

Rapid-Fire Expert Exchange - Online Chat - October 11, 2017

By User	Message
Nick Andreotta	Hi! Welcome. Nick here. couple technical snags. We will be jumping right in shortly. Thanks for your patience!
Nick Andreotta	Why don't we have everyone saying where you are coming in from! This is Nick coming in from Tucson!
Erica Vallin	Erica from Tucson :)
Jessica Miklos	Jess from Toronto
Leeat Medalion	Leeat from NY
Lisa Dennis	Lisa from Halifax, Nova Scotia
Hallie Smith	Hi lisa and Leeat and Jess!
Hallie Smith	(Jess: I have thoughts on your RA question on the Facebook providers group :))
Hallie Smith	(will message on there later!)
Leeat Medalion	Hi Hallie

Jessica Miklos	Looking forward to it Haillie!
Hallie Smith	Using Fast ForWord meant that Kate Ortman was going to have to revamp her clinic...her son was 25. He qualified for 100% increase time. On dean's list, read at 3rd or 4th grade level. Has caught up, in real time!
Hallie Smith	After Fast ForWord! Pretty impressive.
Hallie Smith	Have you all used FFW with dyslexia?
Amy Drummond	THat is truly amazing. I do not have a tutoring practice here yet, but I'd like to set one up.
Leeat Medalion	I currently have a client diagnosed with Dyslexia. He has been using the program for 17 days and has completed Elbot however is struggling with Robo dog which is very odd
Hallie Smith	Marlene: has used FFW and RA with many kids and adults with multiple communication challenges. Some only had reading struggles - may or may not have a diagnosis of dyslexia. About 2 years ago, it struck her that she has the tools to end dyslexia.
Adele Sherman	how do you determine which children with dyslexia to put on Fast ForWord?
Hallie Smith	Very interesting, Leeat. Let's talk about that.
Hallie Smith	Great question, Adele. We will pose that to the speakers.
Nick Andreotta	hi Leeat!
Nick Andreotta	Hi Adele!

Nick Andreotta	Hi Amy!
Leeat Medalion	Hi Nick
Nick Andreotta	Hi Jessica!
Hallie Smith	"Put dyslexia behind them" - many make significant improvements.
Amy Drummond	Does FF or RA include an assessment to determine whether a child has dyslexia?
Hallie Smith	I'd like to hear what approaches Marlene and Beth use for assessment.
Leeat Medalion	That is a great topic to explore
Hallie Smith	I think re: Robo Dog, it reveals the particular area of weakness...and shows that they need extra practice in those areas.
Leeat Medalion	Thank you, I appreciate it.
Hallie Smith	Depends on whether you're seeing some progress, or none at all. If it's slow, that's okay...if it's at a complete flatline, that's a different story.
Leeat Medalion	that's a great suggestion
Hallie Smith	Leeat - how is Sky Gym going?

Hallie Smith	or the other sound discrim exercises?
Amy Drummond	I have access to free education (My husband teaches at MErcer University Medical School) would you ladies suggest any courses that I could take to better prepare myself to tutor dyslexic kids? I do not have a degree in education/speech pathology etc.
Leeat Medalion	he is at 10% for sky gym...slow yet steady
Hallie Smith	that's a good sign, Leeat. Sounds like he's on the right track
Leeat Medalion	He is doing very well, I was surprised by the Elbot scores. This child is also Israeli, English is not his first language.
Hallie Smith	Oh, interesting! he must have a strength in the language-based exercises, but sounds like he struggles when all that language is taken away and he's working only on sounds
Leeat Medalion	Has anyone had experience with children diagnosed with Dyslexia who are non English speaking?
Leeat Medalion	Does Kate start everyone at the same level for the first two weeks?
Hallie Smith	We are hearing this a bit more - sometimes kids needs some support prior to FFW. Reading Readiness is helpful. Some also use a program called Kiko's Thinking Tim.
Leeat Medalion	Has anyone used Forebrain?
Hallie Smith	Leeat- I have experience with kids with dyslexia who are ELLs. (I'm an SLP)
Leeat Medalion	Im an OT

Leeat Medalion	Have you observed major differences between non-speaking and English speaking student's?
Hallie Smith	I don't have tons of experience with FFW and that profile - I should have clarified that.:) However, I have heard that there are certain FFW "results" profiles of ELLs - esp. depending on their native language
Hallie Smith	You would expect different strengths/weaknesses depending on the phonemes of the original language vs. English
Hallie Smith	I know Dr. Burns has spoken about this.
Leeat Medalion	Thank you
Hallie Smith	In her webinars on ELLs, she may touch on it.
Hallie Smith	You can find those on our website under "on-demand/recorded webinars" - though I actually don't think she's specific about ELL scores there.
Hallie Smith	She talks more about the differences in brains between ELLs and native speakers; might be interesting for you.
Cindy Chipman	Does Fast Forward help with problems in math?
Hallie Smith	Cindy - Will be interesting to ask others about this, but what I've heard most is that sometimes math improves as a byproduct of improved language and cognitive skills. It is not directly targeted in the Fast ForWord programs, however.
Hallie Smith	I like Marlene's narrow focus: End Dyslexia.
Hallie Smith	Has a real power of possibility in the name/message.

Cindy Chipman	Thank you Hallie, reading seems fine, but math is not so pretty.
Hallie Smith	Depends on where the math skills break down, of course. Kids with language impairment have great difficulty with terms like greater, smaller, after/before, etc.
Hallie Smith	Amy - regarding getting more training for dyslexia, I'm sure there are online courses. I know there are many books and you might be interested in learning OG-based methods, and reading our materials and such about the underlying difficulties involved...
Hallie Smith	...in dyslexia. We have our webinars, blogs, articles, etc. Tons of resources.
Hallie Smith	I know "The Reading Brain" by S. DeHaene is often cited by Dr. Martha Burns
Hallie Smith	Lindamood Bell training, Wilson program, Barton...
Hallie Smith	All of those offer training courses.
Leeat Medalion	How many times do they come into the clinic?
Amy Drummond	I have been reading what you have, gradually. I have used Barton (an OG program) with my own son who I don't think was actually dyslexic, but he was struggling a bit.
Hallie Smith	Incorporating Fast ForWord into a comprehensive treatment program and you'll be on the right track!
Amy Drummond	Sounds great! I'm working on going through all that now.
Amy Drummond	thanks you!

sandra collins	SKY GYM/SPACE RACER..... many disordered children will not start to progress for many weeks....Auditory processing likely.
Leeat Medalion	has anyone ever read the RPI to a client? Would that be problematic?
Jessica Miklos	Has anyone come across a felt board that has sut outs that would be useful for use with Ele-Bot?
Jessica Miklos	How long do you let them go before you consider them to have "really flatlined"? Are we talking a few weeks, a few months or something else?
Hallie Smith	Leeat - I think it depends on what you're trying to assess in RPI.
Hallie Smith	It's not really an "assessment" per se.
Jessica Miklos	I am in the market for a felt board now. I have not used one yet, but expect that it will be useful.
Hallie Smith	It's a measure for one learner pre- and post- FFW and is supposed to be a loose gauge of pre- and post- growth
Leeat Medalion	thanks
Hallie Smith	So if you read it to them, you'd be using it for slightly different reasons. I can see that as you did that, you'd see qualitatively, their areas of weakness
Hallie Smith	in a way that you might not see if you let them do it on their own
Hallie Smith	but that's more of a "dynamic assessment"

Hallie Smith	Jess M- that same mentality about effort/ease can be applied to when to take a break on FFW vs. taking a break on RA.
Hallie Smith	when it's too challenging and the child becomes too "bogged down" by the challenge, I think that's part of the "art" of the implementation, knowing when to push or to use a different approach.
Leeat Medalion	how often do you share the data with the parents?
Hallie Smith	RA is a really great program, too, so time spent taking a break on RA is useful.
Amy Drummond	RA is not listed separately on the scilearn website. Is it included with FFW?
Hallie Smith	It is for K-12 schools. you can learn more about it http://www.readingassistant.com
Hallie Smith	Leeat - most commonly, it's once/week. But you can set up emails to automatically send results.
Hallie Smith	by day, week, etc.
Nick Andreotta	2018visionaryconference.com
Hallie Smith	We won't be having a rapid fire on the first Wednesday next month - we will be at ASHA!
Amy Drummond	Is the visionary conference an online event?
Hallie Smith	Pls. come by and see me and Nick at our Fast ForWord booth!

Jessica Miklos	Thanks Haillie.
Hallie Smith	Amy - it is, but we'd love for you to come in person. It's much better that way. :)
Leeat Medalion	Thank you so much for the information. I will try using the zoom platform to interact with clients.
Hallie Smith	Great, Leeat!
Leeat Medalion	platform
Hallie Smith	Is everyone on our Facebook providers group?
Leeat Medalion	I like the tip on using a felt board
Hallie Smith	that email is going out on Friday - keep an eye out for the "call for presenters" for the Visionary conference.
Amy Drummond	I got rid of my felt board years ago! :(
Adele Sherman	That was fabulous thank you. I was interested to hear how the presenters use FF for so many of their clients. Also found the discussion and interventions discussed very helpful.
Nick Andreotta	https://www.2018visionaryconference.com/
Hallie Smith	Adele - so glad you joined us and found it useful!

Amy Drummond	Thank you very much. Orlando is not too far from me, so maybe I can make it!
Hallie Smith	Yes, Amy! We're going to be showing the new FFW exercises and we'll have a lot of very interesting presentations.
Hallie Smith	American Speech and Hearing Association
Hallie Smith	Thank you, Marlene! and Kate! And all of you for attending. We really do appreciate your support.