

The Last Word

Picture This

I was on a school visit with a trained teacher when the following interaction took place. The teacher was introducing the storybook *Photo Time* to the child and began the orientation to the new book by having the little boy attend to the illustration on the book cover.

Teacher: This is a story about doing things together as a family.

Child: I do things with my family, too.

Teacher: What is mom doing in this picture?

Child: She is taking a picture.

Teacher: Yes she is, but in this story they don't call it a *picture*, they call it a ...

The little boy interrupted her and said, "Selfie. They call it a selfie."

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Can You Hear It?

Yesterday while my Reading Recovery friend was reading, he said *cat* for *fat* so I masked all but the first letter and said, "Can you hear this letter?" He put his ear on the page and looked at me all serious and said, "No, I didn't hear anything!"

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Got Milk?

Destiny was asked to write the story from Hearing and Recording Sounds in Words by my colleague who was testing her at the end of program. When she asked Destiny to write *milk*, she replied, "Ya, I can't write that word because I'm lactose intolerant!"

What's That Again?

Xavier was struggling with the word *again*. After several attempts to break this word and stretch this word, he tried to reread the sentence and could not seem to get past the first letter. I gave him the "told," which was "again," so Xavier tried to use his strategies again and again until finally, he started to giggle and said, "Wait, Mrs. B! Is that word *again*?" We both laughed until our sides hurt.

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