

The Last Word

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Connecting to Text!

*Kay Emmons, San Luis Obispo, California
Spring 2003*

I was working with one of my students in familiar reading. Kayla was reading *I'm King of the Mountain*. When we got to the part about the cow going down the road, Kayla looked up at me and asked, "Shouldn't that say, 'I'm queen of the mountain'?" Pretty good thinking!

Using Analogy!

*Emily Jordan, West Bend, Wisconsin
Fall 2003*

I had just begun Roaming Around the Known with Hannah, and I was introducing her to a book that used the word *mum* instead of *mom*. Knowing that this could be confusing for her since she knew *mom*, I explained to Hannah that some people use *mum* instead of *mom*. Hannah listened to my explanation, then asked, "So do they call their dads *duds*?"

More Important Learning?

*Linda Rak, Lydonville, New York
Fall 2004*

The mother of one of my Reading Recovery children had just observed a very successful lesson with him. As the child was leaving the room, his mother sighed heavily and said, "Come back here and let me tie your shoes. You *really* need to learn how to tie these things." "Yeah, I know," replied the child, "but I can read!"

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Out of the Mouths...

*Jan Kuennig, DoDDS, Stuttgart, Germany
Spring 2006*

To discourage the word-by-word reading of one of my students, I used the prompt, "Read it with your eyes," to which she quickly replied, "But then you can't hear me."

Spelling Bee

*Ginger Hill, Fargo, North Dakota
Fall 2008*

During the Writing Vocabulary component of the Observation Survey assessment this year, a child said, "I can write *we*." He wrote *Wii*. Our language is dynamic for sure!

This One Will Make You Cheep

*Julie A. Christensen, Exira, Iowa
Fall 2009*

I was doing a familiar read the other morning with one of my little ones. He was reading the story about Kitty and the birds. As he was reading the last page which says, "Cheep, cheep, cheep, kitty is asleep. Kitty is asleep, cheep, cheep, cheep," he turns and says to me, "That's my dad!" I asked him what he meant. His reply, "My dad, he's cheap, my mom always has to buy and she gets tired of it!" I couldn't keep a straight face and he was just as serious as can be! I wish I could have started a diary 33 years ago to keep track of all their funnies. I would be sharing them with their children by now!