



Student With English as a Second Language

Classroom Scenario

Yen is 10 years old and served in a fourth-grade classroom. She and her family have recently become naturalized citizens. Korean is spoken at home, though the family is learning English. Yen is eager to learn but only understands part of what is said in class and little of what is presented as text. She has an ESL teacher for a few hours each week, but she seems to be falling behind the other students, most of whom are reading on at least a 2nd to 3rd grade level. You want to help her before she gets discouraged. How will you adapt her activities to support her learning while her reading and language skills are still developing?

Potential Solutions

- Use graphics, symbols, realia, or video to support reading assignments (Pixwriter at elementary level)
 - The C-pen Reader can help with looking new vocabulary words
 - Use an advanced reading aid, such as Kurzweil 3000 with its built-in translation feature and picture dictionary
 - Snap and Read and NewsELA can help with lowering the Lexile level of text if needed
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