVid>.

Pig in a Poke <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Geir Larsen, this app contains thirty-five lists of twenty words. Children read the words and sort them into “pokes” (sacks). Children can work on their own or work with a partner.

PreSchool Essentials <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by Kidzone Studios, this app offers shape puzzles; letter, number, and color activities; and tracing activities at different levels of difficulty. Some of the activities require an in-app purchase.

Reading Companion <http://www.readingcompanion.org>

This website allows young readers to read an online book into a microphone while the online tutor listens and provides feedback and assistance when needed. Reports can be generated to show reading successes and struggles.

Word Wizard <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by L'Escapadou, this app can be used to check the spelling of thousands of words or to take practice spelling tests. Words lists can be created or selected from a list, and the app tracks the child's progress.

Strategy 63 Technology Supports: Electronic Talking Books (E-books) to Support Reading Comprehension

ABCya <http://www.abcya.com>

Offers free e-books at different grade levels, spelling and sight-word activities, and many more literacy boosters.

Don't Let the Pigeon Run This App! <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Disney, this app is based on the popular Mo Willems book character, Pigeon. It puts children in charge of creating and/or drawing a story with that theme. Pigeon is always attempting to do things that are not advisable—such as driving the bus and staying up late—and children can add to the list through this app. The children can see the text as the author narrates or can insert their own voices.

Five Little Monkeys Go Shopping <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Oceanhouse Media. Mama takes the family clothes shopping and reminds them, “Don’t go wandering off.” Naturally, the monkeys manage to get into mischief anyway.

Go Away, Big Green Monster! <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Night and Day Studios, this app for iPad is based on the popular picture book by the same name. Children can “build” a not-so-scary monster and touch him to see what he does. There are four modes—read along with a child narrator, read along with the author, sing along, or read by yourself.

Martha Speaks! <http://www.pbs.org/parents/martha/mobileapps>

These free apps offered by PBS.org are based on the books of Susan Meddaugh about a talking dog. This series is designed to teach vocabulary in accordance with the research-based strategies of Isabel Beck and colleagues. Complete episodes can be downloaded online at PBS Kids.

StarWalkKids <http://www.starwalkkids.com/families-caregivers.html>

Offers advice and resources on children’s literature to educators and families.

Story Panda <http://storypanda.com/storypanda-app>

Offers a list of low-priced interactive e-books.

Wild about Books <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Random House, this app, based on the humorous book by Judy Sierra about a bookmobile that ends up at a zoo, alludes to many of the Dr. Seuss books and encourages readers to create other stories about books delivered to unlikely readers.

Strategy 64 Technology Supports: Summer Literacy Activities to Counteract Summer Slump

Scholastic <http://www.scholastic.com/summer>

Offers many different ideas for activities with a summer theme.

Summer Bridge Activities <http://www.summerlearningactivities.com/sba/View/Login/Login.aspx>

Gives families and teachers access to a wide array of summer activities.

Summer Learning Activities <http://www.summerlearningactivities.com>

Offers many different ideas for activities with a summer theme.

Summer Reading Challenge <http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

Suggests strategies for sustaining literacy learning over the summer months.

Strategy 65 Technology Supports: Voice Amplification to Build Listening Comprehension

iTalk Recorder <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by Griffin Technology, this app allows users to easily record audio.

Lullabies Para Dormir y Relajar (Lullabies for Sleeping and Relaxing) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d1C03ializg>

Offers one hour of lullabies with print lyrics in Spanish and images of babies at rest.

Lullaby World <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vU0fYzuypXg#aid=P-R0GQDXsnY>

Has eight hours of lullaby music and changing images to play as background.

Nighty Night! <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Fox and Sheep GmbH, this app lets young children put all of the animals on the farm to sleep by turning off the lights. Beautiful visuals and interactivity supply appeal.

PureRelaxTV <https://www.youtube.com/user/PureRelaxTV>

Has many videos with relaxing music and pleasing images for children to view, such as "Relaxation For Children—Music for Learning, Quiet, Positive, Harmony."

School Writing <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by demografix, this app allows the teacher to prepare lessons using written instructions, unique images, and audio instructions, to which the student can respond using written and audio recordings. Students learn shapes, letters, numbers, words, and more.

Speech with Milo: Interactive Storybook <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered by Doonan Speech Therapy, this app lets children either record their own story or listen to an appropriate example of a creative and well-developed story.

Talking Tom Cat <https://itunes.apple.com>

Offered for free by Out Fit 7 Ltd., this app has a cat that will repeat in a silly voice anything the child says. Children will love that they can pet and poke Tom and enjoy his reactions.