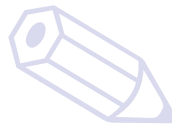
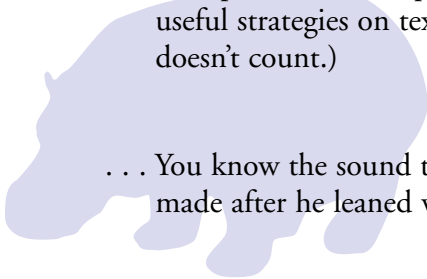


# You Know You Are a Seasoned Reading Recovery Teacher When...

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- ... You can tell at least two tricks Dave can do.
- ... You know why the table really broke. (And it wasn't the hippo!)
- ... You could give *An Observation Survey of Early Literacy Achievement* to your household pet and come up with at least two useful strategies on text. (Scratching doesn't count.)
- ... You know the sound that Harry the hippo made after he leaned way over and...
- ... You can give two or more unique pronunciations of the words *used* and *human*.
- ... You find yourself saying things like, "Where do I start? Which way do I go? Where do I go after that?" to friends and family.
- ... You're sure you could take a running record of someone reading the side of a bus and analyze it in 30 seconds flat.
- ... You nearly cry because a 6-year-old can write his or her name.
- ... *Like, the, can,* and *am* are some of the most celebrated words in the English language.
- ... You know how to save birds from an oil spill.
- ... You'll never be at a loss for words to describe the quills of a porcupine.
- ... You'd like to give whoever created words like *laughed, knee,* and *was* a piece of your mind for confounding thousands of first graders.
- ... You know where Roger rested his feet while he was out in the hall with Ham.
- ... You think 6- and 7-year-olds are some of the most fascinating people on earth.



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