The Last Word

Let’s Face It
Jason has solved the b/d confusion problem. When he was writing a ‘b’, he wrote a ‘d’ instead.
Me: That should be a ‘b.’
Jason: It is. It’s just facing forward.

Joni Robinson
Reading Recovery/Title I Teacher
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Speaking the Language
When I got this text from a Reading Recovery colleague I immediately thought of “You know you’re a Reading Recovery teacher if ....”

Colleague: Hey, I’m on my way — late because I had a mouse in my car. Used a snappy trap.

Vicki Foster and Brenda Burnell
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What’s In a Name?
I was teaching behind the glass and my student entered very enthusiastically because he had just learned so much about the Statue of Liberty.
Child: Can I draw a picture of the Statue of Liberty?
Me: You sure can. And when you finish you can label the parts. That’s what authors do in nonfiction texts.
Child: Ok. This is the torch, this is the crown, this is her foot, and this is her computer.
Me: Interesting, what makes you think the Statue of Liberty is holding a computer?
Child: My teacher told me that she is holding a tablet.

Rita Croteau
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Interesting Interpretation
On a school visit with a Reading Recovery teacher-in-training, a student had a witty interpretation of the story, *Sammy at the Farm* by Kathleen Urmston and Karen Evans (Kaeden Publishing, Level 5). During the new book introduction the student arrived at the page where Sammy is sprayed by the skunk and announced, “Ahhh … the skunk farted on him!” And then, when the student reached the end, where Sammy is soaking in tomato juice he exclaimed, “Oh no, someone’s cookin’ Sammy!”

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